

THE SECRET WEAPON OF THE EGO

The secret weapon of the ego, the question of resisting at all, the force that opposes every work, and what nothing can resist — in the words of Samael Aun Weor.

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R1

The Secret Weapon of the Ego

What resistance is, in his own chapter on it

RESISTANCE

The Secret Weapon of the Ego

"Resistance is the opposing force."
The Revolution of the Dialectic ¶128–132

1 What it is



"Resistance is the psychic force of the ego opposed to us becoming conscious of all our psychological defects."
The Revolution of the Dialectic ¶128–132

2 How it hides



"With resistance, the ego tends to leave on a tangent and postulates excuses to silence or hide the error."
The Revolution of the Dialectic ¶128–132

3 What it clouds



"Due to Resistance, dreams become difficult to interpret and the knowledge that one wants to have of oneself becomes clouded."
The Revolution of the Dialectic ¶128–132

4 What it keeps



"Resistance acts upon a defense mechanism which tries to omit unpleasant psychological errors, so as not to have consciousness of them and for one to continue in psychological slavery."
The Revolution of the Dialectic ¶128–132

Recognize the weapon • Disarm the ego

Source: The Revolution of the Dialectic ¶128–132

R2

The Five Mechanisms

Recognize, define, comprehend, work, disintegrate

OVERCOMING RESISTANCE

The five mechanisms he gives

"THERE ARE MECHANISMS TO OVERCOME RESISTANCE"

The Revolution of the Dialectic ¶133–140

1. **Recognize it**
2. **Define it**
3. **Comprehend it**
4. **Work on it**
5. **Overcome and disintegrate it by means of Sexual Super-Dynamics.**

When the ego fights back

"At the moment of the struggle of the ego one has to appeal to a power that is superior to the mind, which is the fire of the Kundalini serpent of the Hindu."

The Revolution of the Dialectic ¶133–140

RECOGNIZE • DEFINE • COMPREHEND • WORK • DISINTEGRATE

Source: The Revolution of the Dialectic ¶133–140

R3

To Resist, or to Comprehend

Heroic resistance, and the cultivation of resistance

TO RESIST, OR TO COMPREHEND

He says both, and means both

RESIST
temptation, with heroism

"He that conquered all temptations is the only one that can give us sufficient valor and power to resist all temptations with heroism."
The Christmas Messages ¶113

"without temptation there is no virtue; the stronger the temptations, the greater the virtues"
Yes, There Is a Hell, a Devil and Karma ¶1649–1651

COMPREHEND
do not discipline it down

"Discipline is that which is called the cultivation of resistance."
Fundamental Education ¶519–530

"the more we fight against something, the more we resist, the more we reject, refuse, or deny, the less our comprehension is."
Fundamental Education ¶531–556

"Only with the complete absence of discipline, only with real freedom, will the burning flame of comprehension arise in the mind."
Fundamental Education ¶557–563

And towards what is negative

"One does not have to resist what is negative, but instead practice the positive unconditionally and teach its advantages through practice."
The Revolution of the Dialectic ¶1577

TEMPTATION IS THE TRAINER • COMPREHENSION IS THE CURE

R4

Resistance to the Teaching

What rises in us when the death of the ego is spoken of

RESISTANCE TO THE TEACHING

He watched it in the rooms where he taught

"PEOPLE FEAR DEATH AND THEY UNCONSCIOUSLY RESIST THESE TEACHINGS"

The Fifth Gospel 1B ¶1449–1452

1 Ask yourself



"are you sure that you are not, in this moment, offering any resistance to the explanation that I am giving about the Gnostic esoteric work?"

The Fifth Gospel 1B ¶1449–1452

2 Where it comes from



"the resistances that there are in some of you who are listening at this moment are due to prejudices, to fear, to erroneous information from some dogmatic priests."

Yes, There Is a Hell, a Devil and Karma ¶1656–1657

3 The bottled mind



"Those who are bottled within their intellectual procedures and fixed norms, always present resistance to these revolutionary ideas."

The Great Rebellion ¶568

4 The ego does not want to die



"It is clear that the ego does not have a desire to die"

Yes, There Is a Hell, a Devil and Karma ¶1335–1336

WHEN THE TEACHING STINGS • OBSERVE WHO IS RESISTING

R5

The Force of Resistance

The second force, and every enterprise that meets it

THE FORCE OF RESISTANCE

Every positive force meets its opposite

The three forces



"the Denying Force, the Denying force, the Force of Resistance"

Hermetic Astrology ¶74–75

1 Observe the opposing force



"Through self-observation we should perceive the mechanism of the opposing force."

The Revolution of the Dialectic ¶124–126

2 Calculate it



"The more gigantic that the enterprise is, the greater will the resistance be. If we learn to calculate the resistance, we will also be able to develop the enterprise with success."

The Revolution of the Dialectic ¶124–126

3 In meditation



"the resistance that we will find will cause a reaction and the more vigorous the centripetal force we apply, the more vigorous the centrifugal force will be."

Introduction to Gnosis ¶267–268

4 The easy slope



"To accept the negative culture, subjectively installed in our mind, in our interior, following the path of least resistance, is absurd."

The Revolution of the Dialectic ¶907

CALCULATE THE RESISTANCE • DO NOT TAKE THE EASY SLOPE

R6

What Nothing Can Resist

The ordeals, the ray of death, and the light

WHAT CANNOT RESIST

AND WHAT THE INITIATE MUST WITHSTAND

1 The Ordeal of Air



"the disciple's capacity for resistance against great adversities and for detachment from material things."

The Revolution of Beelzebub ¶688–690

2 The Ray of Death



"It is the only type of energy that the body cannot resist."

The Book of the Dead ¶19–20

3 Only the Soul



"Only those who possess what is called Soul can resist the electronic discharge without losing Consciousness."

The Book of the Dead ¶108–109

4 The Lunar Bodies



"he will not resist the tremendous Electro-Spiritual voltage of ATMAN-BUDDHI-MANAS and would die."

The Solar Bodies ¶1307

5 The Light



"They cannot resist the Christic light-stream."

Pistis Sophia Unveiled ¶3920–3921

"MY FEARS WERE USELESS, VAIN WAS THE RESISTANCE"

Runic Magic ¶1429–1430

WITHSTAND THE ORDEAL • YIELD TO THE LIGHT

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WHERE THE WORDS COME FROM

R1–R2 The Revolution of the Dialectic, chapter *Resistance*

R3 The Christmas Messages · Yes, There Is a Hell, a Devil and Karma · Fundamental Education, ch. 4 *Discipline* · The Revolution of the Dialectic

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