
A MESSAGE FOR THE AGES

Chapter: Guidelines for Spiritual Unfoldment through The Infinite Way
Topic: *Studying The Writings*

1964 Instructions, Tape Group Leaders, 1963
557, 509, 511

No advanced student is going to succeed unless he keeps going back to the basic principles. It is my experience that occasionally I have to remind myself that I am not going to God to get a power. I have to remind myself once in a while that I am not seeking God to do anything to error. I do not know how anyone becomes so advanced that he can go beyond that.

Chapter: Infinite Way Pearls
Topic: *What Is Illumination?*

1963 Instructions For Teaching The Infinite Way 1:2,
509, 511

An illumined consciousness is the state of consciousness that does not hate, fear, or love error in any form. That is illumination: that is Christ-consciousness or spiritual consciousness.

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

1963 Instructions For Teaching The Infinite Way 6:2
550

I do not tell patients they must stop taking medicine, because as long as there is some faith in it, taking medicine away from them could create more problems than letting it be a suffer-it-to-be-so-now. What I am interested in is not what the student is doing or thinking when he comes to me but the changes that take place as he continues to come. If I see that changes are taking place in his consciousness, I can be sure that the errors are leaving him.

Chapter: Material sense of demonstration or the unfoldment of grace
Topic:

1963 Instructions For Teaching The Infinite Way 6:1
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At one time mind was looked upon as a power over matter, but the impossibility of this is evident to those who realize that what the world calls matter really is mind. The substance of matter is mind. Matter is the visible form of invisible mind. It is not that mind is a power over matter or that thought is a power over material conditions. It is that mind itself constitutes matter and material conditions, and the more mind is used for good purposes, the more good matter appears because mind and matter are one. The more evil or error there is in the mind, the more erroneous matter there is because mind and matter are one. Mind is the substance and matter is the form, just as glass is the substance of a tumbler, but the tumbler is the form. So mind is the substance of matter, and on the level of mind, of this world, we have good and we have evil.

Chapter: Not Appearance but IS
Topic: *Attaining The Healing Consciousness*

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

The belief in two powers is so firmly implanted in human consciousness that we are not able to look at a form of error and say, "It is neither good nor evil." We are determined to get rid of it, overcome it, or rise above it, or we are determined to try to get the power of God to do something to it. . . [instead of saying] "illusion," and then go back to sleep.

Chapter: Now I See
Topic: *All Principles Of The Infinite Way Are Interlocking*

1963 Instructions For Teaching The Infinite Way 4:1
509

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.

As you develop the consciousness of omniscience, you recognize at the same moment that this precludes the possibility of error having law, intelligence, substance, or activity. When you are living omnipotence and then realize that omnipotence means the non-power of any form of error, evil, or threat, and also that the realization of omnipresence automatically means the nonpresence of the appearance, you have brought the three into one and you have the whole.

One of the reasons for the lack of healing is the belief that God is going to do something to the error. So you are waiting for something that cannot happen; you are waiting for a God-power to do something. . . You cannot bring God into action. It is not your prayers that bring God-power: the God-power is omnipresent, and your prayer is but the connecting link. It is like turning on your radio. Simply turning it on does not create any program. By turning it on you merely tune in to the program already in progress. So it is that anyone waiting for God to do something is wasting his time. God is not going to do anything a minute from now. Whatever God is going to do, God is doing, and God has been doing since the beginning of time.

Chapter: The Simplicity of the Healing Truth

1963 Instructions For Teaching The Infinite Way 7:1

Topic: *No Destructive Powers In God's Creation*

551

The healing principle of the Infinite Way is that God is consciousness, universal infinite consciousness, appearing, formed, and expressed as individual man and the universe. This is a spiritual universe, and since every appearance of error is the product of hypnotism—a hypnotism caused by a belief in two powers—there is no such thing as cancer, consumption, poverty, unemployment, an erroneous person, or a sinner. In the proportion that you see such things, you are hypnotized; you are seeing forms of hypnotism. Only when you are dehypnotized will you see a person as he is. Only then will you see God as God is, and God's universe as it is.

In reality, God is the substance of all form. The nature and character of all form— dog, man, tree, bird, or beast—is God. Therefore, they are eternal. But the substance of this world is hypnotism, and you cannot get rid of the errors or the limitations of this world until you get rid of the hypnotism. . . How do you get rid of hypnotism? By recognizing it. That is the only way.

AWAKENING MYSTICAL CONSCIOUSNESS

Chapter: The Mystic and Healing

1952

Topic: *The Truth Of I Am*

All I have to do is keep that awareness of my true identity and then stop believing it gives me power over error.

BEYOND WORDS AND THOUGHTS

Chapter: His Rain Falls

1963 Kailua Private Class

Topic: *As Ye Sow*

Forgive yourself by recognizing the impersonal nature of evil, and drop out of your thought right now that it was any error of yours, *except an ignorance of spiritual principles*.

Chapter: Measuring Spiritual Progress

1963 Kailua Private Class

Topic: *Signs Of Spiritual Progress*

518:1 or 517:2

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

Chapter: World Work for all Infinite Way Students

1963 Kailua Private Class

Topic: *Ten Righteous Men Can Nullify The Carnal Mind*

517:1

If we were to pray to remove the sins of our friends, relatives, or community, and if we succeeded, what would be attained? The human mind is still there and is always fertile ground to take on more sins, and so tomorrow we would have to pray to remove those sins. That is why the Master taught that if one error is removed, we may be making room for seven more to enter. So. . . we are praying that the activity of the Christ take over his consciousness. When it does, there is no sin left in it because there is no room for sin in the Christ-mind.

CONSCIOUS UNION WITH GOD

Chapter: Making The Adjustment
Topic: *Impersonalization Of Good And Evil*

1947

Be quick in the realization the claim/error is nonexistent.

Chapter: Mysticism
Topic: *The Battle Is Not Yours*

1947 Metaphysical Notes

Transparency has no love, fear, or hate of error.

Chapter: Opening Consciousness To Truth
Topic: *Dealing With Premonitions*

1947 Metaphysical Notes

Premonitions must be treated like error.

By asking God to reinterpret the scene there is no acknowledgment of an error to be overcome.

Chapter: Seek The Answer Within
Topic: *An Illumined Treatment Never Stops*

1947 Metaphysical Notes

In healing a treatment with a “click” operates in your consciousness until the error is broken.

When presented with an error to heal, smile because you know it's a mirage.

Chapter: States And Stages of Consciousness
Topic: *No Mental Cause For Disease*

1947 Metaphysical Notes

It shocked Joel to learn that error is not the result of a person's thinking.

Chapter: Teacher, Student, And Teaching
Topic: *One Power, A Basic Principle*

1947 Metaphysical Notes

Truth does not dispel error because you can't dispel illusion.

Chapter: Teaching The Message
Topic: *The Christ*

1947 Metaphysical Notes

Christ consciousness is attained only through recognition that error is unreal thus causing no reaction to it.

The Christ is individual consciousness when it is purged of all love, fear, or hate of error [good or bad].

Chapter: The Argument Or Treatment
Topic: *Hypnotism, The Substance Of Human Appearances*

1947

All error is hypnotism claiming to operate as your own thinking.

Chapter: The Nature of Error
Topic: *Error Is Never A Person, Place Thing, Or Condition*

1947 Metaphysical Notes

Translate evil into impersonal error and good into God.

In the kingdom of God, there is no such thing as error, and so it is useless even to try to account for it.

CONSCIOUSNESS IN TRANSITION

Chapter: A Word to the Wise
Topic:

1948

All error is hypnotism claiming to operate as your own thinking. As soon as you realize the error is not your thinking or that of your patient, you separate yourself from the suggestion and you become free. The act of recognizing the error—regardless of its form—as universal hypnotism or mesmeric suggestion claiming to act as your own thought or thinking, is the release. Only while the error is unrecognized as suggestion or imposed hypnosis, do you remain in the sin, disease or lack. Every claim of the body governing or controlling you, every belief of limitation, every appearance of sin or disease, or death, is but hypnotism claiming to act as your thinking. The realization of this truth is your remedy. Every claim or suggestion of mortality, even good mortality, must be handled in this way.

Topic:

That is why we have the term, "The mind that was in Christ Jesus." It isn't any mind other than your own. It's in your own mind but it is your own mind after you have lost the love of error, the hate of error, and the fear of error. It is your own mind, your own consciousness, after you have learned to look out on the world and say, "There is no power outside of my own being, and because God is my own being, there is no evil power."

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.

When the problem is presented to you, do not resist it, do not deny it or affirm it. Just take the attitude of non-resistance, divine indifference—not putting out a mental wall against it, not trying to overcome it, not trying to deny it—just having an attitude of freedom from fear, an attitude of realizing that you don't have to resist a mirage, an attitude that you are not going to separate the railroad tracks or lift the sky off the mountain. Yet don't wait for that moment to take that attitude, for that will be affirmation and denial and to that degree will be resistance...Instead of reacting with, "What do I think about this? What do I know? It isn't true, it isn't real," just smile, knowing that you are being presented with a mirage and that all you have to do is recognize that it is a mirage. You see, this Christ-consciousness does not resist error. Why? Because it doesn't recognize error as a power.

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.

Chapter: Making the Adjustment

1948

Topic:

Our reading will not make error any less error than it is. It is already nothing.

Herbert Eustace...caught the vision that error—that which the world calls error, sin, ease and death—is not person, place or thing, and therefore, is not to be tackled from that standpoint. So that part of this teaching is quite similar to this; in many ways it parallels this.

If you were in a little boat on a river and another little boat came along with no one in it and it bumped into you, you would not get mad about it. But—suppose that boat came along with a man in it. Then you'd get mad. . . There is just the point we are making! A person comes and says, "I am sick," and we immediately go back to review it, to do something about the person. Actually, there isn't any person at all; there is an empty boat. The error isn't a person at all; it's just a little accident—a little belief. It is impersonal error, not personal at all...So when a person says, "I'm sick or I'm sinning or I fear," try to visualize that empty boat. There isn't any person there so there is no purpose in answering back to a person, or trying to correct him or heal him or bawl him out. Do you see what I mean?

Topic:

You see now that in this meditation you will receive ideas of truth, ideas which exteriorize themselves in what we call tangible form, as bread on the table or as healing or as truth that dispels error. It even reveals to you the nature of error; it will make it appear as illusion, so that you won't even have to think of it in that light, it will come through in its own way. So meditation is for us one of the most important things to develop. Only don't try to press; don't try to exert mental effort. It's not by might nor by power. It's by the gentle spirit.

Chapter: Opening Consciousness to Truth

1948

Topic:

You see, since our premise is that all action is mind action and God is the only mind, everything that is appearing to you is the activity of God. So what we are doing now is not overcoming error, but rightly interpreting that picture before us...Still it is quite in order to say, "How about interpreting this for me and letting me see it as it is?" It is perfectly all right to say that to God—no resistance there, you see; no acknowledgment that it is an error to be overcome. No acknowledgment that there is a sinner to be reformed; no acknowledgment that there is a lack or limitation that must be met.

Regardless of the name or nature of your particular problem, stop battling error so far as you can, try not to fight it too hard. See if you can't take the attitude, "the battle is not yours." Then be still and see the salvation of the Lord. You need not battle. All you have to do is make the acknowledgment that all that is appearing is for the glory of God. See if you can't take this healing work easy: Try to take it as if you really believe that evil isn't a great power.

On this same subject of mystical power, the great secret is, "I can of my own self do nothing. . . I live, yet not I, Christ liveth in me." And the great secret is not how much personal power can we develop as healers but how good a vehicle are we for Christ, how clear a transparency, what degree of Christ—consciousness are we? In other words, what degree of love for error or hate of error or fear of error is in or out of my consciousness? When a call comes, see how much you can stop getting a resistance, a denial, up here in the forehead. That is where it all comes, this resistance. It all rushes in and wants to say, "It isn't true! It isn't true!" See how much we can resist that and actually believe it isn't true! If you really believe it isn't true, you don't have to say it or declare it, you can afford to smile at it. You can afford to see through it and sometimes you may have to keep it up quite a while, the tenacity of error is so strong in some people's thoughts—not that the person is responsible for it, either.

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.

Chapter: Student and teacher

1948

Topic:

Unless we perceive the unreal nature of what is appearing to us as error, as sin, as disease, lack, war, etc. we cannot handle it scientifically and thus reverse the picture. We may fall into blind faith healing, which is neither good nor permanent.

The metaphysical revelation of the nature of error is true—it is nothing! But it remains a problem until we have really come into the *awareness* which makes it nothing in our experience.

Give up this idea that truth dispels error. Error is not a reality and does not have to be destroyed; it merely has to be recognized for the nothingness that it is. God, Truth is the only power. We do not use it. We *are* it. That which I am seeking—I *am*.

The idea of forgiveness does not mean looking at a human being and remembering the terrible offense he committed against us and then forgiving him for it. There is no virtue in that. The virtue lies in the ability to see through the human to the divinity of his being, realizing that in the divinity of his being there has never been an occasion for error of any nature. It is as if he were asking us for help and we would have to behold him as he really is—a spiritual being. . . Without their asking for help, we are called on every day to look upon those toward whom we have any negative feeling, and develop this act of forgiveness, which means to turn to the Christ of our own being and there know that nothing but love exists. There never has been a mortal and all that appears as a mortal is the Christ itself, incorrectly seen.

Chapter: Teaching the Message

1948

Topic:

[Christ-consciousness] might be attained only in one way: through our recognition of the nature of error which causes us to lose our love for it, our hate for it and our fear for it.

Let us never indulge thoughts or acts that violate our teaching of one self. How about criticizing and judging and condemning the other fellow? Well, we are doing it to ourselves and it will come back to us. Oh, don't you ever worry that our errors won't come back to us! And that is an error—not the act of judging or condemning; but the act of violating our own understanding that there is only one, and that we are judging and condemning our own being.

Chapter: The Nature of Error

1948

Topic:

In order to be free of discord, let us never forget that it is necessary for us to know the nature of error. Now, in our meditation we are going to be so consciously one with God that eventually error never comes near us, it fades away automatically even as we approach it.

To begin with, when error appears to us, it appears as a person or as a condition or as a place. In the same way, when good appears to us, it appears as a person, a place, a condition.

Error never appears as error; it always appears in some form that will fool you...It appears as a beautiful diamond attracting us, or a handsome man, or a beautiful woman tempting us. And we do not see that it is the error tempting us. All that we see is that beautiful form it appears to be, that it appears as. It is the same way with disease. Disease appears to us as some kind of localized condition, and that's what fools us. We go to work on that condition, thereby we almost become one with it! At least, we make it a reality.

Now error is not a person. Error is never a person. And to immediately work on an evil person is to get yourself so mixed up in it that you'll have a hard time ever bringing out a healing. In the same way, error is never a diseased person, either. It appears that way, but it isn't that, and if you work on the disease of the person, ultimately you are going to find your healing work isn't really good. It isn't instantaneous, it isn't even quick. It isn't satisfactory.

When that man asks for help to get rid of his white poodle...I mustn't give him help to get rid of his white poodle—otherwise I would be in the same state of mesmerism that he is in. The mere fact that I am not hypnotized makes me see that there is no white poodle there. The claim isn't white poodle, the claim is hypnotism. The minute I know that, that man is free. Why is he free? Because the error has been uncovered, it has been seen, it has been recognized for its nothingness. You know hypnotism can't produce a white poodle, can it? It can only produce an illusory appearance, and nobody is going to be afraid of that. The fear comes only while we believe there is a white poodle there.

Probably when you get to that degree of oneness with the Christ-consciousness, you will be able to forget this. You will be able to drop out of your thought, entirely, that you ever knew-or cared-what the nature of error was. It is relatively unimportant once you are completely one with that mind that was also in Christ Jesus.

As a rule I have found it helpful to me, when I am first presented with any form of error, when a patient writes me, or telephones me or comes to the office, for me to realize quickly, "I'm not dealing with a person or a condition. I am only dealing with a suggestion that wants to get in and make me do something about it." When I've done that, I've done all that's necessary in the way of treatment. After that I can sit down, find my peace, get right to the center of God-consciousness, and go on from there.

There is no such thing as error and there is no use trying to account for error. But you can say that it certainly is an appearance coming to you, it is a temptation coming to you to believe in a selfhood apart from God.

What's the use of all this nonsense of going around saying, "There's no evil," while at the same time we keep two or three telephone lines going so that people who are sick can reach us. It isn't consistent, is it?... Get it into your consciousness that any form of error is only suggestion and stop giving treatments to people or conditions. Then it doesn't make any difference if you never think of it again. Train yourself to know that you are never dealing with a sick or sinning person, you never have a disease to deal with. All you have is universal beliefs!

CONSCIOUSNESS IS WHAT I AM

Chapter: Christ As the Consciousness of Mankind
Topic:

1969 L

The error or evil disappeared just as darkness leaves a room when the light is turned on. The darkness in the room does not go anywhere because what we call darkness is but an absence of light. In the presence of light there is no darkness.

Healing dependent on patient's willingness to be free of the sin/error causing problem.

Chapter: The Consciousness of Truth Is the Healer
Topic: *All Claims Are Of A Universal Nature, But Some Persons Personalize Them*

1959-1960

Do not tell a patient that he must get rid of [a belief]. Whatever is uncovered to you, let it drop as a nothingness, remembering that neither you nor the patient has anything to get rid of. What you have to do is to know the truth, and the constant knowing of that truth will build a whole new consciousness in which error, regardless of its name or nature, will have less and less power until finally it has none.

After your meditation on the allness of God is completed, you may still be faced with whatever the seeming problem is. So you come to the most important principle of healing work. Error is not personal; therefore, it has nothing to do with you, with your patient, or with your student.

In every case that comes to you for healing, your first step is the realization of God as constituting all being. Work with that idea until you have an inner assurance that God is. Then impersonalize the evil—the error or the appearance—whatever its name or nature, by consciously knowing that it is no part of a person and that all evil is impersonal. It must be seen that evil is not in, of, or through person; it is not appearing as person; it is something separate and apart from person.

Chapter: The False And Right Sense of I
Topic: *The Troublemaker*

1951-1954

Only error is entertaining false sense of I.

CONSCIOUSNESS TRANSFORMED

Topic:

We might as well face the problem or it will continue. The reason the law of cause and effect continues to operate in our consciousness is because we give power to this law. Eventually we must come back to, “No, God has given me dominion, and there is no power outside of me.” . . . So let us begin to face our problems without a desire to get rid of them, without a fear of them. I’m going to acknowledge there is an error and I’m looking at it, but there is a solution. With some realization of truth, we are finding error doesn’t exist. . . The problem must be licked through understanding.

Chapter: Freedom is an activity Within your Own consciousness

1964

Topic:

In facing the temptation that there is an external power, go back immediately and realize that consciousness is the basic substance, cause and law of all creation. Therefore, all creation manifests its qualities, character and nature because creation is the heir to all of those. This shows you why you do not need God over error.

Chapter: Hidden Manna – the Real Infinite Way

8/24/63

Topic:

[1963] has been a difficult year for me in which I have been going through a period of inner initiation waiting for a message. During the last two to three weeks [of August] it all came to a head, and then it became clear that we are entering the consciousness that does not need words or thoughts. We can sit down to meditate and realize: “The kingdom of God is closer than breathing. I just have to tune in and listen. I need no words and I need no thoughts. I need only receptivity and, when the Word of God comes, the earth of error melts.”

Chapter: *I* - That is all

1963

Topic:

Some of you may have difficulty in making a transition in consciousness where you stop affirming truth and denying error, and reach that place in consciousness where you can relax and remember, “*I* am closer to you than breathing, nearer than hands and feet, “Be not afraid, it is *I*.” Every student has great experiences of healing and regeneration in proportion as he or she can relax in that statement. . . Do not fight because when you are fighting, you are fighting your imagination. You are fighting illusions, instead of relaxing and resting.

Chapter: Into the Mystical Consciousness

1964

Topic:

Jesus gave us the nature of God as *I*, Buddha gave us the nature of error as *maya*, or illusion, and both of these combined in me to bring forth this message.

Chapter: *My* consciousness

3/31/63

Topic:

You see, these are the two major functions of The Infinite Way. The one under the heading of “the nature of error” is its metaphysics and the other, a revelation of “God as your consciousness” is the mysticism. It is the highest realm of mysticism when you realize, “*I* and consciousness are one and the same. . . Thou sees *Me*, thou seest the consciousness that *I* am.”

Chapter: the adjustment must be made within your consciousness – Secrecy

September 1963

Topic:

You would have no right to enter the classroom and change the [incorrect sums] on the blackboard, but you would find it impossible to pass by without inwardly making the corrections. Within yourself you would correct the mathematical error, within yourself you would substitute the correct figures.

When you see or hear any form or error or evil. . . realize within yourself: “It is not of God,” and drop it.

Topic:

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

CONSCIOUSNESS UNFOLDING

Chapter: Freedom in Christ

1949

Topic: *No Unsolvable Problems*

Errors are real only to the mortal sense of reality.

There is nothing that we should or can do about the human situation. It is all a question of unfoldment. There must be a transcendental working out of all errors. To do that, we turn to God and realize the presence of God in operation at all times and in all places.

Chapter: God Is Individual Consciousness

1949

Topic: *God Is Individual Consciousness*

There is no error. . . but no matter how many times that statement has been or is voiced, the world goes right on in the same old way. Why? Because the statement, "There is no error," has not become an idea embodied in consciousness.

Chapter: God Revealing the Infinity of Being

1949

Topic: *Learn The Inner Meaning Of Words*

There are only three points comprising the letter of truth in this instruction, and these are: God; God individualized; and error as suggestion or world belief which must be rejected in order not to suffer from its effects. That is all.

If you find yourself struggling with these errors, trying to improve or change them, you will not bring about healing. Go to that word God as quickly as you can. Then, if you like, jump from God to one of the synonyms [Love, Intelligence, Life, Law], and in that way work out from God.

Chapter: Gratitude

1949

Topic: *Summary Of The Letter Of Truth*

Realize that it was your ignorance that led you into whatever error you may have been guilty of indulging. That same ignorance led you into the belief that your body was something apart from God, and that you could do what you wanted to do with it.

Chapter: Lifting of Consciousness

1949

Topic: *Let Your Life Exemplify Truth*

Christ consciousness is your consciousness when you no longer hate, fear, or love error of any name or nature. What is the whole secret of the healing work? Is it that we have a power over error? Or is it that disease is not a power?

Chapter: Meditation

1949

Topic: *Attain Consciousness Of God*

You cannot fight error after you know God to be the only reality of being. You then know that error exists as an appearance. . . to the ignorant sense of those not yet aware of their true identity.

Chapter: Peace

1949

Topic: *Peace*

When we are not thinking or struggling with thought, when we are not fighting error, our consciousness is the presence and power of God.

Peace. . . comes from the realization that error is not power—error is not a thing. In fact, *error isn't*.

All that the Christ consciousness is, is your individual consciousness when you no longer fear or hate or love error of any name or nature.

Chapter: Questions and Answers

1949

Topic: *Attaining An Inner Conviction Of Faith*

When did error begin in your experience? It never did begin! You have merely accepted universal beliefs, and that is the only error there is.

That is all there is to the Christ consciousness, which is your individual consciousness when you no longer fear, hate, or love error of any name or nature.

Chapter: The Christ

1949

Topic: *The Birth Of The Christ*

All we have to do is to learn to live in the consciousness of our present perfection. . . After we have done that, there is only one other step, and that is to realize that the errors of the world, all of those things that the world is fighting, are not errors at all; they are illusions. And then let us learn not to fight them, not to try to subdue them or overcome them, or even try to get rid of them. Let us learn to live in a beautiful state of peace, the peace that comes from the understanding of God as the only reality of being.

Chapter: The Ministry of the Christ

1949

Topic: *The Purpose Of The Christ Ministry*

If you can accept God manifested as your individual being *now* and then just leave it at that, you will find how quickly the errors of sense slough off.

Chapter: The Principle

1949

Topic: *Becoming Instruments For The Divine Plan*

Only in the degree that we have overcome physical sense, is the mind of God our mind. . . except in proportion as we individually have become purged of personal sense, that is of our hate, love, and fear of error.

GOD, THE SUBSTANCE OF ALL FORM

Chapter: Individual Consciousness as Law

1949

Topic: *No Power Separate From Consciousness*

When you really know the nature of error, it is not necessary to protest too much about it.

Error, being only a universal belief, is unreal in any form, and it is dispelled by the power of silence.

There cannot be God and error.

Chapter: Treatment as the Consciousness of Truth

1949

Topic: *Begin Your Treatment With The Word God*

Since God is all, since God is infinite being, God is never the victim of discord. That is a treatment to any situation. You can go through the whole category of human error and by beginning with the word God, you can find the correct treatment for error of any nature.

Every time any phase of error, or even good, presents itself to me, I consciously translate it and realize that right there is God manifest. . . The important thing as far as I am concerned, is that I have not accepted an appearance for reality.

LIVING BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

Chapter: Choose You

1961 Hawaiian Village Open Or 1964 Portland

Topic: *Choose Between Serving Good And Evil Or Serving Omnipotence*

438:1 or 552:1

You do not make a blanket statement that evil, sin, disease, and lack are not power. You recognize that *in the presence of God realized*, evil is not power; *in the presence of God realized*, error cannot exist, whether it is a condition of food. . . poison. . . bullets or bombs. *In the presence of the Almighty*, there are no other powers.

Carry in your consciousness a peace-be-still to the errors of the world. . . because the peace of God was not given to you for you. Instead you begin to realize, "This is God's peace and God's grace that I am to bestow."

Has not every bit of trouble in which we have been involved come either from personalizing God or personalizing error?

LIVING BY THE WORD

Chapter: Living By The Word
Topic: *Evidences Of Christ-consciousness*

1962 Mission Inn Closed Class 1:2
451

If we understood that consciousness and body were one, inseparable and indivisible, so that there could be no danger either to consciousness or body, and that all the error being presented to our sight, hearing, taste, touch, and smell is but the result of universal human belief and is not actually a physical entity but a mental image in thought, we would have no fear of it. And in that lack of fear would be our degree of spiritual consciousness. That would be the overcoming.

LIVING NOW

Chapter: God-Endowed Dominion
Topic: *One Power*

1963

Error/evil can never be part of person except as a belief he has temporarily accepted.

Impersonalize error: it cannot be in God appearing as you.

nothingize error: all that God did not make was not made.

Error is never in wrong thinking of person because person is God made manifest; it is in belief.

MAN WAS NOT BORN TO CRY

Chapter: Rising Above this World
Topic: *An Illusion Is A Mental Image In Thought*

1956 First Steinway Hall Practitioner's Class
146:2

The correct understanding of the nature of error can become our salvation because this makes it possible to understand the allness of God, whereas studying the allness of God unrelated to the nature of error would never enable us to grasp God's allness.

Error. . . is not an externalized physical condition, but a mental image in thought, existing nowhere except in our limited vision of that which is.

By understanding the basic nature of error to be a fear about self and that actually there is only one Self, God, we do not react to the fears of our patients or our students, and they quickly become free.

Chapter: The Power to Become the Son of God
Topic: *Placing Power In Form Or Effect Is The Error*

1956 First Steinway Hall Practitioner's Class
144:1&2

All error is made up on the belief that there is power in certain forms or effects. For example, if you believe that life is dependent on the heart, you are giving power to a form. . . All power is in the Invisible.

Error is a belief that there is power outside of God, outside of the *I* that you are.

Chapter: The Truth that Makes Us Free
Topic: *Becoming Free Of The Belief In Two Powers*

1962

It is more important to know and understand the nature of error, than parrot-like, to repeat that God is all.

Not a single thing in you is responsible for any of your ills. . . The evil or error that is finding expression in you, whether as a disease, an evil trait of character, or as a false appetite, has absolutely nothing to do with you.

OUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

It is only in the degree that we understand that sickness, sin, lack, or any discord is the product of universal error, not individual error, but the universal misunderstanding of truth. . . that we free ourselves and others from any condemnation.

As soon as you recognize that error is not personal to the patient, and transfer it to the carnal mind, the patient is well on the way to experiencing a healing.

REALIZATION OF ONENESS

Stop placing cause of error in person.

Error does not exist outside our thinking.

No error and no wrong thinking in God appearing as individual being.

SEEK YE FIRST

God may be described as the one and only power or as the non-power. Personally, I have had the greatest fruitage in my life when I have been able to sit quietly with a sense of God as nonpower, a Being, just pure, omnipresent Being, and not seeking for God to do something to the errors of this world. In that state of consciousness, the errors that confronted me melted.

SHOWING FORTH THE PRESENCE OF GOD

When you understand that God is your consciousness, does it not even mean something more to realize that God made this universe out of consciousness, your and my individual consciousness, because there is only one? Our consciousness is the substance, the law, and the activity of our universe, not a God-mind or God-consciousness here, not a God-substance seven thousand years ago, but the mind of you, the consciousness of you is the substance, the law, the cause, and the activity of your world, that is, of your experience. . . The whole question you must determine through your study is: Is God my consciousness or have I a personal, mortal, material consciousness out of which my world of limitation is formed? If you have a personal mind of your own and there is some kind of error in it that would destroy you, sooner or later it is bound to catch up with you.

The truth is, there is no error in your consciousness. There is not a sign or a trace of sin, disease, or lack in your consciousness, because God is the only consciousness there is. God is the only consciousness that man has, and mind is its instrument. Therefore, the only expression that can come forth from it is infinite good. Some of you will say, Oh, but look at this world of lack and limitation, sin and disease." Yes, look at it, and you will see the fruitage of the belief that you have a separate mind, will, and consciousness of your own.

SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

When the picture of a man with a fever was presented to me, I did not give him any medicine or do anything of a material or physical nature. But the fever left. Where did it go? Where was it? It was an illusion in human belief, and when I refused to accept it as reality, it dropped dead. Had I accepted the fever as truth it would have continued. . . Error continues forever until it hits up against a state of consciousness that does not accept it.

SPIRITUAL POWER OF TRUTH

Chapter: Christ Of Being

Topic:

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.

Remember, all evil is an activity of the carnal mind, an activity of malpractice or anti-Christ; but because it is not of God, you don't have to fight it. Do not fight error! Do not try to overcome error; you can't, any more than you can overcome $2 \times 2 = 5$! Do not battle $2 \times 2 = 5$; just quietly know the Truth: $2 \times 2 = 4$. Don't argue about it, don't fight it, don't discuss it. There is nothing to discuss about 2×2 ; it is 4, and that is all there is to it.

Chapter: God and Error

Topic:

So a student who has seriously studied these writings and tapes for five years should be at least at the beginning of that state of consciousness which has settled down into an inner peace. That's because they can see the Nature of God and they can instantly recognize the nature of error.

Chapter: Know Thy Self

Topic:

It is said that Moses could not take the Hebrews into that Promised land because of some fault of his own; but I can tell you that is in error. This I can say through revelation. It was not any fault or mistake of Moses. The reason he could not take the Hebrews into the Promised Land is that *nobody* can take you into the Promised Land. They can only lead you up to the Promised Land and reveal this Truth to you; and if you do not accept it, you cannot walk into the Promised Land.

Chapter: My True Identity

Topic:

I had spent four hours on just one subject—the illusory nature of error—and had used about every example that I know to show that what is appearing as error has no existence, no substance, no law, no cause, no reality, and can't have effect. Then someone asked, "But how do you get rid of illusion?" Well, as a matter of fact, an illusion isn't a thing; it is an appearance. Once you know that it is an appearance, you *have* gotten rid of it; it is gone. It no longer exists as wetness on the road. It exists only as an appearance without substance.

Chapter: Neither Good nor Evil

Topic:

Because so much of humanhood remains in us, we still recognize that we have before us the appearance of good and evil—the appearance of sin, disease, death, lack, and limitation. As long as we are faced with that, we can't be absolute and just say, "Oh, God is All; there is no error." You can't do that. You have to sit down and let God say it to you. *He uttereth His Voice and the earth melteth*. When you hear the still, small Voice, or when you feel that Stirring within you, that divine Presence within you, you may be assured of this: whatever appearance of sin, disease, death, lack, or limitation is before you will melt away. Don't think for a minute that you can ever be so smart as to bring it about.

Chapter: Sin: Its Illusory Nature

Topic:

So if I say to you, "I don't feel well, give me help," and you immediately come back with all the metaphysical arguments you know, then all you are trying to do is combat, enter into conflict with, or try to overcome, what I have said. Whereas instead, you should go very quietly within your own being, and realize what can be done with an illusion. Then, once you have discovered its illusory nature, what can you do about it? Why should you fear a toy serpent after you have discovered that it's a toy? . . . So what should you do about it? Do nothing. Just give me that assurance, that's all, that all is well. Do not try to combat my statement of error. Do not try to convince me of its error. Do not try to get rid of the serpent, overcome it, or destroy it. *Ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free*. Now the truth about a toy serpent is that it is harmless. The truth about any infection or contagion is that it is harmless. Why, then, try to overcome it? Why argue with it? *Agree with thine adversary*.

So in your spiritual wisdom—a point of consciousness that you have attained through study and practice over the years—you are now looking out at this world and beholding it spiritually, not materially. You are beholding this universe as God, appearing in infinite form and variety. It does not fool you that appearances sometimes testify to vicious forms of error. Your study, your practice, your change from material consciousness to spiritual show you the Truth of the first chapter of Genesis.

It is for this reason that if I say to you, "I am ill; give me help," there isn't any Truth that you can declare about it that would be Truth, because there isn't any Truth about error. There is no way to correct error, because error doesn't exist.

When patients came to [the busy L.A. practitioner] he would say, "Now, I'll tell you what to do. You take your Bible and rub every bit of print off of it mentally. Wipe it all off so you'll have nothing but blank pages. Then on every page you mentally print, 'God Is.' That's all the Bible is trying to tell you: that God Is. There *is* a God. Now you take *Science and Health* and wipe off every bit of print. You don't need any. Just print on each page, 'There is no error,' because that's all Mrs. Eddy was trying to say to you."

Chapter: The Power of Truth

Topic:

You see, in this message of The Infinite Way, our entire healing work is done by not taking up the sword. Our entire healing work is done by not using Truth over error, by not trying to have God heal a disease. Our entire healing work is done by a recognition of the Truth, the Truth being: that which is not of God has no law to sustain it; therefore you do not have to fight it—you only have to recognize it. The moment you recognize that an epidemic of any nature is but a universal malpractice, you do not have to fight it anymore. It has no power.

Chapter: Universal Hypnotism

Topic:

There aren't many [good Christian Science] healers because that term, *mortal mind*, has fooled so many, and where that hasn't fooled them, personalizing error has.

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.

Chapter: Your True identity
Topic:

The Infinite Way in its healing work is directly opposite to all other metaphysical teachings, for the following reason: we do not look within you for the error that is causing your trouble. We do not look to your wrong thinking for the cause. We do not look to the sins for the cause. We do not admit that resentment, jealousy, malice, sensuality, or any of these are causes for your ills. We start with the Self with a capital S which impersonalizes you and makes God your Selfhood. Therefore Divine qualities are the only qualities of your being. Therefore there is no sin in you, nor is there any effect of sin in you, nor is there any disease in you, nor is there any cause of disease in you. Rather, all evil which seems to be manifesting through you is recognized as impersonal—as being no part of you, since God is your being. Even your body is the Temple of God; therefore this evil can not be in you or in your soul or in your mind or in your being or in your body. Where is it then? Where is this evil? It is in an impersonal belief in mortality, in mortal selfhood, in a sense of separateness from God (which you aren't).

It is realized that God constitutes individual Being; then you will see that there is no selfhood but God. For this reason, then, we do not pin error onto any individual—not even ourselves. We do not claim that our jealousy, our envy, our greed, our lust is responsible for our ills—because we haven't any such qualities. Any such qualities that may be temporarily expressing themselves through us must be recognized as having their source in the impersonal, carnal, or mortal mind.

THE ART OF SPIRITUAL HEALING

Chapter: Spiritual Healing: The Principles
Topic: *One Power, Responsibility*

1956

In God's kingdom there is no such thing as truth over error, good over evil, right over wrong, Spirit over matter.

All the errors—sin, disease, infection, contagion, death, lack, limitation, weather, climate. . . not worth fighting. Look at [the error] and see if you cannot translate it into a white chalk mark, or the arm of flesh.

Chapter: Spiritual Healing: The Role of Treatment
Topic: *Practical Instructions To Workers*

1956

not ignoring error [but] relegating error to its rightful place as nothingness.

Every day I remind myself that any error that is not true today was not true yesterday.

THE EARLY YEARS (32-46)

Chapter: Consciousness
Topic:

In this state of consciousness error never presents itself to us as either person, place, or thing. We do not have to deny anything nor search for some truth to apply as a remedy, There, we "stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." We close our eyes and turn from person or situation and "feel" the presence of God; or realize the love of God; or become conscious of God's law wisely and lovingly governing all of his creation. This is the "sensing" or "feeling" or "awareness" of good. We feel love for all of God's creation, we reach the Christ-man. In this consciousness there is nothing to meet, heal, or be healed. There is no need for a ten or thirty minute treatment. What we need is a spiritual state of consciousness, which is developed by practice.

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.

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.

Chapter: Mind and Its Idea One

Topic:

Error, evil, disease are appearances without entity or identity, without presence or power, without law, action, volition, or continuity. Having no law to enforce them, they have no being; having no cause or creator, they do not exist as effect.

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

Chapter: Prayer

Topic:

If only we will dwell on the infinity and eternity of God's government of the universe, we will recognize and experience the unchanging nature of all God's creation. The dependence on a power outside ourselves is always the error.

Chapter: Problems

Topic:

The only God there is, is principle, the principle of our being, and it would be impossible for our affairs to get outside the operation of this law. Then all the error, inharmony, discord, that is apparent to us is, as a matter of fact, not present at all, but exists only as belief and must be so understood. A belief operates as a law only until its true nature is discerned, just as the belief that 3×3 is 8 vanishes without any further effort on our part. We do not have to destroy it or rise above it, because it vanishes of its own nothingness, its non-existence.

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.

Chapter: Spiritual Healing

Topic:

Spiritual consciousness is cultivated through study, communion, and practice. It is the result of living every moment in the conscious awareness of good as all, and through the recognition that there is no error.

Chapter: The Law

Topic:

It is not enough that we lend to those in need. We must not expect a return from that loan. We are to realize the infinite source of our supply, which never requires that we receive back that which we once give out. It is, of course, just that we accept the return of a loan, but looking for it is the error. In forgiving those who trespass against us, we understand that we are not to condone the error, but to know that as man is spiritual, he has never been guilty of wrong toward us. This, you see, is a purification of self.

Establish yourself on the foundation of truth. Thereby, you can learn that error is not cause and can, therefore, have no effect. When we see clearly that error is not causative, we are able to understand why there are no such effects as disease and discord.

Chapter: The Mind of Christ Jesus

Topic:

The consciousness we call Christ "takes no thought." The healing consciousness is a "peace, be still" to error of any name or nature, yet it acts in silence, and is expressed in quietness and confidence and peace. The mind that was in Christ Jesus does not deny or refute error, nor does it enter argument or discussion. It knows that no denial is necessary. It knows that God is not a power which one uses to destroy an evil power or presence, because it knows no evil power or presence exists; and in the presence of that which appears as sin, sickness, or death, it rests in the assurance of Christ as the only presence and as infinite perfection. Christ consciousness needs no mental or audible reminders of truth. Its presence is the "peace, be still."

In seeking the solution to a human problem, we often believe that some truth can or should open up to us which would meet our need; destroy the error, so to speak, and overcome the discord. Nothing can be further from the truth. That which I am seeking, I am. As we have no mind but God, our mind must be the truth that "healeth all our diseases." This very mind or consciousness embodies now and forever whatever truth, remedy, activity, or agency is needed at the moment. The truth which meets our need is the truth that our mind or consciousness is the truth itself; else how could Jesus say, "I am the truth."

Whatever form of error we have ever experienced is due only to the belief that we have a mind or life separate from God. The correction of this belief with the realization that God is our very mind, enables us to rest, to feel the peace that passeth understanding, and then harmony appears as naturally as light appears with the rising sun. The belief that our mind is other than God has resulted in prayers to some other mind, in "communing" or "contacting" a divine mind. Truth reveals that this divine mind is your mind, the one mind, the only mind, the universal mind, which is the mind of the individual. To rest in the consciousness of this truth is highest prayer. To know that God is the mind of the individual is to include the universe in your prayer.

Chapter: The Nature of Error

Topic:

The revelation of Christian Science shows forth the individual as spiritual consciousness embodying the universe of ideas. It reveals him as eternal, immortal, infinite being, embodying every divine quality. It naturally follows, then, that error, finiteness, limitation, disease and death are never any part of this creation or manifestation.

Chapter: The Principles of Christian Science

Topic:

Only spiritual consciousness reveals that there is no error. All religions and philosophies look to God to save, be sure that we are not falling into the common error of believing that Christian Science is to be used to cure disease, remove fevers or growths, restore harmony, heal lack. Let us never forget: there is no error. "As in heaven, so on earth; God is omnipotent, supreme." How, then, can there be sin or sickness?

THE FOUNDATION OF MYSTICISM

Every form of error that would touch you must touch you through the mind. If you don't accept it in your mind, it can't have any effect on your body or your pocketbook. The only approach there is to you is through your mind. The body itself has no intelligence, therefore it cannot do anything or be anything of itself except through your mind. Therefore, you are the determining factor in your life's experience because you can reject that which you do not wish to demonstrate, and it is only difficult in the first few weeks or months of practice if one practices faithfully.

It is a direct malpractice to see in another anything other than the qualities of God. That is their true identity, even when to human sense they're not manifesting it, even when they don't want to manifest it. Nevertheless, as far as you are concerned, God is their true identity. Now, even when you behold forms of error appearing as human beings, whether in the form of sickness, or sin, or lack, always remember this: In order to be helpful (and this is expected of you whether or not they ask for help), recognize the erroneous nature of what they're manifesting. Know that its seat is not in them, but in the impersonal mortal mind, impersonal carnal mind, impersonal devil, impersonal satan, any word you like as long as you recognize it to be an impersonal source having nothing whatsoever to do with the individual manifesting it at any particular moment.

This work was based on two principles that had not heretofore been used to any great extent and were little known. When I began teaching them I taught them as the nature, of God and the nature of error. Many of our students didn't like the term the nature of error, and many wouldn't give their time to studying that subject. I can't blame them. It is really much more wonderful to think about God and if possible to sit on cloud nine. But when you sit on cloud nine a long time and suffer too, your demonstration is incomplete.

Actually, at this stage in my work, I don't go that far because it's no longer necessary. I have been doing this for thirty years so that now when I behold an appearance of error, to me it is just evidence of malpractice. That's all it is. It's just a mental imposition touching my thought, I don't accept it, and that's the end of it in ordinary cases. But if there is no response—I'm speaking now of those who appeal to me for help—if that does not result in healing and they come back again for help, then I may have to sit down, remind myself of this, get quiet and wait for that "click," the inner assurance that God is on the field.

A teacher can hold an entire student body relatively free for long periods of time, more especially if those students are cooperating. Why? The higher consciousness lifts the lower consciousness to its level. "I, if I be lifted up, shall draw all men unto me." As I am lifted up in this consciousness, knowing the nature of God and the nature a error, and abiding in this God-consciousness, all, or most of those who are abiding with me, rise in some degree of demonstration to better health, to greater supply, and to better human relationships.

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.

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.

Maybe it would be a good idea to change those terms, carnal mind and mortal mind, into soap bubbles. Anything that will make us lose our fear of the source of error will accomplish the purpose of developing our spiritual consciousness and nothing else will. There is no way to attain spiritual consciousness while having two powers, for spiritual consciousness is the consciousness of one power. That power is of a spiritual nature—not material, not mental—whatever it is that trains us into an entirely new thought, a new state of consciousness, a new state of being.

You are not dealing with persons. You are dealing with a state of nothingness which you have realized to be a state of nothingness. That's, what you're dealing with, not the person, not the patient. They don't enter it. They're merely the beneficiary of your understanding, if you have understanding. They're going to be the victim of your lack of understanding if you don't have the understanding. But it isn't the patient you think about, or the disease or the unemployment or the poverty, or any other phase of the error in his life. What you are thinking of is the principle of your work. The principle is God, an infinite God. The principle is that we are being tempted by a million different pictures, all of which emanate from the same old devil, or mortal mind, all of which represent the arm of flesh, or nothingness.

Try to understand the true nature of your mind and you'll be at peace forever. God gave us our mind as an instrument of awareness. With our mind we become aware of that which is. We go to school and learn that two times two is four. We don't make it so with our mind. We merely learn through the mind that it is so. . . . But I don't use my mind to create anything. Do you understand that? I don't make my mind a creative power. I make it a state of awareness. With my mind I'm aware of your presence, but I can't make you present with my mind. That is one of the errors of metaphysics.

When my first religious experience took place [1928], it brought with it the healing gift, and healings began immediately. . . . Time passed, then in 1940 an inner revelation told me that I must learn about the impersonal Christ and about impersonal healing. In 1941 I began an automobile trip around the United States, going as far north as Banff and Lake Louise, then south to New Orleans and Florida, from the East Coast to the West Coast, traveling nineteen thousand miles. The most important revelation came in the early part of the trip when it was revealed to me that all forms of metaphysics which teach that error in individual thought is responsible for illness are erroneous.

THE INFINITE WAY

Chapter: Soul 1946
Topic: *(soul)*

Slowness in freedom. . . because of inability to grasp that there is no reality to error.

Chapter: Wisdoms of the Infinite Way* 1946
Topic: *(wisdoms Of The Infinite Way)*

The only error is the sense of God's absence

THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1955

Chapter: Grace 1950 First Portland Series
Topic: *True Humility* 5:1&2

No longer do you use Truth to overcome error, but let Truth appear as the activity of your consciousness.

Chapter: Higher Views of God, Prayer and The Self
Topic: *Rising To Grace*

1955

Error: a mirage which has been frightening you with an appearance.

Chapter: Suggestions for Healing Work
Topic: *Ask, Seek, Knock, Parts 1 And 2*

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must be willing to look at error squarely and know it for what it is—nothing.

Why are we so slow in gaining our freedom from illness, discord, and other material conditions? It is entirely because of our inability to grasp the great revelation that there is no reality to error. . . there is no matter.

The great truth—error is not real—there is no matter.

THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1956

Chapter: A Beholder
Topic: *Part Three*

1956

Every error we experience is a universal belief. It has nothing to do with you or with me, except insofar as we have accepted it.

Chapter: God is The Soul of Man
Topic: *Spiritual Preparation*

1956

The unfoldment of the nature of error reveals the awareness of one Power, and establishes us in it.

Chapter: Neither Good Nor Evil
Topic: *Aloha*

1956

Declare or think truth about God. Let thought about God unfold within you. Declare or think all you know of error. . . that these are but forms of world belief. . . nothingness - then wait. . . for that inner Voice, click, or release.

THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1957

Chapter: January: Out of Darkness
Topic: *Meditating To Achieve A Consciousness Awareness Of The Presence Of God*

1956

Jesus. . . did not recognize any error to be denied or treated.

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

Chapter: June: The Secret of the Healing Principle
Topic: *The Fabric Of "this World"*

1955 Kailua Study Group
113:2

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

Chapter: October: Bear Witness
Topic: *Bear Witness To God As Individual Being*

1955 Kailua Study Group
128:1&2

Behold God in action, but also behold any and every form of error as universal belief.

Handle error as a universal claim instead of as your error or mine.

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Chapter: June: Security through God-Realization
Topic: *Security Through God-realization*

Never for a moment believe that you can arrive at a state where you can ignore error.

You must learn to face the situation which confronts you and. . . realize the nature not only of the specific error with which you are dealing, but the nature of all error. . . knowledge of the tree of good and evil.

Chapter: March: The Practice of Spiritual Healing
Topic: *Discord Is A State Of Mesmerism*

1956 Portland Closed Class
171:2

If help is needed or asked for again, remind yourself once more that this is not a person, this is not a condition: this is an attempt to hypnotize you into seeing error in a world of God's creating.

Chapter: October: Break the Fetters that Bind You
Topic: *Non-reaction Is The Measure Of Our Freedom From World Beliefs*

1958 Maui Open Class
241:1

A practitioner may nullify some form of error or break some form of hypnotism for us, however, only to make room for other forms. . . because we have not freed ourselves from the invisible influence that exists as universal hypnotism.

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Chapter: May: God-Realization Dissolves Material Sense
Topic: *Error Is Material Sense Appearing As Form*

1956 Second Steinway Hall Closed Class
152:2

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

Chapter: October: Freeing Ourselves from Universal Claims
Topic: *The Carnal Mind Is Not A Power*

1958 London Advanced Class
233:1

We can bless the world by refusing to personalize error—by realizing that evil is not man-made. . . and then take that second step of realizing, “Yes, but since God is omnipotent, the carnal mind is not power.”

Chapter: September: The Impersonalization of Good and Evil
Topic: *The Impersonalization Of Good And Evil*

1958 London Advanced Class
233:2

By impersonalizing error in every form, the burden was immediately lifted from me and from all those who came to me for help.

THE JOURNEY BACK TO THE FATHER’S HOUSE

Chapter: Special lesson on Healing work
Topic: *Every Problem, A Temptation Appearing As A Person*

1961 Mission Inn Closed Class 5:2
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The belief of the carnal mind is so strong that it operates hypnotically in human consciousness, but once we recognize that, it is nullified. . . We do not care whether the temptation is a sin, a disease, a lack, unemployment, or bad weather; we look right through the temptation to the tempter, and the tempter is a universal belief in a selfhood apart from God. The tempter is a universal belief in a law apart from God, a life apart from God. We look right at it and say, " 'Get thee behind me, Satan.' Thou art the 'arm of flesh.' " not grapple with the particular form of error; that is only the decoy. Behind that form of error is the tempter, and that is not a power. We do not have to overcome it. We have to recognize it as the tempter, a nothingness, a belief in two powers, and after that we are done with it. That is our treatment. . . The only reason evil appears difficult to us is that it appears as a person. We always have to deal with a person, and persons are hard to deal with. I gave it up long ago! I cannot win when there is another person involved. When I want to win, I have to go into my sanctuary all alone. I can lick myself.

So it is, if we look out and see young people, old people, sick people, well people, if we look and see unemployment and all these things, we are defeated at the outset. But when we can look through that appearance and see behind it the fabric of error, the fabric of nothingness, the substance of all evil as a belief in two powers, a belief in a selfhood apart from God, a universal belief—not yours, not mine—then we are free and we can free others. But we must look through the appearance to see God, and look through the other appearance of evil to see the substance of evil: the carnal mind or nothingness.

THE LETTERS '32-'46

Chapter: 2: God
Topic: *(god)*

1932-46

To Truth there is no error.

Chapter: Faith
Topic: *(faith)*

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Reject error for the lying argument that it is and do not ask any whys.

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Chapter: Mind and Its Idea One Topic: <i>Mind And Its Idea One</i>	1932-46
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Error is a lie about the truth.	
Chapter: One Infinite Life Topic: <i>(one Infinite Life)</i>	1932-46
Errors: shadows of belief thrown out by human thought on screen of visible form	
Error: no existence apart from false belief sustaining it.	
Chapter: Prayer Topic:	1932-46
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Chapter: Reality Topic: <i>Reality</i>	1932-46
Error comes to us when we identify ourselves with person.	
Chapter: The Law Topic:	1932-46
The dependence on power outside ourselves is always the error.	
Error exists only in the mental realm as appearance or argument about man, so truth corrects it.	
Chapter: The Mind of Christ Jesus Topic:	1932-46
Christ consciousness knows no denial of error is necessary	
Chapter: The Principle of Christian Science Topic: <i>(the Principle Of Christian Science)</i>	1932-46
Error expresses only in the realm of unreality or illusion.	
Chapter: True Identity Topic: <i>True Identity</i>	1932-46
Truth is expressing even where error appears to be.	

THE MASTER SPEAKS

Chapter: Error Topic: <i>Error</i>	1949
See error as hypnotism having no more substance than a shadow- So What?	
Chapter: Oneness With God Topic: <i>Oneness With God</i>	1949
Error was here long before we appeared on the human scene.	
Chapter: The Divine Consciousness Topic: <i>Teaching Spiritual Healing</i>	1949
the nature of error reveals there is no error"	

THE MYSTICAL I

In all my years of teaching and healing ministry, I have never yet had God tell me about an error in any person. I have witnessed a great many errors dissolved in other persons as well as in myself, but I have never heard God tell me that anyone had an error.

You must learn to live as if there were no yesterdays, as if there had been no mistakes yesterday and no sins yesterday. . . you have to tear up your entire past consciously and actively and live as if today were the only day given you to live. If you try to relive yesterday, you will be reliving its mistakes and errors, so you might as well make up your mind to let bygones be bygones. . . Our mistakes are over and done with; our sins are over and done with; our fears are over and done with.

Sooner or later you must be willing to put off this "I" that is full of earthly errors, full of resentments, injustices, inequalities, and declare within yourself, "I am ready to assume my true identity. I am ready to awaken to the light of my own being. I am willing to accept the Master's statement that I am to call no man on earth my father, but acknowledge divine sonship for myself."

THE ONLY FREEDOM

When we turn within and ask to be released from any error, it is God praying in us, trying to get us to release ourselves from these earthly desires, earthly fears, earthly troubles. No human being in and of himself wants to change from being a human being: human beings like their state of humanhood. Of course they would like it better if it were on an improved scale, nevertheless they like it. It is only when divinity touches us that a dissatisfaction creeps in to our humanness. Act

Many religions continue to have images in their temples, churches, or other places of worship. When people are not worshipping them as material form, they are worshipping them as mental images, such as the devil, mortal mind, or some other form of error to which their God is supposed to do something. That is idolatry. It is idolatry to fear a germ; it is idolatry to fear infection or contagion; it is idolatry to believe that there is power in any person or any thing, including weather or climate. It is setting up an image and saying, "Oh, look what you can do to me" If that is not idolatry, what is?

Let nobody doubt that God is infinite, omnipotent, omnipresent, eternal, immortal, and indivisible. Because of this, where God is, there is nothing left of a destructive, injurious, or finite nature. Therefore, the only getting that we have to do is not to get a deep understanding or knowledge out of books. What we have to get is an awareness, a realization of that Presence. Where It is, error just is not. Discords evaporate into nothingness in the presence of this Spirit.

THE THUNDER OF SILENCE

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.

No power is needed to destroy error because error has within itself the elements of self-destruction.

We do not need any deep metaphysics: We need to understand the simple little truth that the still small Voice is the power that destroys the illusions of this world. That understanding does not consist of our having a power to do something to error: It consists of the truth that no power is needed to destroy error because error has within itself the elements of its own destruction. We bear witness to that as we stand and look at the unfruitful tree and watch as it withers. We do not wither it: Its own barrenness withers it. So error is dissolved as we sit in quietness and stillness, a witness to the divine Power, and watch as harmony descends upon all around us.

Whenever you are faced with error, ask yourself, Can this make me believe in good or evil. . . in two powers? Because so much of humanhood remains in most of us, we still recognize that there is before us the appearance of evil in the form of sin, disease, death, lack, and limitation, and as long as we are faced with such appearances, we cannot be absolute and, ostrich-like, ignore the appearance, repeating over and over again, "Oh, God is all; there is no error." That is useless and foolish. We should not do that; we should let God say it to us; and when we hear the still small Voice or when we feel that stirring within us, we may be assured that whatever appearance of sin, disease, death, lack, or limitation is before us will melt away. But do not think that you humanly can ever be so wise as to bring this about.

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.

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.

When error is presented in any form, there is a tendency to put up a wall against it, and in doing that, the opportunity to make the demonstration is lost because no wall is needed. Do not put up a wall against evil; do not put up a defense: understand that no external thing has power, not even the good things. All good is in Spirit, or Consciousness, not in the things that Consciousness produces.

That which we call carnal mind is merely a belief in two powers, and when you recognize that, you can stop fighting error or trying to overcome it, rise above it, or remove it.