
A MESSAGE FOR THE AGES

Infinite Way Pearls

God Realized As Individual Consciousness Universally Brings The Reign Of The Christ

In our world work, we must see that our consciousness is the power, but it must be consciously realized, and in our present state of development it has to be a specific activity. When the threat of war arises, the threat of strikes, or the threat of infection or contagion, at that moment we must specifically turn within... As long as there is a human consciousness in which the illusions of sense can operate, the "ten righteous men" have to pray, and they must pray specifically at the time when the appearance touches their consciousness.

The end of the search for God comes when a person discovers that God constitutes his consciousness and that God is not to be found in holy mountains or holy temples, in Jerusalem, Rome, or Boston [and] that the nature of that consciousness is omniscience, omnipotence, omnipresence...I do not have to pray to my consciousness in the sense of telling it anything, trying to influence it, or trying to buy its favors. I have to relax in it. To accept my consciousness as omniscience means that I must sit in the silence and let my consciousness speak to me through the still, small voice, or the thundering voice that makes the earth melt...Furthermore, the pearl that God is individual consciousness consists of the fact that God is omnipotence, and therefore I need no God-power. I am not seeking God, because there is nothing for God to overcome...[Omnipresence] merely has to be allowed an inlet and an outlet to this universe, and then the evils of this world are dissolved, because they do not exist as powers or realities. They exist only as mirage, illusion or illusory concepts produced by the belief in two powers.

The greatest problem that comes to me with patients and students is that they do not understand the 1959 work. Somehow the problem that is brought up is always a person, a condition, or a series of events, and very few seem able to grasp the fact that we are not dealing with persons, but dealing with appearances which we understand to be of the nature of illusion...It takes years and years before students and patients can realize that we are dealing not with persons or conditions but with universal beliefs.

Christhood, Not Human Good

As you look out at the world, do not declare that it is all illusion, but rather that the erroneous concept of it that you are entertaining is the illusion. Any erroneous picture that you are entertaining is the illusion, and therefore the illusion exists in your mental misperception, not in the external world. If you grasp the point that an illusion cannot be externalized, that it can never exist externally, then you will understand the Infinite Way and its healing principle.

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.

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

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

A Parenthesis In Eternity

*The Basis Of Mysticism
Reality And Illusion*

The belief that the world is an illusion led to a do-nothing attitude, a passive acceptance of the evil conditions in the world. [Buddha's] followers failed to see that it is not the world that is illusory. The illusion is in the misperception of the eternal, living, spiritual universe which is the only universe there is, and which is here and now.

The illusion is in the mind that is falsely seeing the world: the illusion is never out in the world. An illusion cannot be externalized. An illusion is a deceptive state of thought, and it can take place only within a person's mind, not outside it.

The substance of the forms we behold is not of that substance which is God, and once we perceive that, we shall understand the true meaning of the word "illusion," which is that our perception of what we behold constitutes the illusion...what we behold is not the real substance of which it is made: it is the substance of mind, the substance of *universal* mind.

Awakening Mystical Consciousness

*The Mystic And Healing
The Dearth Of Spiritual Healing*

Illusion cannot be overcome. When you understand a thing is illusion, you are done with it. It has no more existence.

It is an illusion to believe that there is anything or anybody to be healed.

Knowing The Truth About What Is

Do not try to know the truth about man...sin, disease, and death. There is none; they are illusions.

Beyond Words And Thoughts

*Beyond The Pairs Of Opposites To Being
Become An Instrument As Which God Is Living On Earth*

Until you stop being either good or bad, you are not going to show forth the kingdom of God or the son of God which you are. Goodness and badness are illusions brought on by a human sense of what constitutes good and bad. Both goodness and badness have to come to an end until you are neither good nor bad: you are just the instrument as which God is living on earth.

Conscious Union With God

Teacher, Student, And Teaching

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

Consciousness IN TRANSITION

Making The Adjustment

If you have to treat, treat yourself. Treat yourself against the belief that God ever created a mortal anywhere on earth to be sick or sinful. If God didn't create a mortal, there are no mortals. Then that whole picture is like our white poodle—illusion.

Meditation, you see, is letting in the divine spirit—God. That dispels every illusion of sense.

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

The Christ, the infinite invisible, is the only healing agency there is in the world, if you want to call it that. It dispels the illusions of sense—that's all.

Today psychosomatic medicine is trying to copy [metaphysical healing.] They are seventy years behind the times because they are now where Christian Science was in 1866, believing there is a mental cause for a physical disease. They are back in the days of Rawson— and Mrs. Eddy's early days—all of these outmoded forms of metaphysics that still believe there is a mental cause for a physical disease. Why, there isn't any disease. You can't have God and a disease, too. There is only one power and that is God. All the rest of it is belief or illusion, whether you call a disease something contracted by infection or by contagion.

That is my word to you after years and years of practice. Do not take the name or identity or the picture or the thought of your patient into your treatment. Leave these completely outside. You have nothing to do with them. They are illusion to begin with and if you take them into the picture, you do not believe they are illusion but think they are something that you must do something about. It is true, perhaps, that because you have a patient you are fooled for a moment that there is a presence and power apart from God, and so you go within for the illumination, for the light that will dispel the illusion. Please leave the problem outside! It does not concern you, whether mental, physical, moral or financial. It has nothing to do with you. This treatment is your relationship to God, and so you go within for illumination, for the light that will dispel the illusion.

You've got to make your choice. Either you have come into the assurance, the realization that there is a God, a principle of the universe, or else you are going to be battling sin, disease, and death all your life. But, once you have seen that God is the substance, the law and the form of all being, then you must agree that sin, disease and death, lack and limitation, unemployment, homelessness-all of that-is illusion.

Consciousness Is What I Am

*The Consciousness Of Truth Is The Healer
The Impersonal Nature Of Error*

Drop the patient, the disease, or the sin from your thought, while you realize that this problem that is confronting you is an effect. Remember that: it is an effect. An effect of what? Wrong thinking? No. An effect of sin? No. It is an effect of the carnal mind, the belief in two powers. When you are confronted with a problem and have awakened to the point of realization, you say, “Oh, carnal mind,” and turn over and go to sleep, because you have recognized it as the “arm of flesh,” or nothingness. You have not said, “Carnal mind! Now, how shall I destroy it?” or “Oh, disease is an illusion. How shall I get rid of the illusion?”

Consciousness transformed

Behind God There Is No Other

In the presence of God there is liberty. In the presence of light there is no darkness. Darkness is merely the absence of light. There is no entity called darkness. In the same way there is no entity called disease or sin. So it is you don't heal sin or disease of false appetite—they are illusory concepts. The illusory concept is always in the mind; there is no such thing as an externalized illusion. When you know this truth, the illusory concept is gone, but nothing is really gone with it. Sin or lack don't go anywhere: you have merely proven they were not there.

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.

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

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

Consciousness Unfolding

*God Revealing The Infinity Of Being
Never Treat A Person*

I never connect [treatment] with any individual [because] God is the only individual in the world. God is infinite individuality; God is the only place, the only person, the only power. God is the only reality. If I turned away from God I would be treating an illusion.

Agree With Your Adversary

Do not use your mind or your thought or your spiritual powers trying to patch up the illusion. Become one with God—and stay on that level of consciousness. Do this as many times as you can in the day, and as many times as you can during the night. Get the feeling of God's presence. Soon the illusion will be dispelled.

It is illusion, whether the appearance be war of peace...a healthy body...a sick body.

Our effort is on the side of attaining a conscious oneness with God and letting this realization carry us through whatever war, depression or accident may appear in the world of illusion.

Going From The Mountain Top To The Depths

A Hindu mystic looks at this "illusion" and closes his eyes and says, "This is not reality." That is not correct. This that you see is not illusion: The illusion is the way you see it. When you see railroad tracks [coming together] that is not an illusion. The illusion lies in seeing them coming together.

Let us never forget this: *This is a spiritual universe*. This is the kingdom of God, and the illusion is not this world, but the universal *concept* of this world. The only place this concept must and can be changed is in the practitioner's thought.

Right here and now is God's kingdom. This is not an illusion: This is God's kingdom. The way we look at it, what we see through our eyes—that is the illusion.

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.

The Hindu mystic says, "This world is illusion, so I will not bother to heal the body at all..." But the body is not illusion. It is the temple of God, according to the teaching of Christ Jesus.

When the concept is healed in the practitioner's thought, the patient responds. Why? Because the practitioner's thought is the only place where he can behold an illusion.

You are not illusion. You are the presence of God, but what we are seeing with our eyes is illusion. We are seeing an illusory concept of you. So what do we have to change—you, or our concept of you?

Note To Active Workers

The idea is to stop fighting this world picture; stop fighting the Adam-dream; stop fighting illusion. Sit down and get at peace, and let the reality unfold and disclose itself.

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.

God, The Substance Of All Form

*Developing A Healing Consciousness
Agelessness*

The moment you think of your age, you are thinking of a selfhood apart from God and then you are trying to treat the illusion...Since God is our individual life, we are the same age as God.

Behold The Spiritual Universe

You will not succeed while you are trying to make sick bodies well. Success in healing work is attained when you are able to turn away from the outer picture entirely, recognizing that it is illusion, and turn within, realizing omnipresent, omnipotent God, and discerning the reality of God's creation.

Man Was Not Born to Cry

*Rising Above This World
An Illusion Is A Mental Image In Thought*

An illusion or a mental image in thought has no substance or reality.

Today diphtheria, influenza, or any other disease is considered by many metaphysicians to be an illusion, but an illusion to be removed.

SPIRITUAL POWER OF TRUTH

My True Identity

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

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

I'm going to illustrate why we are human beings, why we are *kept* human beings, why we sin, why we have false appetites, why we are poor, why we are ever sick, and why we eventually die. It is all because of this very thing—*subliminal perception*...Every carnal thought, whether of a material, mental, moral, or financial nature—every material thought, every thought of false ambition, greed, lust, hate, injustice, and unkindness—not one bit of that is yours or mine. It is all part of this vast mental illusion, if you want to call it that; and yet every human being is subject to it. Each one falls for some particular phase of it at whatever happens to be their weakest point.

The Art Of Spiritual Healing

Spiritual Healing: The Principles

The Language Of Spiritual Healing [continued]

This world is not an illusion: It is the concept we entertain of it that is the illusion.

The Contemplative Life

Contemplation Develops The Beholder

Discipline In The Contemplative Life

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

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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

Frequently students are found who have worked unsuccessfully for long periods to overcome some phase of physical, mental, or financial discord. Should these faithful ones but realize that the claim, regardless of the name or nature, is not theirs, is not their own belief or thought, but that the false belief, thought, or claim, is but a part of the vast mental illusion which is forever without mind to express it, and without law to enforce it, then even the most malicious or chronic condition will yield, "The peace that passeth understanding" comes with the realization that evil does not exist even as a claim or belief. When we come to the point of recognizing that the claim is not a part of our individual consciousness; that the belief is not our belief, in fact, that it is a belief without a believer, then we are on the high road to freedom from the erroneous manifestation.

Where do these pictures and evidences of discord come from? They emanate from thousands of years of accumulated beliefs in a selfhood apart from God. These beliefs constitute a state of deception or mesmerism through which we see and experience that which has no actual or externalized existence, namely an illusion.

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

What of the unlovely traits we see in human conduct? From the basis of God as "all-in-all," there can be no such thing, and what seem to be these evils are merely illusions, forged by the belief that this is a material universe and that man is a material being, instead of a state of consciousness. In other words, all the seeming evils are the product of the finite physical senses like the illusions we see in the desert.

We are called on to come to the point where we are convinced that illusions are no more mental than they are physical. An illusion is an illusion whether it be mental or physical, and an illusion cannot be objectified.

the foundation of mysticism

Living The Healing Principles

Realize God As The Only Power

There is only one power, and if the Infinite Way is to perform a function in your life, it can only succeed if and to the degree you understand the nature of this carnal or mortal mind as a mental nothingness and illusion, a mental projection, a temptation, a belief, a suggestion, and then drop it. Drop it. Harmony comes into your experience, inner peace comes into your experience, in the realization of God as the only power so you can look out at the sins, diseases, deaths, lacks and limitations that are frightening this world and realize the only reason they're doing this is that they're being accepted as power. The only reason they're perpetuating themselves is that they are being feared and fought. I bring you back over and over again to the Master's teaching, "Resist not evil; put up your sword."

You see, anything that sets up an opposition to God cannot be truth. God is infinite, and God has nothing, nobody, to war with. God is infinite. God is all. There is no power opposing God. Treat this devil, or mortal mind, as something you do not need to have a deep understanding about to overcome, as something you don't have to go to God for God's help to overcome. Then you can follow this exactly as the Hebrews did on one occasion: "And they rested in this word." Therefore, having seen the nothingness of devil or satan, having seen the nothingness of carnal mind or mortal mind, please do not let us invent some other term and then say, "Oh, help me get rid of my illusion." Don't do that. Don't set up another power against God and then want God to do something about it, or you'll just be going back to theology or the old-fashioned metaphysics.

The Infinite Way

Supply

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There is nothing from which we can ever suffer except acceptance of illusion as reality.

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October: Freeing Ourselves From Universal Claims

Removing The Burden

Carnal mind of man is pumping its thoughts, beliefs, and theories into you and into me night and day, year in and year out...Every thought of false ambition, greed, lust, hate, injustice, or unkindness is all part of this vast mental illusion.

THE JOURNEY BACK TO THE FATHER'S HOUSE

Unconditioning The Mind

The Activity Of The Christ Dispels The Illusion

As we return to the problems of human existence, they are no longer our problems. In fact, they are no longer problems. Now we see them as shadows without substance, without power, and we can look on them, regardless of their name or He-whether "man whose breath is in his nostrils" or a hurricane—and see them as shadows, having no power because we have already felt that all-power within us. There is no power left to be in the hurricane, no power left in the whirlwind, no power left to be in "man, whose breath is in his nostrils," for all power is within us. Then we walk up and down this world and see it, almost as the shadows on a moving picture screen, knowing that they come and they go, but they have no real substance, no real voice, no real power. In this way we bring the activity of the Christ to human consciousness and dispel the illusion of two powers. We dispel the illusion of good men and bad men, because now there are no bad men and no good men: there is only God, all good. In meditation, the Christ is to be kept in the kingdom of God within us, so that when we return to the world, it can be the light that shows us that everything out here is shadow.

The Letters '32-'46

Consciousness

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

(problems)

You are free to mold thought and its expression; illusion no more mental than physical.

(the Principle Of Christian Science)

Error expresses only in the realm of unreality or illusion.

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Impersonalizing Error

No God-power Is Used

When you learn to impersonalize evil, you do not have to call upon a God-power. You can accept God as Omnipotence, but only if you can see so-called evil appearances as *maya* or illusion, and then not try to get God to do something to them...The spiritually illumined know that there is no need to call on God for anything because God is always about His business.

The Thunder Of Silence

From Law To Grace

The Still Small Voice

The only effective and potent weapon against the powers that would destroy the world both physically and mentally is the Silence which comes of the conviction that there is a Something that created this universe and is responsible for maintaining it unto eternity—it is the ability to relax in Silence and let that Something perform Its function. In that Silence we find Alines. In that quietness and confidence, we find our strength and peace. That is our Sabbath, the complete and perfect universe of the first chapter of Genesis in which we rest from all power...Rumblings of the thunder of the deep Silence of *My* peace reverberate and increase in power until eventually they break every barrier. The mighty noise of the Silence grows in volume until its thunder rends asunder the veils of illusion and God stands revealed in all His majesty, glory, and peace.

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.

Unconditioned Mind

As troubled people bring their problems to us, if we are able to see the person or condition as neither good nor evil, sick nor well, rich nor poor, that is, see him without judgment, we then no longer have a carnal mind, but are in full possession of the mind which was in Christ Jesus—a mind which recognizes only one power, an unconditioned mind—and it dispels the illusions of sense. We do not have to get rid of or overcome the carnal mind; we do not have to destroy it: We only have to understand that our mind is a perfect instrument for the Soul, and this it becomes as we fill our mind with spiritual truth and grace.

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