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## Why some prayers are not answered

Prayers are not a unique way of addressing the Answerer and other helping entities. Traditional Law of Attraction techniques of affirmations, visualization and rituals are every bit as much prayers as what the average person might call a prayer. Here we will consider them all together in analyzing difficulties with having prayers (the collective here described) answered.

The problems can be divided into:

1. External to one's self conundrums

Internal negating problems of:

2. A major Detracting and Retarding ISA Legacy
3. An overpowering collective of minor negative ISA Legacies
4. A powerful sum of the above two (very onerous to overcome, read story of lottery winners)

### 1: EXTERNAL TO ONE'S SELF CONUNDRUMS

There are things that will never come about because you do not have the unlimited power to change them. This situation is best explained by examples.

If you dream and pray to become the king/queen of England – good luck Charlie! Actually even Prince Charles is having trouble becoming king as his mother is still going strong and with no hint of retiring. A real lesson here is to always ask from abundance and never for something that someone else possesses (the right to be king/queen in this example.) To ask for someone else's possession is a humongous daunting task because you not only have to create the attraction to yourself but also to break the attraction the other person has for their object. In the old west the rule of thumb was that possession is nine points of the law, so take the lesson that asking for someone else's possession is almost as hard as asking to be king/queen of England and always, but always, ask from abundance instead.

A more down to earth example might be where you want a promotion that you feel you are qualified for and deserve. Unfortunately everyone else thinks differently. You are again fighting the wishes of others rather than asking from abundance, even if the desired position is open. This type so conundrum is often hard to identify as you are not always objective in the analysis.

As another example of what not to ask for we quote the Biblical admonishment that faith can move mountains. Very few can even exert psychokinetic control over a delicately balanced compass needle, never mind moving something more massive. The adage was actually meant to get a point across rather than being taken literally (in spite of what some religious fervents might want to believe.) An individual's faith may not be able to move mountains but considerable research shows that prayer can play a very important and even dramatic role in healing. Again in real life it is not so easy to distinguish when you have crossed the line into asking for something impossible. King Midas' touch and the medieval Philosopher's Stone were fervently believed to have the power of turning base materials into gold. Today some believe that prayer will win them the lottery. While a good number of grand prize lottery winners have had psychic premonitions about their wins, nobody has found the formula for using prayer to win. That no one has succeeded in finding the secret

to using prayer to win in itself doesn't actually mean that it isn't possible. Where people cross the line is by thinking that they can do it without knowing anything special and just using simple prayer, a proven none starter here. (But then again hope springs eternal and if simple prayer is all you know, then you use what resources you have!) A lottery win is a scarce resource that many are vying for (and whose prayers you have overcome) so again success with riches comes from asking from abundance.

The examples chosen were extreme cases to bring across the point. If you are consciously asking for extremes like this then in the words of the song watch out for the "nice young men in their nice white coats that are coming to take you away – ha ha." In real life there are none-the-less many cases of where it is not clear when you have crossed the line. Be aware that it is possible to cross the line into the impossible and if you are not getting the results you ask for, then examine very carefully what it is that you are asking for.

## **2: A MAJOR DETRACTING AND RETARDING ISA LEGACY**

A Legacy, for those not familiar how I use this term in my books, is a mindset that is developed though life experience and is used by Awen, your subconscious, as a model for action. Who you are today is a lifetime buildup of supporting background Legacies. (The Legacy concept is found in various schools of psychology where they are called names like "maps" in NLP and even defined as "games" by Eric Berne in his famous book.) Your Legacies define you, who you are. As you go through life, even starting in the womb, you experience things: and from these experiences learn how to react when similar situations arise in your life again. Each of these stored mental action / thought paradigms is a Legacy. The task of Legacies is to do "footman" work to ease your daily living. Legacies give the right reactive procedures so that if someone puts out their hand to shake yours you don't have to sit down and think out what has happened and what to do next. Legacies develop in the moment to handle the extant situation so it is an unfortunate truth that life marches on and that circumstances change. Legacies can also be compared to computer programs and they don't change once programmed (or change a little at a time and slowly.) But just like computer programs it is possible to acquire new ones that replace the old. The problem arises that updates aren't automatic and existing Legacies resist change (they have to be useful.)

Legacies can be classified into groups to make it easier to talk about them as I have done in my book ASPS (that deals with how to overcome bad, unwanted ones.) What we are concerned with here can be called Detracting and Retarding ISA Legacies. (ISA is from my interest in, and my book RnR Runes and Remedies on the Viking Runes where the ISA rune is defined to be retarding/impeding/cooling.) These are Legacies that were formed to be useful but whose actions now restrict your moving in new desired directions. Legacies cannot be erased (they are after all a collection of biologically connected synapses), they can only be replaced as the dominant one that Awen (your subconscious) calls upon to deal with the situation at hand. This means that until you are established in a new mental mode ISA Legacies will try to keep you from getting there. Shakti Gawain in her famous book Creative Visualization gives the description that when her visualization efforts fail to bring success within a short period she looks to herself to see what personal mindset she might be conflicting with. Whether you like or appreciate it or not, Legacies rule your life.

As a further example of explanation: you often hear of a map of the mind so think of the mind as a geography of countries. In this geography it is Legacies that are the countries with borders (the action or thought patterns that define it.) Each country is ruled by its Legacy and ready to fight to keep its borders and influence. These countries are warring countries that look to assert dominance wherever they can. Like missionaries (or Crusaders of old) they want to be the ones in charge and so doing their anointed work of controlling your life. Now unwanted Legacies fighting for control and power of influence can be compared to the parasitic barbarian missionaries that destroyed the New World natives that they were "saving." These missionaries were the viral blight that wiped out the native civilizations and likewise Detracting and Retarding ISA Legacies decimate your New World hopes and dreams for a better life. They destroy your budding new country that is the dreamt of new you. Both missionaries and unwanted Legacies think they are doing good but actually have the opposite effect,

You learn many such Legacies from life experiences, some conflicting, so your mind is programmed to utilize the strongest one. This is how you change, you create a stronger Legacy to follow. Some social scientists believe from their research that almost all of daily activity stems from such Legacy mindsets rather than original thought. This goes against the grain of some people who find it abhorrent to think of themselves as happy little automatons following the way of programming in dealing with the vagaries of life instead of being the vaunted “free thinking” individuals that they love to feel they are. Actually having a truly original idea is held to being slightly mentally unbalanced, to being able think far enough “outside the box.” (Genius is a nutcase!?) Being programmed is in practice useful as you can preprogram (create a Legacy) and be on autopilot instead of constantly thinking everything out.

So this is the point here. If your prayers aren't giving you what you want it is not the methodology that is at fault, but you yourself. Your efforts weren't strong enough because they are being thwarted or possibly they aren't even in the right direction. A truth from advertising and brain washing (and psychology): that if something is heard often enough it is accepted to be true by the mind. If prayers aren't working for you than you have a strong subconscious objection, one that can eventually be over come by persistence with your prayers (but can be much more quickly overcome by direct active intervention – that is the thrust of many books on the Law of Attraction, including my Accessing Awen.) Whether you persist with continued prayers or take alleviative action this time tried, tested and trusted adage applies:

**Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence.**

**Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent.**

**Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.**

**Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.**

**Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.**


**The slogan "press on" has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race**

## **2a: Testing for ISA Legacies**

You can question yourself about what ISA Legacies you may have. Runes are a link to your subconscious and will give you messages just like your dreams do. Just like dreams Rune messages have to be interpreted, part of the revelation process. A complete study of Runes can be accomplished by studying a book like RnR Runes and Remedies found on my site at <http://awenman.com> but the PC program RuneCaster will let you explore whether you like working with Runes without doing any memory work. RuneCaster is a no cost freeware download on the same site as the book.

A quick study is to go to the bottom of the home page of <http://awenman.com> where you will find RavensCaster to consult. RavensCaster is a free two Rune casting with complete details so that you just have to do the evaluation. Unless you are a fervent disbeliever in such processes you will get in depth revelations about your inner beliefs.

## **3: AN OVERPOWERING COLLECTIVE OF MINOR NEGATIVE ISA LEGACIES**

Legacies aren't necessarily isolated from one another but support each other to form your total personality. Sometimes you might find that what you think is a minor change really has tendrils that invoke many Legacies. If what you want to change goes against a lot of your legacies then you have a major battle on your hands. The situation is not unique but is even reflected in the sixty second I Ching hexagram  called the “Preponderance of the Small.” The idea being that things are ruled by many smaller factors rather than a major one. This is true if the change you want is also a major lifestyle change and not specific to some trait.

A good example of this is type of collective personality is if you grew up in poverty. Then during the very crucial formative years you developed many, many Legacies in support of that status. There isn't a single Detracting and Retarding ISA Legacy but rather legions of reactions that grew up in defense of, and in support of, a lack mode of living. Another specific example is not having a car and wanting one. Want a car?

Should be easy to acquire through prayer and the auspices of the Law of Attraction as “everyone” has a car, and why should I be different? Think again! You are different. Everything you do outside the house has a Legacy thought pattern of yourself doing it by walking or taking public transportation. Not having a car is a very persuasive league of “countries” that vie against your dream by trying to keep the status quo. To reword: you have a whole army of Legacies that help you make best use of walking and public transportation. These Legacies don’t go away just because you desire a car and they will keep your dominant thinking in a car-less mode. This applies to other areas of your life as well; as in your spiritual being. Jesus said that people have to “born again” to follow him. Whole new groups of Legacies have to be replaced in much the same way that the old were formed in growing up, to reformat your personality and thinking. The conventional quickie techniques oft quoted in some self help books are not sufficient.

Not to give up hope. Using again the growing up in poverty example. The ever so popular Horatio Alger stories of rags to riches as well as the legions of true stories of self made millionaires give evidence that major changes can be accomplished. The common element is that there is a time factor. Just expect that it will most likely be a slow revamping of your Legacies as your fortune grows rather than a quick conversion (like winning a lottery.) To tackle a whole collective group of Legacies at once is too much but by chipping away at one or a few Legacies at a time the task can be accomplished. What applies is the spiritual Tao Te Ching guidance that a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. You can change yourself radically to whatever you want if you approach it one step at a time.

Inch by inch  
Life’s a cinch  
Yard by yard  
Life is hard

### **3a: Discovering Your Inner Self**

The Runes mentioned under 2a above are not the only way to discover about your inner you. They are however possibly the easiest way in that you only have to visit the site to use RavensCaster immediately. Another way to contact the mind is through the traditional use of the pendulum. On the page dedicated to my Accessing Awen book: <http://awenman.com/awen.htm> is a free PDF download of instructions on pendulum use and the Rose to print out to use it with. Pendulums have been shown to work easily for everyone but the difficulty come in that you can only get yes/no type answers so you have to be able to ask the right questions.

More advanced work can be done in a Mystic Mirror or Sanctuary Study session but you will have to purchase the book Accessing Awen for instructions on this.

### **4: A powerful sum of the above two (very onerous to overcome)**

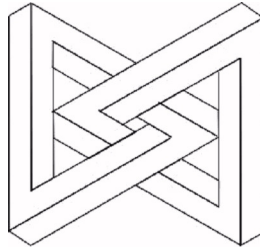
If this is your case then you just have to try and work harder. In real life terms this is realistically what is actually your situation if you are facing a major lifestyle change. A popular self help guru quotes the phrase: “You will see it when you believe it.” But what is believing? It is not fervently wishing for the change but it is your having converted all your Detracting and Retarding ISA Legacies to new dominant Dream Legacies that now support your wishes. It is getting all your ducks in order, as the saying goes.

Are legacies really that strong? It is a well researched fact that most top lottery winners dissipate their found good fortune after only a few short years to return to the fiscal state they were in before the win, the lifestyle that their Legacies are still comfortable with.

A major lifestyle change is a Herculean task but remember that Colonel Sanders started his fast food chicken empire with a social security cheque at the common retirement age of sixty five (by doing it one step at a time.) Mega giant McDonald’s also started with only one store. Never give up and remember:

**If you can imagine it...  
you can achieve it  
Dream it...  
and you can become it**

*W. A. Ward*



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