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## A PARENTHESIS IN ETERNITY

Chapter: Attaining The Mystical Consciousness

Topic: *Self-surrender*

We must surrender all desire to the *one* desire: to see God face to face, to know Him, and to let the will of God be made manifest in us. There must come the complete surrender of our personal selfhood, so that the Spirit of God can fulfill Itself in us in accordance with *Its* will, not with ours.

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## BEYOND WORDS AND THOUGHTS

Chapter: Measuring Spiritual Progress

Topic: *Signs Of Spiritual Progress*

1963 Kailua Private Class

518:1 or 517:2

If you have surrendered yourself to God, so that you have no Self but that Self which is God, and know that whatever of good, emanating from you or through you, is of God and whatever of error is just is just your inability to let God fully function, then you must know that this is the truth about everybody whether or not he is aware of it.

Chapter: Thou Shalt Not Make Unto Thee Any Graven Image

Topic: *Surrender Your Mind To God*

1963 Kailua Private Class

518:1 or 517:2

Complete surrender does not mean making yourself nothing, making yourself an automaton, or anything of that kind. It really means surrendering yourself to the influence of purity, harmony, and grace in every area of life, and not saying, "I want to save out this part of my life for myself," because that is the barrier for many.

Chapter: Truth Unveiled

Topic: *Crucifying Personal Sense*

1963 Kailua Private Class

518:2 or 519:2

All our study, all our knowing of the truth, all our healing ministry must eventually lead to the period of Sabbath or Grace, which is the full and complete surrender of self, to the end that God may live on earth as He is living in heaven.

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## CONSCIOUSNESS IN TRANSITION

Chapter: Prayer and Receptivity

Topic:

1948

Now, you will have to take this on faith. There are pleasures in the spiritual realm that transcend anything there is in humanhood. There are pleasures, there are joys, there are harmonies, there are friendships that transcend any type of human relationship you have ever known. It is worthwhile to stick on this path. It is worthwhile to set your sails for uncharted seas, for the wide horizon, for the places that the average human won't ever find, won't take off for, won't give up material comforts for, won't surrender family life for. There are wonderful, wonderful places.

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## CONSCIOUSNESS IS WHAT I AM

Chapter: The Dedicated Consciousness

Topic: *Discovering Infinity Within*

1964 San Fernando Valley Center

542

It is the man of earth who wishes to "die daily" in order to be reborn of the Spirit and who is now turning within, virtually saying, "God, destroy my humanhood; destroy the limited sense of myself that I am now entertaining; destroy finiteness in me; destroy that combination of good and evil in me and consecrate me to Your Self. Give me the purity which I had with You in the beginning."

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## CONSCIOUSNESS TRANSFORMED

Topic:

What we surrender, we have; what we hold in the grasp of possession we lose. Everything we release, we draw to us. . . because life—God—is an outflow, and only as we are letting the grace of God flow through us are we instruments of the divine.

Chapter: Self-surrender

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Topic:

The Master is consciousness, the Son of God, which is our real identity, which everyone of us incorporates within ourselves. So the moment we surrender in the realization of our nothingness, in that moment the Master is omnipresent to take over our experience.

Chapter: The Bread you cast upon the water

1964

Topic:

Some of us look on certain means of income as natural, and we have to lose that. Others look on health as natural, and we have to lose that. In other words, we are always losing our material sense of things and being reborn into the spiritual sense of things.

## CONSCIOUSNESS UNFOLDING

Chapter: The Ministry of the Christ

1949

Topic: *Dedication*

“Father, here I am. My mind, my Soul, my body—all are yours. You take them. You take over.”

## GOD, THE SUBSTANCE OF ALL FORM

Chapter: Individual Unfoldment of Consciousness

1949

Topic: *A New Bottle*

We have to develop a whole. . . new state of consciousness, and we begin by giving up all material sense. . . This cannot be done in a moment: it is the work of a lifetime, because it involves a complete change of consciousness.

Chapter: States and Stages of Consciousness

1949

Topic: *Spiritual Man And The Spiritual Universe Are Here And Now*

You are that ideal man all the time, and all that is necessary to bring that man forth into manifestation is your realization that there *is* a divine Principle operating in the universe. . . [Then] you let go of all that constituted your humanhood—your worry, your fear, your doubt, your anxiety, your planning, your scheming. And in the moment that you let go of the false sense of humanhood, you find yourself to be that spiritual man.

## LEAVE YOUR NETS

Chapter: Hidden Manna

1953 First Portland Class

Topic: *Hidden Manna*

37 1; 33:1

In order to have a different experience tomorrow I there must be some kind of a different activity in your consciousness today. If you are to bring spiritual fruits into your experience, you must leave your "nets" and purge yourself of whatever branches you are holding onto that are dead. You will not be able to enter the presence of God carrying your burdens with you. You will not come into the presence of God carrying with you any desire for God to do to do something, be something, or get something for you. There has to be a purification of all human desires in the realization of His grace. You must consciously make the sacrifice of everything external; you must surrender the past and the future. Surrender every desire for person, place, thing, circumstance, or condition, even your hope for heaven.

God can be attained only in one way: through a complete surrender of everything except the one desire to bask in that Grace that is sufficient unto you. Think what it would mean to have that Grace. Think what it would mean to have the peace of the Christ, the *My* peace that the Christ can give unto you, not the peace of the world, not health or money, not position, place, or power: only spiritual peace, Think what it would mean if you could desire only *My* peace, the Christ-peace, with no thought of what it would do or what it would get for you!

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## LIVING BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

Chapter: The Consciousness of Omnipresence

1964 Oahu/maui Series

Topic: *Consciousness Is The Source And Substance Of Life*

547:2

To become consciously one [with the Father] means to surrender personal will.

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## LIVING BY GRACE

Chapter: Living The Mystical Life

Topic: Self-Surrender

The period of Sabbath or Grace is the full and complete surrender of self. In all of us there remains a finite sense of self that in the last analysis must be crucified. Each of us has this personal sense of self when we believe we have (or do not have) a skill, a wisdom, or an art. Moses' sense of self was in his feeling of unworthiness. Jesus had it in his feeling of "I can of my own self do nothing." I definitely had it in the knowledge that I could not bring forth the message of The Infinite Way. That sense of self must be crucified until we can realize, "I do not have any Truth. I do not know Truth. I do not have any skill or art. I *am* the Truth, I *am* the art, I *am* the skill." In that moment, humanhood has "died" and Christhood has been "born" and revealed in its fullness and the ascension or translation can take place.

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## LIVING NOW

Chapter: Mind Imbued with Truth

1963

Topic: *Unconditioning The Mind*

Surrender mind to God by not taking thought and hold it in a listening attitude.

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## MAN WAS NOT BORN TO CRY

Chapter: Christ Raised from the Tomb

1961 Hawaiian Village Open Class

Topic: *Personal Selfhood Must Be Surrendered*

441:2

. . . a surrender that lets God live His live as us.

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## OUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Chapter: Dominion over Mind, body, and Purse

1960

Topic: *A Transformation Of Consciousness Is Requisite*

When. . . you are able to say with the Master, and mean it, "Forgive seventy times seven. . . Resist not evil," you have yielded your humanhood. You have yielded *your* will, *your* opinion, *your* convictions, and you have accepted the grace of God, and the Spirit of God does dwell in you.

Chapter: Transition

1960

Topic: Surrender Your Body To The *I* of your being

Somewhere deep down within us, something will come into expression to assure and reassure us that we have surrendered ourselves to the Infinite Invisible, and in one way or another, It will let us know that It has taken over.

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## REALIZATION OF ONENESS

Chapter: Release Man

1964 L

Topic: *Release Man*

Live in subjection to the Christ which overcomes ourselves and realize Its dominion over conditions.

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## SEEK YE FIRST

Chapter: Dominion  
Topic: *Overcoming The World Within Us*

1962 London Closed Class  
490 4:2

[Jesus] had overcome the world by overcoming self, and that means he had allowed God to have full dominion in his consciousness.

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## SHOWING FORTH THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Chapter: God's Blessing Is Not Dependent on Thought or Thing  
Topic: *Surrender And Relax From Concern*

1962 Hawaiian Village Open Class, Tape 2: 1.  
445 2:1

Release God from all responsibility to you. Drop all concern for the things of this world. Take no thought for your food, for your health, or for your family life. Take no thought for the world's peace; take no thought for the enemy—physical, mental, moral, financial, or political. Have no fear of the enemy, because your assurance is that God's grace is closer than breathing. . . *My actions or thoughts, even for good, will not make Thee function, but Thy functioning will change my thoughts and my deeds. I surrender to Thee all that is erroneous or evil in my makeup, and I surrender to Thee all the good that I think I am, all my self-righteousness, along with all desires. I surrender all fears, for in Thy presence there is liberty; in Thy presence there is naught to fear. I shall not fear what mortal circumstances, conditions, or persons can do to me, for in Thy presence is freedom from all the ignorant and destructive beliefs of the world.*

Chapter: The True Demonstration  
Topic: *Are We Ready To Surrender Our All*

1951 Second Portland Series  
601 1:1

One thing is certain and that is that we must be able to surrender our all and to realize, "Yes, I could be deprived of everything and every person, turned out in this world alone I with only this clothing upon me but with the assurance that because I am God-governed, God-maintained, God-sustained. I would not even miss this evening's meal. It would be prepared for me, and breakfast in the morning, even if it had to be what the world called a miracle of cakes being baked on stones or of ravens bringing food." Unless a person has that complete inner conviction, he has not yet found the kingdom of God, and he is still playing around out in the world with shadows, with effects.

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## SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

Chapter: Judge Not According to the Appearance  
Topic: *Sacrificing Concepts As A Form Of Giving And Purification*

1953 First New York Practitioners' Class  
46 2:1,2

What is the most important thing we have to give up? What, but our concepts of God and man. We have to sacrifice everything we believe about each other; we must be willing to give up some of our most cherished beliefs including the belief that Jesus of himself was good. That is a hard sacrifice. So, too, we must give up the belief that some dictator is bad, that our friends are good and our enemies bad. In short, we have to give up the thing that is hardest for us to give up, and that is our concept of God and man. . . There is no way to please God except to give up our judgments of each other, our hates and loves until we come to the place where we can say, "There is but one good, the Father in heaven. God is the soul of every individual." . . See no exceptions to that no matter what you see the person doing. Stand on God as the soul of every individual. Judge not.

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## THE ALTITUDE OF PRAYER

Chapter: Creating a Vacuum for the Inflow of The Spirit  
Topic: *Spirit Fills The Vacuum Of Human Self*

1956-1962

Emptied of humanness we become divine by virtue of the Spirit which dwells in us

When we surrender all desires and receive God, we will wonder how we could have wanted so little of our abundance.

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## THE ART OF MEDITATION

Chapter: Meditation: The Experience  
Topic: *For Love Is Of God*

1956

When we recognize God as our neighbor, we become members of the household of God, saints in the spiritual kingdom; there is a complete surrender of self into the infinite Sea of Spirit. The good of God flows to us through all who become a part of our universe. . . No longer is there a need or a desire for any person or any thing. Every thing and every person becomes part of our being. What we surrender, we have; what we hold in the grasp of possession, we lose. Everything we release, we draw to us.

Chapter: Meditation: The Practice  
Topic: *The Purpose*

1951-1956

We must realize that we have no objective other than the achievement of the kingdom of God, that we have no demonstration to make except the demonstration of our spiritual Selfhood; but *that* we must demonstrate: first of all, for our own development; and secondly, as a witness to the world that God is individual Selfhood, and that this state of being may be attained by all those who are ready to give up the world, not be removing themselves to some remote spot, but by giving up their desires for that which the world can give.

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## THE CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE

Chapter: Meditation on life by Grace  
Topic: *Self-surrender*

1959-1961

I surrender all things unto Thee: I am not withholding anything: I am keeping no mental images in my mind to be concerned about.

Chapter: The Spiritual Christmas  
Topic: *The Rejection Of The Christ*

1959-1961

Bit by bit we begin to learn something of what Jesus meant when he said that his followers must leave all for his sake. Unless we begin to give up faith and trust and hope in the outer world, unless we come to the place of renouncing what the Master called "this world," even a good "this world," we cannot enter the spiritual kingdom. "My kingdom is not of this world," and even if this world has become a healthy, wealthy, or peaceful one, there is yet another place for us. It is "My kingdom," and it is a world made up of entirely different standards from those of even the very best human standards.

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## THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1956

Chapter: In God's Presence Is Fullness of Life  
Topic: *Part One*

1953 First Portland Class  
37:2

We must surrender even the desire to attain Christhood! Surrender everything but the desire to stand before God!

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## THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1957

Chapter: March: Understanding the Body  
Topic: *Flesh As Concept*

1955 Kailua Study Group  
113:1

Let us remember, all cause is embodied in our own being. That cause is forever appearing as effect, and therefore, that effect must "die daily" in order that the new form may be born.

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## THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1958

Chapter: May: The Object of Our Search  
Topic: *The End Of The Search*

When desire for the objects of life is surrendered in the realization of God as fulfillment, we are very close to the goal.

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## THE THUNDER OF SILENCE

When we let go of our human rights or human will or desires—even the good desires—and absolutely resign ourselves to God's will, It rushes in as if there were a vacuum, and when It takes over, we can feel Its every movement coursing throughout our body, right through the muscles and veins down to the nails. We are one with the rhythm of the universe, and all is well. All that the Father has is now flowing through us out into this world as a divine Grace, bringing to us all that is ours and bringing us to all those to whom we belong. . . But I must remind you that Spirit is never working for us. It is working in and through us as we yield and surrender ourselves—even our thoughts—so that God can take over.