



*and the Art of
Mind-Using*

*A study of his life and works, his
philosophy, his brain-building and mind-
embodiment educational system.*

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Elmer Gates was a unique man: inventor, psychologist, philosopher. His lifelong interest was the study of the human mind and how the mind can be improved for the betterment of the world. His scientifically based system of psychurgy, or the art of mind-using, is designed to increase the powers of the mind, much as physical exercises increase the powers of the body. As Elmer Gates developed it, mind-using is a giant step in widening man's horizons and a revolutionary method of education.

This book details his thinking and experimentation from the time he was a child. A comprehensive investigation of a remarkable mind, it allows the reader to follow the developing lines of a search for truth free from the useless mental accoutrements that centuries have made customary.

Elmer Gates wrote, ". . . With the exception of such acts and facts as of everyday verification and use, the mind has been almost wholly falsified by the systems of customs and belief; by false ideas, images, and concepts; false sentiments; by age-long hypotheses inwrought in the fabric of language, so the mind's perceptions and understanding and knowledge and contents no longer are in congruity and harmony with nature."

More of Elmer Gates' philosophy:

"A parent must remember that a right habit and disposition formed in the child will be an ever-present guardian when it goes out into the world. No greater punishment

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can come to a parent than to see an adult child suffer heinous punishment for a crime or mistake due to defective nurture and training. No greater joy can come than success traced to early training and example. Give your child love in the true and right

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way with good training and when it gets older it will return it with compound interest. A parent who does not strive at any sacrifice to win the loving devotion of the adult child, misses the best thing in life; and this adult love must be based on early example, habit and training. No adult is ever so severe and correct a critic as a child is of the delinquencies of a parent.

“Why is there war and oppression? Something is wrong in the Universe. I have told what is wrong: man’s mind has been deceived and misled by ages of systemized falsehood and abnormal custom; it is diseased and insane. Its salvation lies in sanity.”

This book is must reading for educators, philosophers and psychologists—indeed, for all thinking men and women. It is a *sine qua non* for anyone who wishes to improve the quality of life.

About the Author

DONALD EDSON GATES, son of Elmer Gates, has assembled the material in this book from over twenty-five thousand pages of letters, records and unpublished manuscripts that his father left at his death. About seventeen thousand of these pages were to be his father’s twelve-volume opus. The author believes that the teachings of Elmer Gates, almost forgotten today, should he made available.

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