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"A Book for all those who are in search of better conditions, wider freedom, and increased usefulness." - James Allen

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Jim says

"From Poverty To Power" played an enormous role in helping shape my life. I was always a "good kid", who stayed out of trouble, did "right", and had good grades, but what I lacked was a positive, victimless view of how the world worked. My perception of life, people, and the future was shrouded in a sense of victimhood and ignorance about how most people in the world live their lives. This book opened my eyes and helped me to start my journey to self-awareness and self-discovery.

Although this book is over 100 years old, it carries great insight on how to start digging deep into yourself, to learn what and who you really are as a person. James Allen helped me to learn to question all of my actions and thoughts, to determine what the reasoning and justification is/was for each one.

I owe this book, as well as James Allen, and, to a lesser extent, Tag Powell, a great deal of gratitude for helping me become the person I am today. I probably would have gone on a journey of self-discovery at some point in my life, but this book sparked the beginning of it. It taught me some basic life skills and decision-making skills that I was lacking, or just hadn't refined. The book also helped change my views on what it meant to be successful, as well as what true poverty means.

Most of James Allen's work is in the public domain. I highly suggest reading his works. Even though they often cover basic life skills and views, it sometimes helps to see it in print, to reiterate your core beliefs, as you travel through life.

You may have noticed the dates of when I started and completed this book. There was a three year gap between when I purchased it and finally read it. I bought the book from Barnes and Noble and simply put it on the shelf, without ever reading it. I'm forever grateful that I chose to read the book out of boredom, even if it took me three years to do so.

ThreefoldBurly says

Starts out strong, then (seen more prominent with the start of the second half, "The Way to Peace") falls disappointingly into all-out Buddhist nihilism. I don't believe in some impersonal Great Law of Nature that in order to reclaim me into itself has to (impersonally, but still) annihilate me as a person. I believe in a Merciful God who loves me so much as to sacrifice Himself for my own, personal salvation.

In reality all it amounts to is another (very apt, I have to admit) retelling of the Gnostic promise of man being able to save oneself solely by his own effort (of acquiring the Wisdom) from his damnation of being trapped into the Flawed Creation. The paradoxical, Buddhist flavor being that he achieves this ultimately self-serving goal by a destruction of his own personal self.

Pinkjuicy82 says

Amazing book. Will read again and again. It cleared up a lot of things from the Bible.

Giselle says

I loved this book. Many nuggets..."By the power of faith every enduring work is accomplished. You must have faith in the Supreme, faith in the overruling law, faith in your work and in your power to accomplish that work." It's a book about becoming self-reliant and successful. James Allen was clearly a deep thinker but he was also a doer and wrote from his own experiences. His wife said he was "a good man who lived every word he wrote and that he never wrote theories, or for the sake of writing, or to add another to his many books; but he wrote when he had a message, and it became a message only when he had lived it out in his own life, and knew that it was good. Thus he wrote facts, which he had proven by practice."

<http://gisellehudson.com/2014/12/19/h...>

Sadok Kohen says

Wisdom in form of a serene blessing. Calm the heart, warm the soul...

Mariam says

Aristotle said "The hardest victory is the victory over self," but it is a victory that enables you to win in all aspects of life. In From Poverty to Power: The Realization of Prosperity and Peace, James Allen underscores this concept, noting that a disciplined mind and a focus on serving others are basic to the achievement of any prosperity. Thus, prosperity is always personal, resting squarely on the degree to which you have refined and bettered yourself.

In a nutshell, you'll only become truly prosperous when you have disciplined your mind. Paradoxically, wealth, power, and happiness comes most easily to those who forget themselves in the service to others.

Azimah Othman says

My hubby bought this book in Chennai. They say that books are a lot cheaper in India.

The first few chapters of this little book reinforce my earlier thoughts that the mind should never be left empty or idle as it would eventually attract evil thoughts. Thoughts.....ah, as James Allen puts it, are silent forces which may become beneficent when rightly directed, and destructive when wrongly employed.

A powerful message is espoused herein. The author brings us through his understanding of evil - in that it is a mental state - and how we can get out of the undesirable conditions. He espouses on the silent power of thoughts that control and direct one's forces.

Carles says

Para mi gusto hace demasiada mención a Dios y a la religión

Johnathon says

Allen has some helpful thoughts. His main idea is that if you harbor good thoughts they will lead to good actions and internal happiness. I can dig that. However he takes it a bit far when he says that our bodily health is due to our mental health. To some extent I can see that relation but I cannot believe that the power of positive thinking can cure cancer.

DJ says

I'm a big fan of Allen's work. I have touted "As A Man Thinketh" as one of the best books I've read in my life. There is more to be said for this work. Allen takes principles from christianity and buddhism and turns them into a workable way of thinking. Positive change in one's life is possible. The willingness to be open and teachable are required for this book to matter, otherwise it's just a book of suggestions. I think if a person wants a good place to start in reshaping a formerly negative worldview, this is a great book toward that end.

Timothy Wood says

I believe this influenced 'As A Man Thinketh', and as such it has a similar premise. Good read all around, but 4 stars because 'As A Man Thinketh' pretty much provides a truncated version.

cherrilyn chester says

Great read

Just keep up, it will make sense. This reading can help you change, it is a beginning if you seek change.

Florentin Cosmin says

This book contains two parts:

The first one I found pretty interesting. It expands the ideas presented in "As a man Thinketh" about the importance of one's thoughts in attaining success in life.

The second one I found a bit boring. It has a more spiritual tone and it brings in some religious concepts.

Monique McCartha says

Get thee to a Nunnery!!

That was my plan before I read this book and the quote, "you may renounce the outward world and isolate yourself in a cave or in the depths of a forest, but you will take all your selfishness with you,,,".

James Allen wrote this before As A Man Thinketh, but somehow this gem has been overshadowed by the latter. The work deals with your state of mind more so than your financial acumen. While the analysis is more intensive on inward investigation, and more inclusive of differing religious beliefs, I hope that more people will discover Poverty to Power and apply the wisdom to their own life. Again, Allen ends his argument with one of his reigning themes: selflessness being the straight, although bumpy, path to Unconditional Love - the true ruler of the Universe.

Prashant Ghai says

This book also tells us that our mind is much more powerful than we 'think'. It can attract prosperity and peace into our lives. It's a good read.

I can recommend this book to people who understand this concept and need more books to reinforce it. A must read.
