Synopsis
The Edinburgh Lectures on Mental Science are required reading for anyone wishing to understand and control the power of the mind. Without these lectures the New Thought Movement and The Science of Mind might never have been born. Thomas Troward was an early New Thought writer who had an immense impact on those who would follow. Ernest Holmes, Frederick Bailes, Joseph Murphy, and Emmett Fox cited him as a major influence, and Genevieve Behrend was his student. It is impossible to over estimate his importance to the New Thought movement. His intense fusion of Eastern and Western philosophy is unmatched.

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Customer Reviews
I have been a student of quantum theory as it applies to our ability to create form from thought. "The Edinburgh Lectures on Mental Science" by Thomas Troward were published in 1909. They contain all of the same principles being set forth by today's gurus of quantam theory such as Deepak Chopra and Wayne Dyer. Very interesting book. Also recommend, "Your Invisible Power" by Genevieve Behrend. Ms. Behrend was the only student of Thomas Troward. Her book is a more basic way to apply the same principles.

A classic by one of the pioneers of New Thought; these lectures deal with the questions of spirit and matter, the nature of intelligence, the unity of spirit, and the relationship between the conscious and subconscious mind. Troward had a knack for conveying profound philosophical matters in a most
understandable way and for formulating ancient truths so that a child could understand. He explains the difference between form (matter) and being - that the one is the mode of the relative and the mark of subjection to conditions, while the other is the truth of the absolute and that which controls conditions. Because spirit is infinite, it is everywhere and must be present at every point in space at the same moment. This is a fundamental fact of all being. The relation between spirit and being as idea (from which the elements of time and space are absent) and form (the relative which is dependent on those elements) leads to the fact that pure spirit continually subsists in the absolute and from it all the phenomena of being flow. In proportion to our level of recognition of this fact, our power for producing visible outward results by the action of our thought will grow. The book concludes with the practical application of this knowledge in our lives and affairs. I highly recommend the Edinburgh lectures as well as the Dore Lectures and Troward’s masterpiece "The Creative Process in the Individual."

Trying to explain magic in rational terms has rather fallen out of fashion, and sometimes you have to turn to the classics. Half philosophy, half science, Troward’s little volume builds a rational and plausible basis for controlling events in what most people would deem "supernatural" ways. His premise, condensed down to three words, is "faith changes reality" -- it’s what comes up in exploring that hypothesis that makes the book interesting. The book is as well-organized and well-presented as you would expect any college textbook to be, although the flowery 100-year-old language might be a turn-off to some. While "Edinburgh" is of use to people trying to understand (or accept) magic, its greatest value is by far for those who are already exploring the subject. I wish that this book came in clue bat form, so I could hit a number of would-be "mages" over the head with it, and have them absorb it instantly. While one may not necessarily agree with everything Troward says (I found the insistence on a Christian perspective rather extreme, for example), his ability to build a rich and cohesive system is an inspiration -- and a solid foundation. Ultimately, those who wish to change the world must understand it, and this book can be a great first step on that path. It’s one of the must-read books on my bookshelf.

I first came across Thomas Troward through working with Bob Proctor on a coaching program. Although I looked at all the great authors Bob mentioned, Thomas Troward very quickly became my favourite. These lectures, on what became known as 'New Thought', kind of metaphysical also, are nothing short of profound - if you study them and work them, not just read them. The principles contained in them are truly the secret to all this modern day talk about the 'Law of Attraction' and
'The Secret Movie' etc..I came across them a few years ago, and now they form a solid piece of my personal growth - in fact most Sundays I use these as my spiritual lessons[...]Yes, you need to study them, think about them, and shift your thinking into a more contemporary context - but the principles are timeless, and beautiful..Thoroughly recommended.

This is a must read for anyone who is interested in the 'New Thought' philosophy. Thomas Troward writes and explains everything so elegantly. I love reading anything that has to do with him. The only problem I ever have with writings of T. Troward is that sometimes he speaks a little too intellectually. He also sometimes refers to things that are a bit dated, and that can also make it difficult to follow along at times. There is nothing else out there for learning how to use your thoughts to control your life, like the teachings of Thomas Troward. If that is an area of study that interests you, then read anything of his you can get your hands on.

AGAIN, T. Troward was light years beyond his time in this world. He will change your outlook on life, world, and universe. I've read this book about 4 almost 5 times due to the fact I was involved in motorcycle accident and have been out of work. Was in the deepest darkest moments of my life, but after starting to read his lectures and "the law & the word" I've learned many useful affirmative tools and scientific prayer. I'm not big into religion at all but this guys writings are simply amazing and will teach you endless amounts on life, science, and how us humans operate! Stop reading my review and just put a few of his books in your cart and watch the magic of scientific prayer work in your life!!!!

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