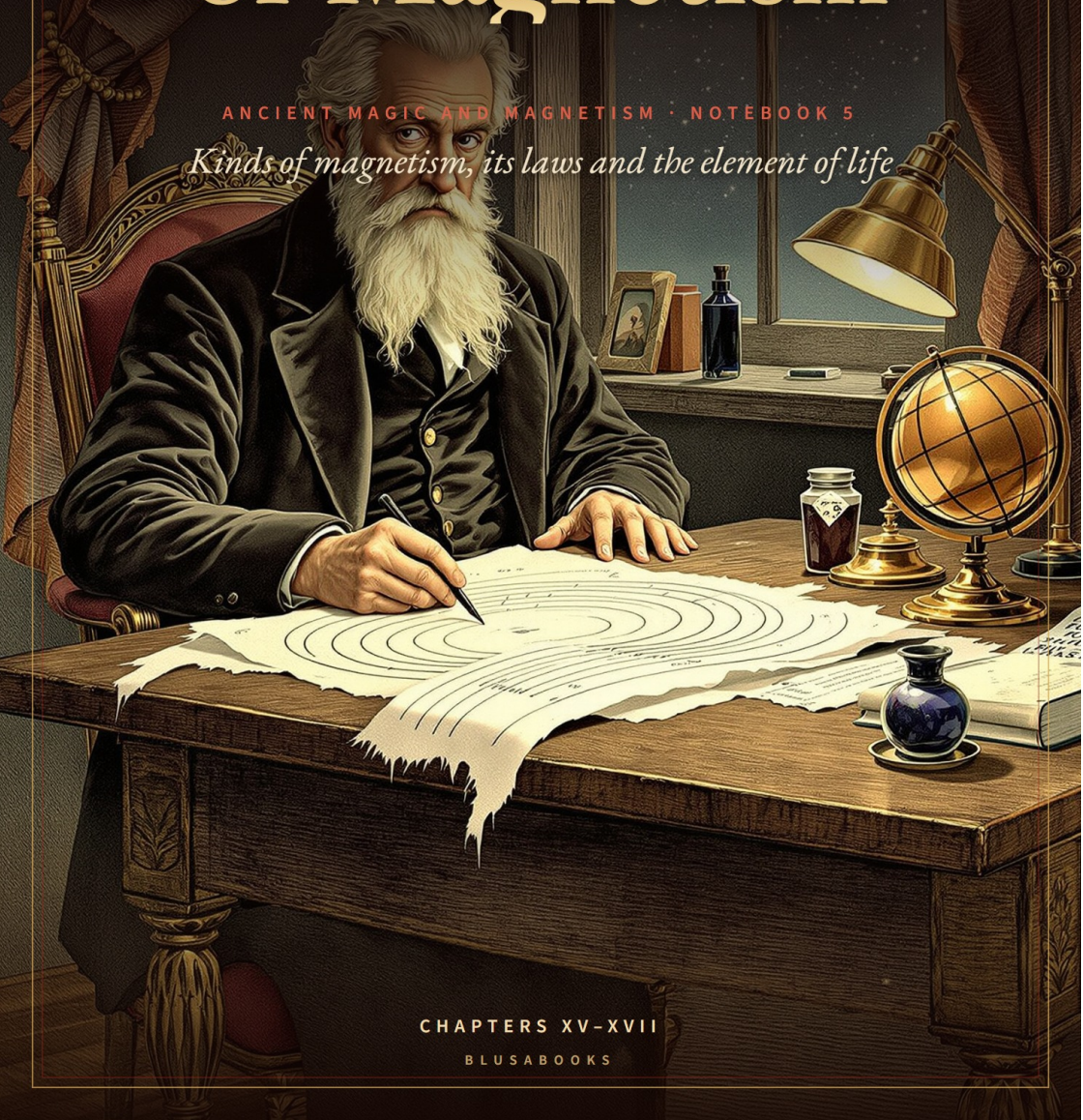


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FOREWORD

In the 1880s and 1890s America was full of talk about invisible forces. Mesmerism, the "animal magnetism" of the eighteenth century, had turned into hypnotism; since 1848 spiritualist séances had spread from small towns to the great cities; and the "New Thought" movement taught that right thinking could bring health and success. Correspondence courses in "personal magnetism" promised to teach readers how to attract people, win them over and even heal them — in the 1890s they were a popular business.

This book belongs to that world. *Ancient Magic, Magnetism and Psychic Forces: The Key to Power* was published in Chicago in 1895 by "The National Institute", whose address was the Masonic Temple. The author is given as Prof. L. H. Anderson; almost nothing else is known about him, and we will not invent anything.

What is in this notebook. This is the fifth and last notebook of the series, with chapters XV–XVII. In "Different Kinds of Magnetism" Anderson finds one attracting force everywhere — in the lodestone, in human affection and in the "Grand Celestial Magnet" that draws all things to God — and declares that mind is rarefied matter. "Laws Governing Magnetism" extends this law to minerals, to the birth of children, to seers and to food, and ends with a demand for women's rights. "The Element of Life" says that there is no death, only change; that true education is an unfolding from within; and that nature is full of inspiration. The book closes with the word FINIS.

How to read it. Every chapter has four parts. *In Anderson's words* is the author's complete text without cuts, with his motto and the original illustration. Then come our three parts: *In plain words* — what the chapter actually says;

Terms — its key notions; *What modern science says* — how these ideas are judged today. This is a text of 1895: it records the views of that time and is not a set of instructions to follow. We leave its language and its opinions untouched; only obvious printer's errors of the 1895 edition have been silently corrected.

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CHAPTER XV

DIFFERENT KINDS OF MAGNETISM

IN ANDERSON'S WORDS

Results of Electrical Action — Magnetism is Universal — The Loadstone — Why some People Attract Crowds — Why Others Repel — The Magnetic Needle — Affectional Magnetism — Truth the Strongest Possible Affection — Strength of the Conjugal Tie — The Higher must Rest on the Lower — Affections for Things Base — Enjoyments can be Increased Beyond Measure — Living Streams of Joy — Worlds of Wonder Within — No One Subject so Grand as this — The Gardens of the Soul — One Beauteous, All-perfect and Ever-perfecting Whole! — The Difference Between Mind and Matter — Animal Magnetism Explained — Magnetism Conveyed in Writing — Personal Magnetism Defined — Education Revolutionized — The New Age, One of Wisdom — Celestial Magnetism — The Mother's Love — To Caress is her Constant Food

ALL things have their inceptive states. Great results grow from very small beginnings. The aerial method of navigation is now in an infantile state; some few interesting experiments have been exhibited; but when these general principles shall be better comprehended, it may be carried to comparative perfection. It is not needful that any law of gravitation should be suspended; only that the higher or celestial law be allowed to act more strongly; precisely as the ordinary magnet raises the steel from the earth by the power of a superior attraction. This law of Celestial Attraction applies to things material, so called, as truly as to things moral and spiritual.

The grand difficulty in controlling and wisely directing minds of the dwellers of earth is precisely this,—they gravitate more to the terrestrial than to the celestial. They should learn, however, that the things which they see are transient, while those which are unseen are permanent, and hence more worthy of their regard. To elevate man, and render him more susceptible to celestial influences, is the one purpose of our life.

The bird soars, the ship sails, the kite floats. These are obvious phenomena. How, then, does the bird navigate the air? Its outside covering is found to be different from that of all other animals. It is tubular. By a law of expansion, this tubular covering can be filled at once with Electricity in a peculiar rarefied condition. Thus the lower law of gravity is overcome, or in a measure superseded, by the higher. The process is purely electrical.

It should be noted that the sailing of the ship, the flying of the kite, and like phenomena, are in reality but the more remote results of electrical action. Their movements depend upon the existence of currents in the air. But these currents, commonly called winds, are produced by a rush of electric currents; so that Electricity is the prime agent of motion in these cases. When its laws are fully understood, and man learns how to overcome the earthward tendency, or the lower law of gravitation, then may we pass with celerity from place to place, and be beyond the reach of accident.

Intimately connected with this topic is another, which will next be considered.

There is no one branch of science more deeply interesting than that relating to what is usually denominated Magnetism. This property is among the universals; there is no place where it is not found in some of its multitudinous conditions. But it appears prominently in the mineral commonly called the loadstone, but which will here be more appropriately called the attractor. By this property minerals, animals, and human beings, are drawn together, and, as it were, cemented in bodies.

Some persons are observed to be exceedingly attractive: they draw crowds around them; they have the ability to move large masses of people; they have many adherents.

This is because they possess large measures of this attractor principle. On the other hand, some persons repel others; they have no power to control the masses; people say "they do not like them." This indicates a want of this property. The same law has its illustrations in the animal, vegetable and mineral kingdoms. All these are but parts of one great whole, and are governed by general and universal laws.

The subject of the Magnetic Needle has been somewhat elaborately investigated by those who are considered "the learned;" but, up to the present time, little is known beyond the fact that it points, with some comparatively slight variations, in

the direction called the North. It may here be briefly stated that the point termed the North is the grand focally magnetic or attractive point, and exerts an almost omnipotent influence in every part of this particular universe, and, indeed, of all the myriads of universes.

Another department of the Cohesions is that of the affections. All animals, including man, have their respective and appropriate affections,—affections for individuals, for parties, for races, for sects, or for sentiments; and these increase in strength and permanence in the ratio that they are elevated towards the Grand Celestial Magnet.

The lower animals have affection for a single partner, and that only temporarily; when native copulative desires are gratified, the affection ceases, and separation ensues. Another and higher class manifest affection for their own tribe or genus; and this affection may have something of permanence, but it does not extend to other genera.

Human beings exhibit a great variety of affections, or cohesions, and some of these are of a very lasting nature. For examples, the mechanic manufactures an article on which he expends labor and skill; he has an affection for that article, valuing it more highly than others. The parental relation affords a higher manifestation of this law; the begetters adhere strongly to the begotten. Conjugal affection presents a still stronger form of adhesion; so strong, indeed, is this affection, that in an important sense the two become one. Passing still higher, adhesion to important sentiments may be noted. Many persons have endured suffering, even unto death, for adherence to certain sentiments which they valued. And it has been, moreover, because others have highly valued opposite sentiments that they have sought to inflict death upon these. The strongest possible affection is that of truth.

Thus, the more lofty the object of an affection, the more strong and lasting is its nature. And the more man becomes elevated in the scale of being, and thus approaches nearer the Grand Celestial Magnet, the more powerfully does he feel its lofty attraction, and the more elevated, pure, and permanent, becomes his affections.

In the examples cited above, care has been taken to present each affection in its true order, from the lower to the higher. The conjugal tie is exceedingly strong, and