

The Silver Decision

Awakening the Transformative Power of Will

There comes a moment in every transformation when inspiration must stop admiring itself in the mirror and put on its shoes.

You may have prayed, journaled, made a vision board, and told friends what you are “getting ready” to do. Eventually life asks, “Wonderful—but what have you decided?”

That moment belongs to Will.

In the Fillmorean system of the Twelve Powers, Will is not grim determination, stubbornness, domination, or the ability to make everyone else cooperate with our plans. It is the spiritual faculty by which we choose, lead, decide, direct, and act. Unity associates Will with the disciple Matthew, the front of the brain, and the color silver. Its contemporary affirmation is:

I choose my good based on spiritual understanding.

Charles Fillmore treated Will as the executive power of mind and insisted that it must work with Understanding: Understanding sees; Will moves.

August becomes our laboratory of sacred decision: not merely, “What do I know?” but “What am I willing to embody?”

The Inner Executive

Imagine consciousness as a grand orchestra.

Faith hears the music before anyone else does. Imagination sees the full production. Understanding studies the score. Wisdom decides what belongs. Love keeps the musicians in harmony. Strength holds the long notes. Power gives sound to the intention. Order arranges the rehearsal. Zeal brings energy. Release dismisses what no longer serves the composition. Life breathes through the entire performance.

Will raises the baton.

The conductor does not play every instrument; the conductor gives clear direction so that every power can perform its function. Untrained Will tries to do everybody's job. It pushes Love, rushes Order, shouts at Imagination, and tells Understanding, “We do not have time to think!”

Trained Will listens, chooses, signals, and follows through.

Fillmore located the operations of Will, Understanding, and Imagination in the front-brain region. His anatomical language belongs to an early metaphysical era and should not be confused with modern neuroscience. Still, the symbolism is useful. The forehead naturally suggests focus, orientation, planning, and conscious direction.

Fillmore's central point was not that one tiny anatomical switch controls destiny. It was that vision and decision must cooperate. His memorable conclusion was that we do not need less Will; we need more Understanding.

A powerful engine without headlights is dangerous; headlights without an engine merely illuminate the driveway.

Understanding is the light; Will is the movement.

Matthew: The Disciple Who Got Up

Matthew is the disciple associated with Will. Before following Jesus, Matthew was identified with tax collection—a role involving accounts, decisions, records, values, and consequences. In the metaphysical drama, he represents the part of us that evaluates the present arrangement and can answer a higher call.

The beauty of Matthew's story is movement. He does not establish a committee to explore eventually leaving the tax table. He gets up.

This does not praise impulsiveness; it warns that, once understanding has arrived, endless delay may become disguised refusal. Sometimes "confirmation" has already rung the doorbell and is waving through the window.

Matthew reminds us that a decision changes identity. The person seated at the old table is not the same person who rises to follow a new direction.

Your "tax table" may be a limiting job, an old resentment, a manuscript that has lived in your computer for nine years, or the exercise bicycle serving as a clothes rack. Will does not condemn you; it asks whether you are ready to stand.

The Vibrational Frequency of Will

People often ask, "What is the frequency of Will?"

When the question means an exact number of Hertz, there is no established Fillmorean or scientific measurement for a spiritual faculty called Will. Assigning it a number such as 432 Hz, 528 Hz, or any other tone would be a modern creative association, not an authentic teaching from Charles Fillmore.

Yet frequency remains a powerful metaphysical description. In spiritual language, frequency describes the quality, coherence, and pattern of consciousness from which we live.

The lower expression of Will vibrates as coercion, rigidity, impatience, and strain:

"It must happen exactly this way, through this person, by Friday at 2:17 p.m."

Awakening Will becomes willingness. Mature Will becomes conscious choice. Spiritualized Will becomes alignment.

Its highest expression is relaxed commitment—firm in direction, flexible in

method, present in action, and unattached to controlling every detail.

This is coherent, not lazy, energy. A laser is powerful not because its light is angry, but because its waves are aligned. Spiritual Will becomes effective when thought, feeling, speech, and behavior stop issuing contradictory instructions.

You cannot say, "I choose peace," while scheduling three imaginary arguments before breakfast.

You cannot choose prosperity while treating every opportunity as suspicious.

You cannot choose completion while polishing the title page for six months to avoid writing chapter two.

The vibrational frequency of Will is the consciousness of an undivided inner yes.

This does not mean that you never reconsider a decision. Wisdom may reveal new information. Understanding may provide a clearer direction. Spiritual Will is not stubbornness wearing a halo. It remains teachable.

The difference is that indecisiveness circles endlessly because it fears movement. Spiritual Will listens carefully and then proceeds.

THE COLOR SILVER

Unity assigns Will the color silver. Symbolically, silver is a brilliant choice.

Silver reflects. It does not need to manufacture every color; it receives light and returns it. Physically, silver's appearance is produced by broad reflection across the visible spectrum rather than by one single "silver wavelength." Therefore, it has no unique optical frequency comparable to a spectral color such as red or violet.

Metaphysically, this makes silver a fitting emblem of Will guided by Understanding.

Spiritual Will is not the ego creating light from scratch. It is the executive faculty reflecting the light it has received.

Silver suggests clarity, polish, precision, receptivity, and illumination without glare. Picture a silver mirror covered in fingerprints: its reflective capacity remains, but the image is distorted.

Will is similarly clouded by fear, people-pleasing, inherited expectations, fatigue, old obligations, or the need to impress. The August work is to polish the faculty already within us.

Ask yourself:

What decision becomes obvious when I remove the need to impress, punish, prove, or please?

Silver Will is clear enough to reflect truth and strong enough to act upon it.

The Four Conditions of Will

1. DORMANT WILL

Dormant Will appears as:

- Chronic indecision
- Procrastination
- Avoiding necessary conversations
- Continually asking others what one should do
- Remaining in situations after the lesson has been revealed
- Knowing the truth but refusing to act upon it

Its language is:

"I understand what I need to do, but I cannot make myself do it."

2. DIVIDED WILL

Divided Will occurs when the conscious decision and the subconscious identity oppose each other.

A person says: "I want a new life."

But inwardly remains identified with the old life. One part moves forward while another part protects the familiar condition. This produces starting and stopping, enthusiasm followed by withdrawal, or repeated self-sabotage.

3. PERSONAL OR WILLFUL WILL

This condition attempts to control people, timing, appearances, and outcomes.

Its language is: "It has to happen my way, through this person, by this date."

This produces tension because the individual is trying to manage both the decision and every possible route by which the decision could be fulfilled.

4. SPIRITUALIZED WILL

Spiritualized Will is clear without being rigid, committed without being anxious, and active without becoming controlling.

Its language is:

"This is the truth I have accepted. I now act in alignment with it while remaining open to a greater route of fulfillment."