
A MESSAGE FOR THE AGES

Chapter: Material sense of demonstration or the unfoldment of grace

1963 Instructions For Teaching The Infinite Way 6:1

Topic:

550

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

The purpose of the Infinite Way is not to find a power whereby to control men, conditions, or effects, but to attain God-consciousness, and thereby discover that the so-called laws of both matter and mind are not laws. They are laws only on their own level, but they do not function when a person is living out from the realm of Spirit.

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

A PARENTHESIS IN ETERNITY

Chapter: The Basis of Mysticism

Topic: *The Mystical I*

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

AWAKENING MYSTICAL CONSCIOUSNESS

Chapter: The Atheism of Material Power

1958 Second Sydney/ Melbourne Closed Class

Topic:

199: 1&2

The human race. . . is seeking safety and security in pieces of matter.

It is a form of atheism to fear any form of matter. It is an acknowledgment that all is not spiritual.

Matter responds and turns from sick matter to healthy matter. . . by the power of the Word entertained in consciousness.

BEYOND WORDS AND THOUGHTS

Chapter: Thou Shalt Not Make Unto Thee Any Graven Image

1963 Kailua Private Class

Topic: *In The Third Dimension, Mind Is A Power*

518:1 or 517:2

The fact is that in the three-dimensional world mind is not only a great power, but it probably is a greater power than all the matter that could be assembled together.

Chapter: Toward The Experience

1963 Kailua Private Class

Topic: *Grace Brings Freedom From Karmic Law*

516:1

Man is a prisoner of mind-created laws which sooner or later will be revealed as not being law at all. . . "I and my Father are one." *What can touch that oneness? Is there a law of matter or of mind that can touch God? If I and the Father are one, then I am that One, and that is the One who is not man, not a human being, but spiritual being.*

CONSCIOUSNESS IS WHAT I AM

In those brief moments when we do attain fully, there is no a trace of mortal sense. Even the body itself appears as light rather than as matter, as incorporeality rather than corporeality.

CONSCIOUSNESS TRANSFORMED

Many of the Eastern teachings miss the mark because they all look on the body as matter and themselves as spirit. Once you separate spirit from body in your mind, it is like separating yourself from God. God must function in every avenue of life. . . The body may be matter as a name, but body is not worthless because it had its origin in God. The body is not an illusion; the mortal concept of body is the illusion.

With every appearance of discord, lift your thoughts immediately: "I find my oneness in consciousness which is cause, not in matter or effect. I look to cause for my peace, my wholeness, my satisfaction, my joy," and all of it becomes manifest in what we call tangible form.

Since mind and matter are one and you can have good thoughts or bad thoughts, material thoughts or spiritual thoughts, true thoughts or ignorant thoughts, can you not see that it is just a question of "sowing and reaping?"

CONSCIOUSNESS UNFOLDING

No one has fully overcome the belief that there is power and presence in matter, although Jesus accomplished it more than all others.

Unless you can catch the vision that there is no matter, that there is no limitation, that there is no finiteness, that there is no such thing as a little piece of something or other called money. . . you will be battling limitation all your life.

There is no such thing as limitations once you lift your thought to Consciousness which is God. Neither is there matter, nor sin, nor disease, nor discord.

See the world as Spirit. Seeing it as matter is the illusion. The world is not matter. This *is a spiritual universe*. Sin and disease are not actualities; they are illusion of mortal concept. Once you see that, you will never again try to heal the outside, as if it actually were something you could heal.

When you agree that. . . any body, regardless of its form, is Spirit, Consciousness, and therefore infinite. . . you find that the body is being constantly renewed. Instead of being a piece of matter wearing out, it is consciousness, continuously unfolding and disclosing itself.

GOD, THE SUBSTANCE OF ALL FORM

My sense of God is that of an indescribable presence and feeling. I do not know God except through “feeling.” I “feel” the Presence all through me, through my chest, through my finger tips. No matter what the external circumstances are, even when at times they might seem discordant, I am always conscious of this Presence – a sensing, a feeling, an awareness.

LIVING BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

Chapter: The Consciousness of Omnipresence
Topic: *Material Sense Is A Sense Of Separation From Consciousness*

1964 Oahu/maui Series
547:2

Scientists have said that the substance of matter is mind. However, the mind is still the world of the five physical senses, and it is only when we go beyond the world of the five physical senses that we are in the real world.

LIVING BY THE WORD

Chapter: Sowing and Reaping
Topic: *Efficacious Prayer*

1962 La Closed Class 1:2, 1952 First Portland 5:1
460, 5

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

LIVING NOW

Chapter: Mind Imbued with Truth
Topic: *Mind Is The Substance Of Body*

1963

Mind is substance of matter.

LIVING THE ILLUMINED LIFE

Chapter: Building the Transcendental Consciousness
Topic: *The Old Man Lives Under The Law*

1961 Manchester Special Class
413 2:2

The Master was trying to lift us into another consciousness where this law does not operate, where there is no longer a law of weather to affect us, a law of matter, a law of poison, a law of germs, or a law of karma. His entire mission was to lift us into a state of life where the law does not operate, where karma does not operate. Christians have missed the point entirely, and so these last seventeen hundred years the Christian world has been living under the law instead of under Grace.

SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

To the evolved and developed spiritual consciousness, you are not seen as a human being made up partly of good and partly of evil, partly of mind and partly of matter. This is because the evolved spiritual consciousness is not looking at your body; it is not looking at your mind: it is communing with you; it knows you as the child of God. Wherever there is an evolved spiritual awareness, there is a discernment of your true being, your true nature, and it is for this reason that healing at the spiritual level is without effort. No suggestions are thrown at you for the purpose of convincing you or changing your state of mind. Spiritual consciousness does not take you into consideration, for there is no you separate and apart from God and God's spiritual kingdom. The evolved or developed spiritual consciousness is not thinking of treating or healing you. It is you who are reaching this consciousness and seeking for help, but this consciousness is realizing only God, one infinite Being, infinitely manifested. It has evolved to the place where it ignores appearances.

SPIRITUAL POWER OF TRUTH

Chapter: Your True identity

Topic:

So it is that first of all, when we sit down to help ourselves or others, our realization—or one of our realizations—must be, "I am not trying to change sick matter into earthy matter. I am not trying to change a little matter into a lot of matter. I am not trying to make unhappy people happy. My aim in this meditation is to realize, behold, and demonstrate the Christ"—in other words, demonstrate the Christhood of your being, of my being, of his being, of her being. That is why we are never trying to get something or get rid of something. We are never attempting to draw something to us or force something away from us. Our entire ministry is Christ Realization.

THE ART OF MEDITATION

Chapter: Meditation: The Experience

1956

Topic: *For He Is Thy Life*

Nothing can ever stop the being that I am, because I exist independently of what the world calls matter, confinement, or embodiment. The nature of my being is eternity.

THE ART OF SPIRITUAL HEALING

Chapter: Spiritual Healing: The Practice

1956

Topic: *What About This Body?*

In the spiritual kingdom, no laws of matter can operate.

Chapter: Spiritual Healing: The Principles

1956

Topic: *One Power, Responsibility*

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

Matter is mind appearing.

Chapter: Spiritual healing: Without Words or Thoughts

1956

Topic: *Beyond Words And Thoughts*

In resisting the temptation to demonstrate things [Jesus] proved that he was above the law of mind and matter.

THE CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE

As you go through the day, discords will most likely present themselves to you, and oftentimes they will be in the form of erroneous persons. If so, you will be called upon to realize that in the presence of God there is only the person of God's creating. At other times, evil may present itself to you as some kind of negative law: a law of matter, weather, or climate, and it will be necessary for you to know that inasmuch as God is Spirit and infinite, the only law must be spiritual law.

God's laws cannot be used unlike those of mind or matter.

THE EARLY YEARS (32-46)

Nothing that seems materially true is true; nothing that is materially discerned is real; nothing that is claimed for matter has any basis. None of these have any place in the pure consciousness of life—which is man—and none have power for good or evil.

True consciousness, which is the life of all being, knows only the *allness of being*; the allness of infinite and eternal perfection, without change, and without effect from human opinions or actions. We are therefore never aware of sin or sickness: these are the shadows of a belief held in thought, but which are overcome with the truth of reality. Recognize that your consciousness knows no matter, and you will appreciate the impossibility of age, change, decay, and discord; you will appreciate the vacuity of disease as the nothingness of a false belief. Thus, it will have no more power to pain, cause suffering, or discord than any shadow could.

We must bear in mind that there can be no actual healing, because there is nothing to be healed. "Spirit is infinite; therefore *spirit is all*. There is no matter." Spirit never needs healing. This is all you need to know. . . . There is no "you" outside of mind, so you need no healing. . . . You have no demonstration to make. All action and volition belong to God, and his demonstration (you) was complete from the beginning.

There are no material states or stages of consciousness for there is but one consciousness—spiritual consciousness—in which there is neither matter nor material beliefs. This is our only consciousness; there is no material substance, no material body, and in this consciousness man is found spiritual, incorporeal, harmonious and complete.

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

The secret of secrets is this: never try to heal matter as matter. This is the password to success in practice and demonstration. Never try to remove or reduce a growth, increase or decrease blood pressure, heal a burn, reduce a fever, overcome a cold, etc. We are not physicians and we have nothing to do with healing bodies. We have, by the grace of good, been given the revelation that this is a spiritual universe, that we are entirely spiritual, that we have perfect, spiritual bodies, and that our work is to correct the belief that man, including the universe, is material and mortal. We do not treat a person or a body. Our work is impersonal. It is treating the world belief in any given direction. That is why we cannot look to the body for health, or to see if we are improving.

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

As "God is all-in-all" there is actually no you, no one but God. Do not fear what flesh can do to you. To believe that matter can help or hinder us is idolatry. To fear it, is also to give it power, or just another form of idol worship. There is no power but good, truth. Evil is not power. We are called on to stand fast.

At a certain point, it may seem to you that you know spiritual truth, but you find that it does not seem to work in material affairs. The reason? Because you are trying to make spiritual truth change or improve a material condition. . . To think spiritually and then look at matter to see if a change has taken place is to go off the track. Human conditions must be the reflection (expression) of your spiritual thinking, but you must not try to bind them together. Spirit and matter do not mix.

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.

THE FOUNDATION OF MYSTICISM

I said I could prove that the roses in the study would be just as fresh when we finished the class the next Saturday night as they were today, Sunday. And the roses remained just as they were: they hadn't opened, they were still buds, and they were still fresh. Those outside the study weren't. This is not a spiritual demonstration. This is proof that what we call matter isn't matter at all, it is mind. It is mind formation; it is mind expressed. The reason I know this is that I know what mind is, and I have seen how mind functions in the body.

THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1955

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

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

What has been termed matter is a misinterpretation of Mind.

THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1956

Chapter: Transition from Law to Grace 1956
Topic: *Transition From Law To Grace*

To sow to the flesh means to have faith in matter.

Chapter: Withinness 1956
Topic: *Withinness*

It is not a matter of God's doing something for you [but] a matter of maintaining conscious oneness with God.

THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1958

Chapter: June: Security through God-Realization
Topic: *Mind Is An Instrument*

That which we term matter. . . is, in its essence, mind about which we entertain a material concept or material view.

Chapter: March: The Practice of Spiritual Healing 1956 Portland Closed Class
Topic: *The Subject Of Matter* 171:2

Mind is the substance of that which the world calls matter, and it is for this reason that mind governs and controls matter.

THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1959

Chapter: July: Spiritual Freedom 1959
Topic: *The Wider Activities Of The Infinite Way*

No matter how high we may go, individually, we are only an infinitesimal part of a story with an unhappy ending, unless through our life others become illumined.

THE JOURNEY BACK TO THE FATHER'S HOUSE

Chapter: Unconditioning the Mind 1961 New York Special Class 1:2
Topic: *Through Contemplation Of "my Peace," We Reach Another Realm* 427

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.

THE LETTERS '32-'46

Chapter: Consciousness 1932-46
Topic: *Consciousness*

Your consciousness knows no matter, hence no change.

Chapter: Faith 1932-46
Topic: *(faith)*

Matter does not pain, eyes do not see.

Chapter: Nature of Error 1932-46
Topic:

There is no matter.

Chapter: Spiritual Healing 1932-46
Topic: *(spiritual Healing)*

Secret of secrets: never try to heal matter as matter.

THE ONLY FREEDOM

Chapter: Progressive Unfoldment
Topic: *Unfolding Understanding Of Prayer*

1955 Capetown Series
709 4:1

God is the only law. If God is the only law, then all law is spiritual. There is no law of disease, no law of sickness, no law of matter. If God is the only law or law-giver and God is Spirit, all law is spiritual. Therefore, there are no laws to maintain disease, no laws to create it, or sustain it. Disease, being without law, must collapse. God is the only law.

THE THUNDER OF SILENCE

Chapter: From Darkness to Light
Topic: *Karmic Law*

1956-58

These laws of matter are not power in the presence of spiritual understanding. They are theories and beliefs, but there is a Grace which sets them aside. That does not mean that on the human level there is not a law of matter; it does not mean that there is not a law of mind: It merely means that there is a state of Grace that sets aside both the laws of matter and the laws of mind.

Chapter: From the Unreal to the Real
Topic: *This Is A Spiritual Universe*

1956-58

We do not deny the body. It is real, but what we see as body is not body: It is a mental image within our own thought—a universal mental concept, individualized within us. There is no such thing as a material body: There is only a material concept of body. There is no such thing as a material universe: There are only material concepts of the one spiritual universe. As long as we accept a material concept of universe, we are under the laws of matter, but we are free as soon as we begin to understand that we live and move and have our being in the first chapter of Genesis where man is made in the image and likeness of God, or Spirit, and that the Soul of God is the Soul of man, the life of God is the life of man, the mind of God is the mind of man, the body of God is the body of man.

Matter is the name given to mind when it takes form.

Once mind becomes permeated with truth, truth becomes the substance of all form [multipliable] because it is not matter.

The mind produces its own image and likeness, and if we who stand behind the mind permit it to be filled with superstition, ignorance, or fear, all of which stem from the belief in two powers, that is what the mind produces in our experience. Mind is the substance of every form of sin, disease, death, false appetite, lack, limitation, wars, rumors of wars, and all the other things listed under the word evil. . . Matter is matter only to the material state of consciousness, but once we rise to a mental state of consciousness, matter is not matter, but mind. Mind is the essence and substance of which matter is formed, and it appears to us as form or effect. Mind is the principle, the life and the law, of all material and mental form.

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Matter is the name given to mind when it takes form. Mind appears as many forms: Flesh is one of them, blood is another, bone another, and hair yet another; but every one of these is mind made visible, mind appearing as specific form. Mind in one form is flesh and in another it is bone, gristle, blood, hair, or skin; but always the substance, or essence, is mind.

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

The substance of mind and the substance of matter are one and the same.

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

Mind, unconditioned and having no qualities of good or evil, is the substance of all that is visible; and all that is, is as unconditioned as the mind which is its basis. If this were not true, it would be impossible for our state of consciousness to produce changes in what is called the material universe. . . . We would know that our consciousness of one power, which really is a consciousness of no-power, had produced the healing and was a law of harmony. We would observe that our mind functioning as an instrument of God had produced an effect on what we call body or matter and we would know then that the substance of mind and the substance of matter are one and the same. That is why mind can affect matter and, moreover, that is why truth in consciousness can affect matter.