
A MESSAGE FOR THE AGES

*Infinite Way Protective Work
Do Not Give Students Or Patients Human Advice*

Specific charges, however, must be made for teaching. If there is not a specific charge for a class, everybody in the city would be in the class, and all they would be doing would be holding back the level of the class because they are not seriously interested in the teaching. There should be fees for teaching in classes and even for teaching individuals until such time as a person grows to that point where he understands the nature of the work. Then there is no use putting any price on teaching because the student has already reached the place where that is not necessary. I have not had any charge for teaching work of an individual nature or with small groups, because in one way or another, students have a way of expressing their gratitude. But when I am giving classes for the general public, there is always a charge, whether it is a one-night, two-night, or a full six-night class.

Metaphysics Attempts To Improve Humanhood

Gratitude should always be that we have witnessed the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven, not just for a healing, for justice, or for abundance.

If a person is ill, asks for help, and gets it, we are grateful. We are not grateful that he has health: we are grateful that we have glimpsed the spiritual kingdom and brought it to his experience. At least now he is experiencing something of harmony of a spiritual nature.

A Parenthesis In Eternity

*Living The Mystical Life
The Tree Of Life*

As good begins to unfold in our experience, whether it is peace, harmony, health, or abundance we have to develop that deep humility which enables us to recognize that this is the showing forth of God's glory.

Release God

To pray without ceasing is to rejoice all day long that the grace of God is working in us and through us without our telling God or pleading with Him, without our asking or desiring anything from God because he has already given all good to us, and we have only to be still to realize it and show it forth.

Beyond Words And Thoughts

*His Rain Falls
Recognizing The Invisible*

When you partake of any food that is set before you, do so in the conscious realization of the Source, so that you do not fall into the trap of believing that it is your money that buys that food for you, or your position...You must constantly know that there is an Invisible, and that it is this Invisible within you that produces your daily bread. This takes egotism away, and with it the pride of possession.

Conscious Union With God

*Making The Adjustment
Take No Thought*

Only realization needed: Thank you Father, I already am.

Availability Of The Mind That Was In Christ Jesus

Be grateful that every truth is a universal truth.

Consciousness IN TRANSITION

Making The Adjustment

But, you see, not my conscious thinking does it, not my treatment does it—oh, no! The law of God which I am in my innermost being, that does it. And I just go along for the ride to see how beautiful the scenery is and to be grateful for all the wonderful people with whom I come in contact, for all the beautiful scenery I am permitted to see, and all the beautiful experiences that come to me. It is developing a state of consciousness which is that of a beholder, a witness to God's work, that's all.

You could go all through the balance of your career without a treatment, without a lesson, without reading a book, and find greater harmony, greater peace, greater health than you have ever known, just with the simple realization of, "Thank you, Father, I am!" *I am!* Not will be, and not shall be. *I am!* Not ought to be and not deserve to be. Just, "Thank you, Father, I am!"

Money is just a human concept—but it is a human concept of a divine idea; it represents love, gratitude, sharing, cooperativeness. So, as a spiritual idea, you know it can't come to you; it must be an embodied idea and activity of your consciousness. One of the reasons why we are short of money when we are short of it, is that we are looking for it to come to us when it is hidden in our own consciousness all the time.

Our particular problem is this: the development of the practitioner to that point where he neither fears, hates nor loves error; his development of some measure of Christ—consciousness which means divine love, universal love, a sense of forgiveness, a sense of gratitude, a sense of human affection.

Consciousness transformed

Removing The Veil

When you discover *I* in the midst of you, there is no wishing or praying to be done. There is just a life of thanksgiving. It is never necessary to ask for anything you need, because the nature of *my* kingdom is omniscience—the all-knowing. It needs no assistance or help because it is omnipotence, and it is not necessary that you go anywhere [to get it] because it is omnipresence...The kingdom is within you and a king is never outside of his kingdom.

You have really summed it all up if, occasionally, you have looked down in the area of your chest and said: "Thank You, Father, for thy omnipresence," or thy omnipotence, or thy omniscience.

Enjoy the outer certainly, and its beauties, but always be able to go beyond and see what produces the outer effect.

The main barrier to spiritual progress lies in the personal sense of the word *I*. Whenever we say, "I am healthy, I am wealthy, I am grateful, I am loving, I am forgiving," we are indulging in personal sense which is the barrier to our reaching our ultimate goal.

Humanly we have no relationship with each other, but spiritually there is this bond. When you see it in this way, you never receive anything from anyone without heartfelt thanks to them as an instrument, but neither do you forget to look further and see that it came to you by virtue of the spiritual bond.

Tithing is something that can only take place when individuals receive inwardly the realization of what great gifts of God they have received, and in gratitude decide to share some part of it.

Consciousness Unfolding

God Is Individual Consciousness

Acknowledging The Source

When we say, “Thank you, Father, I am,” we are showing forth our conviction that our supply does not come from any human being, but that it comes from the Father.

Be Grateful For The Principle

Instead of being grateful for the *effect*—some human form of government—we, on the spiritual path, have learned that our gratitude should be for a *principle* of government, and for the fact that we have discovered enough about the principle to maintain it and sustain it in individual and collective consciousness so that no man or group of men can tear it down.

Let us always express gratitude for the *cause*, not for the effect. Let us view the effect merely as an evidence.

Only those who understand that God is their own consciousness and that from this individual, yet infinite, consciousness flow all things can really know the true sense of gratitude.

The only real gratitude is that which is felt for the gift of spiritual discernment.

[The Pilgrims] gave thanks for an effect, for something in the visible realm.

The tragedy of the entire mission of Jesus was that so many were grateful for the effects, and so few caught the vision of the cause—so few were able to go out and do likewise.

Gratitude

When a person can take a percentage of his earnings and say, “This is not coming from me; this is part of what God is expending for Its own activity. I am merely the transfer agent for it,” that sense of tithing and gratitude soon shows itself forth as improved earnings, opportunities, and income.

Where tithing or gratitude is expressed in the hope of a reward, it is a farce.

God, The Substance Of All Form

States And Stages Of Consciousness

Gratitude

The first duty of the disciple, or student, is that of gratitude...Only in expressing gratitude to an individual, are you expressing gratitude to the individuality of God in one of Its forms. You are recognizing God as the source of that for which you are grateful.

LIVING BY GRACE

God, The Source and Substance

Your True Identity and Your Relationship to God

When His disciples came to Him, so proud that they had been given the power over the devil, [Jesus] rebuked them. "Oh, no! The devils are not subject unto you. Just be grateful your names are writ in heaven. That's all. Nothing is subject unto you. Just, your names are writ in heaven." What does that mean, your names are writ in heaven and the devils are not subject unto you? It means that there is no power other than God's. You have no power, the devils have no power. Do you see how we always come back to the basis of The Infinite Way? We stand in the name and in the nature of God. That is why there is no weapon formed against us that can prosper, not because we have any weapons over the devil, but just because we stand in the name and in the nature of God.

The ministry of Truth tempts many to enter the path to gratify their ego in being known as a practitioner or teacher or lecturer or leader or for some other desire for personal gratification. Be sure you have received the signal within, which is your passport on the journey. The greatest temptation above all others is having one's own concept of Truth. Complete discipleship comes only when all sense of personal knowledge of Truth disappears.

LIVING BY THE WORD

*Let The Tares And The Wheat Grow Together
A New Way To Pray Without Ceasing*

Your gratitude must not be because someone gave you something or because of some external condition: your gratitude must be that there is an infinite, invisible, spiritual kingdom which is intact. Once you separate this world from *My* kingdom, then this world starves and destroys itself. It becomes a nothingness because of its own nature.

Living The Infinite Way

Meditation

The great prophets of old saw that man need do nothing about these great miracles except behold, enjoy them, and be grateful that there is an Infinite Wisdom and a divine Love that has created all these things for Its own glory. This really means for your glory and for mine, because God's only existence is as you and as me!

Man Was Not Born to Cry

*The Prince Of Peace
Peace Has To Begin With Us*

To look for peace in another is not only to evade and avoid the issue: it is to prevent our own experience of peace. To look for justice, mercy or for gratitude in another is a mistake.

Spiritual Interpretation Of Scripture

*Oneness
(oneness)*

Tithing is an expression of gratitude

SPIRITUAL POWER OF TRUTH

A Harmonious Universe

The function of the activity of Christ is to transform consciousness. The outer world is only a product, or the added things, of the change of consciousness....Instead of looking out and wondering what Truth will do for us or what this one or that one will do for us, if we are looking out in the sense of gratitude that we have a contribution to make in spiritual sharing, we have had a transformation of consciousness, and the product of that will be peace, and love, and gratitude. However, do you not see that this could not exist without a change of consciousness?

So it may be with us in that day when we truly recognize our Christhood. I am afraid we are going to forget to be grateful. Certainly, the new generation that is born into Christhood will never be grateful, for they will never know what they were saved from.

We are all of the household of God. In acknowledging this for yourself, in bringing to yourself the harmonies that automatically follow the reign of Christ, do not forget that you are bringing them to this entire world. This is because in the last analysis we cannot wait for billions of people to decide to turn to Truth for the world to be saved. Nearly all the billions will pass on before this happens, and we will have to start all over with the next generation; and then those *billions* will be passing on before we in reach them. Therefore, let's stop trying to reach mankind, and instead let each one of us determine to reach our selves, raise up Christ in our selves, realize the Christ in each other, and thereby establish the reign of Christ on earth. Then the billions of people will automatically discover that they are God-governed. When that day comes, if you witness it, you will probably be surprised that they are not grateful for it. They won't be grateful, because they will not know out of what they were lifted.

So very soon, we have a way of knowing our reactions to each other without any outward expression; but that only comes with the death of the selfhood, when there is no "I" that has to say, "I am grateful." When that "I" is gone, then the realization is so pure that everything is understood without visible expression. The importance of this is that, in facing the world, you do not judge—not good or evil. Have no opinion. Now you realize IS.

If you personalize error in any form, you are making yourself a victim of it, as well as your patients and students. That's why it is an error to say to a patient or student, "You must be more loving," or "You must be more forgiving," or "You must be more grateful." That's all nonsense, because that is personalizing the error. If you find that your patient is not loving, is not kind, is not gentle, is not spiritual, then relieve your patient of that burden by realizing, "These negative qualities don't belong to you. They're part of the carnal mind, and the carnal mind is the arm of flesh—nothing." Free your patient; don't hold them in bondage.

The Altitude Of Prayer

*Two Or More Gathered Together
Can A Room Become A Temple Of God*

Express joy, gratitude, peace, and sharing not for benefit of other person but as means of letting God through

Tithing not for God but to express gratitude

The Contemplative Life

In my opinion, gratitude finds its highest expression in the realization of God as the invisible Source of all that is visible. The sunshine, the rain, rivers, lakes, mountains—all these exist as God's expression of His infinite Being, of His infinite abundance spread forth for the sons and daughters of God, not for one or two, not for the favored few, but for all.

My many years on this path have demonstrated to my satisfaction that our supply is in direct proportion to our receptivity, that is, to the degree of gratitude that we express in the form of bread placed upon the waters as benevolence, forgiveness or praying for our enemies because then we are expressing spiritual principles.

The Early Years (32-46)

Business

Drop the weight of responsibility from your shoulders. "Stand ye still" and let love provide the customers, the volume, and the profits. Allow no thought of competition to enter. You are not dependent on material conditions for your business. The lie of mortal mind is that you are dependent on weather, prosperity, surroundings, or no competition for your success...Prepare thought for the day's business and mentally invite the world. Know that love fills all space, that every corner of your world is filled with divine ideas that express joy, gratitude, and love. Keep thought away from transactions. Just hold to the truth that Christ has invited all to "come unto me" -be served of him. Do not but know constantly that divine intelligence is continually expressing itself in your business; that divine love is eternally being manifested in it; that mind produces all the needed activity; that love supplies the currency; that principle is forever expressing itself in harmonious, active, and complete business.

the foundation of mysticism

Living The Healing Principles

Purifying The Mind

Don't ever tell people they can be helped if they read ten pages of a book, or go to church, or tithe, or are grateful or loving...It's all nonsense, because psychologically it won't work. Individuals cannot change their nature. Only the activity of the Christ in their consciousness can change their nature. If they try to change humanly, they will repress their human nature without dissolving it, until one day it explodes. It can't be repressed; it's bound to break out.

God is. Life is eternal. I and my Father are one. There is no discord in God's creation, God is the substance of all form; God's world is perfect, and if there is a "this world," then this world is perfect because it must be God's world. Ah, yes, but I'm being faced now with a dying person, or a poor person, a sinful person, an imprisoned person. Surely, surely that's the world-hypnotism; that's the mesmeric activity of this carnal mind presenting these pictures to me. And how grateful I am to have learned there is no law in this picture to sustain it, so it must dissolve. There's no substance, no form, no activity—it must dissolve.

In every message that embraces either mental or spiritual healing, we address the individual, and in doing this we personalize error. You either call the patients by their name, or you address them as "you," and you seek to uncover the error in their thought, or you point out to them what they lack in spiritual qualities: "You should be more loving or more grateful or more forgiving." Always, "You." Even in silent and absent treatments, the patients are the ones who are being treated. This is practiced in every teaching except the Infinite Way.

Spiritually understood, Thanksgiving cannot be confined to a day, a week, or a month. Thanksgiving is a state of consciousness, and it has to become a permanent state. We, as spiritual students, must realize there cannot be a minute of the day or night when somewhere within us there isn't a giving of thanks, a recognition or acknowledgment of the spiritual source and activity of all being. I can't conceive of living long without our eyes seeing some form of beauty, some form of supply, some form of nature, some form of good, without there welling up inside a deep sense of thanks for the fullness of creation.

The Infinite Way Letters 1955

*Higher Views Of God, Prayer And The Self
Higher Views Of God, Prayer And The Self*

There is only one way to pray: "Thank You, Father."

Thanksgiving

Let your thanks be that you have achieved some measure of the realization of God...as the nature of your own being.

The Infinite Way Letters 1957

*January: Out Of Darkness
Travelogue*

To be grateful for a healing is an error: Be grateful that the Spirit of God has been realized.

Gratitude For The Realization Of The Spirit

Should you embark upon a program of daily gratitude for the Spirit of God that underlies this universe, you will find a change in your life that will appear to you as a miracle in less than thirty days.

You are able to be that light in proportion to the amount of time and effort you give to communion. That is the measure of your gratitude.

The Letters '32-'46

*Spiritual Healing
(spiritual Healing)*

We cannot receive supply and gratitude because these are omnipresent.

The Mystical I

*An Act Of Worship And The Fruitage
The Power Is Not In Words But In Consciousness*

God is individual consciousness. That is why we sit in silence with a listening ear, without words and without thoughts, in the presence of the *I* that I am. Out of that still consciousness comes the Word that is power...Learn to sit in an attitude of respect, love, and gratitude before the door of your own consciousness...Do you not see that *I* can enter only as you settle into this peaceful, quiet listening before the door of your own consciousness?

Secrecy Imperative

[Never forget] under any circumstance to let the last word at night be, "Thank You, Father, for the *I* that dwelleth in me."