



The
Multifold
Secret

Before and after the much-heralded secret is a law that is even less well-known and certainly not followed — at least not intentionally. But, like the secret, it cannot be disobeyed. It is the law of action and reaction.

This law goes beyond the law of physics that says that for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. That is a poor man's way of stating the law. And also indelibly inaccurate.

It even goes beyond the moral principle that states: As you sow, so shall you reap.

That statement is also inadequate. It is true, but it does not begin to describe the incredible range and power of the law of action and reaction.

When I was a child, our family had gardens all over town, wherever anyone would let us dig up a little bit of their lawn. And in those gardens, we planted many vegetables, including sweet corn.

Now there was one thing I noticed in my experience as a budding gardener. It was this: That for every seed we planted, we got back a multifold of seeds. Sweet corn provided the greatest miracle. For every seed we planted, we got back hundreds.

It was in this experience of working the land that I learned one of the great laws of nature: For every action, there is an unequal and incredibly multifold reaction.

This is the great law of action and reaction, truly stated.

Nature does not operate by simple addition. It always works with multiplication. Nature is generous. It is abundant.

For every action you take, nature returns an abundance of rewards. You put out one thought, one action into the world and back comes a multitude of results, an abundance of returns.

Nature always works this way, both for good and for bad. Put out goodness, kindness, generosity, and optimism — and get back incredible abundance.

Put out nastiness, hatred, meagerness, and pessimism — and get back poverty.

What this law reveals to us is really simple: Do what is right, and the reward will be immediate and multitudinous. Think what is right, and your authority will grow.

Do what is wrong, and suffer the consequences. Think what is wrong, and watch the world shrink from you.

You have no right to suffer. It is not necessary. Just take action. Give to the world. Give love. Give honesty. Give kindness. Give of yourself. And showering back to you will be love, honesty, kindness, and all sorts of riches.

But do know this: The law cannot be tricked. Give with only the desire to get back, and nothing will come. You must

give freely. You must give openly. You must give without a care in the world what happens. Then abundance floods into your life.

Some might call such a response unfair. Why is it that the response isn't an equal and opposite response? Why is it that the response is always rich and multifold?

I don't know the why of it. All I know is this: That it is how the law works. I've seen it over and over again, not just in my life but also in the lives of people

around me. I trust the law to operate and stand in awe of its universality.

Why is it that some people are poor? It is simply this: They don't trust the law to operate. So they become sick. They become worried. They become withdrawn. So, too, with groups of people. Even with countries.

For the multifold secret to work only one thing is necessary. You must take action. You must give. You must share. You must act with abandon. Send out waves of love

and kindness into the world and then simply wait for the response. Or, better yet, continue to send out more waves. Why wait? The response will come. Keep sending waves and enjoy the reaction.

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Risk more than others think is safe. Care more than others think is wise. Dream more than others think is practical. Expect more than others think is possible. — cadet maxim, U.S. Military Academy, West Point

Work is not always required. There is such a thing as sacred idleness. — George MacDonald, fantasy writer

If you surrendered to the air, you could ride it. — Toni Morrison, novelist

A bit of fragrance always clings to the hand that gives you roses. — Chinese proverb

All that is true and real is always simple, natural, and life-supporting. — Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, guru