

**Thought Vibration, or The Law of Attraction in the Thought World**

By William Walker Atkinson (December 5, 1862 – November 22, 1932)

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*Thought Vibration, or The Law of Attraction in the Thought World* (1908) is a collection of lessons that originally appeared in the magazine *New Thought*. Re-sequenced, re-titled, and edited for continuity, the chapters retain what editor Franklin Berry called “his simple, straightforward, and at times even colloquial language... written as a keen, live, human man talks, and written about the difficulties, the problems, the possibilities of the average citizen of the world.”

An excerpt from the first chapter distills the essence of its message.

*“When we think we send out vibrations of a fine ethereal substance, which are as real as the vibrations manifesting light, heat, electricity, magnetism. That these vibrations are not evident to our five senses is no proof that they do not exist. A powerful magnet will send out vibrations and exert a force sufficient to attract to itself a piece of steel weighing a hundred pounds, but we can neither see, taste, smell, hear nor feel the mighty force. These thought vibrations, likewise, cannot be seen, tasted, smelled, heard nor felt in the ordinary way; although it is true there are on record cases of persons peculiarly sensitive to psychic impressions who have perceived powerful thought-waves, and very many of us can testify that we have distinctly felt the thought vibrations of others, both whilst in the presence of the sender and at a distance. Telepathy and its kindred phenomena are not idle dreams.”*

**William Walker Atkinson** (December 5, 1862 – November 22, 1932) was an American attorney, publisher, writer and a leader of the New Thought movement. Although he is largely forgotten, he wrote over 100 books under his name and a variety of pseudonyms; many have been continuously in print since the early 1900’s. He was born in Baltimore, married at age 26, and pursued a successful business and legal career until suffering a complete breakdown in the late 1880’s. He found healing and vitality through the emerging discipline of New Thought, and started writing about it. He moved to Chicago, a center of the New Thought movement, and became editor and publisher of *Suggestion*, *New Thought*, and *Advanced Thought* magazines. He then teamed up with publisher Sydney Flower to publish most his books under various imprints of the Psychic Research and New Thought Publishing Company. He wrote 13 books on yoga and Indian philosophy using the pseudonym Yogi Ramacharaka, taking the name from a spiritual teacher who lived from 1799 until the late 19th century. Other pseudonyms include Theron Q. Dumont and Swami Panchadasi.