Round 2 · Lesson 2 · Mentalism

It Starts in the Mind

By the end of this lesson, you can trace how a thought becomes a choice, a habit and finally a result in your life.

About 20 minutes All ages Round 2

Part 1 · Read (5–8 min)

The big idea

> "THE ALL IS MIND; The Universe is Mental."
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> The Kybalion (1908)

Everything you see built in the world was first a thought in somebody's mind.

Look at BERLO City. Every tower, every trolley, every storefront started as an idea before anyone drew a line. The same is true of your house, your phone, the road you drove on today. **First the mind, then the thing.**

The Kybalion's first principle says it this way: *"The All is Mind."* Some read that as a spiritual teaching about how the universe itself began. You don't have to settle that question today. Here's the part that's true in everyone's life either way:

1. **A thought** shows up. "I'm not good with money."
2. It becomes **a choice**. "So why bother checking my account?"
3. Repeat the choice and it becomes **a habit**. You never look.
4. Habits stack into **results**. Overdraft fees, stress, proof that "I'm not good with money."

See the loop? The thought creates the results that prove the thought. That's why some people stay stuck even when they work hard. The engine is running in the wrong direction.

Now flip it: "I'm learning to handle money." Choice: check the account once a week. Habit: you know your numbers. Result: fewer surprises. **Same person, different first thought.**

This isn't magic. Thinking about a car won't make one appear in your driveway. But nothing you build will ever be bigger than the thoughts you build it from. Last lesson you learned to *watch* your thoughts from the balcony. This lesson, you start *choosing* which ones get the keys.

Part 2 · Practice (10 min)

Trace one loop

Pick one area where you feel stuck: money, health, work, a relationship. Fill in the loop as it runs now, then write a new first thought and follow it through.

	The loop now	The new loop
Thought		
Choice		
Habit		
Result		

Tip: the new thought has to be something you can honestly believe. "I'm rich" won't stick. "I'm learning" will.

> Bonus: Look at the city from above
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> Pick any building. What thought did someone have to have before it could exist?

Part 3 · Check yourself

3 quick questions

1. The order in this lesson is:

- Result habit thought
- Thought choice habit result
- Habit luck result

Thought choice habit result. Thought, choice, habit, result. The first link drives the rest.

2. Why do some people stay stuck even when they work hard?

- They're unlucky
- Their first thought keeps producing results that prove it
- Hard work never pays

Their first thought keeps producing results that prove it. The loop feeds itself until the first thought changes.

3. A good replacement thought is one that:

- Sounds the most impressive
- You can honestly believe
- Someone else picked for you

You can honestly believe. Believable thoughts get acted on. Fantasy thoughts don't.

Part 4 · Try it this week

Your real-life task

Every time this week you catch yourself saying the old thought out loud or in your head, say the new one right after it. Keep a tally. By Sunday, notice whether any choice changed.

Next: Correspondence

As above, so below. How the small patterns in your life mirror the big ones.