

Right where there is an appearance of either good or evil, there is spiritual reality.

God has never lost His dominion over the spiritual kingdom, and spiritual man has never left his Father's house. Just as there is no fallen man in the sense of God's man falling into a state of mortality, so it would be equally impossible for mortality ever to rise into immortality and become a child of God.

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.

If I am to acknowledge God, I must acknowledge incorporeal God, and that means not only that I cannot embrace God in a figure or form, but I cannot even embrace It in a mental image. I dare not even name It because if I call It "Spirit" or "Mind," I have made an image of what I think God is. Even if I call It "Love," I have made an image...The only way in which I can know God is by knowing that I cannot know God, that God cannot be embraced in my mind, and that God is. Once you acknowledge that God *is*, you are inferentially declaring that God is infinity, God is omniscience, God is omnipotence, God is omnipresence...All you will even know about God is the word *I*.

When in your healing work, you can sit down with the mind at rest and not battle the appearance, not fight it, not try to remove germs from someone's body, not try to dissolve lumps and reduce fevers, not try to heal insanity, but rest in that inner peace and quiet and assurance that there is only one law, spiritual law, and that all else is an image in the mind, the experience of God can take over, and then the healing takes place.

A spiritually awakened person is completely satisfied with the people of this world because he knows them as they really are, and even though he sees the discords and problems that they are experiencing, he also knows that these are no part of their real being...Therefore he looks with compassion on those whom he knows are in ignorance of their true identity or those who do not understand the nature of God's world.

In proportion as this consciousness of no judgment is attained, the appearances in this world automatically change as they touch your consciousness. This is because your consciousness is not reacting to good or to evil, and is, therefore, able to pierce the veil of illusion, even the veil of good illusion, and see that there is nothing to fear and nothing to gloat about because what you are seeing is not the spiritual creation, but a finite concept of it.

The spiritual life is an individual life. There are ways of receiving help from a teacher and from one another, but the final battle and final victory are entirely individual matters, which must be fought out in the consciousness of each one of us...No one can take your temptation from you but you, and no one else can surmount the temptation.

...Acknowledging God continuously: God as the source of your food, God as the source of your intelligence, God as the source of your spiritual strength, God as the infinity of your supply.

When the practitioner glimpses the Christ of you...in that instant of spiritual conception—immaculate conception—you are born of Spirit. It is your practitioner who conceives you in your spiritual identity.

You are really the son of God in your spiritual identity, and this outer self that calls itself Mary, Jim, or Joel is the prodigal working his way back to the Father's house until eventually he does not repeat his given name any more: he says *I*.

The first chapter [of Genesis] is obviously the work of a mystic who had achieved complete union with God and who saw that this entire universe is Consciousness appearing as form; whereas subsequent chapters contain an account of the creation of mind...[The first chapter] recounts the unfolding of a spiritual universe where there is light before there is a sun or a moon, where the crops are in the ground before the seeds are planted, and where there is man before there is woman. That which is formed of Consciousness is never born: It is merely an emanation of Consciousness, which not only has no beginning but has no ending because as long as there is Consciousness, there is Consciousness *formed*... When Consciousness appears as form, it can appear as a seed or as a completely developed tree without

As I sat in my room, pondering and meditating, finally the answer came: “This is a spiritual universe, and yet here I am waiting for baggage, when the truth of the matter is there isn't any baggage. All that baggage is, is part of the belief of time and space—space that is occupied by baggage, time in which it could be lost, and space in which it could be lost. Here we are trying to find baggage, which if it were found would only be an evidence that the human scene had been manipulated. There is no truth to this whole picture because we are living in a spiritual universe where nobody has any need of baggage. Whatever there is of reality is incorporeal, spiritual and omnipresent; and whatever appears as finite baggage in time and space must be an image in thought, and it can have no reality to it; so I have been

In the discernment of spiritual light, disease goes nowhere because it was never really a presence.

I exist not as body but as Principle, as Spirit, and the very Consciousness of God.

We can know how close we are to *My kingdom* by observing to what degree we still react to good and evil. How joyously do we react to the good and how much are we disturbed by the bad? In what measure are we becoming indifferent to either the human good or the human evil?...Only at the beginning of our journey on the spiritual path do we think the ultimate goal is the improvement of our human experience...If we want merely to be humanly happy, healthy, and wealthy, we should remain nominal Christians, because trying to follow the teaching of Christ Jesus demands a tremendous price, a strict and a disciplined way of life.

If necessary, let us sit in a chair all day and all night until the Spirit of the Lord is upon us and dwells in us. Then after this principle of *resist not* has been demonstrated in our family, even to some small extent—because it can never be demonstrated beyond their ability to accept it and live up to it—and we know that we are capable of rising above the battle and resting in God, our consciousness of God's presence makes itself felt by bringing some measure of harmony to our community.

The problem presenting itself...is not a God-created spiritual entity, but a mental concept without cause or reality.

When you become convinced in your innermost heart that because God is infinite there are no pairs of opposites, you can say with the Master, "I have overcome the world." Then, you are back in the kingdom of heaven where nobody knows what health is because nobody knows what disease is; nobody knows what painlessness is because nobody knows what pain is; nobody knows what wealth is because nobody knows what poverty is; and if one does not know what health and wealth are, how can one know what their opposites are? There is nothing with which to make comparisons: There is just God, just spiritual Being, perfection.

It is up to us to prove that in the presence of this realized spiritual power, temporal power, whether of a material, mental, moral, or financial nature, is not a power.

We are embodied in the mind of God as spiritual form. Then, we appear outwardly in some concept of form.

God is available the very minute that I stop talking and stop thinking and turn within in humility, acknowledging God's grace, God's power, God's Spirit within me, and then relax for just a minute or two and let that Spirit take over. That really is all there is to the whole Infinite Way.

To live the spiritual life means to give up personal sense and come into the understanding that we have no life of our own, but that that life which is ours is really God's life expressed as our individual life or experience.

We are now at the point where we must take the position of advanced spiritual students who recognize the impersonal nature of evil...standing firmly on our understanding of the great fact that all evil is not only impersonal, but that it is not power.

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.

Never under any circumstances give a treatment to a person, a condition, or a disease...A treatment is a statement of spiritual truth, and there is no truth about a person, a disease, or a sin...The only truth there is, is about God, so the only thing you can ever treat is God.

In the world of the Spirit...it is never necessary to tell anyone our needs: we need only become quiet within our own being in the realization that the Truth in us, operating through the mind, is the substance of what appears outwardly, because mind forms itself as the dollars, as the seat in the airplane, or as whatever the need may be.

There is no way to confine the Spirit of the Lord once it has been released from consciousness.

The only thing about you that can be seen is whatever concept the world has built up regarding you, and that is not you. You are spiritual consciousness...pure consciousness.

You may have to stand fast in the face of the very opposite appearance. It may be in the face of a very, very persistent appearance. And so you will have to stand again and again and again and say, "I am being reborn of the Spirit. I am being renewed. I am no longer going to fear, hate, or love that which is outside of me. I am going to stand on the truth that knows that consciousness is the law unto that which is outside." It takes patience.

Until we become so at-one with the Spirit of God appearing as effect that we are never tempted to believe that power is in effect, we shall find that the Spirit of God does not operate in our experience.

There is only one way to experience the presence and power of God, and that is through the recognition and realization of Spirit as the reality of all that appears, but always with the understanding that the appearance itself is not the reality.

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.

That is the spiritual state...the state of being able to look at every man and woman in the world and say, "I am looking into the face of God."

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.

Spirit is the substance that appears outwardly as form, not as the form of what we see, hear, taste, touch, or smell, but as spiritual form. The impressions received through the senses represent our concept of that spiritual Presence that is here.

The day must come when the student realizes that all his questions, together with their answers, are absolutely worthless so far as his spiritual development is concerned...It is not a matter of knowing or not knowing the answers to questions posed by the human mind: it is a matter of attaining spiritual consciousness.

On the spiritual path, we make the transition from living under the law to living under Grace, and consciously remember that we are not under the law. This means every kind of law: medical law—infection, contagion, and heredity; theological law—punishment for sins of the past or of the present, or sins of the parents or of the grandparents. We no longer live under the laws of matter; we no longer live under the laws of mind; we no longer live under the laws of theology: we live under Grace.

If we fill ourselves with the conviction of the omnipresence of God, the very atmosphere around us is charged with spiritual power, and those who walk into that place feel its healing influence.

The danger is that you will pray for material things or desire material things, which means that you would like God, Spirit, to fulfill your concepts rather than to express God's way and God's will. To pray and have in mind anything of any condition that you want from God is to create the barrier separating you from it, because there is no God separate and apart from you, and that "you" has no problems.

Within each of us is the perfect Self that has never fallen, has never left heaven, and therefore can never gain heaven. It is already a state of heaven; it is already living the perfected life, the spiritual life, the Christ-life that can never be crucified, can never be resurrected, cannot even be ascended.

There is a mental inertia that operates universally in this human world, preventing even those who have been taught how to prepare themselves spiritually for the day from doing so. This mental inertia makes them forget to realize God's presence; it makes them forget to realize that mesmerism or malpractice is not spiritually ordained, and therefore is not operative in the individual consciousness that has realized the Presence.

At this stage of unfolding consciousness, you are responsible for every picture that presents itself to your sight or hearing. You may not "pass by on the other side" of the road...You owe a debt to God and to the world, and the debt is that you do not pass by on the other side of the road, but take note of every discord and every inharmony and bring to bear the activity of the Christ. Be a transparency through which the Christ dissolves the appearance. You do not necessarily have to think anything, but you must be still. You must be still for an instant, and let His Spirit flow through you and dissolve the appearance.

Never look upon the discords and inharmonies of your life as if they represented a lack of understanding or a lack of demonstration. Regard these unfortunate circumstances as opportunities which will be dissolved when they no longer serve their purpose as spurs to your spiritual unfoldment.

Now the time has come when we should no longer depend upon talk or the illumination of some other person. We must have the experience, so that we can be in this world but not of it, walk up and down this world and yet not be a part of it, walk in and out of the discords and inharmonies, as well as the pleasures and harmonies of this world, and through it all maintain our spiritual integrity. We lose all sense of having to *do* something, or having to *know* something or having to *understand* something...Let us be beholders, watching God at work in His universe, recognizing a transcendental Being as It performs Its work through our consciousness.

When you go within, you are going within your own consciousness because that is where you live. That is the sanctuary of your being: your consciousness. As a matter of fact, it is not your consciousness, it is the divine Consciousness which you are. You are the divine Consciousness, and you go within that Consciousness which you are, and out of the Consciousness which you are flows spiritual Grace.

Jesus not only knew the truth but *realized* and *became* the Truth: "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Nevertheless, a sense of Jesus, the man, remained, because he said, "I can of mine own self do nothing...If I bear witness of myself, my witness is no true." This personal sense of self had to be crucified...as eventually it must be in all of us or we will not ascend to the Promised Land, the realization of our spiritual identity.

The reality of us is that incorporeal, spiritual Selfhood which is born of God. The other part of us is that creation described in the second and third chapters of Genesis, which was made, not by God, but by mind, by the mind of man, by what is called the Lord God.

Nobody can take another person into the Promised land as long as he thinks there is God *and* man—nobody! A spiritual teacher can lead a person to greater heights by instructing him, but it is the person himself who must attain the realization, "Oh, *I AM*," and then he walks right into the Promised Land. In fact, he finds himself in the very middle of it. "I and my Father," who always have been one, then become one in realization.

It has been taught for two thousand years that "I and my Father are one," yet very few persons have attained any measure of awareness of that relationship with Deity. "I and my Father are one" means I am that One. "He that seeth me seeth him that sent me," but how far short we fall from realizing that we are that He and from living out from the basis of being Spirit, rather than a man seeking Spirit.

Seventeen years of presenting the message of The Infinite Way in many, many different forms has gradually lifted consciousness above the belief of separation from God to the attainment of a consciousness through which we are enabled to say, "Whereas I was blind, now I see" –I am He. This enables us to take the higher stand and the higher step of abiding constantly and consciously in the realization of *I*. With every temptation to accept ourselves as a selfhood apart from God, with every temptation to accept others as having a selfhood apart from God, we must immediately retire into that word *I* and abide in It: *I* am He, *I* am every "he," "she," and "it," because I am that *I AM*. That spiritual identity, *I*, I am.

Always when fear goes, the object of fear goes, because the object of fear is only fear itself externalized, and there cannot be fear in the presence of a realization of spiritual law.

I has no sex. Once you become aware of the *I* that you are, you will find it completely independent of body and completely independent of sex, manifesting as either sex, even though it will still be *I*. That is because *I* is spiritual; *I* is one with God; *I* is of the nature of God. There, *I* is without finite form, yet *I* can manifest as, in, or through finite form. When you have realized that, the sting of death leaves you because you will know then that you are *I*, and *I* will always be your state of consciousness, except that you will progressively elevate until there is nothing finite left.

The discipline of the spiritual path consists of the ability to discipline one's self so as not to see a picture that has to be changed, altered, improved, or removed, and the vision to look out at the pictures this world presents with this conviction, "It is *I*; be not afraid," and then stand still and bear witness while God brings about the transformation of the visible scene.

You can be Omniscience only when you are completely absent from the personal sense of self, when you are absent from any knowledge, when you have attained that place of unknowing in which you definitely know that you do not know, and do not even want to know, but are willing and open to receive spiritual wisdom, spiritual guidance, spiritual strength.

The greatest spiritual blessings that can come into your experience are not brought about so much by what you know of truth as by the degree of silence you can maintain...silence is far more valuable than all the speech and all the teaching than can be given.

In order to build a consciousness of truth, all Infinite Way students should know the following passages as well as they know their own names:

The New Horizon, *The Infinite Way*

God is One, Living The Infinite Way

Break the Fetters That Bind You, *1958 Infinite Way Letters*

Contemplation Develops the Beholder, *The Contemplative Life*

Introduction, Love Thy Neighbor, *Practicing the Presence*

The Relationship of Oneness, *The Art of Spiritual Healing*

Learn to look at every person and every situation with just two words, *God is*...In that realization that *God is*, will be revealed all spiritual entity and perfection. You will not then see human evil turned to goodness; you will not see human poverty turned to riches; you will not see human disease turned to human health...*but you will perceive the Spirit of God!* You will perceive the activity and law of God right where there had seemed to be a good or bad person, or a good or bad condition.

A complete relaxing from power, or desiring power, or trying to contact power, leaves you in a state of *is* and this is spiritual power released.

If you observe yourself carefully in periods of prayer or meditation, you will discover that for a great part, you are allowing your thought to go to the outer and are thinking in terms of changing the external. It really is a tremendous discipline to arrive at that state of consciousness where you...never look for the crops [fruitage]...Our entire attention must be on the fact that unless there is an activity of the spirit within, there never will be a crop. If I can abide in the remembrance of this invisible substance that is functioning within me, I will be able to wait for my crop, whether it is a crop of money, or a crop of health, or a crop of happiness, or a crop of peace. It will come *if* I can keep my mind off the crop, off of the without.

There is no law of karma, there is no law of cause and effect, there is no law of ‘as ye sow, so shall ye reap.’ This is just an ancient superstition and is not binding on spiritual man—and there is no other man...We have been prisoners of the mind for generations, and the mind has bound us with laws, but there is only *one* law—spirit...and that law frees you from the domination of the mind. Moses spoke from Mount Sinai, Jesus spoke from the mountain...and this I have given you today has come from the mountaintop of spiritual revelation.

Have the courage to face this fact, that as a child of God you embody all of the power of the Godhead. You are the outlet for that spiritual power [that] reveals “God is in the midst of you.”..Spiritual power reveals. Remember that.

In your prayers, learn to walk right down the middle path, not wanting to establish human good and not wanting to get rid of human evil. Let your prayers be that the spiritual kingdom be established on earth as it is in heaven...and with all your praying you must remember that within your own individual consciousness is sufficient God-power to establish that prayer on earth...Never doubt that one moment of consecrated prayer can establish peace on earth. It can. It requires only one, when this one is sufficiently unselfed and is not praying for my country, my side, or my city, but is praying for *My* grace, *My* peace, *My* kingdom.

Always there will be the sufficiency of grace to meet the need of this moment; and, on the spiritual path, you have no right to live one moment ahead of this moment. You plan meetings ahead or you make travel arrangements or you plan business affairs in advance. Certainly, but without burden and without problems because from one moment to the next there is sufficient grace to meet that moment. This is all you need—this is all anybody ever needs—enough grace for this moment...There is also a sufficiency of God’s grace for your patient or for one hundred patients.

When I am in meditation and giving help to someone, I am always beholding the Christ in that individual. This is the only way in which spiritual healing can take place because it is the *modus operandi* of spiritual healing.

The revelation of The Infinite Way is that freedom cannot come to the world until you are holding this world in this light [of divine consciousness] as if you were the spiritual teacher and practitioner to this world, which you are. This is your function. You have no more license than I have to hold people in your thoughts mortally, and I have absolutely no right.

Always remember this point: You are not to intrude in the private life of anyone without that person’s permission. However, you are under a spiritual obligation to make the correction within yourself and, if they are receptive, they may experience a healing and very often do...You are your brother’s keeper by keeping his image and likeness straight in your consciousness..You must maintain the truth about him and his divine origin, divine identity, and government by divine law in your consciousness.

I believe the greatest principle revealed in the message of The Infinite Way [is] “My conscious oneness with God constituted my oneness with all spiritual being and idea.”

When formerly answering my mail or phone calls, if a student said, “I have a cold,” or “I need a job,” or “Business is bad,” or “I have family trouble,” I would reply that I would take care of it, assuming they knew and understood that I was going to take care of a spiritual realization. However, since I discovered that they were perfectly willing to stay in the attitude of problems and demonstrations, I stopped that practice about a year ago [circa 1963]. It is a form of metaphysics I do not understand. All I can do is try to lift you into a spiritual consciousness where you become aware of the presence of the Christ. I can do nothing about those other things.

The eternal mistake is trying to connect a spiritual God with a material universe when “My kingdom is not of this world.” Do not try to make a spiritual God maintain a human body or a human home or a human purse or a human business, and in the moment ye “think not” about persons, things or conditions, and continue to abide with *me*—continue to abide in the Word—spiritual harmony comes and it brings the outpicturing of harmonious human conditions.

What is the miracle? You do not set God at work or to work; you do not bring the power of God into any situation. God was there before you because of omnipresence. It makes no difference if you had a wrong thought this morning or if you committed a wrong deed yesterday. It has nothing to do with what is going on in God’s universe because it is not your purity that makes God work. It is God’s function. God’s grace is not dependent on how good or how spiritual you are. God’s grace is dependent on how good God is, and any saint or sinner can behold God at work once their eyes are open to omnipresence...Every problem has its foundation in the belief of the absence of God...The beauty is that, in spite of appearances, nothing else [but God] *is*.

It takes as long as is necessary to develop the consciousness that can look at barrenness and see God at work, without attempting to “make it so.” Suppose you are looking at a tree that appears to be dying... Through spiritual discernment alone, you have to agree that there is no evil, no death, no destructive power, and therefore there is no need for a God to change anything, improve anything, or heal anything. So whether or not that tree dies is up to who is beholding it...The beholder of God in action bears witness to God in action.

Illumination consists of spiritual discernment that sees through the appearances and sees omnipresence, omniscience, omnipotence...[It] does not react to appearances but can rest and say, “What did hinder you?” or “Arise, take up thy bed.” The difficult part is this: God is always God, but not separate and apart from my being, or your being, or his being, or her being.

Do not ever allow anyone to treat you as if you are a human being. Maintain the dignity of your spiritual Sonship. Let no one get too personal or too intimate. “Thus far and no further. Come out and be separate.”

It helps me to know that God is spirit, because then it frees me from all attempts to draw forth anything of a material nature from God...Wherever God’s grace is, whatever God’s gift is, it must be spiritual. It appears to us, when it comes, in some material form, but you know it is not material. It appears materially because we still have enough material concepts of the spiritual kingdom, but it is not. It is not that a sick body has been made well; it is that the body of God has been revealed...[We] are still “painting spiritual gifts” with a material form.

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.

Realize: “In this invisible *I* that I am is embodied my life and everything needful that pertains to that life. I do not have to go anywhere for it, because it is already *embodied* in the *I* that I Am.” Review several of the principles that may come to your thought, but the following is the important part: Settle into a listening attitude...Let the inner ear be open. Just let that peace be upon you until you feel the period is ended—two minutes, three minutes, five minutes—and then get up and go about your business... You have made room for the spirit of God to awaken in your consciousness. Then it will do its work in you and for you and through you and before you. If any human wish or desire enters...you have lost the benefit of it because you have separated yourself from the conviction that only God performs in you and

Relax and let the mental strain fall away, because we wish to be transparencies through which the Spirit can flow. Remember you are not here to get anything...Relax and take this as a law to remember: The only tension there is in meditation is when you are trying to get something. The moment you release the desire to get, you will relax.

However, in a small group of this nature, you have learned at least in some measure that anything you are going to get is only in proportion to the flow of the spirit. Therefore, your mind should not be on achieving something or on learning something but rather resting in the assurance that there is a spirit in man.

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.

Please remember that God is clearly defined in your thought, that you do not make the mistake of believing that a patient comes to a practitioner, who goes to God, who comes to do the releasing! Or that the patient comes to the practitioner and the practitioner sends something over to the patient. That is all wrong. God and the practitioner and the patient are really one individual. They are not three and not two. They are just *one*. And the more clearly you recognize that *I Am* is God, and *I Am* is the life and the soul and the mind and the spirit of every individual, the sooner will you realize that we are not dealing with a lot of people but with God infinitely and individually expressed as people—but still God.

I have said in the *Spiritual Interpretation of Scripture* and in *The Infinite Way*, that God is not a creator. And, of course, I meant that literally, just in the sense that I mean that the principle of mathematics did not create two times two is four. No, it did not create a four and fasten it on to two times two. Two times two includes four, and as soon as two times two came into being, the four was there. God did not put it there, it could not. It was there. It had never been separated from two times two.

Remember that we started with the declaration that there is no change in the outer scene until there has been a change in consciousness. Well, what change can there be unless something higher than the consciousness we have been holding enters to change us? And where does it enter from? Our thinking mind? No! We had that all the time. Your humanhood will not improve your humanhood. You have got to go higher. Therefore, it is only a spiritual sense, or the Christ, by which a person can be improved... The introduction of the Christ into individual consciousness will destroy jealousy, hate, enmity, injustice, dishonesty, immorality, sensuality; they can all be overcome by the introduction of the Christ.

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.

In order to fully understand these laws of [God, of the spirit, of soul] we have to begin with the understanding that they never began and they will never end, and because we are these laws, because we are the very activity and presentation of these laws, we have never begun and we will never end. Through that understanding we will find our rightful, spiritual place.

Spiritual healing is accomplished only when there is no resistance in the healer's thought to the condition or the person. "Agree with thine adversary whilst thou art on the way with him."...Remember that the error isn't a thing and it isn't a condition and it isn't a person, so in setting up that resistance, you are almost creating the thing you are resisting.

Spiritual consciousness is one which does not accept any belief in thought of any error existing as a presence or as a power. It looks at any presence or form or phase of error as if it were just looking at a moving picture, say, of a man being shot, knowing right well that as soon as the picture is over, the man is going to pick himself up and dust himself off and get ready to play another part...In maintaining that same attitude toward what we see of human experience, that same attitude in which we do not criticize or judge or condemn the underdog or the sinning or sick person, and in which we do not give praise to those we think are doing good, we will have begun to see real spiritual healing.

You see, in spiritual healing there is no mental action, there is no conscious thought-taking, there is no conscious affirming or denying. There is more of the sense that inasmuch as the reality of this [appearance] is of and in God, I am going to let God interpret it to me.

I said before that the earth is really heaven, only seen through finite sense, seen through a "glass darkly." Well, inasmuch as you will never see it any other way than that with your eyes, why not acknowledge it and sit back with your eyes closed and let your spiritual sense reveal the harmony of being to you.

I am now going to give you the highest mystical statement that I know—one that will absolutely provide you with a passkey to heaven, to harmony of mind and body and business, health, wealth and all other things. That statement is: ***Oneness with God constitutes oneness with all spiritual being and things.*** Oneness with God constitutes oneness with all spiritual being and things...If you contact God, if once you make your conscious realization with God, then automatically and instantaneously you are at one with the entire universe of spiritual idea. Everything that we see, hear, touch, or smell is really just a finite concept of divine idea.

We our own selves can do nothing. We can only become the instruments through which the Spirit of God moves upon the face of the globe. We become instruments through which the Spirit of God reaches the ankles of the crippled man, the eyes of the blind, the ears of the deaf. We become the instruments through which God utters His Voice and the Spirit of God performs the healing and the redemption. We ourselves are not healers. No man or woman on earth can heal. Even Peter and John acknowledged this when they said: *Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man walk? (Acts 3: 12)*

We are in danger in any moment in which we glorify our own understanding or come to believe, "Now I have it!" Be assured that no one ever has it! You can live only one moment at a time; and every moment you have to decide whether you will live by the Spirit, by Grace, or whether you will come under the influence of the universal hypnotism or mesmerism that binds us to the pains or pleasures of the flesh. Every moment of our lives we are making this decision. Be assured that if we do not return over and over again during the day and the night to the center of our being for fresh inspiration, eventually we will find ourselves living on yesterday's manna, and then we are in danger.

It was not until 1963, when I myself went through the experience and the resurrection, that the reason for the crucifixion and the need for it was revealed to me... This is what I saw. Jesus reveals that He had attained the goal: *I Am, I A the Way. Thou seest me, thou seest God, for I and God are one.* He proved it when He took three disciples to what is called the Mount of Transfiguration (high Consciousness) and revealed them the Hebrew prophets who were supposed to have died. In this way He proved that they are alive and that they are here in form... Jesus proved that "I can lay down my life and pick it up. I can walk into the invisible realm, and I can walk out again, for I am Spirit, I am the Way."... From this I know now that Jesus could have been translated without knowing death. He could have avoided being

The person on the spiritual path, even if he is at the beginner's level, should become conscious of the fact that a wrong done by him or her is far more serious than a wrong done by others. A wrong done under the robe of the Spirit is a crime against the Spirit. There is only one Consciousness, so once God Consciousness has become the consciousness of the teacher and the teacher violates that God Consciousness, the penalty is great. That teacher loses the God Consciousness. It is of utmost importance, therefore, that everyone on the spiritual path, but especially those who would be teachers, maintain at all times a high degree of spiritual integrity.

The second stage of meditation quickly unfolds of itself. Here the student realizes an almost continuous attunement within, whether working, playing, or sleeping. Always the inner ear is alert. Always a state of receptivity exists, and at any moment, and finally at every moment, he lives under divine government, the reign of Spirit completely touching every facet of his existence. Now there is no more chance or accident, no more doubt or defeat, because the Soul has so enveloped his being that no other force or power can be found. At this point the student realizes, "I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

When we behold people in any degree of humanhood, good or bad, rich or poor, sick or well, we immediately realize the spiritual truth of their nature, we realize that in them is this same invisible vine, this same Christ, and that Its function in them is that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly... Silently and secretly within yourself voice this truth about your neighbor, be he friend or foe, far away or near. That voicing is the acknowledgment that you have truth, and because you are acknowledging that you have it and are willing to share it, more will be added unto you.

The universe of Spirit is an eternal activity of God. Anything that occurs in time or space, as we humanly understand it, should not be accepted at its appearance-value. Let us remember that every appearance of humanhood, good or bad, is a mental image in thought, actually without reality, law, substance, cause, or effect. In this recognition, the limitations inherent in the five physical senses begin to drop away. We are enabled to "see" deeper into consciousness and behold that which is—eternity in what appears as past, present, and future. We find ourselves unlimited in terms of "here" or "there," "now" or "hereafter." There is a going in and a coming out without sense of time or space, an unfolding without degree, a realization without an object.

Nothing is accomplished by struggling physically or mentally, because struggling only increases what seems to be an evil power in our experience. It is you and I who falsely entertain a sense of the power of sin, false appetite, disease, lack, or limitation, a sense of power which the thing itself, whatever it is, does not have; and that is why no power discovered in the physical, mental, or spiritual realm has ever been sufficient to remove any unwanted condition.

Every time that the thought comes to us, "I need this"; "I need that"; "I would like this"; "I would like that"; "I should have this"; "I should have that"; our answer must be, " 'Man shall not live by bread alone' —by effect, by creation, but by Spirit, the Creator." That must be a continuous realization until we have overcome our desire for anybody or anything that is in the external realm. We have to lose all desire for the visible in the realization that we live not by that which is visible but by that which is invisible, and then we shall find that the Infinite Invisible will produce in our experience the persons, things, circumstances, and conditions necessary to our daily life.

This mental creation is not a creation of Spirit, or Consciousness, but a creation of the false or carnal mind, a mind that is constituted of both good and evil, that thinks correctly and incorrectly, having no Consciousness, or God, for its guide.

We must be willing to look upon all the good as well as the evil conditions in our life and in the world, and state with conviction, "I renounce you, both of you. Henceforth, I know neither good nor evil; I know only God manifest. Through spiritual vision, I behold Consciousness forming Itself in immortal forms—eternal, harmonious, and abundant. Henceforth, I accept only the revelation of the real creation in which there is light even when there is no sun and where all is harmony."

Mind functions as thought; mind appears as thing; and on this level, mind is the essence of creation as described in the second and third chapters of Genesis. Therefore, if matter is mind, a process of mind can change the product, matter. Mind—your mind and my mind—imbued with spiritual truth becomes the instrument through which God appears, in and through which God manifests, and God appearing becomes the body of our outer world...Therefore, never do we live in a material world with material surroundings because God, Itself—Truth in your consciousness and my consciousness—is the very substance and essence of your world. When God, or Soul becomes the activity of the mind and appears as form, then all form is spiritual and can be multiplied...but it can be multiplied only because it is not

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.

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.

If we dwell with spiritual truth in our consciousness, none of the evils of this world will come nigh our dwelling place because the truth entertained in consciousness takes over and begins to live our lives. Living in an atmosphere of spiritual wisdom and feeding consciousness with truth, there comes moment when that truth takes over the mind, and then no longer is it necessary to fill the mind with truth. From then on, the flow is the other way. It is not we who are thinking truth, remembering, declaring, or meditating on truth: It is Truth using our mind for Its expression, always using us, always flowing through us.

Mind forms its own conditions of matter, body, and form. Mind does not *create*; mind *forms*. Creation is already complete—spiritual, eternal, and perfect—but our mind, depending on its conditioning, forms and interprets our human experience on this plane. If our mind is completely free of judgment of good and evil, then Spirit forms its own image and likeness through the mind as happy, harmonious, successful living. If mind is conditioned by judgments of good and evil, mind is not a clear transparency, and in proportion to its conditioning will experiences of good and evil take in our lives.

Wherever and whenever you are faced with error, turn and ask yourself, "Can this make me believe in good or evil? Can I be made to accept two powers?" If you can do that, you will refrain from accepting or judging by appearances and you will not be tempted to try to heal somebody or something, but you will stay within yourself and judge righteous judgment, stay within the Garden of Eden which represents your spiritual domain, the state of divine harmony.

You never will be a spiritual healer as long as you believe there are two powers—the power of God and the power of sin, disease, lack, or power in astrology or diets. You never will be a spiritual healer until you know that you do not need *any* power. God is maintaining His spiritual universe eternally, and there is nothing wrong with it. What is wrong is with us; what is wrong is this universal belief in two powers.

Now we perceive that man is not flesh, but consciousness, possessing only spiritual qualities. We discern that there is a creative Principle which produces Its own image and likeness, and that this creative Principle is also the sustaining Principle of life, and therefore Its creation must necessarily be of Its own essence—Life, Love, Spirit, Soul. This is the true nature of man.

My mistake was that I was sure [my missing baggage] would turn up, which is exactly like being sure that a person's heart is going to get well, or that his sick foot is going to be better; whereas the principle upon which all our work is based is that of the real creation as recounted in the first chapter of Genesis in which God made all that was made, and all that He made is good. The spiritual creation is an incorporeal creation, and the proof of that is that there was light before there was a sun in the sky.

Let us stop for one moment and try to see why it is that we feel we must protect ourselves by battling and struggling mentally, physically, or prayerfully. Is not all this based on the erroneous premise that there are two powers in this world? If there were only one power, God, would there be anything to struggle against or to battle?...The Master warned us not to judge according to the appearance, but to judge righteous judgment. If we judge righteously, which means bearing witness not to what we see or hear but to what unfolds spiritually from within, we shall soon discover the miracle and the mystery of this teaching: There are not two powers—there is only one.

Years and years and years ago, before ever The Infinite Way was dreamed of, I saw that the solution to all human problems rested in the ability not to fight back, not to fight error, but on the ability to rest in the one Power. Once we are able to do that, we are practicing the Sermon on the Mount and living the spiritual life, because then there is no more need to seek good health than to get rid of bad health; there is no more need to seek supply than to run away from lack: We stand still in divine Being, not in human being.

It is possible for us to rise above the law of cause and effect but only when the world's weapons have been given up, only when our life is lived not by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. When we are not thinking of food or money or climate or any effect as constituting our security and when we realize that our real life is sustained by the word of God, we are living the spiritual life with no dependence on human beings, on human investments, or human positions—not throwing them away or casting them out of our life, but realizing that they are the added things in life, part of God's grace made manifest, and therefore there is no thought whatsoever of fear should they be taken from us.

Individually, we develop the state of consciousness that lives without using power and which finally brings our particular world into the orbit of no-power by understanding that nothing that exists as person, place, thing, circumstance, or condition is imbued with the power for good or for evil...The Master understood this clearly when he said, "Why callest thou me good? . . . I can of mine own self do nothing...the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth works." So it is with us. Power is not really given to us, but if we come to a state of mind in which we are so cradled in the Spirit that we do not resist the seeming error by denying, fighting, or trying to destroy it, we too shall witness the wondrous things which the Father within performs.

Watch the transformation of your own world as you bring yourself inwardly to the feeling that you do not want to oppose or use a power against anybody or anything...The physical resistance of fist or sword and the mental resistance of affirmations and denials are practically the same thing, but rising above the physical and the mental into the spiritual realm brings us to that new dimension where there is no power, where there is no good over evil, where every situation is met by resting in the Spirit.

When we realize that the problem presenting itself to us is not a God-created spiritual entity, but a mental concept without cause or reality—without presence, power, or substance—then in the realization of God as the creative, maintaining, and sustaining Principle of all that truly is, we already have all the God-power needed, without turning to God to do anything about it. It is not necessary to overcome hate, fear, jealousy, or resentment, but it is necessary to sit down, close the eyes, and realize, "These are mental images in thought. These are projected states of thought out of the vast mental illusion. Then by abiding in an inner peace, they are dissolved. They are not destroyed because there is nothing to be destroyed; there is no substance to them and they have no more reality than the pictures on our

If, instead of fighting a problem, we are willing to admit that to all appearances this problem seems to be overwhelming and turn within asking to have the reality revealed, then we are not trying to rise above or destroy the problem. We are merely trying to understand—not understand the problem, but understand the reality behind the problem. If we can be perfectly quiet and perfectly still with no attempt to overcome, destroy, remove, or escape from any situation or condition, the flow of the Spirit will rush in and there will be freedom.

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.

Over and over this has been made clear in this Message, and this is the most difficult part of the entire Infinite Way Message. Until you can overcome all the concepts of God you ever had and wash them right out of your mind—taking them up, one by one, whether they happen to be *Love* or *Life* or *Soul* or *Spirit*, until there is not a single word left that you can think of—you will not reach that place where you will experience God, because God is not a word; God is an experience...once you have eliminated all that and have come to the realization that none of this is God, for only *I* in the midst of me is God, then you face probably the last hurdle: because the word *I* is no more God than the word God is. However, this is an easy hurdle to overcome, because *I* is my Self, and one thing you will agree with is

It becomes easier for you when you think of yourself in terms of capital S instead of small s. Think of yourself as being the Son of God, think of yourself always with a capital S, as one with God, heir of God, joint heir to all the heavenly riches. Then you will find that you have impersonalized yourself, because gradually you will come to realize that you are not finite being, you are not man, whose breath is in his nostrils, you are not that creature who is not under the Law of God—neither indeed can be, for you now consciously have the Spirit of God dwelling in you; and according to Scripture, this makes you the Son of God, the Child of God. *If so be the Spirit of God dwelleth in you, then are you the Child of God—the Spirit, the consciousness.*

We look out with our eyesight, which means with our limited, finite senses, and we are looking at God's masterpiece, *you*. That's God's masterpiece, His own offspring of His own Being, His own Self made individually manifest. Now, beholding it without spiritual appreciation, comprehension, we say t "Isn't this worthless!"

Now with your eyes closed to all appearances, realize that it makes no difference who has called you for help. It could be someone with the deepest sin, for all we know, or someone in a physical distortion beyond description. Now with eyes closed, remember, "Father, I'm not trying to change this picture. Give me Thy Grace to behold him as he Is. Awaken me out of this mesmeric dream so that I do not judge by appearances. Let me see him as he Is, and I will be satisfied with this likeness. Here, indeed, Is the Christ of God, the very spiritual offspring of Divinity. Grant me Thy Grace that I may see him as he Is, that I may see this situation as it Is. Reveal Christ where there seems to be a human being." Then, as you sit in that silence, waiting, the Spirit of God touches you and illumines you, inspires you; and for a

The only use we make of the mind, or of the letter of Truth, is for self-treatment. And it is self-treatment only for the purpose of lifting ourselves up, of pulling ourselves up by our own bootstraps, until we reach a point in consciousness where we can release the letter of Truth and wait for the Spirit of God to do the work.

So if you say, "I have a cold," and I say, "Oh no, it isn't real," we've got a battle. If you say, "I have a cold," and I say, "All right, drop it; let me be with you," then there's a relaxation, and you feel that. "Oh, isn't that fine; someone's going to be with me. Now in what way are they going to be with me?" Well, if they know at least this about spiritual Truth, they know that it means that you are going to be with them in the realization of the true nature of being, the true nature of God—that you are standing by with that, and that you have no fear of the outcome. How can you fear the outcome of having the realization of God?

I get to a place, once in a while, where I reach out and ask for help. But heavens! I don't want anyone that I ask for help to come back at me with any metaphysical statements...Now there is an exception to that. Sometimes a Truth reveals itself instantly when you are asked for help; and if your patient or student happens to have some understanding, you might pass that on to them as an unfoldment that has come to you. That is quite a different thing than just making up a statement in your head, or picking one out that you can remember, and throwing it at them. There isn't anything in your mind that is going to help anyone. However, if some impartation comes to you from the Spirit, then you can give it.

If, however, you have made the transition to the realization that consciousness is the law of being and the law of body, then you are sowing to the Spirit, and you will reap spiritual harmony. Then, when the call comes for help, there is no use in answering with a lot of arguments and metaphysical statements, because right up here is the realization of all time: Who convinceth me of sin? All perfection is in consciousness, not in effects. All supply is in consciousness, not in dollar bills, or oranges, or crops. You live and move and have your being in that consciousness, and then when you are called upon for help, you don't have to go through a teaching process.

You can make a spiritual instrument of your body by saying, "God Is its strength, its age, the measure of its capacity. I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." There is not a word about muscles and bones. "I can do all things through Christ which Is my own strength and life. I can bring forth wisdom, art, music, and literature through Christ, which Is my Spirituality or artistic capacity."

Now another facet of God is that God is Law. Everything that functions in the Kingdom of God functions under Divine Law. Whether it is mathematics or music, whether it is art or literature, whether it is the sun, moon, and stars—everything that has emanated, everything that is an expression of the consciousness of God, is under spiritual Law. Therefore in our understanding of the Nature of God, we not only have to see the Isness of God, but now we have to see the Lawfulness of God.

Once you see that all of this is the working of the Spirit, nobody can stand up there and have satisfaction in seeing what the Spirit does. You might have satisfaction in knowing that the world is benefiting by the Spirit; however, there would be no personal sense of satisfaction. So when you see your garden in full bloom, you will not be able to take pride in it, because by then you will have realized that the reason it is in such beautiful bloom is that there was a law of One power. It is because your consciousness was devoid of the belief in two powers—but even that you could not take credit for.

Do you see the further step that we must now take in our work, acknowledging *My* consciousness and putting capital M on *My* consciousness? Put a capital L on *My* Life. Put a capital S on *My* Spirit so that we can silently—never outwardly or openly—say, "*My* Spirit is upon you. " Put a capital M on *My* presence—"My presence is with you."—and be not thinking in terms of some two thousand years ago, but *My* presence: "*My* presence is with you and *My* presence is divine, because *My* presence is devoid of fear, devoid of two powers, devoid of self-interest." That is what makes it capital M—*My* spirit is upon you. Just be sure that in your Soul and in your Spirit there are not two powers, that you are not fearing any power, and that you are not holding any personal sense.

Whether [patients] bring themselves into your physical presence, whether they telephone you or write you or cable you: the very moment your name appears in their consciousness, they are in your consciousness; they have united with you the minute they have thought your name. From that moment, they are in your consciousness. But what consciousness is that? It is capital M: *My* consciousness. Do you see that? That is why, even though you may not answer the telephone and you may not receive the cable, they will still receive the fruitage—because they did not have to enter human consciousness to get spiritual healing. They entered *My* consciousness.

Nobody is ever going to take you into the Promised Land as long as you think there is man and God. Nobody! They can lead you to the Promised Land by telling you the realization, "Oh, *I am!*" Then you will walk right into the Promised Land, and you will be right smack in the middle of it. "Oh, *I am!*" 'Now you see, there is no more separation between you and God. *I* and the Father, who have always been one, now have become *One* in realization. "*I* and the Father are *One*" is the relationship between God and man, *Oneness*. The *Life* of God is the *Life* of man. There are not two; there is just *One*. God breathed *His Life* into man, not man's life; God breathed *God's Life* into man. Therefore the *Life* of man *Is God*. God did not give man a mind; the *Mind of God* becomes the *Mind* of man, and it is for this

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*.

Since I know that God is spirit, then I know that all that the Father hath must be spiritual. So I do not go to the Father for loaves and fishes. I do not go to the Father for houses, automobiles, or employment... When you go to God, go to God for what we might call the gifts of God, the Grace of God. You might ask, "What are these?" and the answer would be, let us not worry about what these are, let us not be concerned. Just let us go for God's Grace. Turn within, because the Kingdom of God *Is* within you; the *I* of you *Is God*. Turn within to this *I* for Thy Grace, for Thy Peace.

You reach a place where you no longer think of praying for yourself or doing meditation or spiritual work for yourself. It just never enters your mind. Why? What is the difference between knowing the Truth about you and knowing the Truth about me? It is the same truth, and we are the same Being, the same Selfhood. Knowing the Truth is all that is necessary, regardless of whether you are knowing it about the human race or about even the animal world or the bird world or the fish world...In the end, I am the one who is really going to get the most benefit from it, because that knowing of the Truth is elevating me in consciousness above this picture.

Do not believe for a moment that if I hold someone in bondage, I myself am going to be free. That is utter nonsense! "As ye sow, so shall ye reap" is a law that cannot be broken. The only way to stop erroneous reaping is to stop erroneous sowing. Erroneous sowing only takes place "up here," in consciousness, in thought. It is determined by what I am willing to see "out there." Either I am willing to spiritually discern that you are the Christ, or I am going to judge by human appearances by saying, "Well, you are the child of Jones, Brown, or Smith." It is up to me! "Choose ye this day whom you will serve—Truth or error, spiritual Truth or human knowledge.

This is what happens on the spiritual Path. Day by day we break some fetter of human experience and we drop some phase of humanness. We make that transition to where our prayer now is a benediction to the world, to where we are no longer praying that we receive anything but we are praying, "Father, forgive our enemies, they know not what they do...In other words, we have made an about-face and we are no longer sitting at the feet of the Master. We now *are* the Master, and we are healing the multitudes, freeing the multitudes, and feeding and forgiving the multitudes. We are now the Christ Consciousness, and we seek nothing for ourselves, because we know that "all that the Father hath is already mine." Now our whole life is pouring forth God's Grace to this world, but not in the form of

We can bring about a transition in consciousness if we will start a battle with ourselves. That battle will start the very moment that we realize that we have had the privilege taken away from us of going to God for something—or to man. We have had to sit still and say, "No...No more begging, no more pleading, no more looking out," now realizing, "Thank you, Father. All that God Is, I am. That which I am seeking, I Am. All that the Father hath Is mine. Here, where I am, Is holy ground, for here the Spirit of the Lord Is; and where the Spirit of the Lord Is, there Is liberty...I have received from the Master. From Truth I have received life eternal. I have received divine Grace. I have received the assurance of my Oneness with God. Now it is my turn to share, to bless, to pray."

To pray for the world means to look out and almost see this globe of the universe in front of you and feel your hands, or your love, going out around that globe, saying, "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do." "I pray that thy sins be forgiven thee. I pray that Christ dwell in thy heart. I pray that no penalties ever be inflicted upon you for the past. I pray that you know spiritual Freedom, spiritual Justice, spiritual Life, and spiritual Law." Hold that globe this way, in a whole armful of love, understanding, and forgiveness. Allow no thought of victory to enter your mind; no victory over man, no victory over ideologies, no victory over countries. Not victories; Peace! There never can be Peace when there are victories, because with every victory there is a loss, and the loser must always think

Always remember: *Now* truth constitutes my consciousness; *now* I am a law; *now* I am an authority; *now* I am ordained to heal the sick, forgive the sinner, raise the dead, and feed the hungry by virtue of truth entertained and expressed in my consciousness. Specific truth. The specific truth is that there is only one power. The specific truth is that none of this that's hindering you has the power to hinder you. Why? The specific truth is that your consciousness is an annihilation to everything unlike good; your consciousness filled with truth is a law of benediction and grace unto everyone who enters your spiritual household, your consciousness. Do you see the need for specific truth, specific principles of truth, consciously expressed?

It is the most glorious thing in all of this world to be able to realize that no one on the face of this globe has the power to do evil to anyone. No one on the face of this globe has the power to be evil. God is the only power, and God's power is a universal spiritual power of eternal and immortal life. No one can thwart the will of God. There is no way to thwart the will of God, for there is no will but the will of God.

The principle [Mary Baker Eddy] taught was that God was the only cause and the only creator, therefore, there could be no effect from any other cause. So, the basis of her spiritual healing was the absolute allness, the omnipresence, of God.

The truth to work with is that there are not good powers and bad powers, either of a material nature or mental nature. There is only one power, and that power is the power of Spirit. And it's not an overcoming power. The power of God doesn't overcome evil; the power of God doesn't overcome sin or disease; the power of God isn't an overcoming power. It is a creative, maintaining, and sustaining power on its own level.

Our only disturbance is caused by whatever it is that has convinced us there are two powers. And when we begin to understand the fleshly mind, or the arm of flesh, as nothingness, that's when we dissolve the pictures of sense... You might as well get used to the idea: All the evils of this world are nothing but pictures in the mind. When you know this, they begin to dissolve. They begin to dissolve the very minute you know the nature of error. All evil functions in this universal mesmeric mind are not law and have no law to sustain them. They are not a presence. Since God didn't ordain evil and since God doesn't maintain or sustain evil, don't fear it, don't fight it. "Resist not evil. . . Put up thy sword." Be at peace. God is. And then you'll find how this spiritual healing work is really accomplished.

My attitude at that time [of lack] was to let any problem go on as long as it wanted, until I met it through understanding the spiritual law of supply, and not only understanding the law but demonstrating it. And I did. I did. I stuck with it, even to the point of having no car fare at times and walking seven miles twice a day to get to my office. I wasn't ashamed of it and I didn't hide it, and I didn't feel it was a lack of demonstration or a disgrace. I feel, as I felt then, this couldn't happen if I knew the law of God. And if I don't know the law of God, there isn't any amount of money that's going to make me happy or satisfied, because the abundance may be just as fleeting as when I experienced it before. Actually, I received my answer on the last one of those days in which I found myself without

If the kingdom of God were that easily attained, if it could be reached by meditating for a year or ten, how many people would have it! But see how few have it. "The way is straight and narrow and few there be that enter." This is the most difficult life there is. It is far easier to accomplish anything in the human world than in the spiritual, because in the spiritual life we're called upon to die before we can gain what we're seeking... If that sounds too difficult, it's really better that you do not start.

Every day is a sabbath. Every day has to be held holy. Every day has to be an acknowledgment of God as the force, the law, the being of all that is. Every day has to be a day of rest, because in our spiritual life we are always resting. There is nothing to worry about. We know that God is running the universe, God is leading us beside the still waters, God makes us to lie down in green pastures. God sets a table before us in the wilderness, and even in the valley of the shadow of death, God is there to watch over us so that we can go through life performing its functions and resting.

We cannot have any degree of mystical or spiritual consciousness as long as we have two powers, as long as we personalize the appearances of good or as long as we personalize the appearances of good or evil, or consciously or unconsciously battle evil, or try to or lack. I know that only to the degree that our consciousness accepts the truth that ye need not fight, the battle is not yours, does spiritual consciousness unfold.

Therefore we are in a much better position to lose our human life than those who grieve about it, fear the experience, and think it is the end of all things. We make much less of a sacrifice than they do, for surely we cannot fear losing this human sense of existence to the same extent as those who have no spiritual vision. So it is better that we place ourselves in danger than those who fear the experience.

Every time you undertake healing for someone, what you really undertake is to lift them above the physical plane of consciousness to where the laws of physicality do not operate. Then spiritual harmony unfolds in them. As a spiritual healer you are not healing their bodies, You are not doing anything to the organs or functions of their bodies. All you are doing is lifting them in consciousness above the physical and mental planes to where they are in the grace of God. And the grace of God wipes out the physical and mental laws that have been binding them. That is how spiritual healing is accomplished.

The total efficacy of prayer can be summed up in the one word *motive*...So if you go to God, you must go wanting spiritual grace and forget what you seem to need in the human picture because you cannot reach God while that is your primary goal. If you believe in omniscience, the only way you can reach God is to close your eyes, realizing, "I cannot tell You anything, but You search the heart, the marrow, and the intents of the mind, God. You know me. Here I am." As long as your motive is to receive God's wisdom. God's voice, God's presence, something of a spiritual nature that has no relationship to your human world. It will adjust your human world. *It* will adjust it, not you.

You will not reach God without prayer, because even when you know the nature of God and the nature of error, if you do not attain that inner stillness that enables you to hear the still small voice, it is not complete: you have only knowledge up in the head. Without knowledge in the head, however, you will not get the inner peace to enable you to pray aright. It is all interlocking. You need the letter of truth as a raft; you need it as a means to an end. But no matter how much of the letter you have, if you do not go to the next step and let that lead you to the Spirit, the awareness or the consciousness, you cannot complete your work.

Eventually we come to the greatest revelation, the very top revelation, that has been given to the world by the Infinite Way, and that is the nature of spiritual power. Spiritual power cannot be used by man; it cannot be influenced by man; it cannot be controlled by man; it cannot be made to do something by or for man, Spiritual power operates through the still, small voice to govern man.

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

When you are called upon for help, do not hesitate to sit down and hold up the word *is* in front of you: *is, is, is*. It is as if you were to think, "There is something here, but I do not know what it is or who it is. It claims to be a person and a condition, but I know nothing about those things. I do not know how to pray. I do not know how to meditate. I must let the Spirit bear witness with my spirit. I must let the Spirit make intercession for me. So I do not know who this is, what this is, or why this is. I only know that before me there is an *is*. There is something; there is somebody. Now, Father, take over and enlighten me."... As you watch this, you will observe that the human mind is not necessary in spiritual healing work or in spiritual living, but that there is a divine truth which comes through to do the work.

Instead of delving around in what is known humanly about a person and instead of delving around in books to find out what is spiritually known about him, go into the silence. Retreat inside your own being and frankly admit that you know nothing... You have to say or admit to yourself that you know nothing about the situation; you know nothing about the person; you know nothing about this claim; and you certainly know nothing about God's kingdom. So you turn to the Father for light, for wisdom, for enlightenment, for peace, and for truth. As you learn to sit in this receptive attitude, into your waiting consciousness comes some assurance... After a person has said that he is well or better, you still do not know what happened. You know nothing about the operation of the Spirit in your experience.

If we keep giving power to matter and wanting to change forms of matter, we are sowing to the flesh. When we sow to the Spirit, we are seeking the kingdom of God and His righteousness, spiritual righteousness.

All the time a person is reminding us that the lump is getting bigger, the pain is getting stronger, or the blindness is getting worse, we are crucifying the personal sense of self inside that wants to be helpful. We refuse to give way to the temptation to turn stones into bread. Instead, we are going to be still and know that *I* in the midst of us is God. *I* in the midst of us is mighty. *I* in the midst of us is the secret of the spiritual kingdom of harmony, peace, joy, and glory, and we are seeking His rightness, not the patient's rightness nor his health. Then when that touch of the Spirit comes, we are still. Sometimes It smiles inside of us, "Foolish child, trying to be a miracle worker!" Then we get at peace, and the patient says, "Oh, a miracle has happened." Ah, but the miracle was not the healing: the miracle was that you

Watch what a realization of omnipresence does to your consciousness. You can let go of thinking; you can let go of taking thought; you can let go of the belief that somewhere God is, and why can't I find Him? Of course you cannot find Him when that "Him" is you; the "Him" you are seeking constitutes your very being. God is your mind; God is your life; God is your soul; God is your spirit; and your body is the temple of the living God. No reaching out, just relaxing in His word, relaxing in this truth: omnipresence, omnipresence! Where I am, God is. I can never escape out of God, nor can God escape out of me, for we are one. I live and move and have my being in God and God in me: I in Him, and He in me—inseparable, indivisible, omnipresent. There is no fear, then, on a battlefield; and there is no fear

Successful practitioners stand on the two basic principles: the nature of God and My kingdom, and the nature of evil and its world of illusion. They stand fast in those principles until they develop the consciousness that is not fooled by appearances...Once you enter the kingdom of God and realize a spiritual peace, you will at the same time realize that you never had an enemy in any form. All you were faced with was a hypnotic world, the substance of which was hypnotism, and temporarily you were fooled by the pictures formed by that hypnotism. One day it was a fire, one day a tidal wave, the next day a volcano, the next day an epidemic, next day unhappiness, and the next day poverty. Every day hypnotism formed a new picture for you, and as fast as you were able to get out of one picture it

The teacher's attitude should be, "I really should be able to turn out four, five, or six teachers and a dozen practitioners, but how? Not unless I can lift them to where they can realize that the activity of the human mind or knowing the truth with the human mind is not going to heal. If I am to be successful as a spiritual teacher, I must be able to lift students to that same realization of the transcendental presence to which I have access. Just as I feel that I have meat and hidden manna, so my function must be to bring students to where they can feel that same way and can go out into the world and do likewise."

"In thy presence is fullness of joy." Where is God's presence? Here. Then right here is the "fullness of joy." Could there be fullness of joy if there were: not fullness of health, fullness of supply, fullness of happy relationships. and fullness of all good? Of course not. Then right here is the fullness of spiritual peace and harmony and glory, not your glory or mine: God's glory, right here. Here is God's glory fulfilled, not by virtue of your praying for it but by virtue of God's nature to fulfill Himself here.

This is the fourth dimensional life, the transcendental life, the life of spiritual consciousness, and it begins in that moment when you agree that your life is Self-sustained, Self-maintained, when you agree that you are not living by what the body tells you, but by what you learn from the word of God that is revealed within you.

It takes a measure of spiritual vision for a person to be aware that he is not living by bread alone, that he is not depending on "man, whose breath is in his nostrils," that he is not judging by how many years have gone over his head, or by the testimony of the heart, liver, or lungs. The reward is that he finds that his life is lived by every word of God that is in his consciousness, every word of God that he can remember, ponder, and meditate upon.

Open out a way for the infinity of God to escape. Truth is within. The truth, which is bread, meat, wine, and water, is not to be found outside, but is within, and a way must be found for "the imprisoned splendor" to escape. Begin to pour now. There is no better way to begin to pour than to set aside periods each day to pray for those whom you know need prayers, those within your family, your community, within your nation, and eventually within the entire world...Release everyone from condemnation and punishment. Know every bit of spiritual truth you can about all those who are within your consciousness. Know that the voice is saying to them, "Son, all that I have is thine. . . . Neither death, nor life. . . can separate you from the love and care of God." This is giving. You are sharing out of that

It would seem as if the world were filled with innumerable persons, separate, one from another, each with a life separate from the other, each with an interest separate from the other. When you begin to perceive the spiritual truth of oneness, you will know that we are all one. There is only one life, one and the same life in everyone, one and the same soul, one and the same spirit, one and the same being.

Every time that you can restrain yourself from trying to improve human conditions, you are crucifying your own personal sense, and you are rising into the higher state of spiritual sonship.

To be receptive to spiritual healing means that there must be an innate desire for God, not just a great desire to be healed.

In the earlier years of my work, when the thought presented itself that since my supply was coming from people, every time my supply came in, somebody had less of supply, the nature of my prayer changed. It went something along this line, not exactly, but this is the essence of it: *Father, I do not want what is already out here. That belongs to somebody else. Let my supply come from within. Let it come from new channels; let it come in new ways, so that if anyone shares with me, he is only a transfer agent, and that transfer does not lessen his supply. If anything, let it increase his supply. Let me not believe that it comes from those who share, so that they have less. If it must come through someone, let it come through him, not from him. Then, in the giving, they have nothing less, but rather*

We must give up this belief that God planted the Christ in us just for our special benefit. The function of the Christ in man is to bless mankind, to raise up those who are still in sin, those who are still in disease, those who are still in death, those who are still in lack. This is the function of the Christ in us and in every person who is awakened to Its presence...As we contemplate the Christ in us, let us remember that the Christ that lives our life has not been given to us for our picayune little satisfaction, health, or life. The Christ has been given to us that we may be transparencies for God, that we may show forth God's glory on earth. That is why the Christ is in us: to show forth God's glory in healing, in forgiving, in redeeming, in supplying. We open ourselves to the Christ-activity by inviting the world, not outwardly

The first great lesson on the spiritual path is that although we appear outwardly to be separate persons with separate interests, and humanly we live our life in that way, on the spiritual pl. h we learn that this is not true. There is in the midst of us an invisible tree, the tree of life...The life of the tree flowing through us is our real life. In that way we lose concern about our life. We need take no thought for our life because the life of the tree is our life, and It is doing all of the taking thought. It is concerning Itself for us. It knows our need before we do, and it is Its good pleasure to give us the kingdom. Always we see this invisible vine, with which we are one, and therefore, there really is not any you or any me to take thought for, because the only you or I there is, is the life of the tree. There is no separate life from

Each one of us is intended to be a blessing to all the earth: the animal world, the vegetable world, the mineral world, the human world. but we are not being that blessing to one another except in proportion as we have this spiritual purity, in that, looking down into this consciousness, we can see that it is all the same consciousness. We are all embodied in this One. We are all deriving our life, soul, mind, and spirit from this One. We are deriving our good from this One...Out here often we are not aware of what we are doing, because, caught up in humanhood, we do not know our relationship to one another.

If we are to live in the mystical consciousness, we must abide in the realization that our expectancy is always and only from the spiritual source within us. We must abide in the truth that "I have meat to eat that ye know not of," and then be careful not to look to a person, a thing, an organization, or a relationship.

What are the problems of those who come to us? We could boil them all down to personal sense. Personal sense means that and wife; there can be parent and child; there can be partners in business; there can be capital and labor relationships; there can be all kinds of human relationships; and every one of them at some time or other can be the source of discord and inharmony. If we are called upon for help, we have only one remedy: to give spiritually, and that giving is our realization of *I*: "I and my Father are one." That relationship is an infinite relationship, the only relationship there is. So we do not have a "me" and God, and we do not have a me and a partner, and we do not have a me and another person at the conference table: we have only the *I* that I am, infinitely expressed.

There is only one life, there is only one mind, there is only one law, there is only one spirit, there is only one will, and *I Am* is that one. So whether *I Am* is Joel, *I Am* is Bill, or *I Am* is Mary, it is still *I Am*.

Let us not be tempted to take a patient up to God; that is duality. Instead, we hold to the truth that since *I* is infinite, incorporeal, spiritual being, this that is appearing to us is just a state of universal malpractice, a universal hypnotism, a nothingness...The *I* of my being and the *I* of your being, this is God, and God is incorporeal, God is spiritual, God is immortal, and God is eternal. A treatment will not make God that way. Neither will a treatment make us that way, for "I and my Father are one," not two. The minute we have God, *and*, we are out of a spiritual healing treatment. We have to have God as individual you and me, and ask, "What about this appearance? What about this sin? What about this disease? What about this unemployment? What about this lack? What about this unhappiness?" Then

The person who would be a spiritual healer must first have prayed, read, studied, and meditated until some measure of that transcendental consciousness has come upon him so that he can sit and look at evil in any form—sin, disease, death, lack, limitation, war—without a trace of fear, and be able to say, "No, thou couldst have no power over me at all, because only Godpower can operate in my experience. This is not a reality; this is not a person; this is not a condition. This is an illusory, substanceless, lawless appearance." As the practitioner sits in that perfect calm, healing must follow, more especially to the patient who is not looking to God to do something to a disease, but who is really beginning to understand that we look to God only for the presence and realization of God.

The all-power of God is here where I am; the all-power of God is where my patient is. The omniscience, the all-wisdom, the all-love of God is here where I am and is there where my patient is. All space is filled with the: love: of God. God is life; therefore, all space is filled with the life of God. The life of God is ageless: it is not young and it is not old. The life of God is not healthy, and it is not sick: it is spiritual. eternal, harmonious. Then this appearance, regardless of its name or nature, has no law of God to support it, has no life of God to support it, has no substance of God to support it. It is purely illusory in nature.

Now I have learned that I must no longer fear appearances, no longer desire to change appearances. Now I must just sit back and rejoice. God, spirit, is omnipresence. and there is nothing out here to be changed, to be removed, to be healed, to be reformed. Out here is merely a world of appearances, sometimes good and sometimes bad, but I can ignore them both, because I know that the kingdom of God is within me, and the kingdom of God is spirit, the kingdom of God is life eternal. The Master said, "My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you," Therefore, I am not looking out here to this appearance-world to get peace. I am not looking out here to change appearances to get my peace. I let my peace unfold from within my own being, and it changes my world out here.

From this moment on, let us watch to see to what we are paying homage, to what we are bowing down, and to what we are giving power, and then realize, "No, no, I can acknowledge only one power and that, the power of spirit through spiritual law, which has its source within me." We are not talking about a God afar off: we are talking about a God that is in the midst of us; nor are we talking about some spiritual law that must come down to us from some place, but a spiritual law which is locked up within us, and which we must open out the way for it to escape.

God has given me spiritual dominion over all that exists, and more especially do I have dominion over my mind and over my body. My mind must not be permitted to think any thoughts that it wishes; it must not be permitted to think any thoughts that are inflicted upon it by "man, whose breath is in his nostrils." My mind must be subject to God. Through my God-given dominion, I say to my mind: "Mind, peace, be still. Receive your wisdom from God. Receive God's peace and God's grace. Peace be unto you, my mind; God's peace be unto you, my mind; God's grace enrich you, my mind; God's life and God's love be with you, my mind. God governs you; man cannot dominate you." My mind is under the jurisdiction of God. My mind is subject to the laws of God, and because of the dominion that God has

God has given me dominion over this body, and therefore, I give unto you God's peace, God's health, God's grace, God's strength, God's youth, God's immortality. God's grace is your sufficiency. You shall not live by bread alone. Of course, I will feed you, and I will see to it that I give you the most nutritious, cleanest, and purest food I can. God's grace is the substance of my body, and it is God-governed, because I now bring it under God's government and remove it from the domination of man and the domination of man's beliefs and theories. To my mind, I give the best intellectual and cultural food that I can. I do not live by intellect, culture, or bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. I remove my mind and body from the domination of the masses and their ignorant

The ideal of spiritual living is to arrive at that place which Paul mentions: "I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." No person can rightly claim that, even in a degree, however, until an experience takes place whereby he knows that he is no longer living on his own powers, knowledge, influence, or station in life, but that now something from within has taken over and becomes the presence that goes before him to "make the crooked places straight."

The unconditioned mind has in it no material concepts, longings, or desires. It is entirely an abiding place for the spirit of God. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" Our mind is that temple of God, our unconditioned mind, the mind that no longer desires any thing, that desires only to know God's peace, God's grace, God's will. God's will! We enter into this new dimension where we have no will of our own, but we follow His leading when His will is made manifest in us, when His will is expressed in us, and we merely carry it out. Then we have made a transition from this world to "My kingdom."

This brings to light the great mystery that we have no life of our own. The life of God has become our life, because we are not thinking in terms of time or space; we are thinking in terms of eternity. In this spirit we live, and yet we have no feeling of age; we have no feeling of a physical body. We have overcome that world of physicality. 9 We bring this spirit of God into active expression when we do not want It for a purpose. We have overcome the world when we want the spirit of God, but not for a purpose. *Thy presence is my sufficiency in all things. I seek only Thy presence, but not for a reason, not for a purpose. I do not want to use It, just tabernacle with It, commune with It.* We have overcome the world in any moment in which we seek the grace of God, not for a healing, nor for supply. not to make

When we go into meditation, we want to "stay here in this city until we are armed with the power from above," until we actually feel that the spirit of God indwells us, that His robe is upon us, His grace, is with us, for His grace is our sufficiency. Only remember, let there be no conditioned thinking about this world. We leave this world and its problems, its wants, its limitations, its desires outside when we go into communion, and we do not try to think that we are going to bring this inner communion into the outer world. It will not work. We keep this communion within ourselves until we feel empowered from above, and then we go about our business and find that It literally goes before us to straighten out all the rough places. It really goes before us to provide and to multiply the loaves and fish- \I s if necessary.

It has always been believed that it would take a person anywhere from six to nine years to be able to grasp truth, even though when the truth was given to him it could be given to him in one sentence...Men have tried to give forth truth in a capsule or even in a book, but it is not possible. The mind of the natural man, the mind with which or into which he is born, cannot accept truth. Because of that, there must be a period between the time that a person's interest in truth is aroused and the time when his consciousness is prepared to accept it, that is, when he arrives at a point of spiritual discernment. Paul made this clear in his teachings when he spoke of the inability of "the natural man" to receive truth. Even though the ultimate statement of truth were given to us, it would be meaningless.

What is my method of awakening you to spiritual awareness? First, I meditate. I meditate in order to bring myself to the realization that within me is the kingdom of God, the Christ, the spirit of God, the son of God, or the presence and power of God so that I and my Father are consciously one...This same presence is within you. God in the midst of you is mighty, the spirit of God within you...With that recognition, I become still—no more thoughts, no more words, as I let the peace of God descend upon me. I let His spirit bear witness with my spirit that this is truth. I remain for as long as I can in inner stillness, inner quietness—no thoughts, no words—that the spirit of God Itself may bear witness with my spirit and yours. Sooner or later, whether it happens the first time or the hundredth and first time, I

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."

Vessels must be emptied in order to be filled, and in that emptying out process we may experience many days of barrenness, feeling that we are separated from God or that God for some reason has deserted us. God never deserts us: it is only that in the emptying out process we are deprived of that upon which we relied yesterday...Some truth is revealed to us or given to us that does remarkable things for us, and then tomorrow we expect that same truth to do it over again, and it does not happen that way. The reason is that the power was not in the statement of truth that was given to us but in the consciousness from which it came. If we look to a statement of truth to do something for us, we will have built a golden calf, we will have expected spiritual power from an effect. A statement of truth is an

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The kingdom of God, that is, spiritual light, is within us, and we must open out a way for the light, hidden within, to escape. Meditation, therefore, has nothing to do with overcoming sin, disease, lack, or unemployment; it has nothing to do with stopping evil men from continuing their evil practices. Meditation has to do with us as individuals, realizing and releasing the light that is within. In the attainment of that, the darkness disappears, and the darkness is any and every form of human discord. The darkness and its forms vanish the very moment light is introduced.

Recently, something came to my attention that bore witness to the evil nature of some of the men in positions of power who are manipulating the world, and for a moment it brought a sense of inner disturbance. But almost simultaneously the Voice spoke and said, "But there are not any evil men: man is spiritual." That brought a complete release from being in and of the world, or of being under the influence of its fears and worries. Did that realization remove these evil men from the world? No, it removed them and any effect they might have from my consciousness as well as from the consciousness of those who are attuned to my consciousness.

Our only responsibility at this stage of our unfoldment is the development of our own spiritual consciousness. At first, it may seem a bit selfish to leave the rest of the world alone and concern ourselves only with that; but ultimately we will find that this particular form of selfishness is the height of unselfishness, because once we attain some measure of God-realization, I then the world will beat a pathway to our door and really be benefitted by the degree of consciousness that we have attained.

There never will come a time when we understand enough, and there never will come a time when we have spiritual power. All that we can do in our most advanced state is what we can do in our beginning state, and that is, let the light dispel the darkness. "Let there be light: and there was light"—let there be God, God functioning and His presence going before us.

Eventually, as the light dawns more and more in our consciousness, we will find that others will come to us. At first, it will be a miracle how they even knew that we were interested in spiritual things. It is always puzzling as to how people discern this without even knowing; but as they come, we do not send them away: we accept the responsibility, taking this attitude: "If God sent this individual to me, then it is only that God may respond, and so I will meditate." Our whole responsibility is to feel that inner assurance of God's presence, and let it perform the work.

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

I the very Spirit of the Lord God, is the principle and the law unto my body. As long as I know that I am not in the body, but govern it, I have given my body to my divine Self for Its government. *I* does not have to control the body by conscious thinking or by psychological beliefs. *I* left to Itself governs the body. *I* knew enough to form this body; therefore *I* knows enough to govern this body and maintain and sustain it.

It is only in silence that the works of the Spirit are accomplished. That is why a silent treatment is much more powerful than an oral treatment. An oral treatment is apt to hit up against the consciousness of an individual and bring about rebellion. If you say to a person in pain, "Oh, disease has no power," you can almost feel him bristle as he replies, "No? I wish you were suffering this pain." So your statement has not only not blessed the person, but it has antagonized him and has been a barrier to his healing. If instead, you had simply said, "I will be glad to help you; I will pray"; and then, in your silence realized God alone as power, you would have aroused no mental reaction from your patient, and there might have been some measure of receptivity to it.

Father, You have offered me the hidden manna of Yourself, of Your kingdom within me. You have offered me infinite, eternal meat, wine, and water, and I accept. From this moment on, I will live secretly, silently, sacredly in the assurance that You have given me that meat which is Christ, that meat which is Spirit, that meat which is the spiritual substance of all form. I accept that as an invisible substance of all form...This life of mine is invisible, incorporeal. The temple which I am is invisible and incorporeal. It cannot be drowned with water; it cannot be burned with fire; it cannot be destroyed by bullets, nor can my substance be taken from me—my supply, my home, my family—for this is the meat the Father has given me. This is the divine union of I and my Father, and in this union, all that the

There must come a time in your experience when you do away with the future tense, when you do away with thinking about the good that is to come, the good that is desired, or the harmony that is to come. All this putting of things into the future is a human thing and not divine, and it does not have the sanction of Spirit. There is no way to reach spiritual harmony by *expecting* good. There is no way of reaping spiritual harmony by *expecting* harmony. There is no way of reaping or experiencing harmony in any other way than in understanding that whatever the appearance may be, harmony is. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." Now is when you are the child of God; now is when you are part of the spiritual kingdom; now is when the kingdom of God is established on earth.

You are not to battle evil or try to overcome it: you are to sit back in quietness and in confidence and realize: God alone is power. All of this that has been troubling me is the appearance with which I have been battling and which I cannot win over because it isn't really there. I am maintaining it in my own thought as a mental image by fighting it; whereas by relaxing "in quietness and in confidence," I can realize that this picture that is confronting me is a picture, not a person, although it may appear as a person. The appearance may testify to its being a person or the appearance may testify to its being a condition, but I have to realize that it is neither a person nor a condition but an appearance...What you do is to look through the appearance and realize: Unseen to my human eye, this is the Christ, the son of

The most difficult step on the spiritual path is when you are about to bring yourself to the place of not praying for things, conditions, or circumstances, because the moment you come to that decision, all the material things and thoughts in the world rise up to tempt you. All the lacks and limitations rise up to tempt you. Everything seems to conspire to drop you back. If you don't think so, open your Bible at the Master's three temptations and see how even after he was a Master, even after he was recognized as the Christ, he had to go through three temptations that rose up in an attempt to pull him down from his spiritual height.

In order to sow to the Spirit, we know that we must place our hope, faith, reliance, and remembrance in the *I* that is within us. Then we are praying spiritually, praying the prayer of a righteous man, the prayer that is efficacious, the prayer that availeth much. We are knowing the truth that makes us free, free of human domination, free of human dependence, free of human limitation. Knowing the truth establishes our oneness with the Father, oneness with our Source. Now we are under Grace. By an act of our consciousness, we have taken ourselves out from under the law of matter, the law of man, the law of time and space, and have placed ourselves under divine Grace, under Christ.

Keep your vision on your true identity. Behold in truth your spiritual, incorporeal selfhood. You are a state of consciousness. It is consciousness that constitutes your being. There is nothing outside. This understanding of withinness is the truth that makes us free from the limiting senses. As we realize that we include within our being every spiritual idea, such as health, harmony, activity, home, companionship, joy, peace, dominion, freedom, we cease expecting them to come from some outside source or circumstance. As we learn that these qualities constitute our being, they unfold, or manifest, in our experience.

The greatest thought I know when problems seem to press is this: "I am." When I can say, "I am" then I know that nothing can be added to that which I am. "I am" indicates just what it says: "I am." "I am complete, harmonious, spiritual, well, successful, joyous, free; I am about my Father's business; I am in the secret place of the most High; I am the temple of the living God; I am the expression of God's being; I am life expressed; I am love reflected; I am the manifestation of the peace and power of God; I am perfect; that which I am seeking, I am. Over and over, I reassure myself that "I am." Not trying to be something, or to get something, or to heal something, but always consciously, joyously, knowing that I am it here and now. I embrace within my own consciousness all good. Create your world out of "I

Job says, "and hangeth the earth upon nothing," [Job:26:7] again indicating spiritual power dependent on nothing tangible to human sense.

In truth there is no lie; in the consciousness of life there is no death; in the substance of spirit there is no matter. Limitless mind creates only the full bloom of immediate perfection.

As we all are one with God, we are all equally happy, joyous, successful, healthy, and we *know* it, the evidence notwithstanding. In mind (the only universe there is) all are faithful, loving, co-operative. Our home is the atmosphere of love, peopled with spiritual being eager to serve in patience with joy and calm, appreciation, and usefulness. Over and above all is our perfect principle, vitalizing us in our various endeavors to serve its purpose, to the end that all this may glorify the harmony of our spiritual Selfhood. This is the Father's business: expressing his love. In this atmosphere of spiritual consciousness, all are expressing his will and enjoying his grace. "Thy will be done. Thine is the

Human sense does not present a pretty picture, and even were it to be patched up, improved, or changed, it would still not be a spiritual picture, nor possess reality. Is it not clear then that not only does the picture need to be eliminated from consciousness, but even the consciousness itself which presented the picture should be given up, dissolved, so that not a trace remains. When we have learned that we have no mind but God, we shall know that there are no such pictures as those presented by physical sense, and that there is no other mind to conceive them.

It is impossible for the human mind to conceive all the good there is for us, or even how to make it visible and tangible. It is only when we cease our human thinking, planning, outlining, affirming, and denying, and learn to *rest*; to "feel" God, to listen, that we are able to live by grace. Then our eyes being open, we are able to see the entire spiritual scene available here and now.

The attempt to understand truth through some relation to the world of form, results in a density of comprehension barring the reality from view. Only as we transcend the consciousness of finite form, do we catch glimpses of our divine being and of the spiritual universe in which we live and move...Even the highest concept one can gain of the physical universe gives no hint of the beauty and magnitude of the incorporeal earth, in which is found no structural formation.

Spiritual sense, which is a consciousness completely freed of mortal concepts, alone beholds and reveals to individuals the world of truth, the earth of God's creating. All attempts to realize truth through the activity of the human mind must fail...Truth is an impartation from the universal mind or consciousness within the individual. It is grasped in proportion to our ability to be receptive to the unfolding and revelation of truth within us, rather than on our ability to perceive it through mental striving.

What we need is a spiritual state of consciousness, which is developed by practice...This is dwelling every moment in the consciousness of love, joy, peace, harmony, and letting error go without giving it too much thought; without fear or concern, because without thought, fear, or concern error will vanish of its own nothingness. Human thought is the substance of disease and disaster. Therefore, when thought is withdrawn from a problem, it has no substance to support or sustain it. "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" Take thought off the so-called problem and the problem must go, because its only substance is the human thought of which it is formed. It may be either conscious or unconscious thought that causes and continues the appearance of discord.

Everything exists in the universal consciousness, or divine mind. Sun, moon, stars, animals, and plants, all have their being as individual idea in mind, as forms of consciousness, as formations of spirit, as expressions of life, and all live and move in accord with the infinite law of divine principle. This principle is impartial and absolute, and governs impartially all of its creation. Divine mind, universal consciousness, is, therefore, forever conscious of its ideas, and conscious also of the harmonious relationship existing between all these ideas, as a natural result of the reign of principle.

We are the infinite capacity to receive and respond to truth, love, health, and wealth; to know eternal life, harmony, and wholeness of immortal being. Individual spiritual consciousness contains not one element of error, discord, disease, inharmony, or lack, but is substance, spirit, and reality.

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.

Immortality cannot be bestowed on a human being, any more than spiritual understanding can be conferred on anyone. The consciousness of this truth comes to individual thought in proportion to our ability to let go [of] human considerations that bind to the belief of life in matter. After all, your consciousness embodies all the truth there is. It is the kingdom of God within you; not far off in some vague divine mind or spiritual consciousness, but in the divine mind or spiritual consciousness which is your mind and consciousness. This removes the mystery, the miracle, and dissolves the illusions.

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.

In Christian Science we find that God is divine mind and, therefore, its creation must be in the form of ideas; that God is principle and his government must necessarily be impersonal, impartial, and universal; that God is love and this divine quality is manifested in the care and protection of love's creation; that God is truth, expressing infinite wisdom in its control over man and the universe; that God is spirit, the eternal, unchanging substance of all being. Added to these, we learn that God is infinite life, the one and only life, animating all men and things.

Let us know that "whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever;" that there is not a single element of error, discord, inharmony or fear in either God or his son, in mind or its idea, in spirit or its manifestation, in life or its expression; because spirit, God, is all and there is no matter.

"You can never demonstrate spirituality until you declare yourself to be immortal and understand that you are so. Christian Science is absolute; it is neither behind the point of perfection nor advancing towards it; it is at this point and must be practiced therefrom. Unless you fully perceive that you are the child of God, hence perfect, you have no Principle to demonstrate and no rule for its demonstration." [Miscellany 242 3-10]

The nature of God is Life, Love, Truth, Soul, Spirit, security, activity, substance, eternity, immortality, law, intelligence. Since God *cannot withhold* these qualities of being, is there any use praying for them? So it is that true prayer *is the recognition and acknowledgment that God is fulfillment and then letting It fulfill Itself within our being.*

Those who go to God even in the realization that all things will be added unto them are somewhere near the top, but not at the peak. Ultimate release from the claims of the world-ill health, lack, war, discord and inharmony, comes with the complete realization of God for God. There are no added things in God. God is the thing Itself God constitutes the only health, harmony, abundance, peace and security. There is no health, wealth, peace or security to be added to God. God is, and God constitutes all that is...We will not succeed in opening the storehouses of Heaven unless we acknowledge within our own being that in going to God we seek only God realization...Only spiritual intuition reveals that when we have God there is nothing in the whole world that we could need, want or desire.

The human sense of abundance is vastly different from the divine. The spiritual sense of abundance is fulfillment-day by day, year by year, without ever taking thought.

Heretofore our studies, prayers and meditations have been directed to rising above a sense of disease or discord, lack or incompleteness, but now we begin a new period in our experience of attaining and living a spiritual existence. Now we must *refuse to seek* health, abundance, peace and security, and we must use our understanding of prayer to rise above the harmonious physical sense of well-being, and to enter into the realm of Spirit, in which is only self-completeness and fulfillment, eternality and immortality.

In the human world everyone is chasing supply, and in the spiritual world supply is chasing us, but we never give it a chance to catch up with us. Supply is omnipresent. Supply is active in our consciousness, but as long as we ignore that fact we will be seeking and searching where it does not exist...It is only as we take the attitude of stillness, of listening, of awareness, that supply begins to pour out from within.

To live in accord with spiritual wisdom you must acknowledge that no power exists outside your own being, and that nothing and no one can enter your consciousness with the conflict. All power resides within you, and through spiritual awareness you have been given the ability to understand that God is the substance, the law, the infinity, and the true identity of every individual and every activity, regardless of any appearances to the contrary. As you practice living in accord with spiritual wisdom you will find, even though these persons and conditions continue to exist for a time, your very ability to resist combating them is the overcoming, and you become like the little stream that gently runs around and over and under the rocks but never wastes time and energy trying to fight or break through the

There may be a greater financial demand than you can meet at the moment, and in each of these events the world will tempt you to struggle and labor, to worry and fear. However, the Word of God entertained in your consciousness, held in your thought, will meet every physical, mental, moral and financial need that may presently present itself. At first you may wonder if this is true, and what has prevented all this good coming into your experience before. The answer is very simple: to most of us the Word of God is something we read in the Bible, or something we hear in church. Rarely have we realized that the Word of God is a living thing within us. The Word of God is a vital factor within us if we let the Word of God abide in our minds and in our thoughts. Always remember, our good comes to

Spiritual consciousness is your consciousness and mine, when freed of personal sense, desires, and concepts of life. Spiritual consciousness is your consciousness and mine as we refuse to accept the concepts, fears, and hates of the world, and receive within the calm assurance and confidence which come with the realization of His Presence. In this consciousness there is a transcendental Stillness and Peace which truly "passeth understanding": there is an awareness which is itself the "Peace, be still," to all discords.

In living this spiritual idea of life, one seeks no reward and no recognition: one seeks nothing but the opportunity to let God function as the entirety of his being.