
A MESSAGE FOR THE AGES

Chapter: Infinite Way Pearls

Topic: *Consciousness Is A Law Of Resurrection*

1963 Instructions For Teaching The Infinite Way 1:2,

509, 511

Resurrection, in its mystical sense, means resurrecting the son of God out of the tomb of the physical senses.

Chapter: Not Appearance but IS

Topic: *Attaining The Healing Consciousness*

1963 Instructions For Teaching 2:1; 1954

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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.

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.

The Infinite Way principle is that any truth realized in the practitioner's consciousness becomes the law unto the patient or student who has brought himself to that consciousness. Never does the practitioner project his thought to . . . patient or student, never! He does not use the word *you* in any treatment, prayer, or meditation. It is always whatever truth he can realize.

Mind is not a healer. It is the consciousness that has developed and evolved, and the truth is that the consciousness of a practitioner who knows this truth is omnipresent where the patient is. His consciousness is omnipresent because he realizes: I and the Father are one, therefore I and the Father are right where the patient is. At the moment he lifts his consciousness to the practitioner, the *I* of the practitioner is instantaneously there."

Chapter: Now I See

Topic: *New Light On The Nature Of Error*

1963 Instructions For Teaching The Infinite Way 4:1

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

Chapter: The Parenthesis

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

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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.

Chapter: The Simplicity of the Healing Truth

Topic: *Letting God's Infinity Express Through You*

1963 Instructions For Teaching The Infinite Way 7:1

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Lay the axe at the root and say, "You'll not fool me again. I know that the fabric of this world is nothingness, hypnotism. There is no law to any of its pictures: no law of disease, no law of health. The only law is *I Am*, for *I am* the law. There is no law operating in me, on me, or through me, for *I myself* am the law. No good can come to me for *I Am* is the only good. No peace can come to me. *My peace* give I unto you who do not know this truth. But nobody has any peace to give me; nobody has any prosperity to give me; nobody has any health to give me; nobody has any love to give me. *I am* love."

[The Infinite Way practitioner] does not overcome, destroy, or get rid of evil. He drops it. That is the secret of Infinite Way. That is the secret of Infinite Way healing work. That is why my work as a Christian Science practitioner flourished for sixteen years and why later in the seventeen years of more of the Infinite Way it continues to flourish and has become known and established throughout the world.

A most important point to remember is that you do not get rid of hypnotism any more than you get rid of rheumatism. You do not overcome hypnotism; you do not struggle with it; you do not look for a God-power to do something to it. You merely recognize that the substance or the fabric of this world is hypnotism and then drop it. . . If then a claim of any nature is presented to you and you recognize, "That is neither person, place, nor thing. That is a state of hypnotism," that's all you have to do. You are not fooled by it. You recognize it as a lie, and it has lost its power. Because there is only one consciousness, the one who has come to you for help has united himself with you and wakes up and recognizes that it was a lie. . . When you reach a state of consciousness that does not become frightened at the words, atomic bomb, cancer, tuberculosis, polio, mongoloid babies, paralysis, blindness, deafness, and can say, "Oh, that's a lie," then you are in the healing consciousness.

As long as these names or appearances continue to make you want to do something, you are hypnotized. Do you not see that the whole of the spiritual path is an internal struggle, taking place within your own consciousness, not a struggle with what is wrong with the world. There is nothing wrong with the world. What is wrong is your concept of the world. How are you beholding the world?

What comes to a practitioner in the mail and over the telephone is unbelievable and incredible. But you have to remember that none of it is true. Only one thing is true; only one thing comes through the mail and over the telephone: a state of hypnotism, a state of hypnotism appearing in infinite form and variety. That is all. . . If you see a whole city burning, do not run for water to put out the flames. Recognize it as hypnotism. If you see a tidal wave on the way to wipe out a city, do not run around looking for barriers to keep it out. Stand still and recognize it as a state of hypnotism. If you hear of infection or contagion, recognize that, too, as a state of hypnotism. Then watch what happens to the hypnotic picture.

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

A PARENTHESIS IN ETERNITY

Chapter: Attaining The Mystical Consciousness

Topic: *The Function Of The Mind*

In the early stages of the Second Degree. . . we mentally apply every statement of truth we know to the erroneous appearances that present themselves.

We may have to know and affirm truth for hours and hours and hours to break the discordant appearance.

Whereas in the First Degree we concerned ourselves only with practicing the presence of God and with meditation, in the Second Degree we begin to apply every word of spiritual truth we can to our daily living, thereby Spiritualizing the mind until eventually our mind no longer reaches out for some kind of a weapon—whether mental, verbal, or physical—but automatically goes within for a word of truth.

Mind, in and of itself, is neither good nor bad. Mind is unconditioned. Behind our mind we stand, and we have the power to fill our mind with good or with evil, with abundance or with lack.

The overcoming is never the overcoming of something out here: it is always the overcoming of a belief that has been accepted in our consciousness.

Through our enlightened consciousness, we perceive that all the evils of this world are but shadows brought about by the universal belief in two powers.

If we could erase from our thought everything that we have heard or read about a person—everything, every opinion that we ourselves have formed—and say, "Father, wipe all this away. I am willing to start all over. Show me this man as he is. . . we would find that by turning within with a listening ear, the truth would be revealed to us. . . The *I* of him would be born in us immaculately.

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.

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.

Even Jesus Christ was subject to temptations up to the last moment. Do not be ashamed of the temptations that assail you.

"I have lived in fear of you, but the truth is that you exist merely as a belief in two powers. The only existence you have is in the mind of man, and you cannot get outside of that mind to do anything to anybody. All you can do is destroy those who entertain that same belief in two powers."

Wrong mental malpractice, whether it is done individually, collectively, or by universal belief, has no power whatsoever except on the malpractitioner himself. The malpractitioner accepts two powers, and he is, therefore, a victim of his own belief. . . [When] it touches our understanding of one power, all it can do is to boomerang because those who accept the belief in two powers go down under their belief.

God-power is not a power over sin, disease, or death, any more than light is a power over darkness.

AWAKENING MYSTICAL CONSCIOUSNESS

We must empty ourselves of our old convictions, beliefs, and theories about God. . . always finding something that God is not.

You are the image and likeness of God only when you stop having concepts.

There is no power in anything you can think about, hear, taste, touch, and smell.

Whatever of sin, disease, lack, limitation, storms, wars, infection, or contagion may take place throughout this day is actually the operation of universal belief, carnal mind, the veil of illusion. Because this universal belief of a selfhood and a power apart from God is not God-ordained, it has no person in whom, on whom, or through whom to operate. It has no power and it has no law. As a matter of fact, it is not an "it." It is an appearance. It is an illusion. It is merely a belief that derives its seeming power by acceptance, and I hereby reject it. I consciously reject the belief that there is any power but that of God, Spirit. I consciously reject the belief that there is a material or mental law with power because God is Spirit, and God is the only law and lawgiver. Therefore, all law must be spiritual.

Everything that operates has to operate as law [including a belief in two powers].

Every form of evil comes in the guise of law. . . [but there are no] laws of matter or laws of mind.

Chapter: Our Real Identity
Topic:

. . . those beliefs [in a selfhood apart from God] must be rooted out in order for God's glory to fill the earth and for man to stand forth in the fullness of Christhood.

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.

Every practitioner or teacher looks at the human appearance and rejects it. . . You are the Christ.

Do not try to manipulate anything in the external. Realize you are not beholding anything but a concept that, in and of itself, has no power, presence, or reality.

Chapter: Releasing Spiritual Power
Topic:

1962 London Special Class
494:1&2

Jesus and moneychangers: telling disciples we have to throw all negative and destructive qualities out of our consciousness.

The laws of God cannot function in a consciousness filled with false concepts.

Chapter: Spiritual Power Unveiled
Topic: *The Nature Of Spiritual Power*

1961

The only way we can bring spiritual power into our life is to look at any phase of material power. . . and realize, "You are not power!"

Chapter: The Atheism of Material Power
Topic: *Praying To A Spiritual God To Change A Material Universe*

1958 Second Sydney/ Melbourne Closed Class
199: 1&2

[We must be] specific in our. . . realization that we are being confronted with suggestions. . . that are not powers.

Chapter: The Mystic and Healing
Topic: *Not Power, But Grace*

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

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.

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

Chapter: The Words and Words
Topic: *Dealing With What Appears As Belief*

1954

Even though the appearance may still continue for a day, a week, or a month, be assured it will gradually fade out of your consciousness once you are released from your hatred of it, fear of it, or desire to get rid of it.

So long as you have the belief of a selfhood apart from God, the substance of that belief will be present in the form of disease, lack, limitation, or sin.

Healing does not come until you have been lifted out of the belief that the problem has power.

BEYOND WORDS AND THOUGHTS

Chapter: Building a Consciousness of Grace

1963 Kailua Private Class

Topic: *Restoring The Mind To Its Proper Function*

517:1

All of us in The Infinite Way should move out of the state of mind that is overcoming, rising above, and destroy, into the realization of Grace which is the light that reveals no darkness. It does not remove it, it does not send it any place: it reveals its nonpresence.

Your mind will always have its function as an avenue of awareness. All that you are doing is stopping the false activity of making a power out of your mind, which it was never meant to be in the beginning. . . You are not to destroy your mind. . . you are to allow it to settle into its normal function as an avenue of awareness.

Chapter: Building a Consciousness of Grace*

1963 Kailua Private Class

Topic: *A Knowledge Of Truth Develops Consciousness*

517:1

As we learn. . . that there is but one power, we stop trying to use that one power to do something to another power called evil, sin, disease, or death.

Chapter: God Revealing Himself As Christ on Earth

1963 Kailua Private Class

Topic: *The Tempter*

523:1 or 524:2

You must remember why the Master revealed his own temptations to his disciples, and the way in which he handled those temptations. "Get thee behind me, Temptation, or Tempter, for I do not have to demonstrate bread. I do not have to turn stones into bread; I do not have to demonstrate safety; I do not have to depend on a God to protect me. I have realized that I and the Father are one, and all that the Father has is mine. Therefore, I have bread without the necessity of demonstrating it. I have safety and security without proving it or testing myself or seeking it from God." . . . So he was virtually denying any God or any power separate and apart from his own consciousness.

We are called upon every day of our lives to bear witness to this revelation [of oneness] because whether or not we may need any immediate supply, there are those who come to us in person, by cable, by telephone, or through the mail, presenting to us the claim of lack and limitation. To them, we can have only one answer: "The *I* that I am, thou art. Therefore, the fullness of the Godhead bodily which is the fulfillment of my being is the fulfillment of thy being, since there is but one *I*, one infinite Being, regardless of how many times It may be manifested on earth."

There is only one temptation, and that is to accept yourself and myself as other than the *I* that we are.

I have always lived in the bosom of the Father, and even when *I* went forth to walk on earth, *I* never left the Father because *I* and the Father are inseparable and indivisible. Let none of us ever voice what the Master said, but let us all recognize and realize that this is the truth: "He that seeth me seeth him that sent me. . . [for] *I* and my Father are one."

Since you know that God is Spirit, then you know that all that the Father has must be spiritual. . . When you go to God, therefore, go for what may be called the gifts of God, the grace of God. And what are these? Do not worry what they are; do not be concerned. Just go for God's grace.

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.*

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?

As your consciousness accepts this truth [of one power and one law], material or mental law hits up against that developed consciousness, and like darkness, it is not there any more. That is how spiritual consciousness operates.

When something claiming to be a law comes to your attention. . . and it touches your consciousness, which is no longer your consciousness, but God-consciousness functioning as your consciousness, the one and only power, and therefore the light of the world, what happens? Exactly what happens when the light shines. It disappears! You have not used a power; you have not even used the power of Truth: *you have been the power of Truth.*

The activity of God is like light touching darkness. It does not do anything whatsoever to darkness: it does not heal it, correct it, change it, or remove it. It just reveals that there is none. . . There is a part of us that has never sinned, never been sick, was never born, and will never die, and the activity of God is to reveal that man.

The whole of human experience is an imaginary experience, a dream-experience, taking place in the universal mind which does not have its seat in God. The proof of that is that in the moment that you can still that mind and open the door for the Spirit of God to come in, that man is not there any more. . . We say that the "old man" has "died" and the "new man" has been 'reborn,' but where did the "old man" go? He did no go any place: he was not there to begin with!

Chapter: Truth Unveiled

Topic: *Not Knowing The Truth, But Being The Truth*

1963 Kailua Private Class

518:2 or 519:2

There must come a rest from the activity of the mind: taking thought for our life, fearing for our life, constantly knowing the truth in order to avoid some experience. There must come a Sabbath, and in this Sabbath we live by Grace, because then we do not know the truth, but Truth reveals Itself to us.

Chapter: World Work for all Infinite Way Students

Topic: *Intelligent World Work*

1963 Kailua Private Class

517:1

It is not enough to know that the carnal mind is not power. We must know that it is only in the realization of the presence of the Christ that it is not a power.

CONSCIOUS UNION WITH GOD

Chapter: Seek The Answer Within

Topic: *What Did Hinder You?*

1947 Metaphysical Notes

Attitude: you do not have to resist a mirage.

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

Chapter: Teacher, Student, And Teaching

Topic: *One Power, A Basic Principle*

1947 Metaphysical Notes

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

Chapter: Teaching The Message

Topic: *The Christ*

1947 Metaphysical Notes

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

Chapter: The Nature of Error

Topic: *Right Identification And Reinterpretation*

1947

Inasmuch as God is all, this is part of the allness of God which is being misseen.

CONSCIOUSNESS IN TRANSITION

Topic:

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

These human appearances when seen as the activity of mesmerism must now be traced back to the one mind and understood as the finite sense of mind—life and mind's formation. This reversal of the picture and reinterpretation completes the treatment and reveals divine harmony where seemed to be.

To be a practitioner or teacher, you must in some measure have been released from this universal hypnotism so that you stand in back of this world as it were, and "see" with the un hypnotized mind which is God.

Chapter: Making the Adjustment

1948

Topic:

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

You come to realize that you are not a human being—that God is the life of you, and the mind of you is eternal. All that appears as sin and disease is just this vast universal belief keeps hammering against your thought and which you first accept in and then try to get rid of.

Don't be in a hurry to remove their white poodle because that will prove you are hypnotized too, and it would be the blind leading the blind. The way you can help is by keeping yourself un hypnotized and realizing, "Thank you, Father, that I know there is no poodle there to be removed and the Father within doeth the work."

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

You've got to learn to be quick to realize that it is only an appearance and you don't do anything to that non-existent white poodle or the man who isn't in the boat! The more quickly you learn to treat every problem that comes at you in that way, the better healing work you will do.

If you have to treat, treat yourself. Treat yourself against the belief that God ever created a mortal any—where 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.

Chapter: Opening Consciousness to Truth

1948

Topic:

Since I am infinite consciousness and include within my own being the entire universe, I—through my consciousness of this truth—become the law unto that universe. If I behold evil and start to fight it and battle with it, I make it a reality and I give it a power that may make it impossible for me ever to overcome it. On the other hand, if I accept in my consciousness that evil is unreal and therefore does not have to be resisted or battled, I can afford to spend my time in silent meditation, in peaceful enjoyment of the spiritual laws of life. I become a law unto my universe by my conscious attitude toward the universe.

What is the Master? The Master isn't a man; the Master is this divine message, this truth—that's the Master. And to sit at its feet means really to clean up your own consciousness—self-will, selfish desires—to really lay your all on the altar of this truth and say, "Here, everything I have of a material nature all added together isn't worth what even one drop of spiritual truth is worth." In that purified state of consciousness, you would be able to receive and assimilate and respond to the truth of being. How many times has Jesus told us that you've got to leave all for Christ?

Chapter: Student and teacher
Topic:

1948

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

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

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

Chapter: The Nature of Error
Topic:

1948

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

You can set aside any law of belief. You can't set aside a law of God. The law of God is life eternal. The law of God is, "All that I have is thine." All the eternity. All the immortality... You can set [any law of belief] aside by becoming a law unto your own being through the realization that yours is a God-given dominion. God gave man dominion over the things of the earth, over the waters, over the stars, over the heavens. God gave you—its own individualized being—dominion. But, you must consciously exercise this. You can't sit back and let those beliefs act upon you.

You'll respond in accord with medical beliefs, unless you yourself consciously take action and say, "No, my life is God! All the rest of this belief about age and change—that's all medical belief or suggestion and it does not have to operate in or upon or through my consciousness." "Thousands shall fall at my left hand, tens of thousands at the right" if they don't want to take hold of this universal truth. Each one has the right, either by choice or through ignorance, to go through life in his own way.

The only thing that sets us apart from the man in the street, the only difference between a practitioner and a patient, is that the practitioner cannot be fooled into believing you are a human being. The practitioner knows that regardless of appearances, it is God appearing as individual being, and the practitioner won't accept anything else. In the same way, the practitioner won't accept a sick person as a patient or a diseased person for a patient or a sinning person for a patient, but will say, "I know you! 'Get thee behind me, Satan!'" You are just a false concept tempting me into accepting you as reality. I know you so you can take off your false face."

CONSCIOUSNESS IS WHAT I AM

Topic:

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

Chapter: Mind Is a Transparency

1962 London Special Class

Topic:

496:1

Through imbuing the mind with truth, we are remolding our state of consciousness, and one day we will not consciously have to hold to one Power because it will be so much a part of us that we will not even have to deny any other power.

The mind of itself cannot accept the principle of the one Self: it must be we who accept it and keep it in our mind. Every time somebody talks about an evil, dangerous, or insane selfhood, we come back with, "But there is only one Selfhood, and I am that Self." We hold to that truth against every appearance thrust upon us of a male or a female self, a poor or a rich self, a sick or a well self, and as we do, we "die" to the belief of many selves and are reborn into the consciousness of one Selfhood.

Let appearance hit up against a mind imbued with truth (which is a transparency and not a power).

We take the word *law* into our mind. God is law, and all law is spiritual. But there are legal laws, material laws, mental laws, and as they hit up against our awareness of one law, we stand fast, "No! I do not accept them. I accept God alone as law." As we do that we will be "dying" to our fears about other laws and will be reborn into the consciousness of one law.

Chapter: The Consciousness of Truth Is the Healer

1959-1960

Topic: *The Impersonal Nature Of Error*

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

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 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?"

You cannot meet a problem on the level of the problem. If you treat a cold as a cold, it will get the best of you. Do not believe that a cold is a cold: a cold is a belief in two powers, a belief that there is God and another power. . . It is a temptation to believe that God is not the substance of all form, that God is not Omnipotence, and there is some Power you have to call up to do something.

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

In the beginning your treatment may last fifteen or twenty minutes. Later on your treatment may take only three or four minutes, and the time will come when thirty seconds will be much more time that you will need for an average treatment. A treatment does not take place in time or space. It is an activity of realized Christ-consciousness, your individual consciousness when it no longer fears anything or anybody in the external world.

Every time we remind ourselves that we are not using God to do something to evil but rather that we are recognizing the nothingness of the appearance. . . every time we consciously impersonalize and realize that neither sin, disease, nor false appetite is part of our being but that it is merely a universal belief in two powers. . . every time we meditate, even if it is only a ten-second meditation, just enough time to create a vacuum and to listen, we are developing our consciousness to the fourth degree. An onion skin of mortality is dropping off, and we are that much closer to immortality. . . We become aware that we have a strength, a power, a dominion, and a joyousness that the world knows not of.

CONSCIOUSNESS TRANSFORMED

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

The further we go on this path the more temptations we meet tomorrow. No one avoids them. It is for that reason that the drive within us must be greater than the human inertia. A problem isn’t as deep as it seems because a problem in and of itself has no power. The only power is universal belief. So every problem we meet through understanding makes each successive one a lesser one.

Someone wrote me this week that I should give him a word of encouragement to keep him on the path. No, unless something pushes you, don’t stay on the path, for it is straight and narrow. Only then can we stand fast when the temptations come.

Whatever value there is in the message of The Infinite Way, whatever power is in it, is in this point: that there is only One—that you are never using one power over another, nor are you protecting yourself from a power. Your protection is the realization of your Self as the only power. . . There is no such thing as a God protecting us. The *I* of us is the power and there is nothing to be protected from. That is why I go back so often to the *1955 Letters, Chapter 3*. It is very important.

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.

When [temptations] come, we must be alert and be able to say, “Get thee behind me, Satan. This is an appearance, not a fact. My good is in my sonship.”

Topic:

Is there a material universe, or does that tidal wave represent a material sense of universe, and is it not the truth that consciousness is the only cause, the only law, and the only effect? Therefore, consciousness must be the substance of the waves, not only consciousness but *My* consciousness, since there is no other. . . and I realize that my consciousness is not even mine, but God's. Therefore, is there anything destructive in God's consciousness? No!. . . Since you are between two worlds, there is enough material sense left in you to be tempted by the appearance of a tidal wave. However, there must be enough elevation of consciousness to be able to sit down and realize: "Am I accepting external powers? Am I accepting power in things, or am I accepting that all dominion is given unto *Me*— and this means individual consciousness?"

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

Chapter: Hidden Manna – the Real Infinite Way

8/24/63

Topic:

The moment you learn that God or spirit is the only power and the only law, and you accept this even intellectually, you can at least meet a claim of bad weather by saying, "If God is the only law, weather cannot be law."

Chapter: I and My Father are One

1964

Topic:

As long as you are in the realm of seeing good and evil, you are forgetting the voice of God saying to Adam: "Who told thee that thou was naked?"

The world of material sense, with its good and evil, must be put off. But remember this: No amount of studying is going to put it off and no amount of instruction will put it off. The only thing that will put it off is realization. . . With every such realization you have put off some measure of mortality.

The nature of material sense. . . says power is "out there."

When a thought comes into your mind, train yourself to weigh it in light of the two worlds: "Is that a material thought? Am I placing power in something or someone external to the *I* that I am?. . . If I am imputing power externally, I am living in the world of material sense, material values." But when such thoughts come to you and you reinterpret them: "No! I do not live by bread or by property, but by the will of God. I do not die by the power of accidents or germs or heredity; I die in proportion as I withdraw power from that external realm. I die to my humanness, but I am in that degree reborn into my spiritual Sonship." As soon as you can draw back the power into the *I* that I am, fear of this outer world disappears.

Overcome the fear of death by realizing: "I do not have a life of my own because all that I am is God expressing itself as my individual being, and I leave God to perpetuate itself."

Chapter: *My* consciousness

3/31/63

Topic:

The times in which we have failed in this realization [of oneness] just means we have to go higher in consciousness until we attain such a consciousness of omnipotent omnipresence as the very nature of our own consciousness, that we will stop trying to be healed either by God, a doctor, or by medicine or by metaphysical treatments, Instead, we will *let* "nothingness become nothingness."

Chapter: One with god: Praying for the World

1963

Topic:

Remember: there is only one claim—that the carnal mind has power.

Topic:

When emotion controls you, you have no opportunity of benefitting by principles of life. When you are facing a situation and withdraw emotion long enough to realize the impersonal nature of the appearance, you immediately begin to dispel it.

If you want to cut off the operation of evil in your individual or collective experience, you also have to lay the axe at the root and stop fighting the forms of persons or groups or ideologies. Lay the axe right down at the root, which is the impersonal source of evil or belief in two powers. There is the root.

Spiritual power operates when there is no belief of an opposing power. That is why so many mystics have lost the way. Even though they have realized God, they have not realized the non-power of appearances and have therefore thought of God as a power *over*.

Chapter: Resting in Consciousness

1963

Topic:

A student wrote me that after studying for ten years, he had had the most wonderful revelation that there is no power in effect.

As long as there are any negative or evil appearances, you must learn not to fear them and not to want help for them. Yes, even when you request help, the help you are asking for should be the help to attain faith and the help to have the courage to ignore the appearances.

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

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

September 1963

Topic:

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

As the student studies and practices truth, and he does so more or less with the human mind, it filters back through the mind into his consciousness and eventually he does not have to speak it or think it, he just has to *be* it.

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

Chapter: The unfolding message: Spiritual Power

1963

Topic:

Our world work is not fighting evil people or evil conditions. To the contrary; it is withdrawing power from them and it is making of ourselves clear transparencies so the Christ can flow through our consciousness and dissolve the pictures of sense.

Those of us who still have problems might just as well realize that our consciousness is not yielding sufficiently. What good is it to try to change outer conditions? No, change consciousness first, and then the harmonious conditions will follow.

Chapter: There is only One God Consciousness

September 1963

Topic:

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.

The revelation of The Infinite Way is that freedom cannot come to the world until you are holding this world in this light [of divine consciousness] as if you were the spiritual teacher and practitioner to this world, which you are. This is your function. You have no more license than I have to hold people in your thoughts mortally, and I have absolutely no right.

CONSCIOUSNESS UNFOLDING

Chapter: Freedom in Christ

1949

Topic: *The Spiritual Plan*

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

We are to lift thought up out of its material sense and bring to light a spiritual awakening.

Chapter: God Is Individual Consciousness

1949

Topic: *Consciousness Appears As Loaves And Fishes*

We are turning away from the belief that there is presence and power in the external, and turning to our understanding that infinite Consciousness is appearing as our individual consciousness.

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

When disease and distress hit up against a consciousness that knows this truth [of the nothingness of the claim], they fall because of their own nothingness.

God is that consciousness which actually knows that there is nothing opposed to It.

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

Chapter: Lifting of Consciousness

1949

Topic: *Agree With Your Adversary*

Do not use you 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.

"None of these suggestions can reach me. I do not accept them into my consciousness as a power; and, therefore, I do not have to put them out."

One thing more [than just declaring the three principles] is needed. That one thing more is your conviction of the truth—not your declaration, but your conviction of it, your inner response to it, your actual awareness of it.

"Wait a minute! What kind of a suggestion is this that is coming to me of a selfhood apart from God, of a human being in pain, in sin, or in disease? I cannot accept that. I will not allow the imposition of such a belief on my consciousness. I will not allow my mind to be handled by such a belief. I know the truth that God is the reality, the substance, and the law of all being."

Chapter: Meditation

1949

Topic: *Attain Consciousness Of God*

The whole secret lies in attaining the actual consciousness, the actual feeling of God's presence. Without that feeling, we still do not have the assurance that the declarations, the affirmations, and the denials that we make are true.

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

Ultimately, treatment becomes a very simple thing. We learn to dismiss instantly every negative suggestion that comes to us.

“Wait a minute! Where does thinking like this come from? A temptation out of universal nothingness! I will accept no thinking like that. It is no part of the law of God, and it is no part of me.”

Chapter: Peace

1949

Topic: *The Inner Meaning Of The Temptations*

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

Chapter: Questions and Answers

1949

Topic: *Attaining An Inner Conviction Of Faith*

There is nothing wrong with your body that has ever been inherited. If there is anything wrong with the outer vehicle, then, make the correction within, through your realization that you do not have a personal consciousness to be influenced by the beliefs of the world.

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

All the good, unto the end of the world, is flowing in and through and *as* you and me at this very moment. No power from without can enter “to defile or make a lie.” Nothing can enter my consciousness and take over. Why? It is God. God is my consciousness, and how could anything enter Infinity? Is there anything outside of Infinity?

Chapter: Science of Creation

1949

Topic: *Consciousness Forms The Body*

The only thing material about the body is our erroneous concept of it.

Know: “This suggestion of malpractice cannot use my mind for its operation or outlet.”

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.

Chapter: The Ministry of the Christ

1949

Topic: *The Purpose Of The Christ Ministry*

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

Chapter: The Principle

1949

Topic: *The Principle*

When we have a problem, we sit down and know the truth. . . a different process from making statements about the truth.

GOD, THE SUBSTANCE OF ALL FORM

Chapter: Building the New Consciousness

1949

Topic: *Birth Of The Christ In Individual Consciousness*

It becomes necessary to gain the conscious awareness of the presence and power of God, acting and appearing as our individual consciousness, and to know that this consciousness is the law, substance, and reality of our universe, whether appearing as our body, our business, or our home. Where we have failed is in our lack of recognition of this truth, and our lack of recognition is because the human mind rebels at this truth which annihilates the supposititious power which the mind has assumed.

Chapter: Individual Consciousness as Law

1949

Topic: *No Power Separate From Consciousness*

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

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

There cannot be God and error.

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.

We should continue striving to gain dominion, and thus gradually the shell of human belief will be broken—the belief that there is a power of evil somewhere that can act upon us.

Concern for the effect persists only as long as there is the belief that the power, law, or reality is in the effect. The moment there is a realization that Consciousness, the Spirit of God, appears *as* effect, there will no longer be concern for the effect.

Chapter: Individual Unfoldment of Consciousness

1949

Topic: *The Infinite Way And Other Teachings*

What we have to do is not to examine our own thought to see what wrong thinking we have been doing, but rather see to what extent we are accepting universal beliefs and realize that all universal beliefs are mesmeric suggestions and that our mind, the one and only mind there is, cannot be used as an instrument to mesmerize or to be mesmerized. Thus we withdraw power from that false sense and gain the consciousness of one Power and one Presence.

Chapter: Nature of the Individual as Consciousness

1949

Topic: *Nature Of Consciousness*

When [carnal mind] is imbued with spiritual wisdom, when it begins to draw on infinity, [it] is no longer the human fleshly mind. It is still expressing as individual mind, but it is no longer a planning, plotting, reasoning, scheming, thinking mind. It is a state of receptivity, an instrument of divine Intelligence, always guided along the right way and in the right path.

Chapter: The Last Enemy

1949

Topic: *Body Expresses The Activity Of Consciousness*

The first step in beginning the overcoming of death is the realization that the body does not have any intelligence with which to live or die.

Disease is never contracted through or by the body. The body has no intelligence: It cannot move itself; it is inert; and, like a shadow, it reflects our own state of consciousness. *Any disease, therefore, appearing to be of the body is contracted through the activity of the human mind because of its acceptance of universal beliefs.*

When we accept in consciousness the thought or belief of death, that is when the body succumbs to it.

Chapter: The Universal and Impersonal Nature of Truth and Error

1949

Topic: *Handling Universal Beliefs*

Our life is determined by our own consciousness, by our own conscious awareness of the truth of being, and by our willingness to reject, as fast as they come to us, these suggestions from this mental miasma which we call the human or fleshly mind, the universal human mind.

Chapter: Treatment as the Consciousness of Truth

1949

Topic: *Begin Your Treatment With The Word God*

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

If the claim or belief has to do with action or intelligence, you might immediately think of God as Intelligence, and whatever you find God as Intelligence to be, that is what the individual is. . . [Then we wait] to receive an assurance that all is well, that our problem has been deposited in the right place to be taken care of.

[Suggestions] seem to come to us almost faster than we can reject them or refute them. . . Let us refute them in the light of pondering spiritual truth.

Consciousness must be a transparency for God, and a transparency for God is universal, impersonal, and impartial. . . Inasmuch as God operates only as the consciousness of love, wherever the opposite qualities are entertained, there is no healing consciousness.

Illumined reason would know that there never had been a death in the spiritual universe.

In the metaphysical world, most treatment is reserved for sin, disease, lack, limitation death; but in our work, just as much treatment is necessary for healthy or wealthy human appearances. . . until we become. . . firm in our consciousness of the reality of God.

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

LEAVE YOUR NETS

Chapter: Awake Thou That Sleepest

1953 Second Seattle Class

Topic: *Awake Thou That Sleepest*

35 4:1

Where, then, is your personal responsibility? It is to be normal, be natural; it is to live every day in accordance with the pattern that is placed before you in the morning. Keep in thought, insofar as is possible, that you must never judge either man or circumstance from the standpoint of its appearance. Stop looking at sick and sinful man and wondering how to make him well. Stop looking at the pictures that are painted in the newspapers, or on the radio and television, and stop wondering how you can improve them. You are not going to improve them: illumination is going to dissolve them, and the greatest part of that illumination is the realization that only God can do that.

LIVING BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

Chapter: Choose You

1961 Hawaiian Village Open Or 1964 Portland

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

438:1 or 552:1

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

Chapter: Making the Transition from Personal Sense to Spiritual Being

1964 Oahu/maui Series

Topic: *Making The Transition From Personal Sense To Spiritual Being*

547:1

As long as you judge by appearances, as long as you see and believe in good and evil, you are not under the law of God. Surprising as that may sound, you may as well accept it.

The moment judgment enters your thought, remember that word *I*, and smile to yourself. You have momentarily allowed the personal sense of "I" to come in, but then, as you pause for a moment, the real *I* that you are takes over and reveals truth.

Chapter: The Consciousness of Omnipresence

1964 Oahu/maui Series

Topic: *Material Sense Is A Sense Of Separation From Consciousness*

547:2

No amount of studying and no amount of instruction will put off [material sense with its good and evil.] The only thing that will put it off is realization. When you take a truth into your consciousness and abide with it and let it abide in you until a moment of realization, you will have put off some measure of mortality.

Train yourself to weigh what comes into your mind in light of the two worlds. "Am I placing power in something or someone external to the *I* that I am? . . . No, I do not live by bread or by property, but by the will of God." . . . As you draw power back into the *I* that you are, fear of the outer world disappears.

Chapter: The Operation of the Arm of Flesh and the Operation of Truth

1964 Oahu/maui Series

Topic: *Our Consciousness Externalizes As Our World*

We always project the temptation so that it appears outside of us, and we say "He tempted me"; "She tempted me"; It tempted me.

A man is tempted to steal. . . another is tempted sexually, and another is tempted in some other way. But it is never the man himself. It is the subliminal activity of that universal mind projecting itself, to which a person responds without even knowing that he is being hypnotized.

The moment we perceive that there is a universal mind that is projecting traits or qualities such as envy, jealousy, malice, greed, lust, or false ambition, we can protect ourselves by turning it off in the same way that we would switch off our radio. We can disconnect ourselves from it in the recognition that it is the carnal mind.

The moment we realize that from a human standpoint we are antennas for the universal human mind and then assume dominion by understanding that all these so-called laws that operate as law are not law, we begin to nullify them in our experience. Much healing work is accomplished just by nullifying the action of the carnal mind, by knowing its nothingness, not fighting it.

Chapter: The Power and Dominion

1964 Portland Special Class & 1964 Oahu/maui

Topic: *Satisfy The Inner Longing To Have Spiritual Identity Recognized*

552:2 or 549:2

Do not open your consciousness to their humanhood because you are opening your consciousness to an illusory picture.

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.

Chapter: The Way of Fulfillment: Right Identification

1964 Oahu/maui Series

Topic: *The Land Of Milk And Honey Or The Cross*

548:1

Eventually we rise to where problems no longer enter consciousness because we have attained Christhood. But until that point, it is overcoming, overcoming, and overcoming, and overturning and overturning, "until he come whose right it is." And that "He" is the Christ which is incarnated in us whether we be saints or sinners.

Chapter: The World of Material and the World of Spiritual Discernment

1964 Oahu/maui Series

Topic: *Spiritual Discernment Reveals Infinity*

545:2

The mystery is not how a material world came about, but rather the discovery that it never did.

In the material universe, a tidal wave is a destructive power. But is there a material universe, or does that tidal wave represent merely a material sense of universe?

When we see structural or physical man, we are really seeing material sense. But there is no such thing as structural man. Man is that selfhood that is completely invisible to the eyesight.

LIVING BY THE WORD

Chapter: Let there be Light

1961 Waikiki Infinite Way Center 2:1&2

Topic: *An Understanding Of Spiritual Principles Is Important*

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Evil, whether it is in the form of sin, disease, lack, unemployment, wars, or threats of wars, exists only in the same way that darkness exists. Darkness is not an entity that goes somewhere when light is admitted to a room. Darkness is merely an absence of light. The moment light appears, there is no darkness; but darkness did not go any place; it has not moved out of the room. It was not in the room, there was not any "it"; there was merely an absence of light. To perceive this is to understand the function of meditation and spiritual healing.

LIVING NOW

Chapter: Beyond Words and Thoughts

1963

Topic: *The Meaning Of Faith*

Asking for help is asking for the courage to ignore the appearances.

Acceptance of universal belief shows person as less than perfect and that malpractice boomerangs.

World concepts influence discordant bodily conditions.

LIVING THE ILLUMINED LIFE

It is not the reading, in and of itself, that will develop our consciousness, but what we do with what we read. . . . If when we see sin, disease, lack, or accident, we let these words of truth live in us and then say, "I must not accept appearances: I must accept God as omnipresence," not only may we heal, uplift, form, or forgive someone, but some part of the old man of us has died in the moment that we applied a truth to a specific situation. That truth came alive in us, but it could come only out of the new man. It cannot come out of the old man, because there is no truth in the old man, no truth in him at all. He "is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."

Every bit of preparation, every bit of scriptural study, every bit of metaphysical practice in which we are denying the reality of power in the external and affirming the all-power of our consciousness is leading us to moment when we can jump forward a thousand years in spiritual development.

There is a dying process, but it is not the death of the body or the death of the mind or soul. It is inwardly refusing to accept, anything about ourselves that is not of a spiritual nature. At first it is difficult. It is hard to put off that old man who likes some people and dislikes others, who likes some nations or races and does not like others. It is a difficult process until we dig down and find that because there is only one Father underneath we are: brothers and sisters.

Because we have realized our true Self, when the "natural man" of us wants to express himself as some form or other, we can say. . . . "Get thee behind me, Satan; I am not interested in you." This temptation may appear as fear, but we can turn on it with, "What is the use of fearing when I am eternal? Neither life nor death can separate me from God." That should eliminate the fear, and because of our recognition of our true identity, our real Self, no matter what temptation would come, no matter what amount of the natural man is left, we can always turn on it with a "Get thee behind me."

Probably one reason that makes me say so often that I have not fully attained is that the sword of the Spirit keeps nagging, never letting me rest for fear that I might believe sometime that I have fully attained and then miss the way. Like Jacob, I am going to say, "No, I am going to wrestle with it. I am going to stay right with these problems until this spirit of God is so clearly realized that freedom then becomes the full and complete demonstration of Christhood."

MAN WAS NOT BORN TO CRY

We must instantly recognize appearances of every name and nature as being the carnal mind appearing as form. . . To transcend the dream, then really means the instantaneous recognition of all appearances as substanceless carnal mind.

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

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

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

God is a destroyer. . . of the false images in thought, but never a destroyer of persons or of conditions because there are no persons or conditions to be destroyed.

As we believe about another, it will be believed about us. Whatever we accept is our belief, and we must pay the penalty for that belief.

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

When you are called upon to help others. . . ask yourself, "To what am I giving power? Germs, infection, heredity, horoscopes, the calendar, age?"

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

OUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Nothing can happen to a person except what happens within his consciousness. Therefore, for the spiritual student, there must at all times be an activity of truth in consciousness. Remember that statement because it is important and vital to spiritual progress.

Inertia is really in control of the human mind, and before we can gain the desired dominion, we must overcome that inertia and really work for that dominion.

Since God is all power, there is no power that is required to do anything to anything, for anything, or for anybody, for any reason.

The moment that we can come into the presence of any form of evil with a relaxed mind, a mind that does not attempt to jump up and begin battling and denying it straight off, we are ready to see it dissolve into nothingness.

The only barrier to the expression of perfection is the belief in two powers. . . which must be recognized as no power since there is only one power, God.

The negative powers of sin, disease, unhappiness, the lack of supply or peace—these are not powers, and they operate as powers only as long as we individually, and the world collectively, can be made to fight them—to argue against them or to seek a power to destroy them.

To try to get the supply of anything out here is futile because there is nothing out here except time and space.

REALIZATION OF ONENESS

Keep working on unyielding problems until they dissolve

Get quiet and let *I* reply to appearance.

No one left to heal or improve when you remove belief in two powers.

Must deal with hypnotism every time it raises its head.

Evil has no power of projection.

Don't pray for effect but to realize nonpower of hypnotism.

Love God by realizing God is not responsible for evils of the world.

Years of meditation and almost heartbreak to the realization that hypnotism is not power.

SEEK YE FIRST

Sometimes the question is asked, "Why are so many people who have realized God still battling with the evils of this world?" The answer is that the tacit acceptance of the universal belief in two powers still persists. . . Many mystics throughout the ages have experienced the awareness of a Presence and Power, and yet they have gone through physical disease and material lack and limitation, all because they had not yet awakened to the truth that in the presence of God there is only the realization of spiritual Grace and in this Presence all else is nullified.

SHOWING FORTH THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Chapter: God alone is Power

1955 Capetown Series

Topic: *There Is No Fear When Anchored In God*

706 1:1

Why should anyone fear life or death if God is there? Why should one fear being in any place if God is there? Why should one fear even disease if God is there? The fears entertained about life, health, and supply are in direct proportion to a lack of faith and understanding of God as infinite and omnipresent. . . It is not necessary to fight disease. It is not necessary to fight sin. It is necessary only to accept God, a living God in the midst of you. The acceptance and realization of God is the instantaneous dispelling of fear, of sin, of disease, and more especially of lack and limitation.

Chapter: God, the Substance of Universal Being

1951 Second Portland Series

Topic: *Spiritual Recognition*

601 1:2

Every time you behold any form of discord or inharmony and remind yourself, "Yes, with my eyes, that is the appearance, but I know the invisible picture there, the invisible Christ. I behold there the real soul of that individual, the real strength of his being and body," you have given meat in My name. You have given wine and water and raiment and freedom from the prison house.

Chapter: Spiritual Vision alone Reveals the I AM of Individual Being

1955 Capetown Series

Topic: *Wear the invisible robe of the Spirit in silence*

707 2:2

Human beings as a rule are not able to bear the truth. They resist truth far more than they accept it. The human mind does not want to be annihilated, and spiritual truth is going to annihilate it. Through the introduction of spiritual truth into their consciousness, they are going to "die daily" until they have only that mind which was in Christ Jesus.

The human part of us knows that with enough spiritual truth our humanhood will be wiped out, and as human beings we do not like it. Some persons like baseball games too much to give them up; some like radio or television; others like novels; and still others like dancing. They just are not ready to have those things taken from them. Spiritual realization is going to take the desire for most of the things of the world away from them, even the good things in the world. . . It is only that too much participation in these activities infringes on our spiritual life, Spiritually, they can become a hindrance to our spiritual development and eventually they no longer appeal to us.

Chapter: The spiritual Life

1951 Second Portland Series

Topic: *The Assurance Of Divine Guidance*

603 3:1 &2

We do not take the problem or the person into our silent meditation, but make an effort to have our periods of meditation in which the soul within is completely at rest from all thought of person and thing. When the outer world impinges on our thought, then the reminder comes, "Is this my affair or is it the affair of the Father within?" While we are concerned about that little "I" in relation to an external affair, we are still in the material sense of existence.

SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

Chapter: Rejecting Appearances and concepts

1961 London Open Class

Topic: *Non Reaction Is All-important*

418 5:1

To God the dark and the light are the same. Anything of a physical nature, whether it is negative or positive, evil or good, is the same in the eyes of God: illusion or nothingness.

Think of how many things there are in your life or in the lives of those close to you that you would like changed by a God-power, or a God-presence. Then remember that from this moment on you have given up that way of life and substituted for it the way of life in which you recognize no power in any negative or evil appearance. Whether that negative or evil appearance is appearing to you in the form of sin, false appetite, disease, lack, limitation, unemployment or whatever it is, let your attitude be: Now I am living a life in which I recognize the non power of whatever it is that heretofore I have feared, whatever it is that I have felt required healing, changing, improving, or reforming. I no longer need a power to change, alter, improve, or heal anything.

The only force or power there is, is that which you yourself possess. You have within yourself the Redeemer, the Savior, the Power unto your own existence. So in your early experience, you learn how to choose, and thereby how to refuse entry into your consciousness of the negative beliefs, theories, and doctrines of the world. To some extent, at least, you become master of your own fate.

Chapter: The Middle Path
Topic: *Let Spirit Define Itself*

1953 First New York Practitioners' Class
46: 2:1,2

When you are called upon for help, do not think or declare that it is not true or that it is not real. In other words, do not try to negate it. Instead, come into agreement with it and acknowledge that something has come to your awareness. Something is. The only thing you do not know about it is what it is. The world may say it is evil, but you know it cannot be evil because God is the only creative principle. Why deny something that cannot be evil? It makes no difference what its name or nature is because actually you do not know its name or nature or what it is. . . To say that it is not evil but spiritual is still putting a label on it, making a judgment of it.

Chapter: The Nature of Spiritual Discernment
Topic: *Spiritual Discernment Reveals What Is*

1964 Honolulu Infinite Way Study Center
540/4:1

In order to attain the consciousness of no judgment, we must do this with cars, dogs, trees, mountains, and oceans. We must stop loving oceans just because our nature may happen to be one that enjoys being close to the sea. We must stop loving mountains just because our nature happens to be one that responds to being in high places, and we must begin to discern the mountains and the sea from God's standpoint.

SPIRITUAL INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE

Chapter: Joseph
Topic: *(joseph)*

1947

Every evil experience is evidence of some belief not yet consciously thrown out of thought.

Chapter: The True Sense of the Universe
Topic: *(the True Sense Of The Universe)*

1947

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

SPIRITUAL POWER OF TRUTH

Chapter: Christ Of Being
Topic:

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

Surely in any emergency the practitioner who knows the Truth can bring you out from under the law and place you under Grace in that particular situation, and the next one and the next one. Remember, though, that it has been a universal experience that after a few years, it does not work any more. In other words, sooner or later students must begin to bring themselves out consciously from under the law and bring themselves under Grace.

Chapter: God and Error
Topic:

At every sign of evil popping up, you just have the feeling "Aha! Dear old pal: carnal mind, the arm of flesh, or nothingness; thank God we are not going to fight it. It is nothing!" Do you see that?

Now do you see how horrible it is for a young student to say evil is not real? They have not gone through any processes. All they are doing is mouthing vain repetitions, which they have not at all proven, have not at all learned.

The natural man is not under the Law of God. So it is that the natural man, the young student, their words and thoughts are all powerless. They have no power to nullify the appearance. They have no power to bring the Grace of God into expression. They are still the natural man who is not under the Law of God, neither indeed can be.

That is why all these young practitioners are not achieving the healings and are wondering why, since they know the same Truth that everybody else does. The reason is, it is not knowing of the Truth that does it. What does it is the attaining of the fourth-dimensional consciousness of Truth. It is only when you have arrived at the place where evil is not real in your consciousness that you can do the great healing works.

Evil is not to be treated, not to be worked against, not to be fought, not to be overcome, but to be recognized as the carnal mind, a belief in two powers, the arm of flesh, nothingness.

You are bound to see sickness "out there." There is a load of it in every meeting: sickness, false appetites, sin, lack, limitation, unemployment. However, in proportion as you can sit "up here" and see all that and inwardly smile, "I know thee, who thou art: that universal belief in two powers, that carnal mind, the arm of flesh, nothingness," they must go out uplifted, they must go out healed—those who are receptive. That is what gives you your power—not what you are saying. It is the consciousness you have attained "back here."

The beautiful thing is that in all the years that have gone by, I have lost only one case of tuberculosis. Every case that has ever been brought to me has been met. Many, many, have come to me. Now I am not giving you this for a testimony. I am telling you this to show you that it took sixteen weeks of my working with that case to arrive at that consciousness. I have a huge carton of letters written to that girl. Every day she got a letter, for four months, and anywhere from two to twenty pages. In other words, every letter was a treatment. As for her—she did not even understand the English language. However, for me—I was putting my treatment on those papers. I was treating myself. I was educating myself. I was training myself until I arrived at the consciousness of nothingness. Do you see that?

Chapter: INVISIBLE SELFHOOD
Topic:

This is difficult because we have a guilt complex about our own lacks or limitations. We have the feeling we should know better and we should be doing better, and therefore we tend to personalize evil in our own experience and think, "I am at fault." Humanly we sometimes seem to be. The only thing that can save us from that, again, is the word *I*. The moment we realize the meaning of the word *I*, we will see that it is impossible that *I* am responsible, and so we can impersonalize evil. We must be watchful that we do not personalize evil in our fellow man. It is in the impersonalizing of evil that healing work is brought about. It is not nearly as fruitful in the impersonalizing of God as in the impersonalizing of evil.

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.

Righteous judgment says, "In the beginning, God created all that was made. God looked at what He made and found it very good!" That's Truth, and you shall know that Truth. Then as these ugly appearances stick up their heads, don't be fooled by them. Declare within yourself, "I can't be made to accept good or evil; I accept God alone as constituting the Garden of Eden." God is the very substance of man, the very substance of the trees, the very substance of the crops, the very substance of life. God Is All in all, because there are not two. There is neither good nor evil; there is only Spirit, there is only Life!

I can promise you this: everyone can have that experience [of Oneness and Grace] if they will dedicate themselves to this Truth, namely that there is neither good nor evil. Refuse steadfastly to accept appearances. Keep it secret, keep it silent, until It demonstrates Itself. Don't lose it by spouting it.

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.*

God is not a power to be wielded, God is not a power to be used over something. . . . We understand that because of the many years in which we have been reading and thinking in such terms as the nonpower or nonexistence of evil in any form. So we have no need of a God to overcome that which has no reality. By now, we are prepared for that statement.

THE 1954 INFINITE WAY LETTERS

All spiritual healing-work is based on the ability to ignore appearances and "see through" these to "righteous judgment." . . . the ability to attain this consciousness comes only with constant and steadfast practice; the continuous abiding in the knowledge that we must not accept appearances; that we must reject consciously every concept of God, of man, of things; and that we must patiently "be still" until God reveals through our higher consciousness that which is Truth—the Truth about God, man, and the universe. This is the means of developing that spiritual consciousness which alone is the healing power, and also is the gift of spiritual knowing and living.

Spiritual consciousness is your consciousness and mine, when freed of personal sense, desires, and concepts of life. Spiritual consciousness is your consciousness and mine as we refuse to accept the concepts, fears, and hates of the world, and receive within the calm assurance and confidence which come with the realization of His Presence. In this consciousness there is a transcendental Stillness and Peace which truly "passeth understanding": there is an awareness which is itself the "Peace, be still," to all discords.

THE ALTITUDE OF PRAYER

Chapter: God is Omnipotent

1968 L

Topic: *God Is Omnipotent*

In the discernment of spiritual light, disease goes nowhere because it was never really a presence.

A major priority is to overcome belief in material and mental powers.

Chapter: Living By Prayer

1956-1962

Topic: *A Realization Of Omnipresence, Omnipotence, And Omniscience Is True Prayer*

Omniscience proves we don't know how to pray or what to pray for.

Realize frightening appearance has no power and let it go on appearing.

Chapter: Pray Without Ceasing

1956-1962

Topic: *Pray Without Ceasing*

The price is to consciously remember the Presence from morning to night

Living under Grace requires negation of worldly laws.

THE ART OF MEDITATION

Chapter: Meditation: The Fruits

1951-1956

Topic: *A Circle Of Christhood*

As discord or inharmony flash across their horizon, they will resist the temptation to affirm truth, and instead turn to that center where the Christ is enthroned and let it make the crooked places straight. It, not they, will be the blessing.

Christ buried in the tomb of mind will not come forth and do wonders, but Christ risen in our consciousness, Christ raised up from the tomb through meditation and communion—that is the miracle worker of the ages.

Chapter: Meditation: The Practice

1956

Topic: *The Difficulties*

We are like antennas picking up all the broadcasts of the world. If we disregard these world thoughts, in a few days or weeks they will die for lack of feeding. Only as we accept them as our thoughts, do we feed them. . .

As often as our thought wanders in meditation, we gently come back with no impatience, to the subject of the meditation.

The individual who is master of his destiny has reached the state of consciousness where nothing in this world is of any importance to him. Only that is significant which takes place when he has risen above the sea of thought. In that high place the divine thought, the divine activity of consciousness, reveals itself.

It is the nature of the human being to love self-indulgence: ease, comfort, riches, intemperance, gluttony, indolence, and sensuality. These operate in our consciousness as a sense of separation from God. . . As a matter of fact, this sense of separation is all there is to humanhood.

THE ART OF SPIRITUAL HEALING

Chapter: Spiritual Healing: The Practice

1951-1958

Topic: *The Relationship Of Oneness*

There is no law of darkness because darkness can be dispelled by the presence of light.

In the absence of light, darkness would claim presence.

The truth of being in your consciousness will act as a law of annihilation to any false belief that would intrude.

We must protect ourselves at all times from the acceptance of the universal belief in two powers and in a sense of separation from God.

The moment a problem is presented, immediately bring to consciousness the nature of the claim as material sense, hypnotism.

Chapter: Spiritual Healing: The Principles

1956

Topic: *The Language Of Spiritual Healing [continued]*

Healings take place not through the intervention of some God, but [through the realization of the non-reality of the claim].

Spiritual healing. . . only when you know the unreal nature of that which is causing the trouble.

There is only one way—break the hypnotism. . . and the forms disappear.

Chapter: Spiritual Healing: The Role of Treatment

1956

Topic: *Practical Instructions To Workers*

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

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

THE CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE

Chapter: Contemplation develops the beholder

1961 L

Topic: *Discipline In The Contemplative Life*

Think of any discordant appearance that you have ever seen, heard, tasted, touched, or smelled; see the discipline that is necessary to refrain from attempting to alter, change, or do something about it; and then be convinced and know, “My kingdom—the place where I live, move, and have my being—is not of this world, Therefore, I have nothing to do about this world except to know that it is not of *My* kingdom.”

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.

Our function is to quietly behold the appearance and God's function is to dissolve it and reveal Its glory.

Chapter: Daily preparation for spiritual living

1959-1961

Topic: *Evolving States Of Consciousness*

This belief in two powers, in the power of good and the power of evil, is the source and actually the substance of what is called the mortal or carnal mind. There is no such entity, any more than there is an entity called darkness. There is, however, a universal belief in two powers.

Never believe for a moment that the solution to all these problems can be found in the outer world. The forms of these problems will change, but the basic problem remains.

Chapter: Meditation on life by Grace

1959-1961

Topic: *Self-surrender*

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

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 realization in you reveals that nothing in the world of effect, nothing in the world of concepts, nothing in the world of persons is power for good or evil; and therefore, you need nothing with which to overcome it.

Always remember that we are not dealing with a great power or a power supreme over other powers; we are dealing with an individual acknowledgment; we are standing fast in one Power, besides which there are no other powers.

Every time that some evidence presents itself to you of an erroneous form of power, realize within yourself that this cannot be true if Omnipotence is true. Every time something presents itself to you of an erroneous or destructive nature, realize within yourself that, in the light of Omnipresence, this presence cannot be.

Whenever any temptation comes to you to go to God and tell Him something about your problems, immediately bring to your thought the word Omniscience—all knowledge, all wisdom—and remind yourself that God already knows all.

None of us has attained full and complete freedom for the simple reason that we cannot attain full and complete release from fear and faith. The reason is that neither this fear or this faith is personal. It is a universal miasma, a universal hypnotism, and as much as we might individually overcome it, there still will be enough of the universal operating so that, as I said before, even the most dedicated find that they are not one hundred percent free from the sins and diseases of the world, although many of them attain a measure of freedom.

THE EARLY YEARS (32-46)

What we need is a spiritual state of consciousness, which is developed by practice. . . This is dwelling every moment in the consciousness of love, joy, peace, harmony, and letting error go without giving it too much thought; without fear or concern, because without thought, fear, or concern error will vanish of its own nothingness. Human thought is the substance of disease and disaster. Therefore, when thought is withdrawn from a problem, it has no substance to support or sustain it. "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" Take thought off the so-called problem and the problem must go, because its only substance is the human thought of which it is formed. It may be either conscious or unconscious thought that causes and continues the appearance of discord.

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.

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.

Chapter: Mind and Its Idea One

Topic:

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

The basic premise of Christian Science is that God is infinite being and *that man is that being* expressed in all its perfection and harmony. Therefore, a sick, sinning, evil, unkind, ungenerous man has no existence anywhere at any time, and the *belief that there is such a man must be overcome in your thought*.

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.

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.

"Treat a belief in sickness as you would sin, with sudden dismissal." However, you can do this only when you have reached the assurance that man *is* spiritual, perfect, and needs no healing.

Chapter: Problems

Topic:

Consciously know the truth every time a thought comes to you. As you keep thought away from the seeming problem (in the sense of continual self-treatment), it will be easier for you to receive the messages mind conveys to you. Know and be conscious always that only God, good, has presence or power, and see God in everything.

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.

Chapter: The Mind of Christ Jesus

Topic:

Human sense does not present a pretty picture, and even were it to be patched up, improved, or changed, it would still not be a spiritual picture, nor possess reality. Is it not clear then that not only does the picture need to be eliminated from consciousness, but even the consciousness itself which presented the picture should be given up, dissolved, so that not a trace remains. When we have learned that we have no mind but God, we shall know that there are no such pictures as those presented by physical sense, and that there is no other mind to conceive them.

If you will realize the joy of knowing that evil does not exist as person or condition, but only as appearance or argument, you will see why I repeat this statement so often.

A hundred times a day some suggestion will come about our human selfhood, and a hundred and one times we must meet this suggestion with the conscious understanding and declaration that only that which is infinite, eternal, spiritual is true of us, of our true selfhood, and naught else can "enter to defile." For weeks, perhaps for months, we must watch what enters thought so that nothing is accepted as our true identity that is not true of God. Gradually we will become accustomed to thinking from the standpoint of perfect selfhood. In which case we cannot have a sense of "I am sick; or I am lonesome; or I am discouraged," because the selfhood that can be these things has been renounced so that it is no longer a part of consciousness, and whatever of sin, sickness or limitation had been a part of the human concept of ourselves has gone into nothingness with the material selfhood, and that which is true, eternal, immortal of the "I" that I now recognize myself to be, is the only manifestation and expression.

THE FOUNDATION OF MYSTICISM

The law of God fills all space. It is here and now available to us, but only in proportion to our recognition of it, acceptance of it, and consciously bringing it into our experience—practicing it, really practicing it with every contrary appearance and suggestion that comes into our lives.

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

Right from the start, we were given dominion. But wherein lies our dominion? In our ability to accept or reject. Are there two powers, good and evil? Then God is not infinite, God is not omnipotent, God is not omnipresent; and it is just foolishness to go around thinking you believe in God.

The moment you can come into the presence of any form of evil with a relaxed mind, a mind that isn't going to just jump right up and start battling it and denying it, you are ready to see evil dissolve into its nothingness. But if you raise your mental sword and try to deny, to argue, to overcome, you're lost. The minute you try to think of a truth with which to meet it, you're lost. The way to approach any and every form of evil is with the realization that it is causeless, an appearance from an impersonal source that has no power.

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

Nobody is ever given the grace of God and then given permission to go up on a mountain and hide somewhere with it. No, no. The more realization we have, the more activity is given to us through which we put to work our understanding and our development for the benefit of this world.

Chapter: LAYING THE FOUNDATION

1959

Topic:

Always remember: *Now* truth constitutes my consciousness; *now* I am a law; *now* I am an authority; *now* I am ordained to heal the sick, forgive the sinner, raise the dead, and feed the hungry by virtue of truth entertained and expressed in my consciousness. Specific truth. The specific truth is that there is only one power. The specific truth is that none of this that's hindering you has the power to hinder you. Why? The specific truth is that your consciousness is an annihilation to everything unlike good; your consciousness filled with truth is a law of benediction and grace unto everyone who enters your spiritual household, your consciousness. Do you see the need for specific truth, specific principles of truth, consciously expressed?

Chapter: living the healing principles

1959

Topic: *Metaphysics Of The Infinite Way: Knowing God Is*

There is only one barrier to a perfect spiritual life, and that's mental inertia. That's all. There's no other reason that students of metaphysics go on year in and year out under the evil conditions of this world. They will not, or cannot, break through long enough to sit down and consciously learn the correct letter of truth and then put it into practice.

The truth to work with is that there are not good powers and bad powers, either of a material nature or mental nature. There is only one power, and that power is the power of Spirit. And it's not an overcoming power. The power of God doesn't overcome evil; the power of God doesn't overcome sin or disease; the power of God isn't an overcoming power. It is a creative, maintaining, and sustaining power on its own level.

The mysticism can come to you by divine grace, or you can bring it to yourself by practicing the metaphysics of it; but in doing that it must be the correct letter of truth. In other words, you can't declare God's allness today and then tomorrow wonder what wrong thoughts may be doing some evil to you; or wonder why mortal mind is doing this to you; or wonder if you're being punished for some sin of omission or commission. There has to be a consistency, as well as persistence, in holding to the truth that there is but one power. If you have sinned, that isn't a power because God didn't create the sin or the penalty for it. Therefore, it has no existence in that one mind, or consciousness, which is God.

The basis of our healing work is accomplished not by praying to God for help, for employment, or supply, or activity, or for a profession, an art, or a gift, but by realizing that the mind of God is actually our very mind. The fullness of that God-mind is our capacity, our art, our good. We realize that the picture that confronts us is this mesmeric picture that is forever without law. Then watch it begin to recede. Watch the healings that take place, and not because God has done you a favor or because you have found some person who is closer to God than you are. That is all nonsense. There isn't anybody closer to God than you are. There are only those who have learned about the origin of sin and disease, and thereby know how to nullify it.

When we're faced with discords, inharmony, unhappiness, lack, and limitation, let's not go to God. Let's turn away and look right out into the world and see: "Aha, this is part of that universal mesmerism trying to convince me that God is not on the field, that God is not my life and being, trying to convince me there are two powers on earth. But I know better. There can't be an infinite God and an evil power." By abiding in that word and letting that word abide in you, you break the mesmerism. "Not by might nor by power," but by understanding.

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

Heaven help anyone who falls into the trap of believing they have gotten past the stage where it is necessary to pray without ceasing.

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.

Rest. Relax from mental anxiety. Relax from mental labor as if you had to overcome evil or contact God to do it for you, or as if you had to bribe God with a tithe. Oh, tithings a wonderful thing, but for heavens sakes don't do it to please God. And don't do it with the idea that God is going to reward you, because it will fool you and it won't happen. Tithing is a free gift to any impersonal or spiritual purpose. Tithing is a free gift of love with no strings on it. The very moment you think of it in connection with God, you're thinking of it as a virtue. You're thinking of it as a way to help you to overcome this evil or one of its forms.

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."

In the Infinite Way you break the spell, the mesmeric sense, which causes you to war or to seek a higher power with which you destroy a lesser power. You break that sense. That is the major point of the Infinite Way, that we are not a teaching that has God doing something for us, another system of a greater power destroying a lesser power. We in this work have come to the realization of one power, and of the illusory nature of everything else presenting itself to us as power.

Once you have no belief of good and evil, the human mind, the mortal mind, dissolves. Then you operate in and through and with the infinite mind of God. Only as you believe in good and evil do you experience limitation, finiteness, negativity.

Often, when we are working with our friends, our parents, or our relatives, we revert to that human sense of criticism and judgment, or the metaphysical sense of saying to them, "Well, it's your wrong thinking. There's something in your mind that has to be corrected." Of course there is, but it is the belief in two powers. The only belief that has to be corrected in all of us is that God isn't omnipotence, God isn't omniscience, God isn't omnipresence.

THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1955

As you rise higher in spiritual Grace, more and more temptations will come to you, not less.
mesmerism that binds us to the world of appearances

Correct the belief within you and understand that no condition has such power over you.

The Master's recognition that power does not lie with man but with God.

nor can there be an effect from any "I" other than the *I* which is God.

Chapter: Grace
Topic: *True Humility*

1950 First Portland Series
5:1&2

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

Chapter: Immortality
Topic: *I Have Overcome The World*

1951 First Seattle Series
614:1

All this is taking place within our own consciousness, and it must be met there.

Chapter: Protection
Topic: *An Important Point In Spiritual Practice*

1955

Smile in the true knowledge that no discord has ever happened.

Every day there are temptations to believe that [somebody is] in need of something in that nature of form.

[Because God is One] there is no power from which we need protection.

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

We have accepted the universal belief of a power, a presence and an activity apart from God.

There is no power acting upon us from without our own being.

The universal belief in two powers will continue to operate in our experience until we reject the belief in two powers.

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

1955 Kailua Study Group
118:1

. . . feel that you are not equal to [the claim]. . . you have lost your opportunity, and it is well to ask help of a practitioner.

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

If you are accepting sickness and negative conditions, there is work for you to do.

Secret of healing: When a call comes from help. . . say, "Rumor, temptation, appearance, nonsense."

Chapter: The Comforter
Topic: *One Power*

1955

We must cease this nonsensical belief in two powers.

Chapter: The Importance of Meditation
Topic: *The Importance Of Meditation*

1955

Turn within with the expectancy of an impartation from within.

Chapter: The Invisible Nature of Your Live
Topic: *Dominion By God's Grace*

1955 Kailua Study Group
117:2

If you examine your own thought, you will soon see how many things you fear in the external realm.

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Chapter: Contemplative Meditation
Topic: *The Middle Path*

1955 Capetown Series
704:1

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

The belief of evil which you entertain in your own consciousness is the only evil that can react upon you.

By relinquishing all sense of evil. . . your consciousness is cleansed and there is no longer any evil to operate in or upon you.

We will no longer believe in a law of disease, since all law is of God.

There are no laws of opposites—there is only one spiritual law, good, which governs God creation.

Make it a daily practice to go to the altar with a consciousness free of enmity, free of beliefs of evil powers, evil presences, evil conditions, evil potentialities.

Chapter: Neither Good Nor Evil

1956

Topic: *Aloha*

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

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.]

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.

If it is neither good nor evil, what is it? There is only one answer: It is!

Are you understanding that discords reveal that you are permitting universal belief, or hypnotism, to operate—when [it] has no power of law?

It is necessary that we consciously reject the claim that there is power, law, substance, activity in form or effect, and realize God, individual Consciousness, as the only and the all Power governing every form and effect.

Chapter: Transition from Law to Grace

1956

Topic: *Transition From Law To Grace*

We remain under the law until we individually remove ourselves from it.

Are we destroying the kingdoms of materiality, or placing our faith in them?

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Chapter: August: Your Names Are Writ in Heaven

1956 Second Steinway Hall Closed Class

Topic: *Renounce The Pairs Of Opposites*

147:1

No human belief can stand in the presence of God realized.

I hug to myself the realization that All is well.

Even a tiny bit of human consciousness will express itself in terms of human good or evil.

Give up all efforts to believe that by taking thought you can accomplish anything.

Rejoice that your nature is spiritual and then you will not find any evil to be overcome.

Never rejoice because a headache has been healed, or a cancer: Rejoice that God has been revealed as omnipresent.

When we begin to understand that there is neither good nor evil in. . . anything that is created, anything that has form, anything that exists as effect, we have begun our rebirth.

[The alcoholic] is suffering from the belief that alcohol is good.

As long as we are trying to correct erroneous conditions, we are admitting that erroneous conditions exist. . . that God's universe has slipped out of God's control, and that it is our responsibility to patch it up.

Chapter: February: Major Principles of The Infinite Way
Topic: *Christ-consciousness*

There is no power but God; therefore, stop fearing this negative sense. Stop hating this evil condition. Stop condemning this false appearance, and begin to rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

Standing fast in this *oneness with God*, we find the negative appearances disappearing, [because they] have been revealed as nothingness. . . without law, without effect.

Chapter: January: Out of Darkness

Topic: *Meditating To Achieve A Consciousness Awareness Of The Presence Of God*

You automatically turn away from [the news] in the recognition that this which you are hearing or reading, can exist only as a picture in the human mind and not as any part of God's kingdom.

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

Chapter: June: The Secret of the Healing Principle

Topic: *A Universal Ignorance Holds The World In Bondage*

1955 Kailua Study Group

113:2

You are always dealing with a universal mesmerism or hypnotism which is the fabric of this world. You are not dealing with the pictures that the fabric presents.

The Infinite Way message is a revelation of how to remove sin, disease, and death from the world.

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.

In training yourself to look through the eyes of people and animals as you come in contact with them, you will automatically come to that place where you are no longer loving, hating, or fearing the appearance-world. . . "this world."

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

The mere fact that [every problem] comes as a condition shows that it is an appearance which has no real existence, because actually there is neither a person nor a condition apart from God.

We break the dream of limitation the minute we ourselves become dehypnotized.

A practitioner is a person who. . . is not afraid of appearances and does not stop to fight them.

Chapter: November: Gratitude

Topic: *Gratitude For The Realization Of The Spirit*

Whether a large or a small offense, a serious disease or a minor ailment, it was all the same to Jesus: these were but a sense of separation from God.

Chapter: October: Bear Witness

Topic: *Bear Witness To God As Individual Being*

1955 Kailua Study Group

128:1&2

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

Sit in the silence, and behold the presence and power of God as It operates in human affairs.

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Chapter: April: The message of Easter: I Have Overcome the World

Topic: *Opposition To The Christ Comes Within Ourselves*

1958

[Christ] destroys both the good and the evil of material sense and brings to light. . . "My kingdom" which is not of this world.

Fear of material conditions, whether of body or bombs, is a retreat into atheism because it is a denial of God.

Chapter: February: Problems Aren't Problems Anymore

Topic: *There Is No Power In Problems*

1955 Kailua Study Group

129:1&2

How can they be problems if there is no power in them?

I have been studying, praying, meditating, and all to one end—to bring myself to the realization that appearances are not destructive, that appearances are not power.

These are shadows of mortal thought; they are not realities; they are images of human belief. They are not person; they are not place; they are not thing; they are not condition.

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?

If we could go about our work today with an absolute conviction that neither sin, disease, nor death were reality, we would never be concerned when called upon to face such appearances.

Chapter: January: Spiritual Unfoldment through the Study of The Infinite Way

1958

Topic: *Spiritual Unfoldment Through The Study Of The Infinite Way*

Then all truth is forgotten unless. . . you are instant in answering every suggestion and every appearance of evil with a conscious rebuke.

Chapter: July: There Is No Power in Fear

1956 First Steinway Hall Closed Class

Topic: *Face Fear And Recognize Its Powerlessness*

146:2

Now, this minute, understand that fear, in and of itself, is not a power.

Remember that fear is an activity of universal belief, and then realize that there cannot be two powers.

We cannot become free of fear except in proportion as we realize that there is no power in the external universe. All power is within ourselves acting upon this universe.

You, there, who pretend to be a power—you are not power, and I can smile at you, because there is no “you.” There is an effect of some kind, but there is no power in it.

We do not deny [hate or fear]: we recognize that they have no power to be anything, cause anything, or do anything when the realization of one Power is achieved.

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

Chapter: June: Security through God-Realization

Topic: *Inertia Versus Conscious Awareness And Positive Conviction*

When no activity of truth is operating in your consciousness, world belief operates as law.

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

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

Chapter: March: The Practice of Spiritual Healing

1956 Portland Closed Class

Topic: *Discord Is A State Of Mesmerism*

171:2

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

This is a temptation coming to you to accept a world apart from God, to accept a creation apart from God or a life or a law apart from God, and you must refuse to be confused by that.

When you remove power from the form, you will find that it is literally true that God gave you dominion over this body, over everything on earth, everything in the air, everything beneath the waters.

Anything unlike God which presents itself to us is merely a state of mesmerism, a suggestion coming to us for our acceptance or rejection.

The treatment is the same—the recognition that we are not dealing with physical conditions, but that we are dealing purely with a state of hypnotism.

This belief in two powers may overwhelm you unless you have stabilized yourself in the principle of one power through continuous daily and hourly practice with each and every appearance.

We have been accepting what the world pumps into us silently and invisibly, accepting it as if it were fact, instead of turning to God and letting God reveal the truth: "Father, what is the truth about this individual or this condition?"

THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1959

The Resurrection proved that whatever form of evil is thrust at us, "in three days" we can rise above it. . . if we not only do not accept it as a real power, but, moreover, do not accept it as being aimed at us as people, but really aimed at the Christ of our being, and then are willing to behold the Christ nullify it.

Evil always runs rampant until it hits up against the pure in heart.

In order to resolve these problems into the nothingness which they are, it is necessary to come to a place where you know that the battle is not yours, and that therefore you need no longer resist them.

The object of your work is not the overcoming of a problem, but the attaining of God-consciousness.

When you battle a problem, you are fighting it with your mind; and therefore, you are making of your mind a power, instead of using it as an instrument.

Do not believe for a moment that you can avoid those first years of specific application of specific truths in treatment, for this is what develops consciousness.

It is not a material universe—there isn't one.

Surely none of us should ever want to be rid of a problem until the problem is replaced by a consciousness of perfection.

The only renewal any of us ever needs is to break the mesmerism of appearances. That is the only reason we ever have to pray and commune with the Father.

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.

[Carnal mind] has no power to express itself through us once we have realized God as the only power. It can only operate in the consciousness of a person who believes in two powers. . . and it operates until he consciously renounces the power of evil and recognizes it as a nonpower.

This picture of mortality which presents itself to me is a temptation to believe in the entity, identity, and reality of mortal creation.

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

We are now at the point where we must take the position of advanced spiritual students who recognize the impersonal nature of evil. . . standing firmly on our understanding of the great fact that all evil is not only impersonal, but that it is not power.

A human being is only a human being because the carnal mind is accepted as a power.

Chapter: September: The Impersonalization of Good and Evil

1958 London Advanced Class

Topic: *Recognize The Impersonal Nature Of Evil*

233:2

We have to know the truth *consciously*, and until the carnal mind is completely dead in us, we have to know it *constantly*.

The fact of [carnal mind’s] nothingness gives it no presence, no power, and no law with which to sustain its activities.

THE JOURNEY BACK TO THE FATHER’S HOUSE

Chapter: God dominion: not man’s domination

1962 Hawaiian Village Open Class 1:1

Topic: *The Widespread Influence Of A Spiritually Endowed Individual*

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There is only one way to free ourselves of human domination—whether it is domination in our home, domination in our government, domination in our church life—and that is to see that the human mind and its thoughts are not power. God, Spirit, is the only power, operating through spiritual law, operating in and through the consciousness of man. Once we begin to see this, we bring ourselves under the dominion of God and separate ourselves from the domination of men.

Chapter: Special lesson on Healing work

1961 Mission Inn Closed Class 5:2

Topic: *Every Problem, A Temptation Appearing As A Person*

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

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

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 nature—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

Chapter: 2: God

1932-46

Topic: *(god)*

Be the Light and learn that in light there is no darkness.

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

To Truth there is no error.

Chapter: Nature of Error

1932-46

Topic:

There is no matter.

All physical conditions are just mental arguments.

Constantly, continuously, sincerely know the truth.

Mental argument is subject to Truth.

Chapter: One Infinite Life

1932-46

Topic: *(one Infinite Life)*

Error: no existence apart from false belief sustaining it.

Chapter: Problems

1932-46

Topic: *(problems)*

Belief operates as law only until its true nature is discerned.

Consciously know the truth every time a thought comes to you.

Mind/Consciousness directs thought in its rightful channel; let consciousness of peace do the work.

Manifestation can never be separate from your thought.

Chapter: Spiritual Healing

1932-46

Topic: *(spiritual Healing)*

Our work is to correct the belief that man and universe is material.

Chapter: The Law

1932-46

Topic:

Error exists only in the mental realm as appearance or argument about man, so truth corrects it.

Chapter: Universal and Specific Belief

1932-46

Topic: *(universal And Specific Belief)*

Universal and specific beliefs must be handled until continuity of good is realized.

God always reveals Itself when the senses are still.

Chapter: Error
Topic: *Error*

1949

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

THE MYSTICAL I

Chapter: An Act of worship and the fruitage
Topic: *Continuous Acts Of Commitment Speed The "death" Of Personal Sense*

1964 London Studio Class
563: 1&2

Do not believe for a moment that you can "die" completely to that word "I." It would seem that on this plane that is an impossibility. There may come a time when the Christ is raised so high in our consciousness that the little "I" disappears but if it has ever happened we have no record of it. . . but we can minimize the effects of the personal sense of "I" by continuous acts of commitment in the loving of God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and in the loving of our neighbor as ourselves.

We are never to seek the power of God, for in the realization of Omnipotence and Omnipresence there is no time in all of history where a power has been needed.

Chapter: do not "pass by on the other side"
Topic: *Accepting Responsibility For World Work*

1964 London Studio Class
562: 1&2

As it comes to our individual attention that there is some form of so-called evil taking place or about to take place—evil as related to health, to weather, or to human relationships—let us remember that it is a call to us as illumined souls to leave our "nets" immediately and retire into a meditation to bring the activity of the Christ to the situation until that particular problem has been met.

At this stage of unfolding consciousness, you are responsible for every picture that presents itself to your sight or hearing. You may not "pass by on the other side" of the road. . . You owe a debt to God and to the world, and the debt is that you do not pass by on the other side of the road, but take note of every discord and every inharmony and bring to bear the activity of the Christ. Be a transparency through which the Christ dissolves the appearance. You do not necessarily have to think anything, but you must be still. You must be still for an instant, and let His Spirit flow through you and dissolve the appearance.

Chapter: *I Speaks*
Topic: *Release! Release! Release!*

1961 Maui Work
392:1

In releasing God from the responsibility for the evils of the world, we take all power out of the erroneous or evil nature of the world, because a major power it has comes from a universal belief that God is the cause of the world's discords and woes. Therefore, when we release God from that, it is as if we were releasing the power of evil itself into nothingness.

Chapter: Impersonalizing Error
Topic: *An Understanding Of The Nonpower Of Effect Is Essential*

The more aware you become of the nature of God as Omniscience, Omnipotence, and Omnipresence, the more aware you become of the nonpower of this world of effect.

Once we know the truth that every form of discord in our life is a form of hypnotism, and to the extent that we can accept God-being, we release ourselves from the sins, the fears, and the diseases of the world.

This [universal] hypnotism we must break by realizing that we need not be subject to world mesmerism, and by understanding that hypnotism or the carnal mind is not of God, is not spiritually ordained, and has no spiritual law to uphold it. Therefore, it is not power.

God is the only power, regardless of appearances, and God is omniscience, all-wisdom. Therefore, we do not have to know anything about the activity of mind or body; all we have to do is to rest in God's omniscience, rest in His infinite wisdom. As we abide in Omniscience, Omnipotence, and Omnipresence, we can state with conviction, "Ah, yes! There is no presence and there is no power other than God, and this that we call the belief in two powers—the carnal mind—this is not power. This cannot operate in or through man."

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.

You will be cognizant of evil in persons active in national or international affairs. It is not enough, I can assure you, to bear witness to the fact that the Christ is in them. You must take the second step as well and recognize that the carnal mind is not power.

The Annunciation means the conception of Christ in you. Your recognition of this truth is the birth of the Christ in you. But when you accept this, do not forget that it is not complete until you have followed up the omnipotence of *I*, which is the first principle of The Infinite Way, with the second, which is the nonpower of that which is appearing as the world of effect.

THE ONLY FREEDOM

Chapter: A Message for the New Year
Topic: *How To Begin The New Day*

1960 Denver Closed Class
314 / 1:1

Protective work is probably the most important part of all the work in the Infinite Way. The reason is that if you have sufficiently protected yourself, you will have that much less need of overcoming anything because you will avoid those things that ordinarily we have to overcome. Protective work is not a protection from anything or from anybody. It is not protective work in that sense. It is protective work in the sense of protecting ourselves from the operation of universal belief. You will need constant reminders of it for at least a year, daily reminders of it, until it has become so deeply rooted and grounded in you to do this protective work that it becomes automatic and is done without conscious thinking.

In this early part of our conscious activity it is necessary that often throughout the day when we receive suggestions of accident, sickness, sin, war, depression, lack, or unemployment, as soon as these things touch our consciousness, we be alert enough to know that this is the tempter, this is the temptation, this is a suggestion from that universal mind of a power and presence apart from God, and then reject it in the realization that this is nothing but the fleshly mind or 'arm of flesh'; this is not power; this is not God-ordained; this has no law of God behind it. Then you are through with it. It takes a minute, but you have consciously set up within yourself the power of truth, and truth being infinite, nothing else can enter.

Chapter: A Purified Consciousness
Topic: *Recognizing The Glory Of God Omnipresent*

1955 Capetown Series
708 3:1 709 4:1

If we persist in living in the world of duality and calling some things good and some things bad, then that bread which we have cast upon the waters returns to us. Instead we retire to our own consciousness, look out at this world and say, "I withdraw all labels from you. I no longer see you as good or evil. I see you as of God. and I see God's goodness permeating you. I see God's goodness upholding and sustaining you. I see the law of God keeping you in perfect peace. I do not put labels of good or evil on you. No good or evil emanates from my consciousness, only the vision of God's spiritual" perfection, maintaining a spiritual universe in eternal glory, having no glory of its own but showing forth God's glory, God's handiwork. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."

To what extent do we have a mind imbued with spiritual truth, that is, with the awareness of only one power instead of two? To what degree is our mind imbued with a confidence that Pilate can have no power over us? To what degree is our mind imbued with the truth that germs, infection, or contagion are just the "arm of flesh," nothingness? To what degree is our mind imbued with the truth that no person, no circumstance, or no condition except the realized Christ has power?

Realization is demonstration.

If those who are conducting the work are at all consecrated they soon become so busy with healing work that there is no time left for teaching, instruction, or imparting the message. So there again begins the same old round of sitting in an office and acting as an aspirin tablet or a foot plaster to those who bring their bodies to the office. That really should not happen in our work.

For example, at the first sign of a sniffle, some member of our family may say, "Oh, have you taken an aspirin?" Immediately, our inner response would be, "Now what power would that have?" We forget that perhaps only a few months ago such appearances would have been all-power and fear might have arisen. Now we think, "I know those things are effect. How can one effect touch another effect? I have access to the source."

We have learned how to eliminate [problems] from our experience. We become ill and immediately say, "No, I can't be ill. This isn't reality. It has no law to sustain it. It has no cause in God and whatever its physical or mental cause, it has no divine source, and therefore must instantly disappear." We soon learn how effective that is and how quickly our sickness disappears and health appears. After that, we live for many years, no longer in a physical sense of life, but more in a mental sense of life, and one in which discords disappear and harmonies appear.

A hundred times a day something tells us that we need money, we need food, we need clothing, or we are in danger from bombs or war. Constantly the argument is presented to us contradicting the basic truth that our consciousness is the "secret place of the most High," that our own consciousness is our security and safety, and that there is nothing outside us that can enter to defile or make a lie. Not even an atomic bomb can reach us once we have learned the truth that our consciousness is the fortress, the rock, "the secret place of the most High... because we are abiding in that secret place, nothing out here can come in to injure, mislead, misguide, misdirect, harm, or deprive us of anything in life.

"Now wait a minute, What is this coming at me? Is is an appearance, Do I have to believe it? No, why should I believe anything apart from God? God created all that was made:, and all that God made is good, and anything God did not make was not made. And so if it is not good, this thing never was made. It has no reality; it has no substance, law, cause, or effect, Therefore. I do not have to accept it into my consciousness or believe it"

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

THE THUNDER OF SILENCE

Man has not yet learned the great lesson that the overcoming of any and every difficulty is not through using any kind of power. . . because life is to be lived "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit."

We are not going to find a spiritual power to destroy or overcome anything: Instead, we are going to overcome the belief that there is good or evil in any effect or in any form.

Grace is the law of elimination to every phase of materiality.

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.

The function of the Master, that is, the Christ within, is to nullify age, sinful thoughts and desires, disease, lack, limitation, and ultimately the last enemy, death itself.

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

The children of God are those who have renounced all judgments of good and evil and are convinced in their own minds of the truth about every appearance: "This is neither good nor evil: This is a person. This is neither good nor evil: This is a flower, a painting, a rug. It is not good or evil because God alone is good, and evil is but the hypnotism of *this world*."

When we remove world-hypnotism or the belief in two powers from ourselves or any individual, we are free. Then in that day we shall have a new name written on our forehead—a three letter word which can be divided into two words to read, "I Am." That is the truth: I Am—not I was or I will be. I Am at this very moment, and as we realize ourselves as I Am, that *I Am-ing* becomes a state of continuity, an eternal *Is-ing* or *Am-ing*, and the hypnotism disappears.

The only enemy [is] the universal belief that material and mental force can control this world.

There is only one enemy—the universal belief that material and mental force can control this world. The enemies confronting us today are not a threatened epidemic of disease, not a devastating condition of weather or climate, not impending economic disaster, nor destructive war: All these are but part and parcel of the belief in material and mental powers. . . and anything that exists in our mind as an objective thing is not power. Let us never fear an image in our mind whether that image is a person, a disease, even a bomb. That still small Voice in the midst of us is mightier than all of these, and if we can become so silent that that Voice can utter Itself—even if only as a deep breath or sense of peace or warmth—this earth will be filled with the voice of God and the belief in two powers will be silenced.

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.

Chapter: From the Unreal to the Real

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Topic: *A Rose Is A Rose Is A Rose*

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.

Whenever you are faced with error, ask yourself, Can this make me believe in good or evil. . . in two powers?

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

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 problem presenting itself. . . is not a God-created spiritual entity, but a mental concept without cause or reality.

These mental images. . . are not destroyed because there is nothing to be destroyed. . . the distortion is dissolved.

This Infinite Invisible will never destroy any person, but It will destroy evil influences or thoughts, beliefs or acts that may try to manifest through the person.

A consciousness must be built in which the response to any problem that is presented to us is, "Look, here it is in my mind. I'm looking at it. It isn't benefiting me; it isn't hurting me. It is a shadow. I know the world has said that this thing is a power, that it can kill, destroy, or weaken, but I say it is a shadow because in a God-created world, it cannot be a power, and I do not need any power—I do not even need a power to destroy it or overcome it or remove it."

All these discordant pictures that we see round about us are just mental images in thought, shadows on a screen. We must learn not to be afraid to look at them and understand that they have no more substance than the men and women on a moving picture screen and no more power than the bullets that are fired into, and through, our television sets, but which never crack the set open. They make a great deal of noise, but they are nothing but shadows; and one day, as we look into our mind, we shall see and understand that there are these mental images or pictures of what is called life and that they are all taking place inside, not outside, our mind. What we see is not the event itself, nor the person involved: It is a mental concept which we have drawn and are entertaining of the event or person.

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.

If, instead of fighting a problem, we are willing to admit that to all appearances this problem seems to be overwhelming and turn within asking to have the reality revealed, then we are not trying to rise above or destroy the problem. We are merely trying to understand—not understand the problem, but understand the reality behind the problem. If we can be perfectly quiet and perfectly still with no attempt to overcome, destroy, remove, or escape from any situation or condition, the flow of the Spirit will rush in and there will be freedom.

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

The external appearance is always mind-formed.

We do not behold what is: we behold the interpretation of our mind.

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

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.

I will not accept appearances. . . I stand on IS. . . only God is.

Let us not forget that tomorrow there will be problems that will tend to throw us right outside the Garden of Eden; tomorrow there will be mail and telephone calls which will tempt us to be hypnotized by the appearance of good and evil. When these moments come, let us remember that that is when fortitude is required, but that is also when the grace of God comes forward to enable us to stand fast in our spiritual integrity.