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## A MESSAGE FOR THE AGES

Chapter: Material sense of demonstration or the unfoldment of grace  
Topic: *Tabernacling With The Children Of God*

1963 Instructions For Teaching The Infinite Way 6:1  
550

The whole of the spiritual path eventually comes down to the separation between material sense and spiritual consciousness, between thinking of the power of God as going to do something for human beings on earth, instead of rising to the spiritual kingdom and realizing that we have left the man of earth and are tabernacling with angels, children of God.

Chapter: Not Appearance but IS  
Topic: *Focus Attention On The Things Of God*

1963 Instructions For Teaching 2:1; 1954  
510, 90

Keep your conversation, even your silent conversation with yourself, in heaven. Keep your mind focused on God, the spirit, the invisible. Then take some phase of God, whether it is life, love, substance, or law, and keep pondering on God as the only law of the universe, thereby annihilating all sense of human law: legal law, material law, medical law, or atomic law. Think of God as the source of all life. Thus "every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" becomes more and more that life eternal in your experience. As you keep pondering these things you finally come to a place where thought automatically stops. There is nothing left to think about, and peace descends. In that peace you wait for the voice to speak to you, for the assurance to come, for inspiration of one sort or another. In that way you develop the ability to be receptive to the divine consciousness. You tap the source of love divine, life divine, truth divine, the source of all inspiration. But you tap it only when you go beyond the realm of thinking.

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## A PARENTHESIS IN ETERNITY

Chapter: Attaining The Mystical Consciousness  
Topic: *The Function Of The Mind*

The universe that we know with the physical senses is not a material universe: it is a mental universe.

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## BEYOND WORDS AND THOUGHTS

Chapter: His Rain Falls  
Topic: *Relying On Effect Is Sowing To The Flesh*

1963 Kailua Private Class

You were born into a material sense of life, and therefore, you have been sowing to the flesh all your human life. In other words, you have put your entire hope, faith, and confidence in form or effect. You have been brought up to believe that money is supply, and it is this teaching that really causes all the lack and limitation on earth. . . Consciousness is supply; Spirit is supply; the Invisible is supply. Supply is That over which you have no control, but That which can, when you permit It, control, govern, and fulfill you. When you go far enough in the message of The Infinite Way, you will discover that *I* am supply, that *I* within you embody and embrace the infinity of supply, not only for your own use, but that *I* can feed five thousand, because *I* is God.

Chapter: Incorporeality: God, Man, and Universe  
Topic: *Because Of Incorporeality, Givingness Results In Multiplication*

1963 Kailua Private Class  
521:2

Sooner or later somebody will tell you that you have to have common sense, and you do, when you are living out from a material state of consciousness. If, however, in an illumined state of consciousness you yield to that suggestion, you are going to lose your demonstration. . . Do not yield to the temptation of using common sense.

The less you react with fear to the sins and the diseases of the world, the greater the degree of spiritual progress you have made and are making. . . In proportion as you understand that temporal power is not power in the presence of God, there will be less and less reaction to the pictures of disease or accident presented to you. . . If instead of reacting to these accounts [of lack of food and other necessities] with horror or with pity, you can realize that lack of any kind is a universal belief because supply is spiritual and, therefore omnipresent, you may help to lift those who are entertaining a material sense of supply out of such hypnotism.

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### CONSCIOUS UNION WITH GOD

Chapter: The Argument Or Treatment  
Topic: *Treatment Illustrated*

1947

Reinterpret forms of material sense as actual presence of God.

Chapter: The Mission Of The Messiah  
Topic: *Human Need Drives People To The Christ*

1947 Metaphysical Notes

Most choose to demonstrate only to the level of their sense of good material living.

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### CONSCIOUSNESS IN TRANSITION

Chapter: Spiritual Healing  
Topic:

1948

Many have thought that God, spirit, was the actual substance of the tree, of your body or of the flowers, of that which you could handle, of any animal or physical body. But God is not the substance of that. God is the underlying substance and reality of that, but what you see, taste, touch or smell, is the product of mortal, material, finite sense—or the human mind is based.

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### CONSCIOUSNESS IS WHAT I AM

Chapter: Attaining a Measure of Spiritual Consciousness  
Topic: *Attaining A Measure Of Spiritual Consciousness*

1969 L

There is in reality only one Consciousness, but we entertain a material sense of that Consciousness; and what is it that constitutes a material sense of consciousness? It is that state of thought that depends on the outer world for its good.

Chapter: Invisible Life Fulfills Itself Tangibly and Visibly  
Topic: *Consciousness Externalizes As Form*

1969 L

The only reason you and I do not experience all that the Father has is that there is a *sense* of separation which comes from the materialistic concept that there is a God somewhere: a God and a man, a God that is pure and a man who is a sinner.

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### CONSCIOUSNESS TRANSFORMED

Chapter: Freedom is an activity Within your Own consciousness  
Topic:

1964

In the materialistic sense of life we are always conferring powers upon some one or some thing. The entire human experience is made up of a combination of good and evil—externalized good and evil, and we give power to everything external to ourselves. As a matter of fact, we seldom reserve any power at all, any dominion to our selves.

Is there a material universe, or does that tidal wave represent a material sense of universe, and is it not the truth that consciousness is the only cause, the only law, and the only effect? Therefore, consciousness must be the substance of the waves, not only consciousness but *My* consciousness, since there is no other. . . and I realize that my consciousness is not even mine, but God's. Therefore, is there anything destructive in God's consciousness? No!. . . Since you are between two worlds, there is enough material sense left in you to be tempted by the appearance of a tidal wave. However, there must be enough elevation of consciousness to be able to sit down and realize: "Am I accepting external powers? Am I accepting power in things, or am I accepting that all dominion is given unto *Me*— and this means individual consciousness?"

Material sense says that there is power in the body—power to be healthy or to be diseased or to be sinful. Then draw yourself up into your higher consciousness and realize that it is only material sense that is telling you this because in the Garden of Eden there is no power, there is just pure being.

Chapter: I and My Father are One

1964

Topic:

You must often remember and consciously remember that there are not actually two worlds. There is only one, the world of consciousness or spirit, but there is a false sense of that world which you entertain and that false sense constitutes the other world—the world of material sense.

The world of material sense, with its good and evil, must be put off. But remember this: No amount of studying is going to put it off and no amount of instruction will put it off. The only thing that will put it off is realization. . . With every such realization you have put off some measure of mortality.

The nature of material sense. . . says power is "out there."

When a thought comes into your mind, train yourself to weigh it in light of the two worlds: "Is that a material thought? Am I placing power in something or someone external to the *I* that I am?. . . If I am imputing power externally, I am living in the world of material sense, material values." But when such thoughts come to you and you reinterpret them: "No! I do not live by bread or by property, but by the will of God. I do not die by the power of accidents or germs or heredity; I die in proportion as I withdraw power from that external realm. I die to my humanness, but I am in that degree reborn into my spiritual Sonship." As soon as you can draw back the power into the *I* that I am, fear of this outer world disappears.

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.

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## CONSCIOUSNESS UNFOLDING

Chapter: Freedom in Christ

1949

Topic: *The Spiritual Plan*

We are to lift thought up out of its material sense and bring to light a spiritual awakening.

Chapter: Questions and Answers

1949

Topic: *Practitioner's Responsibility For A Case*

The responsibility of the patient is receptivity. In so far as possible, he must be willing to give up his material sense of existence to accept the spiritual. . . [or] at least to desire the spiritual life.

Chapter: The Christ

1949

Topic: *The Birth Of The Christ*

The Christ is always immaculately conceived and always brought forth in virginity, in the mind that is prepared to give up its material sense of existence.

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## GOD, THE SUBSTANCE OF ALL FORM

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.

When people in the ordinary run of human existence die, or pass on, there is only a momentary lapse of consciousness from which they awaken in practically the same degree of mortality or material sense.

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## LEAVE YOUR NETS

To material sense [Spirit] is not presence because It is not outlined form; It is not power because It does not supplant, overcome, rule, or govern other powers. Yet, It is a presence in the sense that the spiritually illumined feel It, sense It, cognize It, and are aware of It, even while It has no actual form, outline, color, or dimension. It is a power because Its very presence reveals harmony, even where discord, disease, or sin may have been.

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## LIVING BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

Before we can begin to share, we must rise out of the material sense of life that thinks it must get. We do not have to acquire, strive, or struggle: we only have to stand still in the realization of Self-completeness and Self-containment.

No amount of studying and no amount of instruction will put off [material sense with its good and evil.] The only thing that will put it off is realization. When you take a truth into your consciousness and abide with it and let it abide in you until a moment of realization, you will have put off some measure of mortality.

Material sense has to do with quantities and qualities, but spiritual discernment has no awareness of quantities or qualities—not even large quantities, not even good qualities. Spiritual discernment knows only the allness of invisible Spirit. It sees God as the consciousness of individual being.

The ability to move from the world of material sense into the world of spiritual discernment is proportionate to our ability to close our eyes to the appearance and wait for that inner intuition, the voice of God, to reveal to us the truth of what we are beholding.

As we outgrow a material sense of life and think in terms of God as our Selfhood, we can stop taking anxious thought, turn our attention to whatever work has to be done today, and then behold all these other things in the external, appearing in due order.

In the material universe, a tidal wave is a destructive power. But is there a material universe, or does that tidal wave represent merely a material sense of universe?

When we see structural or physical man, we are really seeing material sense. But there is no such thing as structural man. Man is that selfhood that is completely invisible to the eyesight.

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## LIVING BY THE WORD

The kingdom of God is within, but it is overlaid with centuries of materialistic thinking and living which have brought about a sense of separation from God. It has not brought about a separation from God, only a *sense* of separation.

### **LIVING THE ILLUMINED LIFE**

So it is that while you are evolving as students, you have to watch your lower nature; you have to hold the reins on it. You have resist temptation; you have to remind yourself of the truth; you have to have Bible passages to hold you to the truth that there is a He within you. All this acts as a bridge to take you , out of me material sense of life into the spiritual.

### **MAN WAS NOT BORN TO CRY**

If you remember that the object of The Infinite Way is to overcome material sense and be lifted into spiritual consciousness, you will have very little difficulty in healing work.

### **OUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES**

Whatever the nature of our particular problem may be, let us not try to hide it. Let us rather face it and realize that we are on this path for the purpose of realizing our way out of material sense into spiritual consciousness. As long as we retain even a measure of material consciousness, that measure must externalize itself, and it can externalize itself in forms of human good as well as human evil. Material sense has no intelligence.

Let us not for a moment think that we can take a spiritual stand for the world and make its demonstration. Our prayer is. . . that material sense be destroyed in order that brotherly love may be established in the hearts and souls and minds of peoples and governments all over the world.

### **SHOWING FORTH THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

Every phase of our existence would be harmonious if we could step about six inches to the right of ourselves and watch the activity of God morning, noon, and night, or step a few inches in back of ourselves and watch the activity of God as it functions, instead of jumping in with the personal sense of I. The moment we come in with that word "I," we are running the business; we are doing something about health; we are trying to govern the universe; and in that degree we are living a material existence—sometimes good, more often not. We must watch our use of the word "I." The word "I" is always a devil, except when it is a word we hear in the ear. Every time we voice the word "I," we are voicing that devil of a selfhood apart from God, a sense of separateness.

We do not take the problem or the person into our silent meditation, but make an effort to have our periods of meditation in which the soul within is completely at rest from all thought of person and thing. When the outer world impinges on our thought, then the reminder comes, "Is this my affair or is it the affair of the Father within?" While we are concerned about that little "I" in relation to an external affair, we are still in the material sense of existence.

Chapter: The Substance of all Good  
Topic: *A Material Sense Of A Spiritual Universe*

1951 Second Portland Series  
602 1:2

In reality there is no such thing as sin, disease, and death. In reality, if any man has ever died in the history of the world, the whole principle of God is invalidated because God is life eternal and God is infinite. So there could not be any life that could ever pass into death. There could not be one trace of consciousness ever becoming unconscious. If there were, then the whole principle of God disappears off the face of the earth. Certainly, material sense will testify to death.

What we call a material creation is not a material creation: it is a material sense of the spiritual creation. When we come to the realization all creation is spiritual and there is not a material creation, but merely a *material sense* of a spiritual creation, everything in this universe answers, responds, and is subject to the divine consciousness which is God.

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## SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

Chapter: Immortality Unveiled  
Topic: *Becoming Free Of The Body*

1962 Los Angeles Special Class  
486: 1:2

What you see with your eyes is not your body, but a universal material concept. There is nothing personal about life; It is impersonal. So it is that on the human plane you are not seeing your concept of body: you are seeing the universal concept of body which is the material sense of body.

Chapter: Mind Imbued with Truth  
Topic:

1962 Princess Kaiulani Closed Class  
483 4:2

Because of the practitioner's evolved spiritual consciousness and your making yourself one with it, you respond to that higher consciousness and are lifted above the five physical senses. The Son of God, the Christ, is raised up in you. Material sense drops away, and with it the false images of physical sense which we call disease, unhappiness, or lack.

Chapter: The Infinite Way of Life  
Topic: *The Infinite Way Of Life*

1962 Pacific Palisades Special  
465 1:1

The purpose of the Infinite Way is to bring about a transition in consciousness from a material sense of life to a spiritual consciousness of life. In this work a transition is made out of the world of material and mental powers to a state of consciousness where there is no power. Spiritual power is really not a power in the sense of doing anything to anything or anyone, or being used for any purpose whatsoever.

Chapter: The transition to Christhood  
Topic: *Come Out From Under The Law And Live Under Truth*

1962 Pacific Palisades Special  
465 2:2

It is not possible for anyone to separate you permanently from living under the law. That is something you do for yourself. Your practitioner does it for you in an acute condition for which you turn for help. . . *You* have to move out from being under the material sense of law to being under Grace. In any emergency, of course, a practitioner who knows the truth of spiritual identity and the nonpower of effect can bring you out from under the law and place you under Grace in a particular situation, and probably in the next one, the next one, and the next one. But after a few years it does not work that way any more. In other words, sooner or later the student must begin to bring himself out consciously from under the law and bring himself under Grace. He must at some time or other release himself from traditional prayers or new modern metaphysical prayers that seek to gain something from God.

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## SPIRITUAL INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE

Chapter: The True Sense of the Universe  
Topic: *(the True Sense Of The Universe)*

1947

Finite sense beholds added things as objectified material sense.  
The life of material man or flower is mortal sense objectified.

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### SPIRITUAL POWER OF TRUTH

Chapter: Sin: Its Illusory Nature  
Topic:

Now to say that sensation is an activity of consciousness would be to withdraw every erroneous sensation from the body. To say that activity, movement, action, is an activity of consciousness would be to prevent the muscles from becoming paralyzed. Why? Because the activity of muscles is in consciousness. So it would be with all the organs and functions of the body. If you sow to the flesh, you believe that heart, liver, and lungs can move in and of themselves and that they are an issue of life. Then, of course, you are in the material sense of existence and can only reap corruption: sin, disease, death.

Chapter: Universal Hypnotism  
Topic:

We do not aim at having instantaneous healings. They're wonderful when they take place, if they fulfill their spiritual mission; but that is not our object. Our object is the changing of consciousness—the changing of an individual's consciousness from a material sense of life to the spiritual awareness of life. . . You see, we are the ones, when the right help is given, who should be responding in accordance with God's will. However, we fight this by having in our mind how the demonstration should come out, and when, and to what extent, and so on.

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### THE ART OF MEDITATION

Chapter: Meditation: The Experience  
Topic: *The Beauty Of Holiness*

1956

If we try to see perfection in the form, we lose it. Material sense sees the form and enjoys it; spiritual sense sees the underlying substance and reality of the form. The form, then, is always perfect, complete, and whole.

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### THE ART OF SPIRITUAL HEALING

Chapter: Spiritual Healing: The Practice  
Topic: *What About This Body?*

1956

Even after the Crucifixion [Jesus] was entertaining in some measure a material sense of body.  
Anything to the contrary [of the one Law] is but a material sense of law.  
The moment a problem is presented, immediately bring to consciousness the nature of the claim as material sense, hypnotism.

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### THE EARLY YEARS (32-46)

Chapter: Consciousness  
Topic:

Spiritual consciousness reverses the material senses in which good must flow to us, and reveals true spiritual joy, reveals good flowing out from the center of our being—where we do not seek good, or seek happiness or contentment. We seek only the opportunity to let good flow out from us. This takes thought away from a human sense of selfhood, which seems always to be in need of some one or some thing, and enables us to demonstrate our divinity, or Christhood. . . If we are successful in maintaining this position firmly, we will find everything in our experience expressing or manifesting the harmony, the activity, the abundance, the perfection of our perfect principle.

What of the unlovely traits we see in human conduct? From the basis of God as "all-in-all," there can be no such thing, and what seem to be these evils are merely illusions, forged by the belief that this is a material universe and that man is a material being, instead of a state of consciousness. In other words, all the seeming evils are the product of the finite physical senses like the illusions we see in the desert.

In proportion as you live in the calm assurance of God as the only presence and power can you release yourself from mental argument. As conviction comes to you of man's relationship to God as God manifested, as life expressed, can you realize the harmony of being which knows no fear of sin or disease. Uppermost in thought must be the understanding that even that which appears to ignorant, illusive sense as error, is suggestion; that which is called accident, under action or overaction, is mirage or nothingness. Then, we do not attempt to heal, correct, improve, but we rest—yes, we rest in the certainty that "as in heaven, so on earth, God is omnipotent, supreme." Silence human thinking by learning to listen; by stilling the material senses with, "peace, be still."

It is becoming clearer that all bodily discord is embraced in the material sense of existence, and that spiritual sense is the reality of all things. It is not the universe doing anything to us, but our sense of the universe is reflecting itself back to us. If we have a spiritual sense of man and the universe we perceive the spiritual in all men and things and they reflect themselves back to us as spiritual harmony. If we entertain a material sense of the world, it reflects a false sense back to us, known as sin, disease, death, lack.

Heaven is the earth itself seen through the vision of the Soul. Earth is heaven itself seen through material sense.

A hundred times a day some suggestion will come about our human selfhood, and a hundred and one times we must meet this suggestion with the conscious understanding and declaration that only that which is infinite, eternal, spiritual is true of us, of our true selfhood, and naught else can "enter to defile." For weeks, perhaps for months, we must watch what enters thought so that nothing is accepted as our true identity that is not true of God. Gradually we will become accustomed to thinking from the standpoint of perfect selfhood. In which case we cannot have a sense of "I am sick; or I am lonesome; or I am discouraged," because the selfhood that can be these things has been renounced so that it is no longer a part of consciousness, and whatever of sin, sickness or limitation had been a part of the human concept of ourselves has gone into nothingness with the material selfhood, and that which is true, eternal, immortal of the "I" that I now recognize myself to be, is the only manifestation and expression.

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## THE FOUNDATION OF MYSTICISM

Please don't ever believe that the function of God is to increase your material good. Too many metaphysicians have spent too many years trying to make a spiritual God increase their human sense of good instead of being willing to abandon the human sense of good for the spiritual reality.



The Infinite Way is not a message that turns economic lack into economic abundance. Actually, its purpose isn't even to turn physical disease into physical health. The results seem to work out that way, but our work is to surrender the physical, the material sense of existence, for the realization and demonstration of the spiritual life. Therefore, any problem that comes to an Infinite Way student is not a problem to be overcome. It is an opportunity to work through that particular facet of material life, or the material sense of life, to the spiritual. I have been through the experience of being faced with lack and limitation, and my attitude was—and it's going to stay this way—that I will not attempt a material solution until I work out of it spiritually, until I attain the secret of spiritual supply.

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1957

Chapter: November: Gratitude

1957

Topic: *Across The Desk*

Our work is to destroy material sense and thus free mankind from its only bondage.

Chapter: October: Bear Witness

1955 Kailua Study Group

Topic: *Bear Witness To The Illusory Nature Of Error*

128:1&2

When we appear to be good, it is the activity of God operating through us. When we appear to be evil, it is the activity of material sense which is only a sense of separation from God.

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1958

Chapter: April: The message of Easter: I Have Overcome the World

1958

Topic: *Opposition To The Christ Comes Within Ourselves*

[Christ] destroys both the good and the evil of material sense and brings to light. . . “My kingdom” which is not of this world.

. . . material sense will be swallowed up and our spiritual identity be revealed as the all and the only of us.

We have only to overcome the material sense which still exists within ourselves, and the degree [and nature] of the battle is determined by the tenacity of some phase of material sense which exists within us.

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1959

Chapter: January: Individual Responsibility

1959

Topic: *Across The Desk*

A universal mesmerism—a material sense of life—grips the human mind causing it to behold and accept conditions of good and evil.

Chapter: July: Spiritual Freedom

1959

Topic: *Encircling The World With A Band Of Christ-consciousness*

Are you willing to give periods of the day to the dissolving of the material sense which holds the world in bondage?

Chapter: May: God-Realization Dissolves Material Sense

1956 Second Steinway Hall Closed Class

Topic: *Error Is Material Sense Appearing As Form*

152:2

The nature of all error is material sense appearing as form.

Material sense always operates through the word “I.” . . This personal sense of “I” constitutes material sense. Something deeper and greater than yourself will flow out into visible expression. It, then will do what we interpret as healing work, although actually what appears as healing work will be the dissolution of material sense.

When there is no material sense, there is no personal sense of “I” to sin, to be sick, or to be poor. . . When there is no longer any personal “I,” what is left? God! . . . God, the Father, appearing as God, the Son, in all of God’s glory.

All evil is nothing more than a block of ice called material sense, and nothing will dissolve it except a realization of the presence of God.

God-realization dissolves all forms as which material sense appears.

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## THE LETTERS '32-'46

Chapter: Letter And Spirit of Truth  
Topic: *(letter And Spirit Of Truth)*

1932-46

All that appears as material is the false sense of self.

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## THE THUNDER OF SILENCE

Chapter: From Law To Grace  
Topic: *The Still Small Voice*

1956-58

There is only one enemy—the universal belief that material and mental force can control this world. The enemies confronting us today are not a threatened epidemic of disease, not a devastating condition of weather or climate, not impending economic disaster, nor destructive war: All these are but part and parcel of the belief in material and mental powers. . . and anything that exists in our mind as an objective thing is not power. Let us never fear an image in our mind whether that image is a person, a disease, even a bomb. That still small Voice in the midst of us is mightier than all of these, and if we can become so silent that that Voice can utter Itself—even if only as a deep breath or sense of peace or warmth—this earth will be filled with the voice of God and the belief in two powers will be silenced.

Chapter: From the Unreal to the Real  
Topic: *As We Forgive*

1956-58

Intellectually, it is practically impossible to convince ourselves that another person's interest is our interest, and that our interest is his interest or to believe that we are all equally children of God, because material sense testifies to the opposite. It is only in inner communion with God that we find ourselves in inner communion with man.

The creations of God are incorporeal, spiritual, and infinite, not physical, material, or finite. God is Spirit, and therefore the universe of God and the body of God are spiritual. However, as the creations of God present themselves to our human sense, they appear to be physical, material, and limited. The reason for this anomaly is that our mind in its unilluminated state is interpreting to us only what we can become aware of through our senses. We do not behold what is: We behold the interpretation of our mind.

We look at the creations of God through the instrument of the mind, and the forms we see take on the color and complexion of the mind interpreting them. When a person comes to us and says, "I have a diseased body" or "I have a sick mind" or "I have an empty pocketbook," he is beholding creation through limited, finite, material sense; but if we ignore what the person is seeing, feeling, and experiencing and realize that our mind is but an interpreter and if we can become sufficiently still so that the true picture can register, then out of the Silence we may hear, "Thou art my Child, my beloved child, in whom I am well pleased" or "This very place is the kingdom of God" or "All that I have is thine." In other words, there comes an assurance from within that the scene, as mortal sense interprets it, is incorrect; and in the Silence what is actually there is revealed to us.