
A MESSAGE FOR THE AGES

Infinite Way Protective Work

Recognize All Negative Powers As Nonpower

Any form of discord is never personal but is a form of universal malpractice. If a person were to say, "You are sick"; "You are dead"; "You are dying"; that is a universal malpractice being expressed through the person. We do not have to protect ourselves from such a person: we have to protect ourselves from the *belief* that there is a selfhood apart from God, an activity, power, or presence apart from God. We protect ourselves from the universal belief, but not from the person who is voicing it, because here is no power in the person. We never have to fear either an individual's malpractice or a collective malpractice.

Across The Desk

Consciousness fulfills Itself, so we need never attempt to manipulate anything in the human picture. We are beholders watching the activity of God express as our life, our supply, our health, our relationships, our peace, and our fulfillment...We are not doers: we are watchers, beholders. In being beholders we turn within to watch God being. We need never run from anything. We need never try to change anything in the picture. We face each experience, every picture, and let the outflow of God-consciousness take over, dissolving the hypnotic illusion of the human picture and revealing reality.

Teaching The Infinite Way: Bringing The Christ-activity To The Situation

We must train ourselves to walk down the street realizing, "Not bad humanhood, not good humanhood: Christhood!" We must have blinkers on our eyes, so that we do not see what is on the left or on the right, but see right down the middle: Christhood! We acknowledge Christhood in the midst of us, Christhood as true individual being, the being of human, animal, vegetable, mineral.

Come Out And Be Separate

Unless you can keep yourself separate from the world, you, yourself, will be a part of this world hypnotism. You cannot permit yourself to indulge in world-hypnotism and at the same time claim it is not there. The day will come when you will decide to live your life separate and apart from people, except that you go among them to reveal this truth, but not to live in their lives. When you begin living the lives of your family, your friends, and the people of this world, you are accepting their hypnotism at its face value...You have to live this Infinite Way of life out in the world. The only way you can live it is to be in it to the extent of revealing truth but not to the extent of trying to live the lives of other persons for them, because the lives that are being led out here are a hypnotic experience, an unreal experience, based on the whole belief of good and evil.

While there are some who believe that there must come a stop to being philanthropic, because there really is nobody to be helped, and therefore philanthropy is merely indulging in another form of world hypnotism, I do not advocate this at the present time. I advocate taking into consideration that there are degrees of consciousness, and that if somebody asks for bread, do not give him a stone. If you can help him, do it without accepting his state as a real one, knowing that you are helping him only at his level of consciousness.

A Parenthesis In Eternity

Attaining The Mystical Consciousness

Attaining Divine Sonship

From the moment that this transitional experience begins, joy, which is an integral part of our being, bubbles up from within without any external cause.

It is when sitting humbly and completely aware of one's inability, even to know how to pray, that the Spirit of God can function and perform Its miracles on earth.

Real spiritual teaching begins when the attitude of the student is: "I have no more questions. All I want now is answers, and I want those from God. I want them to come through inspiration either from my teacher or directly from the Spirit of God within me."

The enlightened consciousness has no need for safety or security, and no need to be concerned about a future.

Living Above The Pairs Of Opposites

[As beholders] we do not...wonder what is going to happen; we behold what God is doing.

As we become beholders and watch each hour unfold to see what God does with it, we overcome the egotistic belief that this is our world and that we are responsible for it...This is being a witness. A witness is not an active participant: a witness is one who bears witness, who sees and beholds. That is what we are: God's witnesses. At first this principle is difficult to practice.

That is why it is so necessary that each one of us develops the forgivingness side of his consciousness, so that everyone who comes to us may feel a complete absence of judgment, criticism, or condemnation..."there is no judgment upon you: there is no memory of the past: there is only the understanding of this moment."

We relax our fears about tomorrow, next month, or next year in the assurance, "What more can I have than the divine presence of God Himself within me, the Source of all, the Creator of all, the Maintainer and Sustainer of all? And all this is walking around within me!"

When we become beholders of life, we do not look out at life and wonder what is going to happen. We behold what God is doing...In that objective and detached way we go through the day with the expectancy of something just around the corner, the feeling that whatever God brings to pass in this hour, the next hour, and the hour after that is the product of God, and the effect of the activity of God.

When we have grown sufficiently beyond and above our little "I"-self, we can look out and not be jealous of another's success, but rejoice that another soul has opened itself to the vision of its true identity, and come into its heritage.

Release God

As we walk the earth, realizing that the kingdom of God is within, we are releasing this power and letting it flow out from us to the world, but if we try to use the power of God or push it out into the world, we lose it. It is when we realize quietly, peacefully, and confidently that all the power of God is within us that we have it.

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve": the belief that there is material force and power, or the truth that the Spirit within is the only power.

First must come the clear-cut realization that we cannot go on being just human beings, and attempt to add God's grace to our humanhood...Grace comes through an evolutionary progressive unfoldment of consciousness.

If God is omnipresence, we must be the very presence of God. That must mean that there is no other presence, and we, then, have no presence...If we are the presence of God, we must act like it. We never will live by Grace until we make that acknowledgment.

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

It requires boldness and daring to release God, to acknowledge that we do not know God and that we do not know how to pray...to prove that we can live as children of God, as the very temple of God, glorifying Him.

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.

We must learn to live with this *I* in the midst of us, learn to look to It for all inspiration. If we need an idea for a book or for a painting, for business or for law, regardless of what it is, the *I* encompasses it. And this *I* is within us. Then if it is necessary to find a book, a teacher, a publisher—whatever it is— when we turn within, the *I* will appear outwardly as the form necessary to our unfoldment at any moment.

When we awaken from beholding this mortal dream as if it were reality, we will see one another as we are, and then we will love our neighbor as ourselves because we will discover that our neighbor is our Self.

With such spiritual discernment, this outer world becomes only a symbol, a shell, almost a "suffer it to be so now."

Awakening Mystical Consciousness

*Attaining Dominion Through I
Consciousness*

I am not sitting in a chair, I am up there where I told you to be. [Six inches above and behind head].

Never permit your thought to extend outside yourself as if to govern, control, or influence. Your life is lived within the infinite boundaries of your own consciousness, and your way of life is knowing the truth.

Power In Cause, Not Effect

Assume the responsibility to maintain a conscious awareness of God-government.

Ordination By The Spirit

Isn't this wonderful? I can set you free by realizing the kingdom of Grace is operating within you.

Knowing Persons Spiritually

Heretofore I have known you as human beings and students, but hereafter, I must never know you that way again but only as the Christ.

Oneness, An Eternal Relationship

Break the sense of separation not by trying to make a demonstration in space or in time but by withdrawing into that inner sanctuary...to reassure yourself of the permanent nature of your being and true identity.

I realize the uselessness of desiring, wishing, and hoping because in the stillness I know Thou art with me. Thou art the light of my being.

Not Power, But Grace

You do not need any power; you need the ability to commune with your inner Self and be at peace with It. Then you will find God is maintaining and sustaining His own creation without any help from you or me.

Beyond Words And Thoughts

Beyond The Pairs Of Opposites To Being

I Is The Word

Live in the inner awareness of *I*, of *I*-ness. *I* is the Father within you, and *I* is the son that appears outwardly. All that the Father within you is, the son without is. As long as you can live in that consciousness, you will never be good and you will never be bad; you will never be rich and you will never be poor. You will never be a saint and you will never be a sinner. You will always be *I*, and you will always be showing forth the *I*-ness which is God appearing as the son. You will claim no qualities for yourself...You are *I*!

When you can face this world looking at everyone, seeing the saintliness of his Soul, with no judgment as to his human evil or human good, you have entered the Christ-ministry, and you are about your Father's business, *and not until then*.

You begin to live under and by the grace of God, but not until you have lost all sense of being either good or bad, rich or poor, abundant or lacking, saint or sinner, and have realized that the life you live is lived by the grace of God. Then you will discover that you have lost the pairs of opposites, and you will find yourself just living. You will not even be living: God will be living Itself, and you will always be living with an attentive ear, watching the life of God unfold within your own self.

A Knowledge Of Truth Develops Consciousness

Release the belief that there is anything you can do about anything. Relax; be still. Be still and *let* God be God.

The knowledge of truth always serves a function in your experience in that such knowledge helps you to settle back into an attitude of expectancy. That is the only purpose that a knowledge of truth is serving at this stage of your unfoldment because now you should be rising above the letter of truth into the Spirit, into that area where you live without words and without thoughts, above the law.

Secrecy Imperative

Live in the word *I*. But be careful, be careful! It has always been lost by revealing it to the unprepared thought—always, always! It has made some persons believe that they humanly had power or were powerful: “Oh, I am God,” and they began to try to be God, and they destroyed themselves...No one becomes a power over anyone else: he becomes a transparency for the power of Spirit, the power of love, the power of life, the power of liberty—not a power over the personal life of anyone.

You look out at this whole world with compassion: “I know what it is all about now. You thought you were man; you thought you were living your own experience...If only you had known *I*, you would have relaxed and, without taking thought, your own would have come to you.”

Recognizing The Invisible

Sowing to the flesh means putting your faith in the visible world: in machinery, in dollar bills, securities, or governments, in “man whose breath is in his nostrils”: whereas sowing to the Spirit has always meant acknowledging the spiritual as being the basis of the harmony of the visible. It is to acknowledge spiritual power in all your ways, acknowledge spiritual law as governing you from morning to night and night to morning, acknowledge Spirit as the substance, the law, the activity, and the reality of being. Then you will be praying without ceasing, and you will be knowing the truth that makes you free.

Because Of Incorporeality, Givingness Results In Multiplication

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

To live mystically, you not only must live as *I*, but you cannot teach or heal except as you recognize that you are *I*, whether that *I* is sitting on one side of the table or the other. In teaching, I am never speaking to a group of persons. I am speaking to myself and reminding myself of the truth I know. I am not addressing you: I am addressing myself, and because my Self is you, I am hearing my Self. If you think of yourself as a teacher and of someone else as a student, you will not be understood because you will be setting up twoness: the student and you. The teacher can impart the message only when he recognizes God is *I* and that there is only one *I*: all that *I* am imparting *I* am receiving. *I* may be imparting it as Joel and receiving it as Bill, but it is all taking place within the *I* that *I AM*.

When you are living out from incorporeality, you have attained the mystical consciousness out of which all form appears. You may then entertain a corporeal sense of that form, but at least you will have the satisfaction of knowing that it is not corporeal. You will know that you cannot get something out of nothingness.

Watching What God Has Wrought

[Communion with God] comes in moments of illumination, but for the greater part of my life I have found that it is as if there is still a Joel and he is pretty empty...He has no evil and he has no good: he is living always with those ears open in an expectancy, and then whatever comes through is God’s presence and God’s grace, and the rest, what the world calls a human personality, remains, you might almost say, a nothingness. It really is a nothingness because it has no desire: it does not want to be any place in particular; it does not want to do anything except what it is doing and what is being done through it; it has no hopes, no ambitions, and is not seeking to achieve anything.

I am going to stop being “me.” I am going to stop pretending, and I am going to let God take over my life and live it. I am not going to make any pretense about being charitable or benevolent...I am charitable and benevolent only to the extent that I can let God function through me, and if I could let It function through me more fully, I could be more charitable and more benevolent and more loving and more patient.

If [a person] is not aware of this truth [of oneness] how is he to become aware of it?...It is only as you pray aright, that is, as you, in your meditation realize, "All that Thou are, I am," that a person can be touched by the Christ which you are loosing in the world. This can change him, and only this. It has been so with me, and it will be so with you.

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.

It is in the degree of our desirelessness, in the degree of our selflessness, our unselfedness, that the mystical life is lived. That is what the mystical life is: it is the attaining that consciousness where you find yourself living every day, but not wondering about tomorrow because there is no tomorrow for you: there is tomorrow only for God.

Only in the degree that you can...live in the constant atmosphere of "Thank You, Father! You are my very being. You live my life," and keep yourself sufficiently clear so that you are always the transparency through which God's grace flows, is there no ego, no personal self, and no attempt at personal attainment.

There is no twoness. But to believe in oneness is not easy because there is no time in your life when you ever feel that you are God, or when you feel that you are spiritual. Occasionally, you may have a few moments of emotion or ecstasy, or seeming to be on Cloud Nine, but there will always be an hour from then, or tomorrow, when that sense of separation breaks in, and you say to yourself, "I cannot be one with God because I feel so human."

In the spiritual life, you must never forget that you are not living your own life and that you have no right whatsoever to consider what you would like to do, when you would like to do it, or how. Always in the back of your mind is the reminder that it is God's life that is being lived, and it is your privilege to be at that state of consciousness where you can watch God live your life without interposing a wish, a will, or a desire of your own....Until such time as the Spirit Itself says, "Leave all for *Me*," or "Leave your nets," no student should ever forget his responsibility to his family, his associates, and to his work...It is only to the few that the call to leave their "nets" eventually comes, and when it does come, it is unmistakable, and it compels obedience.

God's Grace, The Gift Of Himself

The point is that we live by Grace, and in that moment that we recognize this and abide in this truth, we live "not by might, nor by power." We do not then live by our brains or by our virtues: we live by divine Grace. From that moment on, the new way opens, not always as quickly as we would like...But be assured that from the moment we have recognized our oneness with the Father, the sins, the sinful thoughts, the false appetites, and the bad habits begin to disappear, and we are living by Grace.

Go Within

What more would anyone need than to be walking around holding God's hand, feeling the Presence within, knowing that "*I am with thee*"?

That Something

Acknowledge Spirit in all your ways; acknowledge that Spirit is the source of all. Then you will discover that it will not be very long until that acknowledgment dissolves your sins, false appetites, fears, doubts, greed, lusts, and mad ambitions.

It is foolish to have a will of your own, even a will to see your friends healed, even a will to see peace on earth. Do not have any will at all, but retire within as many times a day as you can find a minute to remember, "Nevertheless, Father, not my will, but Thine be done on earth as it is in heaven." Relax and rest, and be a beholder of what God's will is.

The question is whether you are letting the world of effect be the law unto you or whether you are living by Grace. Is money going to be your God? Is the law of health going to be your God? Is anything in the realm of effect going to be power? Or are you realizing that there are no powers?

Crucifying Personal Sense

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

Sometimes for a day or two...say to yourself, "Let me not trust in my mind. Let me relax in God.

The Study And Practice Of Principles Lift Consciousness

It is our function never to want to give help, never to want to be in the healing ministry, never to want to do anything but perfect ourselves, study, meditate, and let our consciousness become so filled with the activity of the Christ that in a certain moment It breaks out and then, somebody comes and asks for help, and that starts us on our way.

Collected Essays of Joel S. Goldsmith

A Lesson To Sam

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The greatest lesson that I have ever learned...is that the place whereon I stand is hold ground.

Conscious Union With God

Making The Adjustment

Take No Thought

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

Resist Not Evil

"Resist not evil" is the acme of spiritual healing. It allows you to face any situation with a disdainful, "So what?"

Reverse the entire human picture (of good and bad) and see eternity and infinity.

Why Does God Take Us Down To Egypt

If I'm spiritual, I'd better act like it.

Become A State Of Receptivity

Just keep you consciousness open.

“What can I do about a mirage?”

Availability Of The Mind That Was In Christ Jesus

Rest in the mind that was in Christ Jesus as if Jesus were in the room right now.

Maintaining Your Spiritual Integrity

Keep your mind off problems of the world and on spiritual values.

Spiritual Consciousness Reveals Reality

Feel Christ sitting in center of every one.

Right Identification And Reinterpretation

Reinterpret everything you see, hear, taste, touch, and smell.

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.

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.

The very moment you begin to take the attitude toward life that there is a beneficent power—an all-knowing, personal effort, you find that this principle works. You come the authority and your own demonstration.

Don't be concerned about this world—this is the mystical path. Don't be concerned about the flesh—this is the way of the spirit. Don't be too concerned about how it comes out—it is temporary, anyhow. Be concerned with the inner plane of being!

Resist not evil! Why? It is not real and if you resist it, you make it real. What a battle you have then! Resist not evil! In the face of any erroneous picture, in the face of any discord, instead of denying it, instead of saying it isn't happening (how foolish, for it is happening out in that picture) let's not argue, let's not fight it, let's not resist it at all, but just sit back and say, "I wonder how real you could be?" Resist not evil is the acme of spiritual healing. It enables you to face any situation in the world and almost say, "So what?"

If you are on this path, you are in the world but not of it. On this path it really doesn't make any difference to you who gets elected, or if no one gets elected. You, if you are depending on spiritual security, on spiritual consciousness, on the presence of God, will be safe no matter who is president or dictator; you will be safe whether there are atomic bombs or not. After all, you can't take the responsibility for the rest of the world. Even your own relatives, if they don't want to follow this path, must take the penalty of their own states of consciousness.

Just think! I am dependent on nothing but the infinite nature of my own being. Now, you may tell me, "Of course, those are beautiful words." I will tell you they are nothing more than words until you yourself catch the fire of it, until you yourself catch the feeling, "This is it!" Until it clicks within you and you feel, "Ah, I'm home!" Once that happens to you, you really can say, "I have met the world knows nothing about." Then you can say with Jesus, "I have overcome the world," meaning "I have overcome the need for the world's sources and resources; I have overcome the need for anything from the outer realm, because I am always feeding and flowing from within. I have met ye know not of; I have source of supply that the world knows nothing about."

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

We all have access to the same infinity—we are all joint heirs with Christ in God. Just think of our walking out in the street, in this great city, or world, and being able to smile every time we passed a bank or a pawn shop! Just think of the infinite supply we have pouring to us every day, as we need it.

We must make love the dominating influence in our experience. We must make all of the divine qualities of the Christ active in us. We must give up all personal desires, hate, envy, criticism, condemnation; we can't indulge those human qualities. We must not fear, for then we are just missing the opportunity to bring forth the divine qualities of Christ. Why go around indulging these human things at the expense of cheating ourselves from having the mind that was in Christ Jesus?

We are always in the world in the sense of having everything that everyone else has and having it a little better, but not *of* it in the sense that we have any concern for it. We let it unfold and become a part of our being.

Consciousness Is What I Am

Consciousness

Spiritual Discernment

In proportion as you are listening, you are consciously aware of the presence of God, the power, the reality, the joy, the Spirit, the life, and the wisdom of God. In your body and in your mind, you cannot know the things of God. Recognizing yourself as consciousness, however, and adopting the listening ear, the attitude of consciousness, you become the child of God that is joint-heir to all the heavenly riches.

To live this [oneness], the personal sense of self must stop taking thought, otherwise it is trying to play God, and that is very dangerous. It must stop taking thought as to what the weather, the business, or the plans will be, and let God reveal His will, His plan, His life.

Consciousness Determines Our Life-experience

If our consciousness is filled with God, nobody has to tell us how to act, because there is no way for us to act: there is only a way for God to act in us and through us.

Our responsibility is to be still and let Omnipresence flow. We need not take thought or plan anything; we just live whatever flows through, which will be every quality of God. Why? Because that is what we are entertaining in consciousness: God. We do not have to think thoughts of generosity, forgiveness, or abundance. We have only to abide in Omnipresence, Omniscience, and Omnipotence, and when we do that we lose all capacity for anything but God, and God flows through. We find ourselves being loving, generous, kind, and pure, but we have not had to take thought about it.

What is left when God is taken out of our consciousness? Fear, ignorance, superstition, desire, anxiety, concern, get, give me, help me, I, me, mine!

The Practice Of Specific Principles Develops Consciousness

Eventually you learn to walk up and down this world singing within yourself: *I and my Father are on, and all that the Father has is mine. Right inside of me is the bread, the meat, the wine, and the water...the resurrection, life eternal...And invisible presence goes before me to "make the crooked places straight" and prepare "mansions" for me. I do not have to speak of this outwardly or openly. Knowing this truth inwardly, secretly, sacredly, the invisible "Father which seeth in secret" goes before me to reveal fulfillment on the outer plane.*

Continuous Dedication

Let us think of our mind as a door. Since God, Infinity, is omnipresent, the moment we open the door, this Infinity floods us, and we are under Grace...But we have a part to play: *Lord, I know You are knocking at the door of my consciousness, and I am opening my consciousness. Take over my mind and body. Be my soul; be my life.*

Realize God As Individual Being

The real way to help [as a practitioner] is to learn how to "die daily," and the only way to learn that is to begin with a discipline of what I call, "Not-I": Not I!, this person does not concern me. He has nothing to do with me. That real and only *I* is taking care of it."

Power Is In Consciousness

As we realize that this Life which is our life is Self-sustained and Self-maintained, we will make less effort to improve it, and then we will find it taking care of itself.

We do not become ascetic and deny whatever of good comes, but enjoy it, knowing that it has come from the divine Consciousness within us.

We must pass from the belief that something external has power over us to the realization that all power is derived from God and is given to us.

Consciousness transformed

Above Karmic Law: Principles To Live By

You must eliminate the word “I” from your life and in whatever degree you succeed, in that degree will you know successful and joyous living...If you can eliminate the word I, you have no life to lose, including your children's. It is God's life and God can take care of Its own.

As humans we are enslaved by words. A word gets a grip on us, and then we are the victim of that word. Among the words that have enslaved us are *he*, *she*, and *it*...But watch the difference when you can look over the heads of all the he's, she's and it's in the world and realize, “God is the source of my good. God is the source of my supply. God is the cement of my relationships,” and instead of getting angry at he, she, or it, get angry at ourselves for being enslaved by he, she, or it.

We must reach the point where we are Self-complete in God...where man is wholly dependent of God's grace. Only then has he attained freedom.

As rapidly as possible, stop rejoicing in your healings, or in your supplying, or in your happiness, and rejoice in the source of them. Rejoice that Christ now lives your life.

You see how it is that the word *consciousness* sums up everything in our work. It is what you are conscious of that operates in your experience as a law...The law of God that governs the universe must govern our business and our bodies, or there would be something outside the jurisdiction of God's law. As long as we hold to the consciousness that the law of God is the law of my business, whatever is erroneous will be corrected. This same principle applies to the body and health, but if we do not consciously bring the body and business under the law of God, so it will be unto us.

The Infinite Way reveals that thought is not power. Then why take thought? Now the time is here to take the way of *I*. When you take this *way*, you become a beholder of God in action, a beholder of your life as it unfolds.

For most people there is a long period of study of a message of this kind, then a long and arduous practice of these principles. Then all of a sudden “in a moment ye think not,” the light shines. In other words, “Whereas I was blind, now I see.” There is then a stilling of all of the mental senses, a rest, a “Peace unto our people.” You then look out and no longer see a world that needs to be healed, changed, or reformed. You now see God's world breaking through the crust of humanhood.

There are many wonderful things in this world for us to enjoy. We need not be ascetics, if only we will not struggle for them in the outer and let them unfold from within...Remember the function of the Christ is to break our attachment to “this world,” to the outer realm, so we can enjoy it without being attached to it.

You have to remember that when you meditate, pray, or treat..you must start out with this realization: Since omnipresent omniscience already knows everything, you cannot inform Deity, you cannot tell God, you cannot ask anything of God, you cannot desire anything because you are always faced with omnipresent omniscience, the all-knowing...With no communication on your part to God...you let it function. When you have arrived at that place of recognition that God is on the field, you are a beholder and you are then curious about tomorrow and you awaken with this sort of an idea: “What hath the Lord done for me today?”..You begin a whole new activity in consciousness, that of a complete settling into omniscience, omnipresence, omnipotence and then letting it function.

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

Always remember that it is the acknowledgment that brings the experience. If I acknowledge a sufficiency of God’s grace in this moment, I have it! If I do not acknowledge it, I virtually deny it...You must be a law unto yourself by the truth you know and, if you are not as yet aware of the omnipresence of a divine grace sufficient unto this moment, become aware of it and live with it. Then you will realize how your life is lived not by might and not by power, but by grace.

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

Remember that the *I* you are talking about is your own Soul. It is the storehouse out of which is unfolding, day by day, everything and everyone necessary to your experience—but you must be a beholder, as if you were watching God appear. And never use your mind to manipulate the human scene. *Be a beholder.*

It is only when you realize, “God is my own consciousness,” that all of a sudden the shoulders relax and you breathe a deep sigh and say, “Oh! There is no reason to take thought any more. My consciousness knows all about me and all about my needs.” Yes, consciousness knows all about your needs, even on the physical level.

You are only in tune with the infinite, you are only one with God, when love is the animating principle of your existence: non-judgment, non-violence, no revenge, no punishing anyone—disciplining yes, but not punishing.

Every single day, from the moment you awaken in the morning, you must treat this day as though you had never lived before and go within for something new... You begin in the morning and say: “I have no control over this day, and nothing that I know will control this day. I had better sit down and let the spirit of God be upon me.” Then when it comes through, you are fortified for that day... The voice is uttering itself constantly, but, unless we are tuning in constantly, we are not going to get fresh manna... It is so wonderful to be taught of God each day, to know you know nothing, and then be taught again fresh the next day.

In the spiritual life you are never able to forget that you are not living your own life, and that you have no right whatsoever to consider what you would like to do, or when you would like to do it, or how... Always in the back of your mind is the reminder that it is God’s life that is being lived and it is just your privilege to be at that state of consciousness where you can watch God live your life without interposing a wish or a will or a desire of your own.

Think what life would be without victory and without defeat, and then you will see how quickly you can lose emotion because emotion deals with victory and defeat, accomplishment or lack of accomplishment. If you are impersonalizing, then you have nothing to accomplish. You cannot win and you cannot lose. You can only *be*.

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.

Forget about the past and live in the luxury of this *now*.

God has no way of operating except now, a continuing now...It helps us to realize that God does not operate in the future, because that takes away from us the false sense of expectancy and the false sense of faith it gives us...Omnipresent *I* is a continuing experience, but not one that begins tomorrow. If faith has anything to do with anything beyond this moment it is not faith at all.

No faith *in*, no fear *of*, no freedom *from*. That is saying it shortly and sweetly.

To be able to realize that [God is your individual consciousness] enables you to sit back as comfortably, as joyously and confidently as a baby sitting on its mother's lap...In this attitude and altitude you eventually hear your own consciousness saying to you, "*I am your bread, I am your meat, I am your wine and your water. Fear not, I am with you. Be not afraid, it is I. I will never leave you.*"

When we live from this basis that "I find my allness, completeness, perfection in spirit," we come eventually to a place where all responsibility falls off our shoulders and we say, "God is living my life." We come to a place of resting and relaxing and letting thoughts come to us, instead of trying to create thoughts. Think how wonderful it is when we relax and receive the thoughts that emanate from infinite intelligence.

From the moment that a student becomes concerned about what he sees on the street or what he reads in the newspapers and wants to know what to do about it, at that moment the real spiritual progress begins.

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

When you make the transition to the man who lives by "every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," you are then forming no judgments, but rather you are creating a vacuum within yourself resulting in an attitude of listening so that divine judgment may be rendered.

Watch that your heart and Soul is longing only to become aware of the presence of God, the grace of God, the kingdom of God, the peace of God.

Once you begin to perceive that the only power there is, is the power of your own consciousness, how then would it be possible to fear what mortal man can do to you?

As spiritual students, we must never do anything without turning within, and then we must listen. Train the student never to move or do anything without this inner guidance. No matter how good you are in anything, did you first turn within and get inner guidance?

Living a spiritual life...means I do not go to a human source for authority—it means I turn within.

When I am releasing you from your sins and your fears by knowing that these are not of you but are of an impersonal antichrist...you cannot help feeling good. Then do you not see that this is your responsibility to the world? As you hold everyone in the world in this light, you are setting them free in Christ. When you are not doing this, you are really malpracticing and you are holding them in bondage to their own sins, diseases, and lacks.

There is only one God-consciousness, and that God-consciousness becomes you...Relax without taking thought and let that consciousness function every detail of your life.

Do you actually consciously know that there is an all-knowing wisdom, an infinite wisdom within your own being whose function it is to know your needs in advance and whose function it is to “give you the kingdom”? Do you actually know that you are not dependent on man whose breath is in his nostrils?

Unless you can believe that there is an invisible substance which we call consciousness and an invisible activity of consciousness, and that it is living your life, there is no way to become a beholder...When you can once feel or witness that there is an invisible something living your life and producing things in your experience which you could not have brought about, you are living a life of praying without ceasing because you are always looking over your shoulder to see what is taking place.

When we grasp the meaning of “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof,”...we realize how utterly ridiculous it is to believe that we possess something and that it is ours, or even that we have earned it or deserved it. We are guests of life, and life has provided us with everything necessary to our fulfillment on the plane of the spiritual and the manifest.

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

Consciousness Unfolding

Freedom In Christ

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Only as we are able to recognize Christ as being always like a cloud around us in Its freedom and Its tenderness, do we begin to understand what it means to be able to say, “I have no freedom, no health, no wealth of my own...”

When we have put on our Christ identity and have stopped relating ourselves to human birth, maturity, and ultimately death, we shall have achieved immortality here and now.

When you learn to close your eyes and think in terms of consciousness, “I am consciousness,” then the question comes, “As consciousness, what am I conscious of expressing? All that will come to you is that you are conscious of consciousness itself in its infinite form and variety.

Achieve Spiritual Consciousness

When you begin to believe, really and truly believe, that God is the consciousness of you, that all issues come from the divine consciousness of you, and not from outside, not from effect, you will be on the first rung of the ladder of spiritual unfoldment.

Synonyms For God

We are coming to that place in consciousness where no treatment is ever necessary, and in that state we look out upon the world, beholding the perfection which underlies all appearances.

We have to live so as to be conscious, continuously of the divine presence of God in individual form, of a divine influence—angels—ever present in human consciousness.

Be Grateful That You Have Touched The Christ

I do not have to fear age, because my consciousness will forever be the infinite source of my supply—God, individualized as my consciousness, will be the source and fount of my supply unto eternity.

I have meat ye know not of—have substance and awareness, a principle, so that I do not have to be dependent on thing, circumstance, or condition in the outer realm. I do not put my faith in a man, in an organization, in a job, or in an investment, If all these things were taken away, I still would have a consciousness from which all things would flow.

If you once touch this wellspring of water within your own being, you will have anything and everything that is necessary to your fulfillment. But your desire then will not be so much for the forms as it will be for the continuous sense of joy that comes from knowing that this spirit within will flow forth in and as whatever form you need at any moment.

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

You cannot separate your life or your mind except in belief, and when you do that, there is a funeral.

You do not have to be concerned about demonstrating anything after tonight. You do not have to take thought, or give yourself a treatment for supply. From now on your treatment is: “I and the Father are one, and all that the Father hath is mine!”

Peace: The Experience Of God

Begin now to change your old basis of treatment. If necessary, do it drastically; do it by forcing yourself to take no thought.

The way to demonstration is this: “Since God is divine consciousness, and since consciousness is the substance and the activity of all form, then as long as I live and move and have my being as consciousness, all form will appear without my taking thought.” And that was Jesus’ answer to every temptation.

Help To Those Who Have Passed On?

Begin to understand that God is your wife, your husband, and your children; in other words, life eternal made manifest is the only person you know.

If we can catch the idea that [any] demand is not being made upon us as a person or upon our income, but that it is made on the Christ for which we are acting as the transfer agent, we shall find abundance flowing to us and out from us.

It is all your consciousness unfolding. If we grasp that, and if we do not set anything apart and say, “This is material,” or, “That is material,” and if once we come to realize that God, our individual consciousness, is infinite and is just as infinite in expressing and manifesting money as it is in growing our gardens, in that degree will we overcome any sense of limitations in our finances.

Let us eliminate the belief that one part of our world is spiritual and that another is material.

The outer world is already spiritual and perfect. It is already the manifestation of Consciousness, but we are seeing it through a glass darkly.

The Body Is Maintained By Consciousness

There is only one thing important in this world, and that is showing forth God as our life, as our substance, as our safety, our security, our immortality, our eternality, proving that God is the only law unto our being.

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.

I am with you until you have completely ascended in consciousness, ascended into the understanding of heaven on earth, of heaven here and now.

If you can visualize yourself as Truth and Live and Love, how can anyone or anything touch you or reach you with a material whip—whether that whip be a thing or a thought?

If you understand that God has revealed Itself as your individual consciousness, that God has manifested Itself as your individual being, and if you are endeavoring to live up to what your idea of God and the Christ is, how then can you bring your thoughts down to terms of body, flesh, dollars, or houses and lots?

Try to live up to that highest sense of what you have understood to be your own identity. Do not try in your treatment to say, “I am the Christ of God,” in one breath, and then continue with, “How about my rent?”

The Purpose Of The Christ Ministry

All we have to do is to abide in this now and not worry about what is going to take place tomorrow or be concerned for what happened yesterday... Whatever time there is, is now; there can only be now. And what is the truth about *now*? The allness of God made manifest as individual being is all that is taking place now!

As we walk up and down this world, without any sense of desiring to help anyone, let us rejoice within our own being that, since God is the unfolded, revealed, and expressed consciousness of individual being, each one contains within himself the entire Christ, and that is all that is necessary for his fulfillment.

Spiritual Integrity

Every time you find yourself tempted to indulge in some of the lower, negative, human forms, try to lift yourself up out of it in the realization: "This is no longer my life to do with as I choose; this is the life of Christ, which is being lived for the world, to show forth the benefits of It."

God, The Substance Of All Form

Fulfillment Of Consciousness

Behold The Spiritual Universe

Let us build our heaven out of our fulfilled inner desires, being the willing vessel to let that flow through which will fulfill whatever we were brought here to do.

Establish The Conscious Awareness Of God Daily

If there only were some way that we could remember always: *My good must unfold as the activity of my own consciousness...which appears outwardly in the form of health, harmony, peace, joy, cooperation, friendliness, eternity, immortality, life, truth, and love.*

Never again think of Him as something afar off, something that has to be prayed to or pleased in any way. Think of God rather as the real substance of your being, the very center of your being into which you can reach in silence and bring forth a whole world of harmony, peace, and health.

Spirit Underlies All Effect

Let this be our theme: *Recognize Spirit as underlying all effect.* Have no dependence on persons or things, but place all dependence on Spirit. Behold Spirit, Consciousness, appearing as effect—your consciousness appearing as form.

The right attitude is the realization of the impossibility of such a thing [as a condition apart from God] and the "Thank you, Father" that you do know the unreality of such a claim.

A New Bottle

Gain the consciousness that "your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things," so that every time you are tempted to take thought about next year's work, house, or food, you will be reminded that "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Ask yourself: "Am I living in this consciousness of 'taking no thought'?"

Make it your particular work to realize that the power, the quality, the quantity, and the reality are not in that which is formed, but are rather in the Principle or Soul or Consciousness which produces all form.

Our mission in the world is to be a transparency for good. The “I” that is seeking something for itself is not the Son of God, because the Son is an heir of God and joint-heir with Christ, and the Son is ever aware that all that the Father hath is his.

The purpose of your study is so to lift consciousness that this sense of Omnipresence is attained. When that is attained, healing work is done with a smile, not with strenuous thought-taking. Supply, wholeness, completeness—everything comes with just a smile. It is a peculiar little smile, but it is God, and it knows the nothingness of that which appears as a human being.

You will find that three-fourths of all you read about truth is forgotten when once that sense of God as Omnipresence becomes apparent.

Consciousness Unfolding As Form

When you begin to realize yourself as consciousness [and] God as the very fiber of your being...you will look out upon this world and see everything as a formation of that consciousness, and, therefore, as an instrument of God, not of evil.

You begin to see that wherever you are is “holy ground,” and that the Omnipresence with you, the Omnipresence *as* you, has everything necessary for the fulfillment of the moment...Whatever the need, you find it fulfilled in the Omnipresence which you are, never dependent upon person, place, thing, circumstance, or condition.

Spiritual Vision

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

There is always this infinite, eternal, immortal, spiritual Consciousness to speak as you, to act as you, to perform as you...[but] we have separated ourselves from It and have taken over the job just as the prodigal son attempted to do.

Progression Or Retrogression

Some individuals reach such a level of spiritual consciousness that they are in full awareness of their true identity and understand that the physical body, so called, is not they, is not of itself a living intelligence, but that it is a vehicle or an instrument through through which they appear as form.

Living Between Two Worlds

Becoming Instruments Of Grace Through Reconciliation

Light Bearers

Walk this earth for one purpose only: to show forth God's glory.

Choose To Accept Omnipresence As The Only Presence

Are you in bondage to any form of lack or limitation...unhappiness...ill health, to old age? Then you are in bondage to it because you are not consciously knowing the truth. You are not consciously embodying within yourself the acknowledgment of God's presence within you, God's power within you, the omnipotence of God functioning as you, the omniscience and the omnipresence of God where you are...in your soul, in your mind, in your body...in your business whatever work you may be. Always acknowledge God as the Source.

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."

Choose not to be an inlet or an outlet for the carnal mind which Paul tells us "is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be," not to be "the natural man [who] receiveth not the things of God."

Material Sense Results In Limitation

Close your eyes and realize that you are not alone inside your own being. In the silence that reigns within, you have access to Infinity. *I*, Infinity, stand at the door of your consciousness and knock. You must open the door of your consciousness and bid it enter.

What we must realize is that God is appearing as spiritual man, but that we are now entertaining a materialistic concept of God and man.

Why did [Jesus] show [man] that he must not try to turn stones into food, even though he had the ability? Because that would make of man a creator, a supplier, and man is meant to live wholly in the consciousness of Spirit and let It perform Its miracle of Grace.

Opening The Door Leads To Greater Activity And Inner Peace

Relax and rest and be a beholder as I, the Spirit of God in you, go before you to prepare the way. This is My function. For this purpose have I planted the seed of my Self with you. For this purpose have I breathed My life into you.

Releasing Impersonal Love

At least once a day [I am] going into my inner stillness and realizing that I am neither giving to nor withholding love from anyone. I am now the transparency through which the grace of God embraces all persons everywhere...I am responsible only for letting the light shine. I am not responsible for making somebody open his door to receive it.

Material Sense Is A Sense Of Separation From Consciousness

If you think of money, property, good will, or trade as the outer manifestation of Consciousness, then these things will have the quality and the quantity of Consciousness, which is infinite.

Regardless of what human situation or condition may arise as a temporary experience, we will have no fear because we are living in Omnipresence, knowing that since we have no will of our own, we have no doubt that Infinity can perform Its plan through us.

Be A Benediction

As you go about your daily living, breathe silently, sacredly, secretly: "'My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth.' *My* peace, the Christ peace, give I unto thee. 'Let not your heart be troubled,' neither let it be afraid." Your function is to be a benediction so that wherever you travel you can bestow God's grace on those still in darkness.

Everyone who enters my consciousness has a sign over his head saying "I," and that *I* is knocking at the door of my consciousness, begging me to recognize It, and when I do this, his mortality evaporates, and something takes place to bring harmony into his experience.

If we have been granted any degree of spiritual discernment so that we can behold the *I* of every individual and receive It into our consciousness, acknowledge It, welcome It, and bless It, then we transform our world.

Out here, sin, disease, death, lack, and limitation do not exist. If you are experiencing them, you are experiencing them in your own thought and projecting the image outwardly. It is like a moving picture. The picture is actually on the film, but it is projected onto the screen, and, if you did not know better, you would think the picture is on the screen, when it really is on the film. In our ignorance we think that there are sick and sinning people out here. No, they are only in our own thought...The proof of that is that when someone turns to an enlightened consciousness...the image or picture dissolves and disappears.

To yourself, this moment, say the word "*I*," softly, gently: *I, I*. That very *I* in the midst of you is the law of resurrection. That very Selfhood, that very spiritual presence of God is working in you to resurrect your body, your health, your family, your love, your career.

LIVING BY GRACE

Living The Mystical Life
Rising Above the Mind

The activity of Grace can come as words and thoughts that I impart to you in words and thoughts. But I am not living by those words or thoughts, and neither are you. I am living in the Sabbath, resting from declaring words and thoughts. I am living by the Grace that produced those words and thoughts. I am living by Grace, receiving the words and thoughts, being filled with the Spirit of God, and letting them flow. I did not think the words and thoughts; I did not make them up; I did not arrange them. I simply let them flow from the Holy Ghost through me. They are the thoughts and words of God that make the earth melt, and they are coming through the teacher...Because it is a message of Grace, people hearing or reading the Word are healed or have their lives transformed. This happens again and again in our work.

The goal of the mystical life is for us to become beholders of God in action, where we ascribe nothing to ourselves—not even good motives. We no longer have desires. We no longer have needs because every need seems to be met before we are even aware of a need. This is called "Living by Grace," but you can live fully by Grace only as that selfhood that has a desire, a hope, an ambition disappears. Then life is lived entirely by Grace, because It functions to its end, not yours or mine.

Evaluating One's Spiritual Progress

We can evaluate our spiritual progress by our reactions to what is presented to us in the pictures of the world. For example, the more we realize that temporal power is not power, the less we fear war or the threat of war. That is one sign of spiritual progress. Another is reacting with less horror or fear to the sins and diseases of the world. You also show your own spiritual progress as you realize that supply is spiritual and react with less horror or pity to the seeming lack of food and necessities in the impoverished countries of the world. You not only show your progress, you also help to remove lack and limitation.

LIVING BY THE WORD

Sowing And Reaping
Coming Under Grace

Thank you, Father; I already am. There is nothing, to be desired; there are no changes and no adjustments necessary; there is nothing to be patched up or fixed up. Every moment Thou art my Grace, so even without my planning or taking thought, It flows and produces the manna as it is necessary: the manna of companionship, satisfaction, joy, money, transportation, or whatever is needed according to human belief.

Across The Desk

Our Spiritual Resources is one of the most practical of all our Infinite Way writings. In fact, some students have said that if they could have only one Infinite Way book, that would be the one because it embodies the principles of spiritual living so clearly and concisely and in a way that leaves no doubt as to their practical application to everyday situations. . . . "Release God from any obligation to us and recognize that God's only obligation is to maintain and sustain His own spiritual universe. Set God free! God owes us nothing, but God owes Himself the joy of living freely and joyously—freely expressing, freely being—and we are the recipients of God's grace. God is forever in expression. And I shall live with the word is. God is, Good is, Life is, Infinity is, Omnipotence is, Omnipresence is. My prayer is to know this truth, not to set forces in motion."— *Our Spiritual Resources: A New Life by Grace*

A Divine Purpose To Life

Everything on the face of this globe was created for a purpose, a divine purpose. When you understand this, then you will see how you can come into a relationship with all persons because now you do not treat them as human beings. You look upon every person and thing and say, "Just think, the same father that created me for some divine purpose has created you, too, for some divine purpose." Then you will understand that we all have a common heritage, a joint heritage, a united heritage. We are not separate beings, nor is anybody over and above us except the Lord that formed us.

Living Now

Barriers To Spiritual Attainment

The Realization Of God's Presence, The One Essential

Joel: All I need is the feeling that God is living my life.

Joel: I have learned not to want messages for classes or patients or students only conscious oneness.

God Is Individual Consciousness

Constantly realize that the Source of all power, strength, and wisdom is flowing through you.

Living The Infinite Way

God As Law In Operation

Realize that you are a complete and perfect *unit*, consciously one with the Father, and all that the Father has is finding an outlet, through you, to the world. Be satisfied to see that good flow to the sinner as well as to the saint. *Hold no one in bondage*; set everyone free, and you will find your freedom in God, in Christ. By recognizing God as the source of your life, of the qualities and activities of your body, the source of your love and supply, even the source of your powers of forgiveness, you are sowing to the Spirit. But remember that every time you entertain some faith or fear in the creature you are, in that degree, denying the power of the Creator, and in that degree, you are sowing to the flesh.

The moment we can accept the government of God for friend and foe, saint and sinner, we are loving our neighbor as ourselves. But when we make excuses and exceptions, we are not fooling the law of God. We are fooling only ourselves, because there is no such thing as release from a violation of law of God until the violation ceases.

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

As we go out into the world, we give up our selfhood as a *branch*, and we accept ourselves as the *vine*. We recognize everyone we meet as a branch, all members of one family, the household of God, all one in Christ Jesus. In that moment, we begin to let this truth which fills us flow out into expression.

At this point you may be wondering if there is anything you might do, or not do, that would stop this flow of good. Yes, there is one thing. You can forget that there is an invisible vine to which you are connected. You can *forget* that the Father is the husbandman and that all of God's good is flowing forth. You can begin to believe that I am separate and apart from you or that you are separate and apart from me, and that if you withhold something from me you will benefit.

Man Was Not Born to Cry

Breaking The Bonds Of Humanhood

Releasing Concepts Of God

When we know the nature of God...we will never think in terms of a demonstration to be made in the future because there are no demonstrations in the future: there is only living in this eternal moment in which we are Life itself.

Mere Belief In God Is Not Enough

[To dwell in the secret place of the most High] means to *live*, not to vacation there, but to *live* there.

Personal Selfhood Must Be Surrendered

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

[The Christ]...is not something to which we can turn in the expectation that It will do something for us. No, the Christ is That into which we relax ourselves, not that It may do something in our lives, but that It may be our life.

The World Loses Its Hold On Us

Eventually we realize, "The world is 'dead' to me; it can do nothing to me or for me. 'My kingdom is not of this world.'"

What counts is that we make the acknowledgment that Infinity is the measure of our being and act as though that were true, even though we act only with pennies, or if we act only with forgiveness or prayers or service.

God Is Not Separate And Apart From You

If you learn to accept everyone in your consciousness as God-being, you need have no fear for him. If, however, you accept him as a human being, then you will have concern.

You have no need of demonstrations...because in reality you are in heaven now.

The Dignity And Sacredness Of The Individual

There must be a recognition of ourselves as the offspring of God; there must be the conviction that our life is not really ours, but the life of God individually expressed through us as you and as me, the mind of God individually manifested as your mind and mine.

Our Spiritual Resources

Bringing God Into Daily Experience

Spiritual Principles Related To Business

If we were to adopt the role of a beholder in our business and were to watch the activity of this Infinite Invisible unfold, we would soon find that It would unfold as whatever was necessary to Its fulfillment.

The Infinite Nature Of Individual Being

God has fulfilled Himself as my individual being, but I can only demonstrate this in proportion to my ability to live it.

Whatever the nature of our particular problem may be, let us not try to hide it. Let us rather face it and realize that we are on this path for the purpose of realizing our way out of material sense into spiritual consciousness.

Set Everyone Free

Can you picture the joyful experience of going through life being friends with anybody and everybody in the whole world, knowing that no one has anything you need or want and you have nothing anyone else needs or wants?

Attain The Consciousness Of The Principle

Let us rejoice, even though we are not able to walk on the water alone, that this great principle of nonpower has been given to us.

Surrender Your Body To The I of your being

We have been given God-dominion over everything there is, not by conscious thought, but by letting the body rest back in the *I* and letting the *I* take over and govern it.

Infinity Is The Measure Of Your Capacity

Discipline yourself so that you never expect good to come to you, but always expect it to flow out from you.

If you have a consciousness of God as supply and a consciousness of God as the source of all beauty, intelligence, wisdom, guidance, and protection, that is all you will ever need.

Let your life be a life of givingness—giving out of the infinity which you are.

Light cannot receive anything: Light is a flowing; light is an expression; light is an outpouring. So is Christhood. It never has any desire to receive anything; It is Itself the infinity of God in individual expression.

You are not dependent upon a government, upon a husband, a wife, or a job, even though at this present time, one of these might seem to be the source of your supply. Therefore, do not cast these aside, but begin right now to break your dependence on them by understanding that you have within you the source of your good.

Spiritual Interpretation Of Scripture

Scriptural Symbols

(scriptural Symbols)

...as if just outside our ear is an infinite reservoir of spiritual good.

(spiritual Healing)

Life becomes a thing of now, each moment provides its own Grace.

Living in a joyous expectancy...relaxing in the consciousness that all Life is self-sustained.

The battle is not yours; be still, quiet, patient, receptive.

(the True Sense Of The Universe)

Become conscious in the silence of your Soul powers.

Secret of secrets: Let divine harmonies appear as you disregard evidence of [the five senses].

SPIRITUAL POWER OF TRUTH

A Harmonious Universe

I can walk out in my garden, up and down among those flowers, and say, "How happy I am that you are embodied in *My* consciousness, because *My* consciousness is love, and in it there is no fear, no hate, no criticism." You take in even all the bugs that are around it and say, "I love you too. Why, I do not know; but I do, because you are part of God's Kingdom too. You are here, therefore you are here to be loved, not to be hated, not to be feared—because there are not two powers."

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

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?

Do not be interested in anyone's opinion. I can assure you there is nothing to discuss about Truth. The discussion of Truth is an utter waste of time, because there is nothing to be discussed. You are the Christ of being, and that is all there is to it! If anybody wants to discuss that with you, let them go home and discuss it with themselves. Do not waste time.

It becomes very difficult to take the attitude of, "God, I do not want anything. I do not need anything, I am not coming to You for anything. I am releasing You. You have no responsibility to me whatsoever. There is nothing that I need, there is nothing You have that I want."... "That which I am seeking, *I Am*."...What am I seeking? Truth? *I AM* the Truth. Am I seeking God? *I Am* God. Am I seeking supply? *I Am* the bread, the meat, the wine, and the water. Am I seeking health? *I Am* the Resurrection and the Life...Now you would have to stand pat on "I cannot desire anything, I cannot want anything, I cannot even go to God for anything. I have to abide in this Truth: That which I am seeking, *I Am*. *I Am* the Way and the Truth. The Kingdom of God is neither lo, here, nor lo, there. *I Am*!"

Relax and let this *I* function. You do not function It, you do not direct It, you do not wield It as a power. You relax and God functions, the *I* functions, as your meat, bread, wine, and water. The *I* functions that you might have life and have it abundantly. By this time you have become a listening ear. Your whole life is now lived as if all you were was a listening ear—because in that attitude and altitude of consciousness, this *I* lives in you, through you, as you. Or as Paul said, "*I* live, yet not I. Christ liveth my life." Or as Jesus said, "*Not I, the Father within*."

So the attaining of this spiritual awareness hinges on right identification, on whether or not you have perceived that *I* is God and are able not to think outward from the standpoint of being man, limitation, subject to other laws.

In proportion as we overcome the Adamic nature of our being, we no longer sit in judgment. We look through the individual and become more and more aware of our Christhood and never have any sense of our humanhood at all. You can actually commune with animals and have no sense of their animal nature at all. You can carry it further and be completely at One with all nature.

You must find what it means to live the mystic life, the life that is consciously One with God. I am consciously One with God only when I realize that God Is my being and Is individual Being. Therefore I may not look at a person, a place, a circumstance, or a condition and have any opinion other than looking through it and beholding Spirit. I am not knowing anything or anyone good or bad.

Now then, probably in the beginning of your metaphysical days you made statements of this kind as metaphysical clichés you have learned, and you had learned to declare them on almost every occasion. Witness a couple of automobiles crack up on the road and then say, "There are no accidents in Divine Mind," as if making such a statement had any power. Were there the conviction of God as the only governing influence, no such statement could have been made. You would have looked right through the appearance with a smile, knowing the illusory nature of what was appearing.

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.

When I go out into the world of strangers, into the hotels, into the airports, into the publishing market, into the business world or any other, just think what happens in my recognition that all these people are offspring of God—my brothers and my sisters. I have this feeling toward them, and can you not see what feeling must come back to me? It is better than an insurance policy, I promise you; *much* better. This is because the love that is poured out must come back.

When you know this Truth of true identity, think of yourself as being somewhere separate from mankind and looking out at them. Then realize that you are looking out at your Self, your divine Selfhood made manifest as a million or a billion people, and act that way toward them. Do not hold them in condemnation for their human thoughts, that which they cannot help until they awaken to their true identity any more than you or I can help our human faults until we awaken to our true identity.

Once you discover that you no longer have tendencies toward wrongdoing, you begin to realize the great mystery: now you no longer have a capacity to be good. You now recognize that the good flowing through you has nothing to do with you and that it is actually flowing *through* you. You haven't directed it, you haven't willed it. Automatically it is taking place *through* you before you ever had a chance to think about it. Then you will discover that in your daily meditations, in which you are acknowledging the presence of God within you, it is the selfhood of God in which you are relaxing in order to let God live your life. In the words of Paul, "I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth my life."

The 1954 Infinite Way Letters

The Great Secret

This is a spiritual universe. Every individual is God's Own Being, and as you behold that every individual and every thing in this universe is constituted of the quality, the character, and the nature of God, what remains to be fought? Nothing but our concepts and our false values. "The heavens declare the glory of God," and surely the image and likeness of God can only show forth the nature and character of God. Let us, therefore, be the first to show forth God's handiwork.

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

The man who builds upon the rock of Soul never deals with himself personally. He always lives and moves and has his being as the expression of God; he recognizes only the Presence of God at every turn of the road. He serves selflessly, realizing that the energies expended are divinely generated. He gives freely of his talents, knowing that these gifts are his divine inheritance. He is a wise steward, relying upon the Wisdom and Intelligence which is God, and which governs and guides in infinitely individual ways. The man who is Soul-grounded experiences an ever-renewing life of God-activity, an ever-abounding strength and health of body, and a joyous serenity of spirit.

Spiritual Healing

In living the truly Christ life, the spiritual or mystical life, the motivating and guiding impulse of our experience must be that of love. We must develop ourselves to the point where we hold no one in judgment, and where we entertain no feeling of separation from our fellow-man.

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

Never acknowledge a lack, but acknowledge the little that you *have*: begin with that, whether it is truth, money, time or service, but put it into use.

This new dimension of life is brought into expression the very moment you have learned to relax in the realization that He that is within is greater than any problem, is greater than any opposition. He that is within is greater than any lack or limitation; He that is within is greater than any personal enmities or animosities—in fact, *He that is within is the fulfillment of your experience.*

We will not fear, once we recognize that we live on earth as a transparency for God; that we live to show forth all that God is. In this understanding, we are enabled to lay aside the personal sense of selfhood and let God appear as our individual being. Then God pours Itself and all Its bounties forth as our individual being. God, thus maintaining Itself, maintains our lives and bodies.

The Altitude Of Prayer

Bringing Our Gift To The Altar

Through Forgiveness, We Reach The Altar

From now on we are not receivers but transparencies.

Walk the world with "The spiritual peace of God I give unto thee".

The Art Of Meditation

As we place our complete reliance on the divine Presence within, we become that point through which God shines to the world; and we willingly accept our role as a channel through which good finds an outlet to the world, instead of looking to the world, expecting that good to flow from it to us.

Believe that there is a presence at the center of your being whose only function is to bless, to be a benediction, and to be the instrument of My grace. Trust Me; believe only in Me; fear not.

Even a little understanding of God enables us to discern, in a measure, God's life, love, and joy embodied in man and the universe. In this understanding, our life and love expand and become more pure, joyous, and free, leading us into a higher dimension of life. We begin to live not so much in the world of effect as in the world of cause, discovering our good in the Cause of all that exists rather than in effect—in things, persons, or places. The more understanding we have of Cause, God, the greater is our enjoyment of all persons and things.

His infinite understanding becomes our understanding. His infinite love becomes our love. God's blessings are not ours because you are you or I am I. They are God's blessings unto God—God's blessings flowing unto Its own Self as the Son, the Father bestowing His all as the Son. It is the Father giving, the Son receiving, and yet one, only one—Father and Son. In oneness, in conscious union with God is our strength; in conscious union with God is our supply; in conscious union with God is our peace, joy, power, dominion, and our every blessing.

I awaken in the morning with confidence, rejoicing in whatever work is given me to do. Whatever that work is, I do it, not in order to earn a living or in the sense of performing an onerous duty; but, with joy and gladness. I let it unfold as the activity of God expressing through me.

If there is no evil in your consciousness, there is no evil operating in your world. How can you determine whether or not evil is operating in your consciousness? Do you accept or recognize a presence or a power apart from God? If you do, then evil exists for you. Do you see something to hate, fear, or resent? Then you are seeing an image which you have created within yourself.

In conscious union with God, the mind rests. The human mind is no longer concerned with the problems of today or tomorrow, because the Soul's union with God—the conscious realization of God—reveals God as the fulfillment of every need even before the need is apparent...In conscious union with God, the mind of God functions as our mind, as our experience, and as our life. Then the human mind rests and performs its proper function as an avenue of awareness.

In this state of rest, the power of grace descends and the presence of God flows into immediate expression as our experience. In quietness and confidence, in a resting from anxiety and fear, let God reveal Itself. Let God express Itself. Let God live our lives. Let there be no more "I" or "you" separate and apart from the Father, but let the Father be our life.

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

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

When we recognize our true identity as God in expression, we shall see as God sees. As we behold ourselves spiritually endowed, we become beholders of God appearing in all and through all. But we can do this only as we relinquish those judgments that come to us by the seeing of the eye and the hearing of the ear.

Illumination, Communion, And Union

When illumination comes, we no longer need anything found in the outer world. Everything and everyone become part of our being. Never again is it necessary to take thought, because now God lives our life.

When union takes place, there is no longer any "I." There is only God, and as we look out on the world, we see only what God sees; we feel only what God feels, because there is no other Selfhood. There is no you; there is no I; there is only God *being*.

The Way

In spiritual wisdom there are no pairs of opposites. God is, and, therefore, there is no concern as to whether or not we can reach God, because there is nothing for which we need to reach God; the day is already beautiful; the fruit is already on the trees; the flowers are already blooming; the tides are flowing; the sun and the moon and the stars are in the heavens; harmony is.

Our object is to attain a measure of that mind that was in Christ Jesus, and then let It do with us what It will. It is to reach that consciousness in which Paul revealed, "I live yet not I, Christ liveth my life."

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

What is the best way, if there is a best way, of achieving this realization of our true Selfhood?...There is a shortcut. That shortcut, so simple and yet so very difficult, is to perform a bit of mental surgery on ourselves and cut away all our desires. Let us take a good sharp scalpel and cut out of ourselves all desire for person, place, thing, circumstance, or condition. Every desire must be cut away in order that only one remains: To know Thee, whom to know aright is life eternal.

When we recognize that we are but the instruments for [Infinity's] entrance into human consciousness, then we carry with us the spiritual, holy atmosphere of the allness of God within our very being.

The Fruits Of Spirit

That is the attitude that we must maintain as a beholder, almost as if we were saying: "I am not really living my life at all. I am watching the Father live His life through me."

The Art Of Spiritual Healing

*Spiritual Healing: The Practice
Under The Shadow Of The Almighty*

Do we live in the conviction that God is directing our path?

Let me live every single minute loving this universe and loving everyone in it.

Is God A Servant?

Be receptive and responsive to the divine Impulse from within [so] that Truth may use you to reveal Its glory.

You do not express God...God expresses God, and that expression appears as you. God reflects Himself into this universe as you, but you have nothing to do with it. God expresses Himself; God shows forth His own handiwork; God glorifies not you or me: God glorifies Himself. The nearer you approach to that vision, the greater is the glory of God that is being shown forth by you.

Treatment Is A Realization Of Omnipresence

I live always in the realization that...the harmony that exists this moment is an eternal harmony.

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[Attainment:] there is no personal sense to be catered to, to receive anything, to need anything, to want anything.

Maintain that emptiness of self.

My life is not mine, it is God's and is always lived at the standpoint of infinity and eternity.

The Way is to face ourselves fearlessly this moment [and] realize that it is in this moment that all that God is, I am.

The Contemplative Life

*Beginning The Contemplative Life
Recognize The Universality Of God*

...an inner grace that eventually lives their lives for them.

Man cannot have his way with God; man cannot get God to do his will or his way; and therefore, the next need is to become a beholder, because, since you cannot influence God, you can at least watch what God is doing.

No person can ever hope for spiritual enlightenment unless he can first of all recognize that there is only one creative Principle in this world, whether It created cabbages or kings.

The teacher's function is to unveil the light that already constitutes your innermost being, self, or identity. The function of the teacher and the teaching is to unveil the presence of the Spirit of God that is within you, so that you can eventually live in this conviction, "Thank You, Father; You and I are one."

Awake Thou That Sleepest

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

If we accept the Master's statement, "My kingdom is not of this world," we do not have to fight, remove, or overcome anything in the external world: *"It is I; be not afraid." I am the life of you; I, God, the spirit of God in you is your life, your being, and the substance of your body.* When we are no longer afraid of anything in the external world, then we automatically arrive at a state of consciousness that no longer concerns itself with the good appearances or fears the evil appearances, but looks out at them with a sense of detachment as an onlooker or a beholder, with no interest in changing, improving, or destroying them: with just the attitude of a beholder.

If we were in an art gallery, standing before the works of the great masters, we would be beholders because all that we would be trying to do would be to draw from the picture what the artist had placed there...We do not enter the picture: we behold it. If we enter anything, it would be the consciousness of the artist to behold exactly what he beheld because we are now of one consciousness—one mind.

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

We are always judging by the limitation of our finite senses. We are not seeing the world as it is: we are seeing this world as our mind interprets it...As we live the life of contemplation, therefore, we find ourselves gradually withdrawing judgment from appearances, and when we see, or when we are told about erroneous appearances, we do not react to them, and they do not register in our consciousness, and, as far as we are concerned, our mind is a blank. We have no desire to change, alter, or improve the appearance presented to us: we are just beholders waiting for God to reveal it to us as it is.

The Is-ness Of God

Relax by realizing Cause must maintain Its individualizations.

We should refrain from desiring anything from God, putting our entire hope in this truth: *Thy grace is my sufficiency in all things, and Thy grace is operative and operating now.*

Your Own Will Come To You

As your desire for anything, anybody, or any condition in the external world comes to an end, you begin to live this inner life of conscious oneness with God, and then your external life begins to take care of itself... It is very much like what Burroughs says in his poem "Waiting":

*Serene, I fold my hands and wait
Nor care for wind, or tide, or sea:
I rave no more 'gainst Time or Fate,
For, lo! My own shall come to me.*

Conscious awareness, conscious knowledge, conscious realization: always remember those important words. You must be conscious of something before it can be manifested in your life. Therefore, if you want God and God's grace in your life, you must constantly be consciously aware of God's presence.

God is within you now, and you are in God now; you already have God's presence where you are; but it is your conscious remembrance of that Presence which brings it into manifestation.

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

It makes no difference whether you are sick, momentarily sinning, temporarily in lack or limitation, or even if you are dying. Right where you are, God is, and your function is merely to keep remembering that, but not try to make it happen because it is already true.

The enlightened consciousness that is attained is itself the health and the bread and the meat and the wine. It is not that you gain enlightenment and then do something with it, but when you receive enlightenment you have nothing further to do, for *it* is doing and being. You are but the beholder of what this light is doing.

The Final Step Must Be Taken Alone

Struggle daily to remind yourself that all you possess is because of Grace and can be shared.

The Contemplative Life d

Contemplation Develops The Beholder

It Is I; Be Not Afraid

In the awareness of that *I*, we become beholders of the Christ in action, and as beholders of the Christ in action, we are able to pierce the veil of illusion, and then instead of seeing the ugly picture that the human mind draws, we begin to see reality.

The Early Years (32-46)

Consciousness

All that is, is the expression or formation of consciousness. It is consciousness that is the creative and governing principle of all forms and expressions, whether animate or inanimate, and which maintains and sustains its creation now and forever. We must learn to view life from this standpoint, and then we will not too highly value anything in the manifested or objectified universe, knowing as we do, that the power of manifestation and jurisdiction is not in the objectified realm, but in the consciousness which has objectified itself as the universe. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I (consciousness) will raise it up."

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."

Let us learn to drop the "my" life, "my" vision, "my" understanding, "my" supply, and think in terms of life, vision, understanding and supply; and all of these as individually expressed through you and me. Intelligence, wisdom, vision, power, are not personal, but are impersonal, impartial and universal.

Realizing that his presence is power, we will know that every detail of our lives, every judgment, every action, every thought and move we make throughout the day will be of him, manifesting through us. We will then see that there is no selfhood apart from God.

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When faced with any discordant or inharmonious condition, remember this simple law of life: harmony is—and refrain from any effort to change, heal, correct, improve or reform the erroneous appearance. Finally, let go of that "problem." Let life reveal itself to you in all its glory. Let the divine energies possess you. Do not live for yourself or your own good, but for those who have not yet learned their true identity. Let go of yourself and find your Self—infinite, eternal, harmonious.

You must separate yourself from the belief that you have a demonstration to make. You must hold steadfastly thought that "I am about my Father's business" regardless of what the condition seems to be. You must cling to the truth that you do not have a single need, because you embody all your good and nothing can be added to you or taken from you. You must see with the "single" eye. Build your life in your oneness with principle and let this truth do the rest. One with God is all there is.

While sitting in meditation it happened to me. For so long I had been living in two worlds—in two states of consciousness. It was a divided existence, sometimes "out there" in reality; sometimes in and of "the earth, earthy." But that day there came a transition, a complete movement into reality; a place in consciousness "behind" the world of effect. From it I looked onto the world as it appears, somewhat like seeing a stage from behind the scenes. At that moment the detachment from "this world" was complete.

The urge to desire or pray for spiritual good, for spiritual understanding, for spiritual qualities, and then be tempted to think of these in terms of externals must be overcome. Matter and material conditions are not the realities of being. They do not constitute our real life. To give thought, therefore, to either the material condition or the channels through which good may come, is to have thought on that which is not real and which is without power or presence. It is evidence of doubt or fear that the spiritual may not be all power, all presence, all reality. This is doubt of God, which is the greatest of all sins.

We need to strive for the consciousness of ever-present abundance, of love fulfilling every need. We must turn away from the temptation to think in terms of externals, of bills, debts, material needs, lack, or limitation. Holding persistently to spiritual realities will fulfill all needs, both of a spiritual and material nature.

the foundation of mysticism

Living The Healing Principles

Gratitude: A Spiritual Interpretation Of Holidays

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

When that realization [of *I Am*] is attained, it gives you freedom. That's the only thing that does give you freedom, because in that *I Am*-ness there is no longer a desire for anything or anybody. There is no longer an ambition. There is no longer strife or struggle. There is a resting in that realization. Then through that realization everything necessary for our fulfillment, whether it's person, place, thing, circumstance, or condition, automatically flows into existence. I know you will more easily rise to the mystical experience after you have made a specific practice of impersonalizing and nothingizing.

The Infinite Way

Our Real Existence

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There is a constant joy within that needs no outside stimulus.

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We must not live as effect with something operating upon us [but] live as Law.

You cannot live scientifically as man or idea; you must realize yourself to be Life, Truth, Love...I AM.

The Infinite Way Letters 1955

Christmas, 1955

A Beholder

It is your function to be a beholder—to let God express Itself, while you watch the activity and enjoy it.

Higher Views Of God, Prayer And The Self

Thy Will be done; then refuse to entertain any concept of what God's Will should be.

Immortality

Let it be agreed in your consciousness that God is your life.

Contemplation

True prayer...in which we contemplate the infinite ways that God has of loving us.

Protection

Note the assurance that comes with the realization that God alone is.

Ask, Seek, Knock, Parts 1 And 2

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

Across The Desk

...walks through the day with the spiritual impulse tingling in mind and body.

The Importance Of Meditation

...a consciousness that faces every claim with "I have meat to eat that you know not of."

Take the attitude that He knows our needs better than we do, and turn within only for the impartation of His Word.

Turn within with the expectancy of an impartation from within.

The Infinite Way Letters 1956

A Beholder

Part Two

Let us be beholders of God appearing as our health, our wealth, our strength, our life.

The Middle Path

Keep foremost the truth that nothing, in and of itself, is either good or evil.

One of the happiest days that ever comes to an individual is when he first realizes that God's grace is all he will ever need.

Judge Not According To The Appearance, But Judge Righteous Judgment

It is necessary to close the eyes to all appearances, judging neither good nor evil—acknowledging only that it is, and in this way something rather like a vacuum is created within your own being, and into that place of stillness and peace Truth reveals Itself as the harmony unto the situation.

Right here and now you must begin the practice of dying to the personal self by [taking a stand against the normal reaction that here is an evil condition that must be corrected.]

Spiritual Power

Nor is it possible to feel success, since this is realized as an activity of the Spirit and not of oneself.

See yourself as Self-complete in God, to such a degree that if you should happen to leave your home without a cent in your pocket, everything needful for the day's experience would be forthcoming.

Withinness

Consciously know that the Christ is greeting you through every individual encountered.

The Infinite Way Letters 1957

August: Your Names Are Writ In Heaven

The Secret Of Healing Is Reaction

Non-reaction to appearances is a demonstration of your faith in God's ability to govern His own universe.

The Christ

Our newfound strength of character is quickly noticed: the shining face sometimes appearing even as a halo above one's head; the firmness in authority and decisiveness in approach becoming increasingly apparent.

Travelogue

In the end, you will realize this: Whatever it is I am seeking, I already am. You will then give up all this physical effort and mental effort...Why struggle for that which I already am?

Our Consciousness Of God Is Our Supply

You are free in the realization that the work of your hands is love.

Living The Christian Life

In not loving, hating, or fearing that which appears in the physical or mental realm, we break the mesmeric dream of a selfhood or a universe apart from God.

Recognize The Christ In All Men

When you talk to [employer, employee, tradespeople, friends, or relatives] inwardly greet every one of them: "Greetings, child of God. I salute in you the Christ of God."

The Proof Of Our Gratitude

From this moment on you should be less interested in what God or The Infinite Way can do for you, and more interested in God's illumining you so that you may be a transparency for this message to the world.

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.

The Infinite Way Letters 1958

February: Problems Aren't Problems Anymore

Welcome Problems As Opportunities

If our function is to prove the nothingness of all the appearances that the world calls discords, then why should we be concerned when another opportunity comes to us to prove their nothingness, first to ourselves, and then to our world?

We have not yet arrived at a deep enough conviction that this God, this Infinite Invisible, is operating in and through us and is the very life of our being.

We still use the word "I" too much, believing that "I" can do something, whereas "I" is but the instrument through which infinite Intelligence and divine Love function.

What difference could it make to an individual what the outer appearances are if he has the conviction that God constitutes his being?

Release Fear And Live By Grace

Live through the Spirit; turn to the Spirit for everything; react only to the Spirit. Let the Spirit be your law, life, activity, and being.

Only by removing power from the visible and depending solely on the Infinite Invisible can fear be supplanted with confidence.

The World Becomes Tangible Experience

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

The Infinite Way Letters 1959

August: Conscious Dominion

Rising Above Personal Sense

Any demand that is made upon you is not made upon you, but upon the Christ of your being. Therefore, you have no right to react to it.

Let us behold the Christ sitting between the eyes of every individual; let us behold only the Christ as the substance and law of every condition; and then there will be no duality in our consciousness, and no duality can return to us.

Some change must take place in your thought and actions the moment you become convinced that there is no power apart from God and that man has no power over you.

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

Until you can see God not only as universal good, but universal Good individually expressed...only then can you look at any and every person and know, "The only power you have is to express God."

What lifts you above the puppet-like lot of the ordinary human being and makes you master of your fate and captain of your own Soul...is determined...by the conviction maintained in consciousness.

Live The Principles Of The Infinite Way

I need take no thought for my life, because there is a Something concerning Itself about me, a Something whose pleasure it is to give me the kingdom.

The human sense of life will never again touch us so deeply: we shall never again be able to hate or to love quite so intensely as before; we shall neither grieve nor rejoice with the same intensity of human emotions. [The Art of Meditation]

Across The Desk

Watch the results when you seek God that you may serve Him, that you may show forth His glory, that you may come to know Him aright and to understand His ways and His kingdom.

All Good Is Embodied In The I of individual being

Never do I, and never should you, make a human move without first turning within. Waking in the morning, my very first act is to meditate and to continue that process of turning within, thirty, forty, and fifty times, during the day and night, because I of myself am nothing.

See here! No more wandering out here in a human world for you! You live in me, and I govern you. I am not in the body: The body is in me and is subject to my government and control.

God Is Fulfilling Itself As Individual Being

If you can relax and lose concern for yourself and for your welfare, you will find that God takes over, and God fulfills Itself by providing you with the necessary wisdom, activity, opportunity, and prosperity...in order that God, Itself, may be fulfilled on earth as It is in heaven.

[The Infinite Way] reveals God as Omnipresence and teaches you how to come into that realization of God and to let that realization live your life.

Your personal responsibility grows less and less as your recognition increases that God is fulfilling Its destiny on earth as your individual experience.

Recognize The Divine Source

The entire secret of life is bound up in the one word, "Consciousness." If I am consciously aware of this infinite...Source, and if I consciously draw upon it by realizing my oneness with It and letting the flow take place, then my life is lived in, by, and through, and as Spirit.

When you come to that point where you consciously remind yourself in a thousand different ways that all that the Father is, is flowing into expression as your individual being, one day you arrive at the place where you really believe it and have the conviction of it.

THE JOURNEY BACK TO THE FATHER'S HOUSE

Attaining The Christ Mind

Spiritual Vision Necessary To Live The Mystical Life

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

Make the decision: Am I going to or do I want to continue to judge my life by what my heart, my pocketbook, or my birth date tells me? Do I want to judge by appearances or do I want the kingdom of God that is within me and live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God?

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

Spiritual Purity, A Blessing To Everyone

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

Conscious Awareness (three Principles And Their Practice)

Everything in your life is either an activity of your consciousness expressing itself or the result of your unwillingness to let your consciousness express itself, and thereby become a blotting paper for the beliefs of good and evil that permeate the world. You either become a blotting paper and take them all in and respond to them and show them forth, or you become master of your fate and captain of your soul-but only by an act of consciousness, not by saying. 'Oh, God will take care of it.' There I must be an activity of truth in your consciousness, and that activity of truth has to be built. . . around the principle that there is only one power, that nothing but God and the activity of God is power, and that any sense of evil is impersonal and is nothing but the activity of the fleshly mind, the 'arm of flesh,' or nothingness.

The one thing the world is suffering from is mental inertia. It will not wake up and I think; it does not want to think conscious thoughts. It wants to look at pictures. It doesn't want to give voice to concrete truth. It doesn't want to sit back and live with truth. It wants to depend on an unknown God. . . Wake up to the fact that your experience is going to be your own state of consciousness objectified. . . . If you insist on going around all day without living consciously in the realization of God, omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient here and now, the all and only power, and then impersonalizing all phases of evil and realizing that they exist only as the 'arm of flesh' or nothingness, you will not bring harmony into your experience.

Our Good Flows From The Center Of Our Being

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

Practice Necessary To See Through Appearances

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

The Unconditioned Mind Abides In The Consciousness Of The Presence

In this unconditioned mind, there is no movement toward attaining, achieving, or demonstrating anything. There is no movement of the mind outside of itself... Living and moving in Him, there is no outside world, and yet just as Jesus was abiding in this very consciousness of the Father, everyone who touched the hem of his robe was blessed. He was not thinking of blessing them, he had overcome this world. He was not thinking of feeding, housing, or healing them: he was abiding in his consciousness of God's presence, and then everyone who touched him, everyone who entered the realm of his atmosphere or aura physically or mentally, was blessed, not by a conscious direction of his mind, because that would have been trying to use God and send it over to some person. No, he was living in the contemplation of divine grace, and then let anybody, saint or sinner, touch him, and instantly be purified.

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

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

We let this mind be in us "which was also in Christ Jesus," but we do not let thoughts of this world intrude into our mind, not even thoughts of improving this world. We let the mind that was in Christ Jesus be in us, and It will function. It will give us the new melodies we may be looking for, the new ideas, the new principles, the new discoveries, or the new inventions. It will provide shelters, high towers, hiding places in Him. Only we must take no thought for the things of this world, and let the Christ within us give us light. While we are taking no thought, this presence of God within us will speak, will reveal and empower us.

When we no longer take thought for the things of this world and are abiding in His grace, the necessary food appears, the clothing, the harmony, the friends, or whatever is necessary in the human world, even if "the ravens" have to bring it, even if the poor "widow" has to share it. In one way or another, all things appear, but now without taking thought. No longer are we in the kingdom of this world: now we are in the kingdom of His grace; we are living in His presence, and there is no room in the mind for matter, no desire for matter, material things, material activities, or degrees of matter. This has all disappeared.

What Have You In The House?

In the human world, however, we go outside ourselves for everything. We try to get what we want from other people or circumstances. Everything in human life is focused outside, ignoring totally the fact that every real value is already established within us and that we can have the harmony of life, health, the prosperity, the success, and the joy if only we will go to the kingdom of God for it, instead of seeking it out in the world. The way to release this spiritual presence and spiritual power is through meditation. So, as Infinite Way students, our day always begins with meditation. From the time we awaken in the morning, even before getting out of bed, we meditate. We meditate at breakfast time; we meditate on leaving home; we meditate at noon, at night, and when we awaken in the middle of the night

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Claim your true identity and be it, then cease ye from man.

Consciousness

...a vast mental illusion without a mind to express it and a law to enforce it.

Supply

Drop all dependence on persons, positions, or investments for supply.

The Master Speaks

*Error
Error*

See error as hypnotism having no more substance than a shadow- So What?

The Mystical I

*An Act Of Commitment
Silence Is The Womb Of Creation*

We cannot separate this loving of God supremely from loving our neighbor as ourselves as if they were two separate commandments. They are virtually two parts of one commandment...There must be an act of commitment, an "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto" yourself; or "inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these," ye have not done it unto yourself...There must be dedication and devotion to this principle, not to persons, but to this principle.

A Reason For Our Faith

Because the infinity of life, the immortality of life, is stored up in the *I* which I am, I can be still and let that rhythm flow out, going before me, walking beside me, behind me, and appearing when necessary as a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, as a poor widow sharing, as cakes baked on the stone, or as the multiplication of loaves and fishes.

Do not make the mistake that many of those on the spiritual path have made. Do not permit yourself to lapse into blind faith...do not have faith in "ye know not what," for this is dangerous. Therefore, when you are in the silence in the presence of God and you are expecting this rhythm of life to flow forth through your consciousness as harmony in the outer world, be sure that you have a reason for your faith. That reason is that we have come into the awareness that *I* is the name of God. We have agreed that that is why we can be still and know that *I* in the midst of us is God.

The Nature Of I

I am invisible; I am omnipresence; I am omnipotence; I am omniscience. You prove this by not taking thought, by being still, and be letting the Omniscience that I am reveal to you whatever wisdom, guidance, or direction is necessary at this moment. You prove this by being still in the listening attitude, letting Omnipotence prove Itself to be the only power. You prove this by taking no thought for your life or anything that concerns you life, and letting Omnipresence prove Omnipresence.

Silence is your resting place. Silence is your abiding place, your living place. Live and move and have your being in silence, and then the still small voice will utter itself and live your life.

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

Prayer Becomes An Inner Communion

As long as you live constantly and consciously in this truth of the indwelling Presence and Its function in your life and in the life of your friends and enemies, you are living a life of prayer.

Until you can arrive at this recognition and conviction and until you come to an inner assurance that there is this He within you, this *I*, because of Whom you need not fear, you can go no further and your tomorrows will be no different from your yesterdays. Do not try to go beyond this revelation regardless of how many months or years it may take for you to reach the absolute conviction:

Where I am, God is. I need never fear, I need never be afraid. This Presence is with me This I is within me.

When you have so raised up this son of God in you, you are the child of God, and you live not by taking thought for your life...Never again is it possible to be tempted to accept the belief that you must demonstrate anything other than the continuous realization of this indwelling Presence, because it becomes the form of fulfillment.

The Activity Of Meditation Within Changes The Without

I glory not in the outer prosperity or outer health; I glory in the Essence which fill me, this divine Presence, so that I can spend what I have today and be renewed. I can give and I can share all that the Father gives me, and yet retain within myself the Presence, the Substance, the Staff of life which, in Its season appears outwardly as still another message, still another dollar, still another trip, still another healing, still another something or other.

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.

I within you am come

You do not look for good. You live in the consciousness of the presence of that *I* within you whose function is that you live spiritually and eternally. You commune with that *I*.

Gaining Our Freedom By Losing Our Human Sense Of Identity

If you really want to be a blessing to this world, to your family, to your neighbors, or to your students, do not allow human thinking to enter your mind, because that is the thinking of the little "I," and sometimes even with the best intentions it could be wrong. Be still and know that *I* in the midst of you am God, and let that *I* in the midst of you am God, and let that *I* do the work.

The Thunder Of Silence

From Darkness To Light

Karmic Law

All that we can do is to recognize that God in the midst of us is mighty, not because of us: it is just that we have been given the grace to recognize the IS, that which already IS...The only time we can live is *now* and *now* we are living under Grace. The past is gone; the future will never be: *Now* we are under Grace. *Now* there is no sin, no disease, no death, no iniquity—nothing operating in our consciousness except love, the love of God, not your love or mine.

Any good human being can piously overlook the faults of others and even forgive them their sins. Any good human being can do that, but it takes spiritual vision to be able to say, "I cannot see anyone. The face of God is all that shines. the Soul of God looks out through all eyes."

Silence is a state of consciousness which enables us to refrain from mental reaction to what is seen or heard.

That is the goal of this message—to come to a place where we do not pay lip service to the statement, "I can of mine own self do nothing," but where we demonstrate that it is actually true and let whatever it is that is the power of God, the no-power, assert Itself and do the work.

The goal is God-realization, and that not for any purpose.

The time has come now, not to think in terms of being healthy or wealthy: The time has come to think in terms of being spiritual. The time has come to think of being, of having that Spirit of God indwelling so that we may claim our heritage as "children of God, "joint-heirs with Christ" to all the heavenly riches.

I Say Unto You

Had we been taught from the beginning the lesson that the Master has so plainly given us of our true relationship to God—that it is not our life that is being lived but God's life; it is not our strength that is being used, but His strength; it is not our understanding or supply that is infinite but His; and that we are but the instruments through which pours His life forth to glorify Himself—we would long ago have realized that it is our function to live, not as ailing, aging human beings, but as the image and likeness of God, drawing upon God for our daily wisdom, strength, and supply.

Man cannot know what the divine plan holds for him because man can only measure good by an increase of what he already possesses...To bring ourselves as an empty vessel to God and let God fill that vessel is the highest form of prayer. Let us not take our finite views of what is good and what is bad to God, nor take our human hopes and ambitions to Him, but let us go to God as if we really trusted Him more than we would trust our own mother, trusted Him as the divine Love and the divine Wisdom of this world, which in truth He is.

Only by abiding in the inner sanctuary can the return to Father's house be accomplished, because in meditation the ego or personal sense of "I" —that Adam who lives by the sweat of his brow—is still. It is not claiming power, understanding, or wisdom. On the contrary, it is taking an attitude of humility, as if to say, "I am insufficient, incomplete, inharmonious; and so now I turn to the Source of my being, to That which is greater than I." By our stillness, we indicate our humility.

Our purpose is to be the transparency through which the Light—not we—performs Its mighty works to be the instrument through which the Divine can manifest and express Itself on earth as It does in heaven. We are never the doer; we are never the actor: We are always the vacuum through which Spirit flows. Let us never for a moment believe that by our spiritual endowments we will ever attain personal or spiritual power. There is no room in spiritual living for egotism or for the exercise of personal power. God does not give His power to another. God does give His glory to another. The power, the glory, and the dominion always remain in God; and we are but instruments, humble servants or transparencies, through which that Light may shine.

There must always be someone through whom the spiritual light can shine and who can stand still and bear witness to the presence and power of God as the only Presence and the only Power.

To be spiritually attuned and live in accordance with the laws of God, we must begin with the realization that all that the Father has is embodied within us—the bread of life and the wine of inspiration—the whole kingdom of God is established within us. Then, instead of starting out in life with the idea of gaining, getting, or achieving, we would reverse that, and our attitude would be one of serving, giving, bestowing, sharing, and co-operating.

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

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.

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.

This Is A Spiritual Universe

As soon as we become unattached, that is, as soon as we are detached from thought—from hate, fear, or love of objects or people so that they can float in front of our eyes with the utmost indifference to us—we are no longer in the realm of mind: We are then reaching, touching, or being touched by our own Soul, which is God, and we are in an atmosphere where, when God speaks, we can hear Him. When God utters His voice, the earth melts, and all problems dissolve.

As you begin to perceive that mind is unconditioned, your thoughts never turn to the subject of good or evil. You are just living each circumstance of life as it comes along. This does not mean withdrawing from the world: It means being in the world but not of it, living each experience without trying to cling to it if it seems good or without trying to get rid of it if it seems evil. It is a life of nonattachment to things. It is only when we are trying to cling to something or somebody or trying to get rid of someone or some condition that we are attached.

Because the Lord is our shepherd, we need not seek anything, but glory in the truth that God has fulfilled His own being as our individual being on earth.

I have been asked many times, "How do you stop thinking?" And I have found one way. The minute I can look at any person or condition and know that it is neither good nor evil, my thought stops, and my mind becomes quiet. That is the end of it because then there are no thoughts left for me to think about it: I do not think good of it and I do not think evil of it. All I know is that it is, and then I am back at the center of my being where all power is.

If we attain the consciousness of God, we discover God appearing as flowers...clothing...perfect mind and bodies.

If we attain the consciousness of God, we discover that there is nothing but God—God appearing as flowers, God appearing as the food on our table, God appearing as the clothing on our backs, God appearing as harmonious relationships, God appearing as the perfect functioning of our minds and bodies. Fighting and battling do not bring this to pass. All that is necessary to bring this into experience is for us put up the sword, to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.

It is our function to live...as the image and likeness of God.

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

No one can free himself from the belief in two powers and make the return to Eden until he is willing to relinquish his human judgments and look out upon the world with an unconditioned mind. The practice of seeing neither good nor evil can begin at this very moment with any object which comes within range of your vision or with any person with whom you may be confronted. In most cases, however, it is easier to begin the practice with some object or person with whom you are not emotionally involved.

Only as long as you entertain the belief in two powers, can you be in difficulty. You are free as soon as you begin to look upon all conditions with a "Who told you, you are naked? Who told you, you are evil? Who told you this is sin? Who told you this is disease? Who told you this is dangerous? Where did it come from? Did God ever say that to anyone?"

The moment that you think of mind in terms of your mind and my mind, separate and apart from the one unconditioned mind, you have missed the point; but once you begin to understand that there is only one mind, you will never do anything unless it is in keeping with God's law. It will never be your will or my will: It will be God's will.

The very moment we can demonstrate the Master's teaching of *resist not evil*, we shall no longer spend our days as most of the world is doing, chasing, searching, and begging for a power to do something, and competing with everybody else in the world. When we realize this new principle—not a new power but a new principle, a new dimension of life—we live in a world where there is no competition and in a universe where men do not fight one another.

This is the secret of The Infinite Way, and it is the secret of healing: "Henceforth know we no man after the flesh" — not even after healthy flesh. Henceforth know we no man after his wealth—large amounts or small: We know only God as Father, and God as Son, the Christ, the spiritual image and likeness of God. Henceforth know we only God as constituting man; henceforth know we only God as the substance of man. Henceforth know we only God as the life of man, the Soul of man, the health of man, the wealth of man, the dwelling place of man. Henceforth know we only God, and not man.

To live the spiritual life means to live above the human sense of life, to live without recourse to human modes and means, that is, to live by the Christ. It means never to return evil for evil, never to pray or hope or wish or desire that another suffer for his offense—even his offense to us—never to desire to recoup our losses, which is the human way of life and, under our laws, legal. But legal or not, this is not the way of the Christ. True, if someone defrauds us, it is considered legitimate, proper, and right to sue him, but such procedure is not spiritual.

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

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

when we no longer desire good any more than we desire evil.

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.