
A Message For The Ages

Material Sense Of Demonstration Or The Unfoldment Of Grace

Crucifying Our Do-gooding Sense

All the time a person is reminding us that the lump is getting bigger, the pain is getting stronger, or the blindness is getting worse, we are crucifying the personal sense of self inside that wants to be helpful. We refuse to give way to the temptation to turn stones into bread. Instead, we are going to be still and know that *I* in the: midst of us is God. *I* in the midst of us is mighty. *I* in the midst of us is the secret of the spiritual kingdom of harmony, peace, joy, and glory, and we are seeking His rightness, not the patient's rightness nor his health. Then when that touch of the Spirit comes, we are still. Sometimes It smiles inside of us, "Foolish child, trying to be a miracle worker!" Then we get at peace, and the patient says, "Oh, a miracle has happened." Ah, but the miracle was not the healing: the miracle was that you or I experienced God.

Every time we can restrain ourselves from trying to improve human conditions, we are crucifying our own personal sense, and are rising into the higher state of spiritual sonship.

A Parenthesis In Eternity

Attaining The Mystical Consciousness

The Meaning Of Initiation

To experience the ascension, we have to take all the footsteps that Jesus showed us including the temptations and the crucifixion.

Beyond Words And Thoughts

Truth Unveiled

The Significance Of Jesus' Experience On The Mount Of Transfiguration

Because of Jesus' experience on the Mount of Transfiguration, I understand now that crucifixion was not necessary for him, and that he could have avoided it. Enoch [and] Elijah [were] translated without knowing death. . . [but Jesus] chose to accept corporeal death in order to reveal to his disciples that death is not an experience, but an illusory sense that must be understood and seen through. . . Jesus ascended out of corporeal form. . . he rose above his own mind because it is only in the mind that corporeal sense can be entertained, not in the spiritual faculties.

In all of us there remains a finite sense of self, which in the last analysis must be crucified. Moses had it in his feeling of unworthiness. Jesus had it for a great while in his feeling of "I can of mine own self do nothing." I had it definitely in this knowledge that I could not bring forth or carry on the message of The Infinite Way.

In many classes and even in some of the Writings, I have said that I did not understand the reason for the crucifixion of Jesus: why it took place, or why it had to take place if it had to. . . It was not until the year 1963, when I myself went through the experience, that the reason and need for the crucifixion of Christ Jesus was revealed to me. . . that rising above mind to [becoming] Truth Itself.

Jesus not only knew the truth but *realized* and *became* the Truth: "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Nevertheless, a sense of Jesus, the man, remained, because he said, "I can of mine own self do nothing. . . If I bear witness of myself, my witness is no true." This personal sense of self had to be crucified. . . as eventually it must be in all of us or we will not ascend to the Promised Land, the realization of our spiritual identity.

Ultimately that personal sense will have to be crucified, until in the end you can realize, “I do not have any truth; I do not know and truth; I do not have any skill: I do not have any talent: *I am the truth; I am the talent; I am the skill.*”

Consciousness In Transition

Meditation

This is a strange thing, too. You never have to go through the various stages of somebody else's development. You'll never have to be crucified. You'll never have to be persecuted. That all happened to Jesus and the martyrs and all those other people, but you don't have to go through that. You can start where they left off.

Consciousness Transformed

Experience God

[Jesus] was so little known that the great historian of his day [Josephus] made just two statements about him: “We hear there is a Hebrew rabbi who is preaching and healing, and he is influencing many. We have just heard he was crucified.”

Jesus discovered the truth and unveiled it, but it was lost rapidly after the crucifixion. About one hundred years later, John rediscovered it and revealed the Gospel of John.

Consciousness Unfolding

The Christ

Crucifixion

Is crucifixion not dependent upon your acceptance of the belief that you are a person, instead of that you are life eternal? Once you know that you are consciousness, let them try to nail you—consciousness—to a cross!

When you deify a person, personalize a message, or personalize evil, you may be crucified, but you will have crucified. . . your own harmonious sense of things.

God Formed Us For His Glory

The Meaning Of Living Spiritually

Humanhood Externalizes

Should a practitioner by divine grace be able to rise above all the problems of family life, he may then begin to take on the problems of patients and students, and many a headache will come to him from his spiritual ministry. If he feels that he is being crucified, it will be because of his activity in the spiritual field. Nothing arouses the antagonism of the human mind as much as the things of the Spirit. The moment spiritual sense rises up, the whole world, or so it seems, tries to pull it down. Sad to say, this comes often through one's own students, not that it is always intentional, but even if it is not intentional, results are the same.

God, The Substance Of All Form

The Universal And Impersonal Nature Of Truth And Error

Universality Of Truth

As long as teachers do not identify the truth of their message as being something personal to them, as long as they do not set themselves up as personal saviours, they will not be crucified.

Living By Grace

Freedom In God

Spiritual Freedom

As Mrs. Eddy said, "If Jesus had never taken a student, He would not have been crucified."

Ascension

It was not until 1963, when I myself went through the experience and the resurrection, that the reason for the crucifixion and the need for it was revealed to me... This is what I saw. Jesus reveals that He had attained the goal: *I Am, I A the Way. Thou seest me, thou seest God, for I and God are one.* He proved it when He took three disciples to what is called the Mount of Transfiguration (high Consciousness) and revealed them the Hebrew prophets who were supposed to have died. In this way He proved that they are alive and that they are here in form... Jesus proved that "I can lay down my life and pick it up. I can walk into the invisible realm, and I can walk out again, for I am Spirit, I am the Way."... From this I know now that Jesus could have been translated without knowing death. He could have avoided being crucified; but when Jesus became aware of the betrayal and underwent trial and the threatened crucifixion, He chose to accept corporeal death in order to reveal to His disciples that death is not an experience; it is an illusory sense we must see through. You can interpret this to mean that He rose above His own mind, because it is only in our minds that we entertain the corporeal sense, not in our spiritual faculties. In our soul faculties

The period of Sabbath or Grace is the full and complete surrender of self. In all of us there remains a finite sense of self that in the last analysis must be crucified. Each of us has this personal sense of self when we believe we have (or do not have) a skill, a wisdom, or an art. Moses' sense of self was in his feeling of unworthiness. Jesus had it in his feeling of "I can of my own self do nothing." I definitely had it in the knowledge that I could not bring forth the message of The Infinite Way. That sense of self must be crucified until we can realize, "I do not have any Truth. I do not know Truth. I do not have any skill or art. I *am* the Truth, I *am* the art, I *am* the skill." In that moment, humanhood has "died" and Christhood has been "born" and revealed in its fullness and the ascension or translation can take place.

Living By The Word

Except The Lord Build The House

Attain The Consciousness Of God's Presence Before Leaving For Work

When Jesus was leaving his disciples after the crucifixion and just at the time of the ascension, he left a message to the effect that they should stay in the city until they were armed with power from above. He had told them to go out and preach the Gospel and heal the sick, but his last admonition was for them to stay in the city until they were armed with power from above. This is what I have been trying to say to our students for years: Do not leave your homes in the morning, even if you find you have to get up an hour earlier, until you have the feeling that you can leave with the power and the presence of God.

Our Spiritual Resources

The New Life By Grace

Across The Desk

. . . a crucifixion of the physical sense of body, a crucifixion of the material sense of supply, a crucifixion of the human sense of relationships. . .

Only The Spiritually Illumined Receive The Sign Of Immortality

Submitting to the Crucifixion was Jesus' way of proving to the world that he could lay down his life and that he could pick it up again.

Realization Of Oneness

*The Revelation Of Spiritual Identity
Recognize Any Problem As Antichrist*

Christ is crucified by universal belief in two powers.

Spiritual Power Of Truth

God's Grace Is Yours

It is not wise to [prophesy] for the public because if you tell them something about next year that they do not already believe, they will crucify you for it.

If the Master hadn't consented to crucifixion, I can assure you Pilate would never have been able to accomplish it. The Master had to consent to it and had to believe that it was going to be for the good of mankind.

The Art Of Spiritual Healing

*Spiritual Healing: The Practice
What About This Body?*

Even after the Crucifixion [Jesus] was entertaining in some measure a material sense of body.

The Contemplative Life

*The Esoteric Meaning Of The Easter Week
Easter: The Rising Above All Material Ties*

Ordination follows our crucifying personal self.

The Foundation of Mysticism

*Living The Healing Principles
Spiritual Supply And Healing: Awakening To Oneness*

I only wish you could watch how slowly Peter died out of his Judaic religion and beliefs, that even years out of his Judaic religion and beliefs, that even years after the crucifixion he was still such a good Jew that he believed the message couldn't be given to anyone except Hebrews, that only they were worthy of it. Think of that. Think of a man who, after three years of living and working with Jesus Christ, still had not left his old religion or been able to grasp the meaning of the new. Oh, eventually he did, but it was a struggle. For Saul of Tarsus it was easier. Once the Christ experience came to him, in that instant he dropped every trace of his Judaism except one: he kept the devil, but he called it carnal mind; then he went out to battle it every day. If he could have overcome that one Judaic belief of a devil, he really would have given the world a teaching far beyond anything ever known.

The Infinite Way

Wisdoms Of The Infinite Way
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Crucifixion of the self accomplished when nothing left for which you wish to pray

The Infinite Way Letters 1955

*The Comforter
One Power*

The Master submitted to the crucifixion in order to prove there is no power even in death.

The Infinite Way Letters 1957

The Christ

Later, much later comes the crucifixion—the destruction of even the harmony and good of human experience.

Gratitude For Spiritual Teaching

Remember, the thief on the cross must have been making satisfactory spiritual progress even when he was crucified, because that same night he was admitted into paradise.

The Infinite Way Letters 1958

April: The Message Of Easter: I Have Overcome The World

Easter

Our crucifixion begins the moment we accept the Christian teaching that “I can of mine own self do nothing. . . the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.”

We enter a state of consciousness in which crucifixion and resurrection pass from thought, never again to be remembered. This new and higher consciousness. . . is a life by grace.

The Journey Back To The Father’s House

The Temple

Crucifixion

Every time that you can restrain yourself from trying to improve human conditions, you are crucifying your own personal sense, and you are rising into the higher state of spiritual sonship.

Many people turn to truth purely for the purpose of finding a way to overcome their human problems, and they measure their spiritual progress by how many problems they do not have. This is a false measuring rod. There undoubtedly comes a time when the complete absence of problems means spiritual demonstration. Jesus attained that *after* the crucifixion, after the resurrection; but I am afraid too many of us are trying to attain it before the crucifixion. . . and it isn't going to be done. Let it be clearly understood that we will have to make our demonstration over the beliefs of what we call the human mind, before we attain complete liberation.

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The Temple Not Made With Hands

Within each of us is the perfect Self that has never fallen, has never left heaven, and therefore can never gain heaven. It is already a state of heaven; it is already living the perfected life, the spiritual life, the Christ-life that can never be crucified, can never be resurrected, cannot even be ascended.