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## A Message For The Ages

*God And Prayer*

### *Turn Yourselves And Live Ye*

Love is the secret of the spiritual life—not human love. Human love tells us to send our children to college; spiritual love demands that we save out some of what we have for the child down the street who cannot afford it, but who also wants to go to college. Human love tells us to support our family, but spiritual love requires us also to remember the family down the street that is still struggling for a livelihood. Human love says that the man in prison is none of our business; he got himself there. Divine love says, "I was in prison, and ye came unto me."

The only God there is, is *I*. That is the only thing that is not a projected image; that is the projector of all the images. but it is not projected. *I* contains the secret of God. *I* to be *I* must be Consciousness, so *I* and Consciousness are one and the same. If we see that *I*, that Consciousness, is an infinity that individualizes Itself as our consciousness, we do not have to go anywhere but to our consciousness, turn within and say, "Father illumine, enlighten me."

Then came the unfoldment that there is a word that is not a word in my mind. That word is *I*. *I* is not a 'word' in my mind: *I* is my being; *I* is my identity. *I* is not a word I am thinking of; *I* is the thinker, not the thought. Regardless of any thought or concept of God, it cannot be God, because greater than any thought is the thinker. Is there anything greater than the thinker? Is not the source of thought the creator of thought? Then somewhere in the word *I* lies the secret of God...Then as the years went on, that word *I* began to define Itself, and I saw that it was really synonymous with Consciousness, because regardless of what I am, I must be consciousness. That must be the identity of *I*. Take Consciousness away, and is there an *I*? Take "Consciousness away, and is there any awareness? Take Consciousness away, and is there form? All the form there is, is Consciousness formed.

### *Infinite Way Pearls*

Is there any principle in the Infinite Way greater than the truth that God is individual consciousness, your consciousness and mine? This is the top secret because to my knowledge it is the first time it has been revealed. Everyone has a consciousness; therefore, everyone has God; but there are two states of consciousness: the illumined consciousness and the unillumined consciousness.

### *The Mystical Consciousness Of The Infinite Way*

Giving one's self to God's government means accepting the laws of God and acting out from them. That means that insofar as a person finds it possible, he must consciously remember that love is the secret of the spiritual life. Unless he is loving his neighbor as himself, forgiving, I doing for "the least of these, my brethren," he is not accepting God's government.

### *Recognize Every Appearance As Error*

[The Infinite Way practitioner] does not overcome, destroy, or get rid of evil. He drops it. That is the secret of Infinite Way. That is the secret of Infinite Way healing work. That is why my work as a Christian Science practitioner flourished for sixteen years and why later in the seventeen years of more of the Infinite Way it continues to flourish and has become known and established throughout the world.

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## A Parenthesis In Eternity

*The Basis Of Mysticism*

*The Sacred Word*

Ultimately, we come back to the one word which holds the secret of the ages—*I*. *I* is neither objective nor subjective, and that *I* is the *I* that I am, the Knower. It is the Knower and the known, that which knows and that which is known; and *I* am both: *I* am He.

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### **Awakening Mystical Consciousness**

*Attaining Dominion Through I*

The secret of harmonious existence lies in attaining a consciousness of that Grace within every person awaiting recognition.

*Proving Spiritual Power Is The All-power*

The secret of spiritual power is in the realization that it is the all-power, and there are no other powers.

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### **Beyond Words And Thoughts**

*Building A Consciousness Of Grace*

*A Knowledge Of Truth Develops Consciousness*

The knowledge of truth always serves a function in your experience in that such knowledge helps you to settle back into an attitude of expectancy. That is the only purpose that a knowledge of truth is serving at this stage of your unfoldment because now you should be rising above the letter of truth into the Spirit, into that area where you live without words and without thoughts, above the law.

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### **Conscious Union With God**

*Mysticism*

*The Battle Is Not Yours*

Great secret: I can of mine own self do nothing.

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### **Consciousness In Transition**

*Meditation*

[Sending out bills to patients] went on for seven months until the realization came that I wasn't living from God, I was living from these Joneses and Browns who were paying their bills...It was then that I stopped. I began to realize that if I could demonstrate that by the love of God alone my bills were paid in any month, I was safe for life; the love of God could never be taken away from me. You'll never stop that flow once you have contacted it, and that's the secret! Once you touch this Christ—once you touch this center of consciousness—once you open your consciousness to the inflow of the health of God, of spiritual supply—you'll never again hunger. You'll never again have demonstrations of supply to make.

On this same subject of mystical power, the great secret is, "I can of my own self do nothing. . . I live, yet not I, Christ liveth in me." And the great secret is not how much personal power can we develop as healers but how good a vehicle are we for Christ, how clear a transparency, what degree of Christ-consciousness are we? In other words, what degree of love for error or hate of error or fear of error is in or out of my consciousness?

In the history of the world, only three men are known to have discovered the complete secret of life of their own accord. These men are Lao-Tzu of China, about 600 B.C.; Buddha of India, about 550 B.C.; and Jesus of Nazareth. Through Jesus, the full revelation came to the beloved disciple John on the Isle of Patmos.

There is only one body—here is the secret of secrets. There is only one body—the body of God, of which your body is the infinite reflection. As a reflection in a mirror exactly images forth your body, so does your body actually and exactly image forth the body of God. The body you behold with your eyes is your individual concept of the perfect reflection of the eternal body. What you physically see as your body represents in thought your idea of your body as it really is: the body of God reflected.

The conscious realization of the presence of God is the secret of spiritual living. Once you have contacted God, you have the actual feel or realization of the presence of God, you are no longer alone in the world and no longer working out your own problems and no longer dependent on human aid of any kind. Always, the divine is there.

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### **Consciousness Is What I Am**

*Consciousness*

*Spiritual Discernment*

In proportion as you are listening, you are consciously aware of the presence of God, the power, the reality, the joy, the Spirit, the life, and the wisdom of God. In your body and in your mind, you cannot know the things of God. Recognizing yourself as consciousness, however, and adopting the listening ear, the attitude of consciousness, you become the child of God that is joint-heir to all the heavenly riches.

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### **Consciousness Transformed**

*Access To Infinity*

The whole secret of the spiritual life is to know that you have access to infinity through your own consciousness and then go within sufficiently often to let the flow appear...and then be careful never to personalize it and think you have become good or that you have become spiritual. Remember you have become an instrument or a transparency for an infinite, universal grace...You can increase the flow by realizing it as an infinite grace flowing universally. Like the tree that is showing forth God's grace, this does not glorify us. It lets us stand still and show forth God's glory...And so it is that this reconciles us to God, and thereby fulfills us.

The secret is not in the books [of Christian Science, Unity, or The Infinite Way], the secret is within you and until you discover the secret within you, you cannot find it in any books.

Once you have learned these specific principles, put them out of your mind and you will draw on what you have stored up. After you have meditated, go out and do something completely different: go to a movie, watch television, or read good literature...If you want to receive wisdom from divine grace, the entire secret is that it comes at a moment when you are not thinking. Then as we live naturally, the divine grace establishes itself and it speaks for us.

Perhaps four or five years after the beginning of my healing ministry, I learned that every metaphysical healing teaching in the world is based on a misconception, the misconception that the source of whatever evil is affecting you is within yourself and that you are responsible for the errors in your experience...One of the major secrets of healing work was given me then, and that was *impersonalization*. It was shown me how all error of any nature has its origin in the carnal mind or mortal mind.

The secret of bringing God into individual experience—the secret of spiritual attainment—[is] in meditation and in no other way.

When you reach the point where you know that your own consciousness is the access to infinity, you have the whole secret of life. Then there is nothing to do but practice.

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### **Consciousness Unfolding**

*Lifting Of Consciousness*

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What is the whole secret of the healing work? Is it that we have a power over error? Or is it that disease is not a power?

*Attain Consciousness Of God*

The whole secret lies in attaining the actual consciousness, the actual feeling of God's presence. Without that feeling, we still do not have the assurance that the declarations, the affirmations, and the denials that we make are true.

*Help To Those Who Have Passed On?*

The whole secret lies in your ability to understand that we exist as states of consciousness.

What is the whole secret of spiritual healing? It is that we are infinite, individual, spiritual being.

*Effects Of The Christ*

That one statement—God is your own consciousness! If you can grasp one little bit of that one statement, you have the Christ right in your hands. You have the whole secret of living right in your hands when you know that everyone is mind or consciousness attracted to you in form.

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### **God Formed Us For His Glory**

The Inner Meaning of Living the Spiritual Life

Attaining Continuous Conscious Awareness of the Presence

The secret of spiritual living consists in the ability to attain the consciousness of this invisible presence until it becomes so alive and so real in us that it is as real as our right hand, as real as our checkbook or pocketbook, as real as anything in the physical realm.

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### **God, The Substance Of All Form**

*Gaining The Consciousness Of Good*

*Nothing Can Be Added To Us; Nothing Can Be Taken From You*

The secret of gaining health or of gaining supply is...in gaining the *consciousness* of health and the *consciousness* of supply.

The secret of having anything is first attaining the consciousness of it. Why is that? Because consciousness is God, and the moment you have the consciousness of a thing, consciousness creates it, whatever the “it” may be—home, companionship, supply, employment, health, eternity, immortality.

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### **Living By Grace**

Freedom In God

World Work

The secret is that where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom, there is health, there is wholeness, there is supply, there is peace, joy, and dominion. So the secret is not to treat anyone for disease, but to attain the consciousness of God's Presence... When the Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, Divine Grace is touching you and freedom is taking place within you. If the Spirit of the Lord God is *not* upon me, nothing happens—there is a void, a vacuum! So, when you call upon me for help, I do not concern myself with your discords. I am not interested as to whether your trouble is physical, mental, moral, or financial. I concern myself only with attaining a conscious awareness, a feeling of God's' Presence. If I can attain that awareness, you feel it and it takes effect in you. Your whole nature—your body, your mind, your finances—responds.

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### **Living By The Word**

*Easter: An Experience Of Consciousness*

*Dominion Over The Body*

You are not in your body. That may not seem at this moment to be of much importance, but sooner or later you will find that it is the ultimate secret of life. . . and the one that produces the greatest demonstration of spiritual living. There is no place in the body where you could hide the word of God. But the word of God does abide in you, and you abide in the word of God. When you begin to perceive that spiritually, you will be able to look at this body and say, Now I perceive that I . . . was given dominion over this body. I was given dominion over everything on earth, beneath the earth, and above the earth. I have dominion over this body. I govern it, I feed it, I care for it. It is my possession. By realizing that, I take my body out of this world where it has been at the mercy of weather, climate, food and calendars that testify to the passing of time. I take my body out of the carnal mind by realizing that I was given charge of it—not to turn it over to calendars, to the control of winds and weather. No, I was given it to care for.

*Admitting God Into Our Consciousness*

The Master revealed the deep secret that the kingdom of God is within us, awaiting our acknowledgment, recognition, and invitation, but unless in this moment we acknowledge the truth of his revelation that the spirit of God is within us, how then can we take the next step and say, "Lord, I am listening. Enter."

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### **Spiritual Interpretation Of Scripture**

*The True Sense Of The Universe*

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Secret of secrets: Let divine harmonies appear as you disregard evidence of [the five senses].

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### **SPIRITUAL POWER OF TRUTH**

*Before Abraham*

Please believe me. I have worked so many years in this Work. I have known from the beginning that we were dealing with a spiritual universe and that the evil in it wasn't real. However, I never knew why, nor did I know how it came into this state of being out of Eden until a revelation came to me. The revelation came in those passages where God said, "*Who told you, you were naked?*" Then I knew that something was wrong. The knowledge of good and evil, Adam and Eve thrown out of Eden: that gave me the whole secret. Eden represents our spiritual domain. Eden represents a state of harmony, or Heaven. Eden represents our immortality, our state of Divine Being.

As you read the writings of The Infinite Way, you will see that the secret of The Infinite Way is in the word *I*. That is the secret! Even if you go back to my basic textbook, which is the very first book of all, *The Infinite Way*, you will see that it is founded on God appearing as man. It is not God *and* man, not man going to God. The whole of *The Infinite Way* is the revelation that God appears as man. Then all that God Is, I Am; all that the Father has Is minco So the secret lies in going within to that I which I Am!

The whole secret of harmonious living is embodied in the word *I* and when you realize that *I* Is God, it is the only name you can use for God...Those that are called synonyms for God are not that at all; they merely describe attributes of God. When you say, "God is love," love is not a synonym for God, because there is not a synonym for the fullness of God. Love is merely one of the attributes of God. When you say that God is mind or intelligence, it is not true. Mind or intelligence is an attribute of God. So it is when you say, "God is Spirit": that is not entirely true, because spirit is actually the substance of God, or consciousness is the substance of God. The only time you are really declaring God is when you say *I*...In fact, when you read in the Bible about "the Word," spelled with a capital W, the Word is *I*. When you are told to live in *My Word*, the Word to live in is *I*, and way to live in it is to recognize *I and the Father are One*, not two.

Our work is based, first of all, on the unfoldment given to me that God constitutes our individual being. God is the life of us, God is the mind of us, God is the soul of us. Eventually we discover that even our body is the temple God. In the unfolding of this there came a revelation, let's say. It was such at the time, and it has proven to be a very important one—namely, that the word consciousness contains the entire secret of life. Certainly, it contains the secret of life as we live it in The Infinite Way.

Once you understand the spiritual way of life, it would be impossible to lack. It would be impossible because infinity is the measure of your supply. There isn't anyone that can give it to you and there isn't anyone that can take it from you. It is something that you set in motion yourself by attuning to the spiritual law of supply. The secret of the Law of supply, spiritually, is in the passage "What have you in your house?" What *have* you now in your "house"...*house* meaning consciousness: "What have I in my consciousness?" "*I and my Father are One. Son, thou art ever with me; all that I have is thine.*" Therefore I do have something in my consciousness, I do have something that has been given me of God; I do have, I do possess.

Remember this—never set up warfare with persons or conditions, but take these into your consciousness and there resolve them by seeing that they have no power over you...Once you have done that you will know the greatest secret of life: you will have found it possible to be in the world but not of it. You will have found how not to resist evil, and how you need not be concerned for anyone or anything that might deprive you of this, that, or the other thing. You will have learned to go two miles instead of one, and you will have learned that it makes no difference if one dollar or a million dollars are taken from you, since the value will not be in the dollars but in the consciousness of truth within your own being, and through this spiritual discernment you will understand the real values.

*Exposition Regarding Families, Relatives And Friends*

The secret of harmonious relationships is the understanding of God as the very life, Soul, Spirit, substance, activity and law of every individual, of every animal, and even of the vegetable and mineral worlds.

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**The Altitude Of Prayer**

*True Prayer, The Source Of Our Good*

*Prayer, A Listening Attitude*

Secret of spiritual life is knowing the word of God then hearing Word.

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**The Art Of Spiritual Healing**

*Spiritual Healing: The Practice*

*A New Concept Of Supply*

The secret lies in the acknowledgment of God as Omnipresence, the presence of your very being.

*The Language Of Spiritual Healing*

God appearing *as* individual being—God appearing as you—is a secret of The Infinite Way; it is a secret of spiritual healing, This “you” is not a reflection or a separate idea or something less than God but God Itself made manifest.

*Treatment Is A Realization Of Omnipresence*

The secret of healing is in...immediate reinterpretation.

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**The Contemplative Life**

*Steps On The Path Of Illumination*

*Put Up Thy Sword*

There is only one Power, and the secret of harmonious living is the acknowledgment and recognition of one Power.

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**The Early Years (32-46)**

*Spiritual Healing*

The secret of secrets is this: never try to heal matter as matter. This is the password to success in practice and demonstration. Never try to remove or reduce a growth, increase or decrease blood pressure, heal a burn, reduce a fever, overcome a cold, etc. We are not physicians and we have nothing to do with healing bodies. We have, by the grace of good, been given the revelation that this is a spiritual universe, that we are entirely spiritual, that we have perfect, spiritual bodies, and that our work is to correct the belief that man, including the universe, is material and mortal. We do not treat a person or a body. Our work is impersonal. It is treating the world belief in any given direction. That is why we cannot look to the body for health, or to see if we are improving.

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**The Infinite Way Letters 1955**

*Suggestions For Healing Work*

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Secret of healing: When a call comes from help...say, "Rumor, temptation, appearance, nonsense."

*The Comforter*

The great secret of life is this: God is incarnated in man.

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**The Infinite Way Letters 1956**

*The Part We Play*

*Across The Desk*

The secret is this: only the *realized Christ* [or "click"] breaks the bondage to mental, physical, moral, and economic conditions.

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**The Infinite Way Letters 1957**

*June: The Secret Of The Healing Principle*

*The Fabric Of "this World"*

The secret of all healing is an understanding of the nature of error. Error is never a person...a thing...a condition.

*Understanding The Body*

The secret of life is right identification.

*Gratitude For Spiritual Teaching*

Only in that deep, deep silence of an illumined Soul are the secrets transmitted to the Soul of the student who has prepared himself by dedication...to the demonstration of God.

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**The Infinite Way Letters 1958**

*February: Problems Aren't Problems Anymore*

*There Is No Power In Problems*

There are no conditions or persons against which to use God-power. That is the ultimate secret.

*From The Letter To The Spirit*

The whole secret lies in learning to be attuned, and then you will find that the fullness of God is already within you.

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**The Infinite Way Letters 1959**

*February: A Lesson To Sam*

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The secret that I have learned is that God is infinite intelligence and He already knows our needs, even before we do.

*Whom Say Ye That I Am?*

The only word that describes God, and which is not objective to the thinker, is *I*. When you comprehend that, you have the secret of life.

*Recognize The Divine Source*

The entire secret of life is bound up in the one word, "Consciousness." If I am consciously aware of this infinite...Source, and if I consciously draw upon it by realizing my oneness with It and letting the flow take place, then my life is lived in, by, and through, and as Spirit.

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**The Letters '32-'46**

*Spiritual Healing*

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Secret of secrets: never try to heal matter as matter.

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**The Master Speaks**

*The I That I Am*

*Spirit Reveals Itself In Silence*

Greatest secret in the world is silence.

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**The Mystical I**

*Do Not "pass By On The Other Side"*

*The Purpose Of The Infinite Way*

Once you understand that the principle that all evil is impersonal and that it does not have its rise in any individual, you will begin to have the secret of healing work and the secret of world work, because you will not attach the sin, the disease, the struggle for power, the wrong thinking, or any other thing to an individual.

*The Universality Of I*

I have never in my entire lifetime given a treatment to anyone. Why? Now you must know my secret: the *I* of me is the *I* of you. When I say that *I* will give you help, am I talking about Joel, or am I talking about the *I* of you that is within you? I am recognizing your *I*-ness...Because of this truth, you will never have to transfer thoughts to your patients or students or to the members of your family. You have only to recognize *I* in the midst of them, and trust that *I* to perform Its function.

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**The Thunder Of Silence**

*From The Unreal To The Real*

*Transcending Mind*

In the human scene, the mind is creative. It can create good and it can create evil—and does. *In the spiritual scene however, the mind is not a creative faculty, but an avenue of awareness...* The whole secret lies in making the transition from a thinking, plotting, planning, scheming, mind to a mind at rest in a state of awareness, through which divine ideas can flow.

The basic secret of mind is that there is only one mind, and that mind is the mind of individual being—your mind and my mind...and this mind is *unconditioned*: It has no qualities of good or of evil; it is a state of being, not good and not bad...Furthermore, mind forming itself as body is unconditioned; and therefore body is neither well nor sick, tall nor short, thin nor fat. Body is as unconditioned as the mind which is the essence of its form. Mind and body, being unconditioned, are a state of absolute being and perfection until the belief of good and evil is accepted into thought.

There is a secret about forgiveness: There is not anything or anybody that can forgive us. Therefore, there is not a possibility of our ever being forgiven except under one condition, and that is when there is no possibility of the offense being repeated. In other words, no matter what the offense may have been, as long as there is the potentiality within us of its being repeated, we are not wholly forgiven...We meditate and look at the situation upside down and from every angle, until all of a sudden we do catch a clear picture not only of the wrongness of what has been done but of the truth that only the state of consciousness that made us commit this offense in the first place could make us do it a second time, and if we find that that state of consciousness does not exist any more, we have then "died" and have been reborn of the Spirit.

This is the secret of The Infinite Way, and it is the secret of healing: "Henceforth know we no man after the flesh" — not even after healthy flesh. Henceforth know we no man after his wealth—large amounts or small: We know only God as Father, and God as Son, the Christ, the spiritual image and likeness of God. Henceforth know we only God as constituting man; henceforth know we only God as the substance of man. Henceforth know we only God as the life of man, the Soul of man, the health of man, the wealth of man, the dwelling place of man. Henceforth know we only God, and not man.

True, we have to rebuke evil: Sometimes we have to vote against it; sometimes we have to talk against it; and sometimes we have to correct children and even grownups too. But this has to be done without our actually believing it, recognizing, "Yes, that's the appearance-world, and the people in it have not awakened to this great secret that there is neither good nor evil in person, place, or thing."