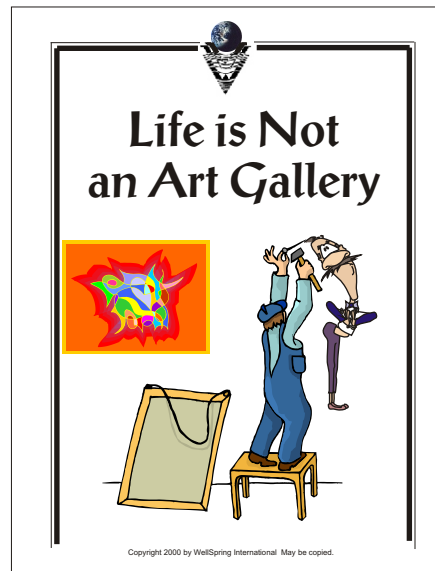




The Path of Perfecting





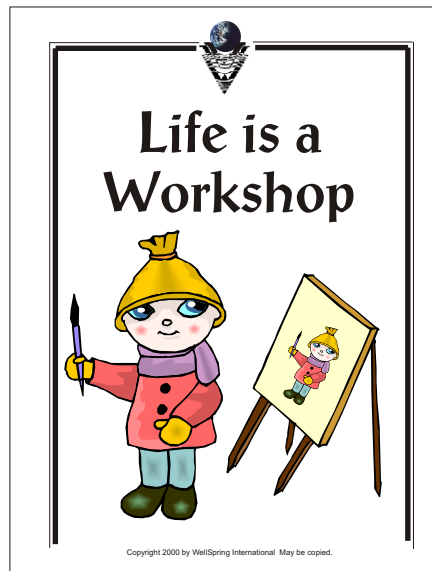
Key Points

- * **We are not here to be on display for the admiration and judgement of others.**
- * **We are here to develop our potential and make use of what we have developed for our benefit and the benefit of others.**
- * **Efforts to impress or to please others must take a back seat to an authentic expression of who we are and our sincere attempts to serve and from that service to further grow and develop.**
- * **No matter how far we have come there will always be a way to go ~ no matter how developed our capacities might be that will always be further progress to be made.**



Life is Not an Art Gallery





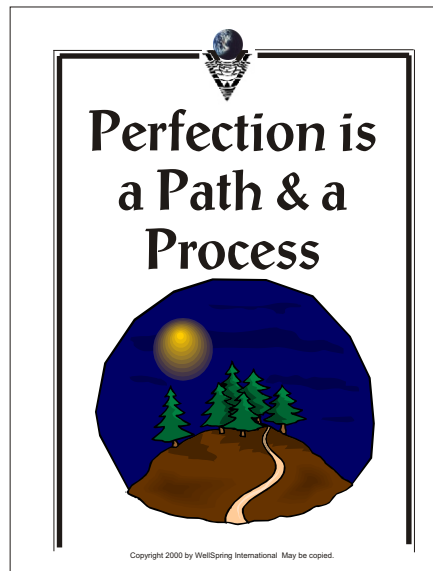
Key Points

- * **There is always work to do to better ourselves and to perfect the work we have done.**
- * **Most great artists work and then re-work their creations until they are right in their own eyes. This typically involves a process of creation and then stepping back/resting and then viewing their creation from a new perspective ~ making changes and then repeating the process.**
- * **Not until it is finished does the work go on display ~ and the artist returns to the next creation incorporating the lessons learned ~ the work occurs in the workshop.**
- * **Life is like that as well ~ daily life is our creation ~ daily life is our workshop ~ we are not finished until our work here is done.**



Life is a Workshop





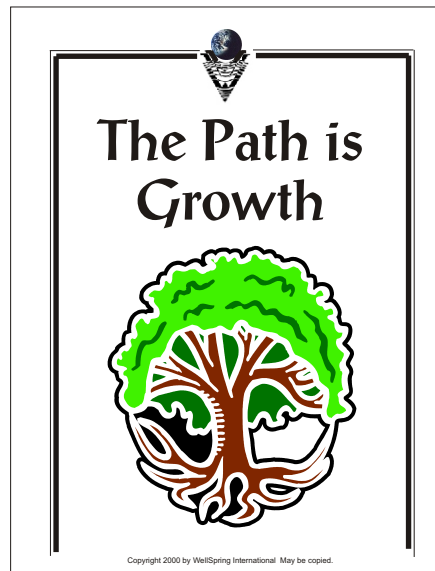
Key Points

- * **Perfection is not a goal but a way of life which involves a process of continual improvement.**
- * **When we are committed to being the best we can be and learning from all that occurs in our life ~ we are on the path of perfecting.**
- * **When we are endeavouring to actualize our potential ~ we are on the path of perfecting.**
- * **When we are humble enough to realize that even our best could probably use a little more work to improve it somewhat ~ we are on the path of perfecting.**
- * **When we look at what we have done with detachment and learn from the process as well as the end result ~ we are on the path of perfecting.**



Perfection is a Path & a Process





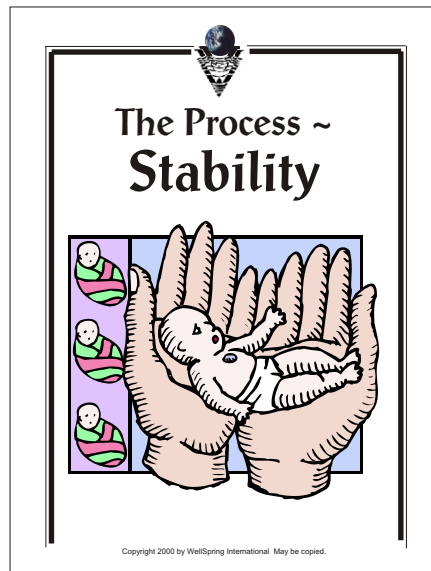
Key Points

- * **Growth is change ~ we give up the comfort of what we know for progress ~ the hope of something better.**
- * **Improvement comes when we act on what we learn to make our next efforts more effective than the last effort.**
- * **Learning implies change ~ if you truly learn something then you must change as a result ~ even if what you learned merely confirms what you already know ~ then you must act with greater confidence.**
- * **Maturity involves the development of your potential ~ each development involves learning and learning involves change.**
- * **Perfection involves continual learning, continual progress, continual growth, and continual change. It is a process of continual development.**



The Path is Growth



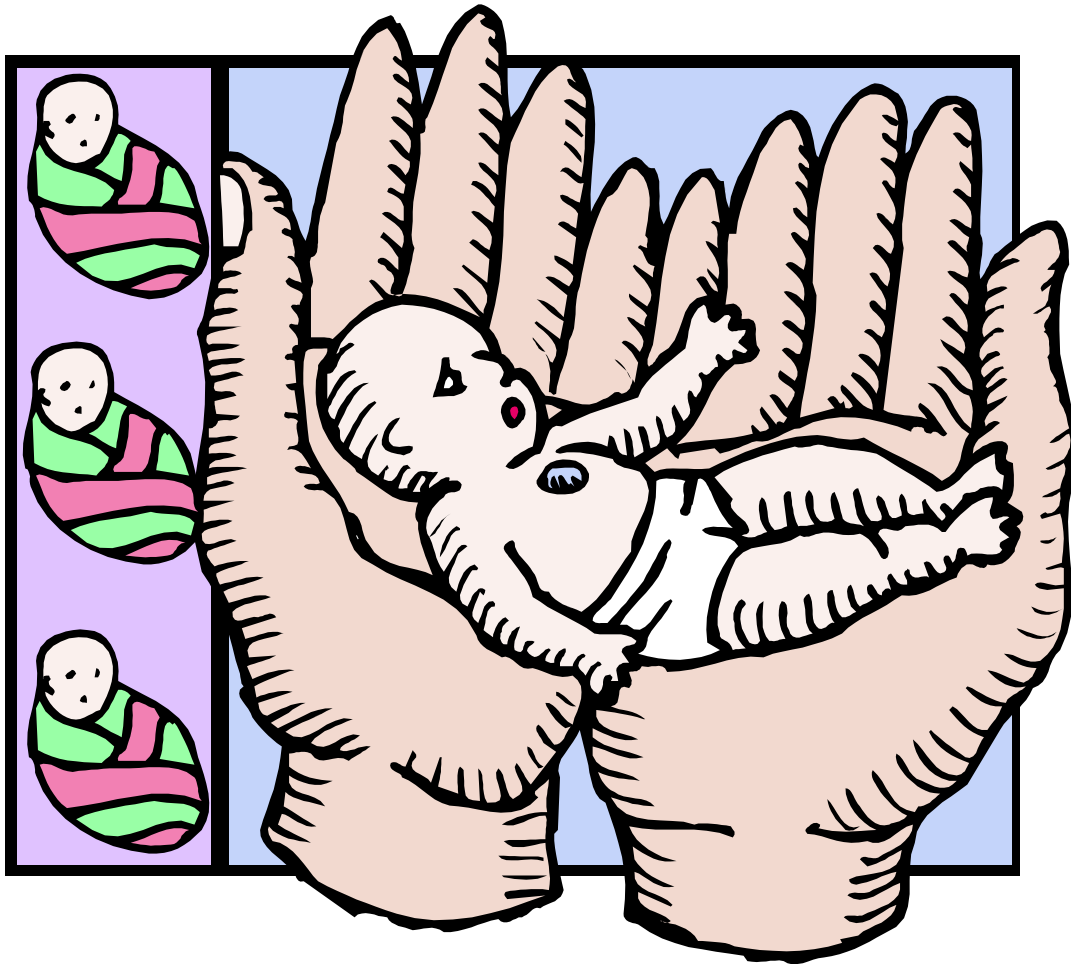


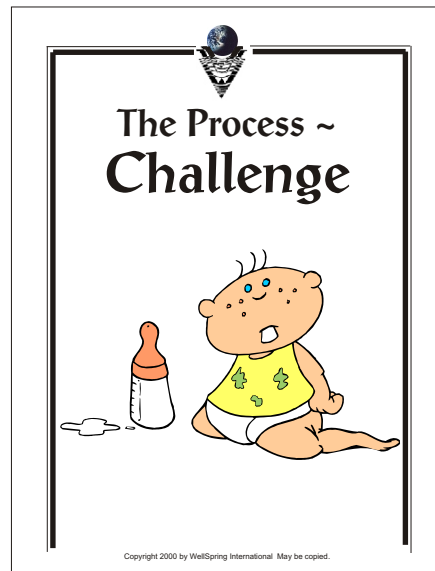
Key Points

- * **You cannot grow ~ you cannot change unless you start from somewhere.**
- * **To put it simply, you start from where you are at ~ your current situation ~ your comfort zone.**
- * **Perfecting starts from anywhere ~ you can never change the past ~ you can only determine where you go from where you are now.**
- * **The ideal you are heading toward may be lofty but the climb on any ladder starts from the first rung ~ and the ladder must be firmly grounded in the now.**



The Process ~ Stability





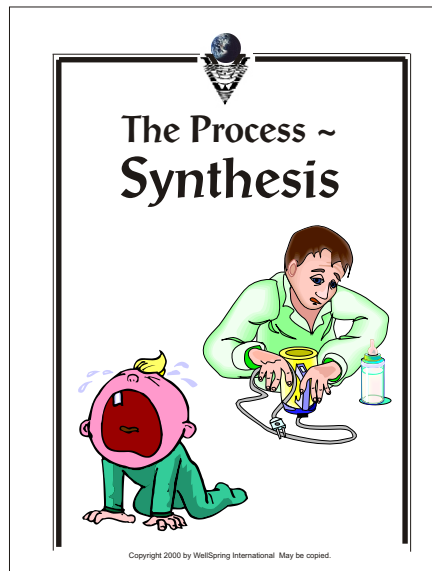
Key Points

- * **The process of perfecting begins with someone or something challenging the status quo.**
- * **That someone or something can be anyone or anything ~ it might be a new awareness, a new goal or a new person in your life.**
- * **It might merely be the fact of what you are doing and how you are doing it no longer works as well as it has done in the past.**
- * **The challenge is to grow ~ to change ~ or to miss the opportunity the challenge offers ~ or to resign yourself to same result over and over again.**



The Process ~ Challenge



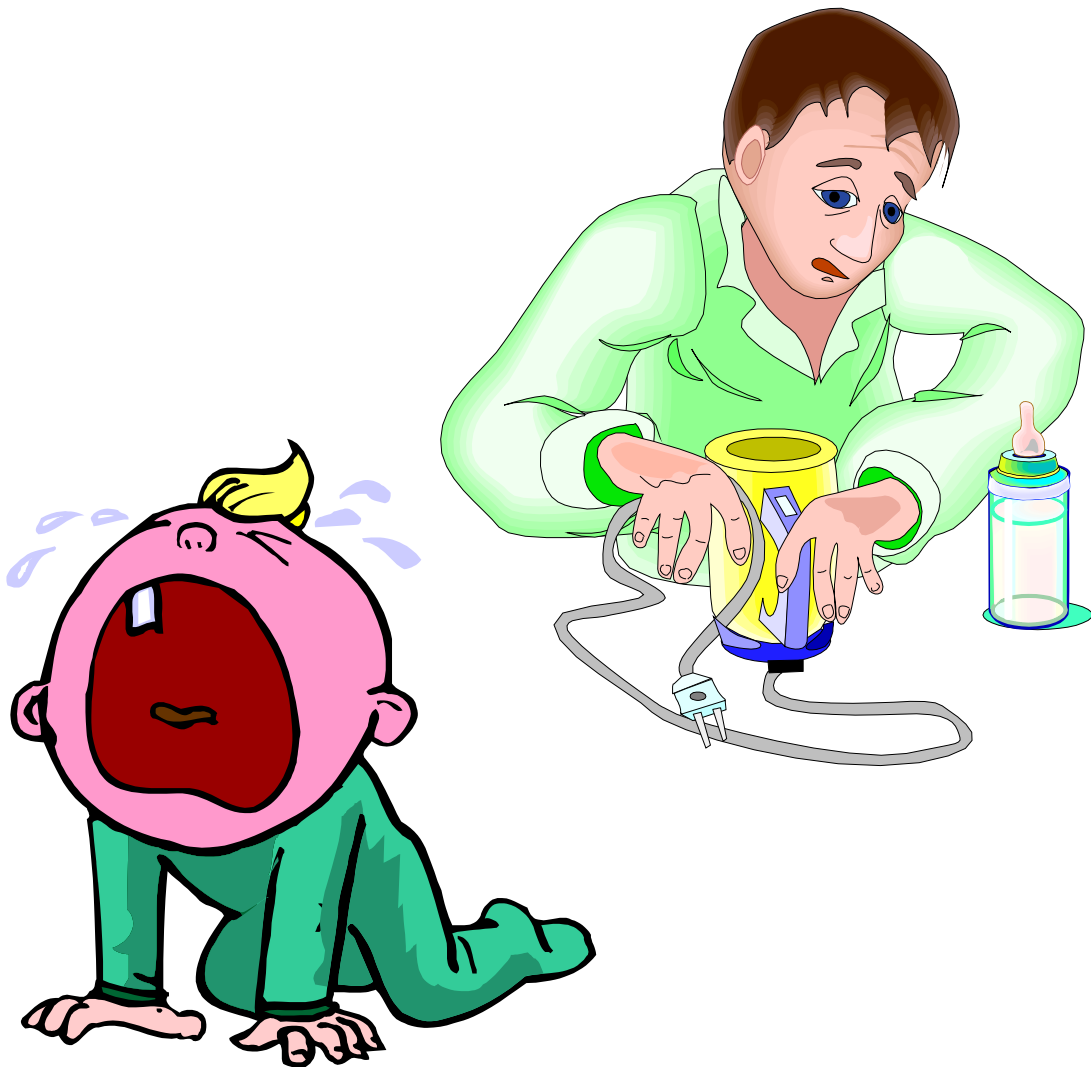


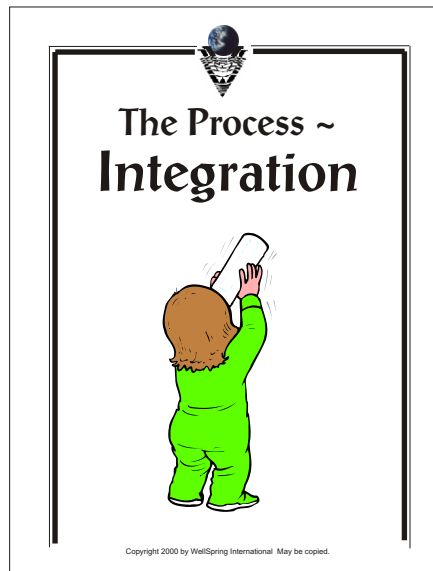
Key Points

- * **The process of perfecting is furthered when you act ~ either to make planned change or merely out of frustration.**
- * **You do something different in response to the challenge ~ you take a step ~ nothing changes until you take a step.**
- * **You then notice what happens as a result of having taken that action ~ where that first step has taken you.**
- * **If nothing else, that step ~ that action ~ gives you a different view point.**
- * **You notice the difference that action or step has made ~ you take what you know and compare it to what you observe now ~ this is synthesis.**



The Process ~ Synthesis



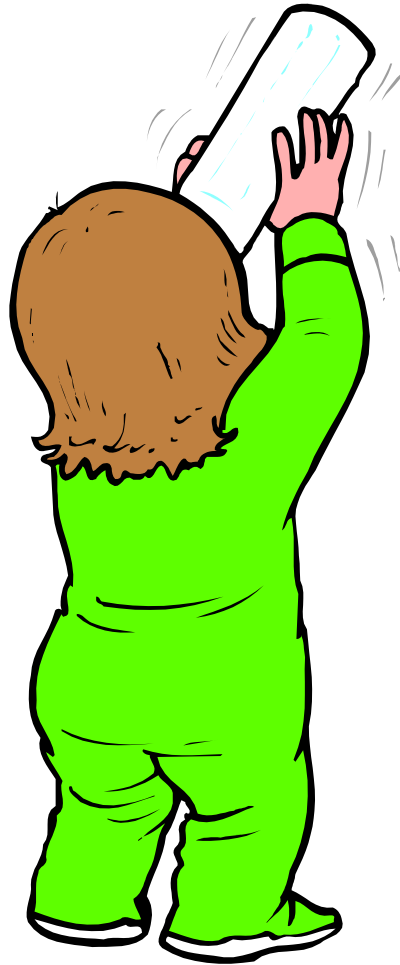


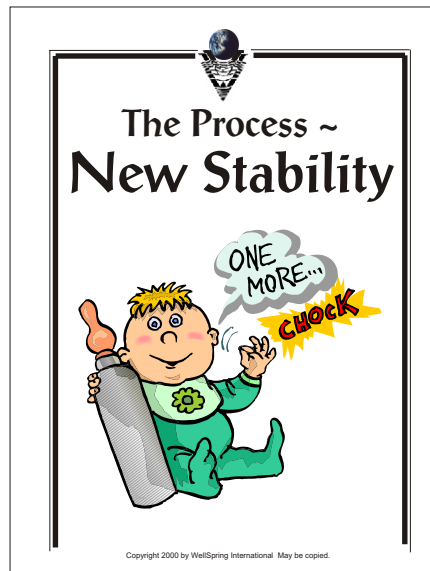
Key Points

- * **From this comparison ~ this synthesis ~ comes new learning ~ change.**
- * **You look at the changes and compare them to an ideal or just to how things were and notice how things were made better.**
- * **If they were not improved you are faced with a new challenge which calls for a new action and a new synthesis.**
- * **If things were improved you focus on what made things better and to make the positive changes more effective and more enduring.**
- * **You change yourself to make it so ~ you integrate what you have learned to make it endure ~ so that you can do it again.**



The Process ~ Integration



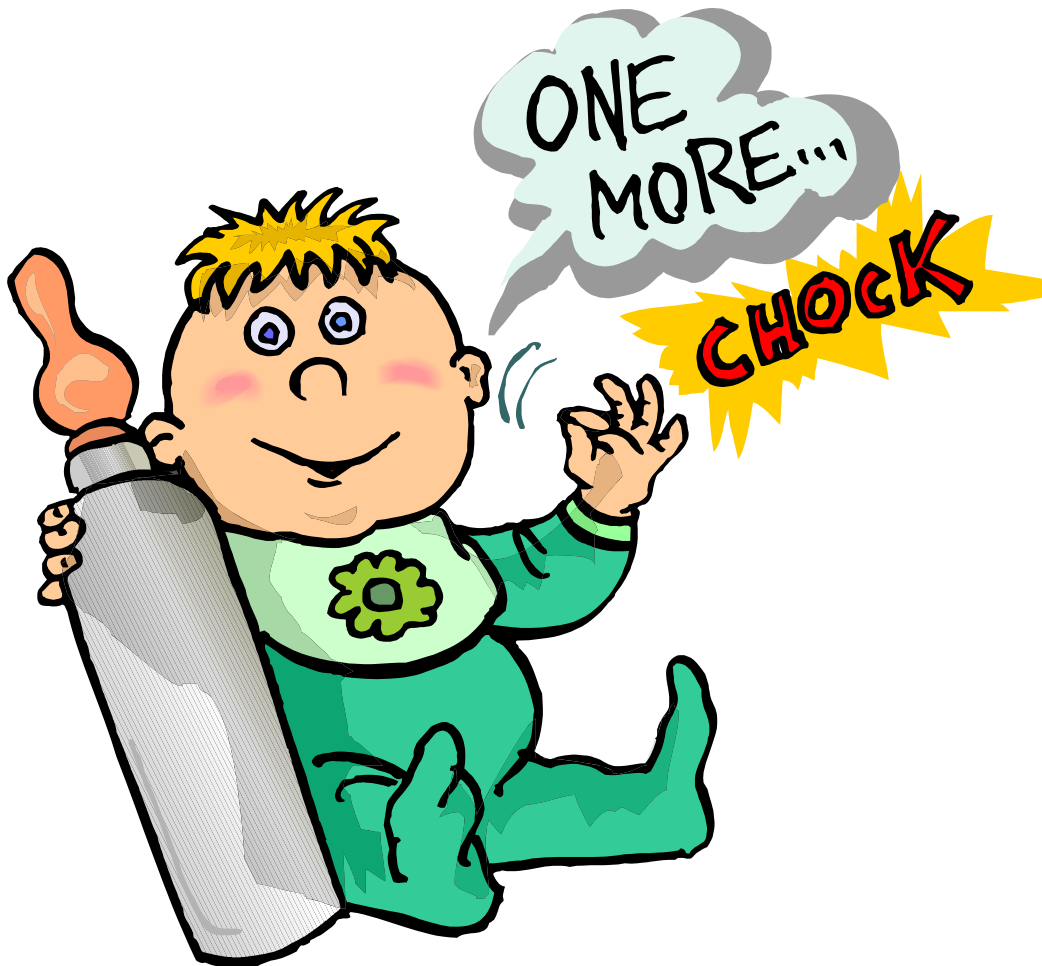


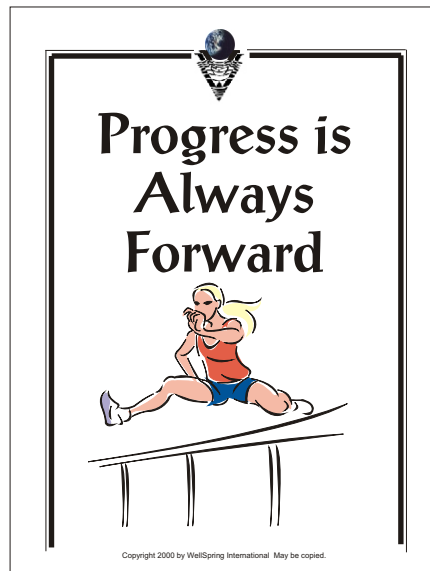
Key Points

- * **Once the new learning and the actions based on it are understood and integrated, a new stability results.**
- * **Things are better ~ things have improved ~ we are more effective and what was once a challenge is no longer.**
- * **We explore the range and depth of our new approaches and their effectiveness.**
- * **We enter a new comfort zone ~ until something occurs internally or externally to once again challenge our new status quo.**



The Process ~ New Stability



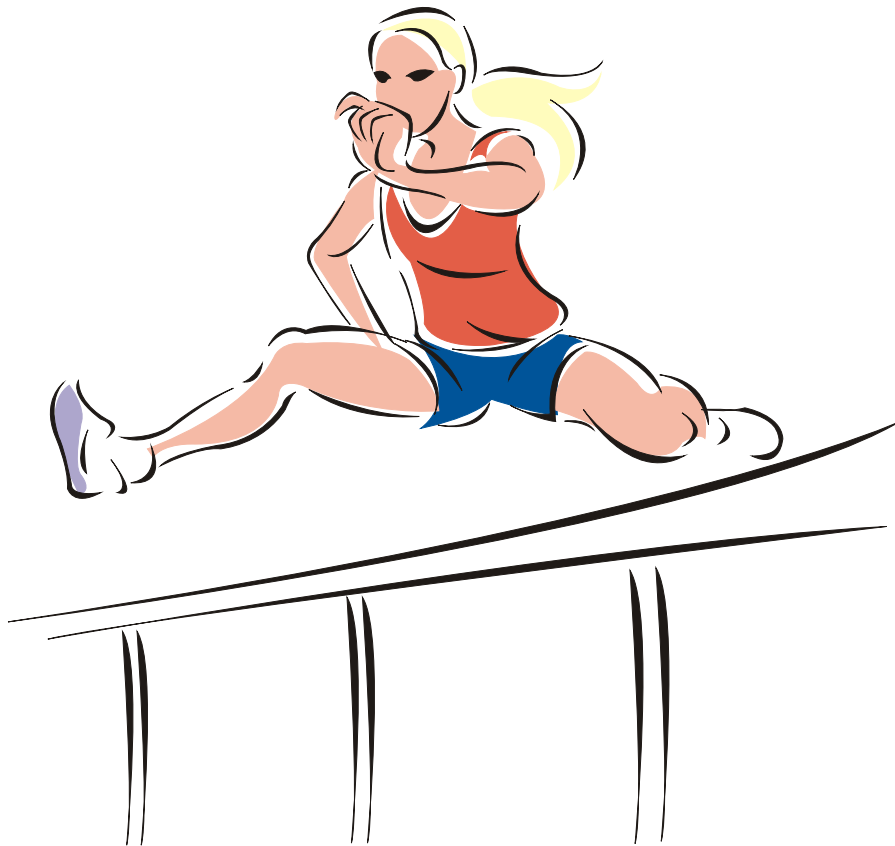


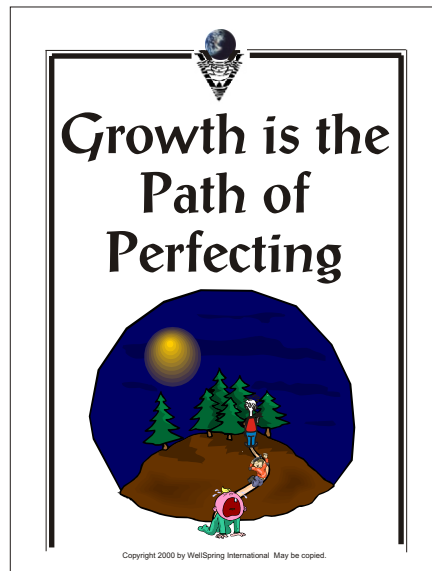
Key Points

- * **The path of perfecting is always forward ~ the process of continual improvement always results in greater effectiveness and clarity.**
- * **Even if you make the wrong choices or fail to rise to meet the challenges ~ you once knew better and could return to the previous stability with effort.**
- * **When you commit to the path of perfecting you are committing to meeting the challenges ~ to act to improve things ~ to do something designed to improve ~ to look for improvement as a result ~ and to keep what works and to let the rest go.**
- * **The result is constant, stable improvement.**



Progress is Always Forward





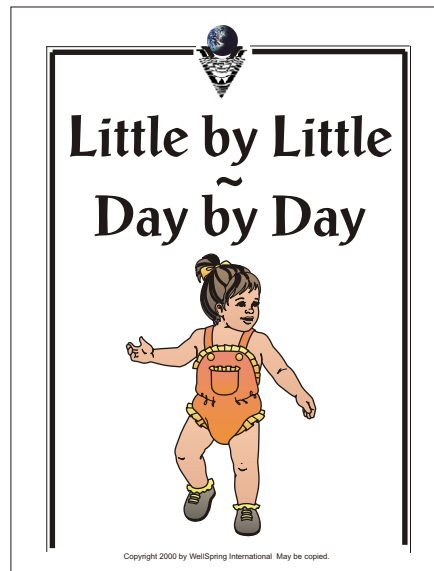
Key Points

- * **Each step actualizes your potential ~ leads to greater maturity.**
- * **Growth is the path to greater behavioural potential ~ the ability to act to get what you want in a way that maximizes authenticity, integrity and honour.**
- * **Growth is the path to a fuller expression of yourself in the service of others.**
- * **Growth is a lifetimes' pursuit ~ the results to be fully evaluated in the realms to come in the light of the potentials realized and those unfulfilled.**



Growth is the Path of Perfecting





Key Points

- * **The path of perfecting leading to the goal of perfection is a path that is lived moment to moment on the stage of life, day-in and day-out.**
- * **Little by little we recognize the challenges that call us to improvement.**
- * **Step by step we take the actions that meet the challenges and change our lives.**
- * **Little by little we see the progress and make the improvements that make the changes enduring.**
- * **Step by step we move forward ~ closer to the ideal revealed in our potentials realized and yet latent.**
- * **Little by little, day by day we more fully express our self.**



Little by Little ~ Day by Day

