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Auspicious Thoughts, Propitious Mind by Richard Camden

The title words are almost synonymous and, through the psychology of self, can reveal a resolve, a self-reliance and an awareness to a sense of well-being, fulfilment and sound judgement, with more lasting contentment.

Anyone can have feelings of disappointment or a loss of direction in their life. There may be difficulties due to dysfunctional relationships and perhaps feelings of bewilderment, about religion or pondering the meaning and purpose of life. Here is an encouragement to marshal those thoughts, through improved understanding, such as the unfairness of life, and accept responsibility for personal predicaments. The author looks at the complexities of society, and the example of the 'Man on the Clapham Omnibus,'(q.v.) created by the Law Courts to assist the Court reach decisions.

While admitting our civilisation is highly advanced, Richard Camden notes that society still manifests its animal and tribal origins, yielding to primaeval instincts and character traits. He also questions some religions' long-held beliefs, identifying God as humanesque, and instead says that God is a responsive force like other phenomena of physics in the universe, and is a force for goodness that we can tap into.

The author discusses the origin of life, its meaning and purpose, and focuses on what we have evolved to become - looking at our conduct as individuals, and interactions as groups and as nations. He looks at how our moods influence our behaviour and our decisions, and peoples' vindictiveness and ambition, which can give others a bumpy ride through life.

Richard Camden likes a moral compass, and takes well-known guidelines from the scriptures to look at their relevance today. He encourages us to use our minds in a flexible way, especially regarding the causes and faiths people choose to adopt, and to keep life simple, while always aiming for a sound mind and healthy body.

This book contemplates life, human life, and much that pertains to it. It is about our creativeness, and our higher ideals that give us the will to live and live better, for a sense of the right, and of the just, with or without any concerns about any after-life. It is about peace of mind, as we seek happiness and contentment.

Written with young aspiring adults in mind, it is a book to be studied. It will be useful to students and others, such as those in business or HR management, and to those whose professional work it is to help others feel better about life.

Like an encyclopaedia, this book can be opened at any page and read enjoyably and meaningfully in a way that makes sense without knowing what has gone before in the previous chapters. It is an unusual motivational book, one that has situations that are only too real. Its phrases linger, calling the reader back to read a paragraph or even a whole chapter again.

This book is beautifully presented in [hard cover](#), and in [e-book](#) format.

Author's comment: -

I hope you like my website for Auspicious Thoughts, Propitious Mind and found it interesting and intriguing enough to want to read my book and perhaps own a copy for yourself, for the uplift and encouragement it can give.

The book comes in hard copy and e-book versions. The former has an eye-catching cover and is a delightful book to have in any book collection. The e-book can be used more easily for referencing using the search facility. Please scroll down to see the book's seven parts and forty chapter titles.

Thank you for reading this additional information about my book.

I am on Facebook and can be messaged via Messenger.

Richard Camden

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4.0 out of 5 stars [A deeply thought out and insightful book](#)

9 November 2019

Wow! This book is an eye opening read about life and our existence here. Whatever your views about the world this looks at life in an open and honest way breaking down self-set beliefs and behaviours as well as looking at what life and death really mean. This book at times is a heavy read but also fascinating and you can see a lot of work and research has gone into it. The final words of the book are: -

Look after your teeth and look after your feet you'll need them both and always, always guard your tongue, it's the rudder that steers your course through life - I think that is the way I am going to live my life now and everything else can take care of itself.



4.0 out of 5 stars [An amazing book](#)

30 December 2019

I have never read such a book before. So thought provoking especially as one gets on in life. What is the purpose of life?-only to produce more life? Where is one's soul? Are all gods the same? I suggest you read this book to find the answers to life's questions.



4.0 out of 5 stars [Provocative vignettes that scaffold internal and external dialogue](#)

1 February 2020

Verified Purchase

Topics challenged me to analyse and debate my core beliefs and values.



Amazon Customer

5.0 out of 5 stars [A unique book that rewards the reader](#)

Reviewed in the United Kingdom on 16 July 2020

Verified Purchase

I would say that any author who is brave enough to attempt to define the meaning and purpose of life for us and define what love really is, deserves to be read and this book is well worth the effort to read - it doesn't just give you answers on a plate, it's thought provoking and combines the philosophical with the practical life experience of the author.

The introduction is long but get into the chapters and its very rewarding!



[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) Entertaining, thought provoking & insightful

Reviewed in the United Kingdom on 18 August 2020

This came to me as a present, and perhaps it was meant as a subtle message. It is not my preferred type of reading and I can't pretend I agree with all the author says, but I can see the wealth of experience within the pages and it is a good book that can help many who are looking for direction, guidance and development in their life. This book is quality and well worth the effort.



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By a Counsellor (MSc Psych).

There is an honesty in this book which I found refreshing, of where we have possibly gone wrong in today's society, and I liked the subtle rebelliousness on today's political correctness. It is thought provoking, but not too heavy either, and I have often chuckled out loud at some of the humorous comments.

It has a completely fresh take on what makes us tick, how to be happy etc. Instead of addressing one basic topic of how we can improve our well-being, it explores a wide range of factors that can ultimately improve who we are, and how all these factors collectively impact on our happiness.

Another thing I liked about the book is its unpredictability - I couldn't gauge what would be discussed next. It continued to spark my curiosity and drew me back again and again to wanting to read more - so important in a book, and often the downfall of many writers.

Genuinely a good thought-provoking read, and an applaudable literary style.



Official Review: *Auspicious Thoughts, Propitious Mind*

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In a world where peace seems elusive and negativity plagues a lot of us, *Auspicious Thoughts, Propitious Mind* by Richard Camden is an insightful work of nonfiction that can help us achieve maximum success by simplifying our thoughts. Maximum success, in this context, is not fast cars, mansions, and a fat bank account; it is peace of mind. The author presented, in 500 pages, so many ideas and words of wisdom that cut across religion, finance management, politics, and even exercising our bodies.

The author's primary message is that there is a God, and this God is the force for goodness in all of mankind. He summarized this in the quote: "In Omnibus Deum." The book, which is divided into seven parts, has messages in each part built upon this primary "fact." The author also presents good examples of everyday life, especially life in the UK, to help impress his points regarding life, religion, and spirituality. You should not read this piece in a rush. You must calmly analyse it and absorb it.

With 500 pages, there is a lot that this book contains that cannot be unpacked in even 1000 words. The author did a thorough job in compiling such complex thoughts about life in a relatively simplified manner. The author presented examples from history, the Bible, countries' relations with each other over the years. By using these examples, his messages were understandable and relatable. I must confess that it took me a while to get into the feel of this book, but once I got into it, I started thinking about the author's messages all the time! My favourite part was Part Four that talked about important numbers. For example, Number Three is good because it stands for the Trinity: God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

I learned so much from this book that I'm glad to recommend it to anyone who wants to learn more about life and improve their thoughts. I always knew that watching my thoughts is important because they shape my mind, which in turn shapes my life. But this book showed me a different perspective on positive thinking and "goodliness." A message that stuck with me was about God being a force for good, and every good in the world comes from that force. The editing team also did an exceptional job, as I did not find any errors, which is an incredible feat considering its 210,000 words.

My rating for *Auspicious Thoughts, Propitious Mind* is 3 out of 4 stars. I removed a star because, while I loved the author's overall message, I did not like his tendency to make the sentences too wordy; this made me often lose sight of the point, and I had to reread many sentences to understand them. This problem affected my reading flow significantly. I suggest this piece to open-minded people that love to think critically about life and spirituality. You don't have to agree with all of the author's opinions.

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