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## A PARENTHESIS IN ETERNITY

Chapter: Living The Mystical Life  
Topic: *Living In, Through, And By Spirit*

The continuity of life after death is just a continuation of the same state of consciousness that existed prior to death, *whereas immortality is the expansion of consciousness to the point of infinity.*

Chapter: The Basis of Mysticism  
Topic: *The Nature Of Spiritual Power*

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

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## AWAKENING MYSTICAL CONSCIOUSNESS

Chapter: The Words and Words  
Topic: *Knowing The Truth About What Is*

1954

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

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## BEYOND WORDS AND THOUGHTS

Chapter: Building a Consciousness of Grace\*  
Topic: *A Knowledge Of Truth Develops Consciousness*

1963 Kailua Private Class  
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: Truth Unveiled  
Topic: *The Significance Of Jesus' Experience On The Mount Of Transfiguration*

1963 Kailua Private Class  
518:2 or 519:2

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.

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## CONSCIOUSNESS IN TRANSITION

Chapter: A Word to the Wise  
Topic:

1948

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.

Chapter: Making the Adjustment  
Topic:

1948

We can't even say that we have overcome the world if we fear, or believe, that death is a possibility or an inevitability! Or, that we will be any different in what the world calls death than we are this minute.

Herbert Eustace . . . caught the vision that error—that which the world calls error, sin, ease and death—is not person, place or thing, and therefore, is not to be tackled from that standpoint. So that part of this teaching is quite similar to this; in many ways it parallels this.

Topic:

Let us resist not evil *because* evil isn't any thing or person. It is a misinterpretation of some activity of God since God is, literally, all. Since there is no action apart from mind action, since there is no activity apart from eternal life, even in looking at what the world calls death, we are actually witnessing eternal life in action. That is the only way Jesus could raise anyone from the dead. That is the only way a practitioner can raise the dying back to life—not by saying, "You are dying, but I am going to raise you back to life," but by recognizing that there is nothing going on here but the activity of mind; [then] he must just sit in peace and quiet until God, the inner interpreter of his being, interprets it for him.

Later on I always caught a certain signal when someone was about to pass on—someone I knew, some— one in the family, a close friend. I never knew or understood anything about it, but always the passing came after that signal. It was only after I learned in Science how to reverse these things that I learned how, once the signal came, to reverse it and prevent its happening. . . From then on I knew how to avert the danger or the death. I knew that all of these pictures—we call them premonitions—were misinterpretations of divine activity.

Chapter: The Nature of Error

1948

Topic:

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

Unless I [nothingize] first, the temptation is apt to come in, "This is a pretty kettle of fish. What am I going to do about a serious disease like this? Or what am I going to do with a person this far gone in sin? Or with this person so close to death?" And of course you know this temptation is particularly strong when elderly people come to us, because there you have the whole world's temptation to believe, "Oh, what can you expect?" It is right there that you have got to be alert to see that in the kingdom of God there are no such things as newborn babes or elderly people. Everything from the newest born babe to the oldest individual on earth is nothing but the presence of God suggesting itself in time and space.

## CONSCIOUSNESS TRANSFORMED

Chapter: Beyond Metaphysics—*I AM*

1964

Topic:

The question that arises is this: "Why then 'this world' with its sins, diseases, deaths, lacks, and limitations?" The answer is a state of hypnotism brought about by the belief in good and evil. It is a form of malpractice, but a form of self-malpractice. . . The moment you accept the appearance at face value, the moment you accept good and bad appearances, you are malpracticing yourself. . . When you are faced with a temptation to believe that "out there are human beings," you are indulging self-malpractice, and in that degree you pay the penalty.

Chapter: I and My Father are One

1964

Topic:

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: Into the Mystical Consciousness

1964

Topic:

It takes as long as is necessary to develop the consciousness that can look at barrenness and see God at work, without attempting to "make it so." Suppose you are looking at a tree that appears to be dying. . . Through spiritual discernment alone, you have to agree that there is no evil, no death, no destructive power, and therefore there is no need for a God to change anything, improve anything, or heal anything. So whether or not that tree dies is up to who is beholding it. . . The beholder of God in action bears witness to God in action.

Topic:

If there is only one power. . . that power is life itself maintaining and sustaining itself. To be slain or to slay another is to believe in two powers—life and death—material force.

Every initiation ends with the death of the one going through the initiation. . . Some give up on the path when they have to give up the externalized forms, yet none of this is actually taking place externally. It is just an activity of your own mind being externalized in your experience—but it is not being externalized “out there.”

## CONSCIOUSNESS UNFOLDING

Chapter: Freedom in Christ

1949

Topic: *No Unsolvable Problems*

For every condition the world calls sin, disease, or death, there is a spiritual light, a spiritual consciousness, which will dispel it.

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

Chapter: God Revealing the Infinity of Being

1949

Topic: *Learn The Inner Meaning Of Words*

All healing is in the world of belief. . . God knows nothing about it, because in the entire kingdom of God there never was a sin, a disease, or a death.

The only reason that you or I, individually, and the world, collectively, experience inharmony and discord in the form of sin, disease, and death is the belief that we are something other than God-being.

Chapter: Lifting of Consciousness

1949

Topic: *Live Truth*

Become convinced of your identity as life eternal, and disease and death will fall away of their own nothingness. Let your efforts not be to change the outer picture. Rather direct your efforts toward realizing truth, love, life, as the very nature of your being.

Chapter: Questions and Answers

1949

Topic: *Help To Those Who Have Passed On?*

When a practitioner prevents a passing on, that is what happens. He has raised himself to the place where he knows that death is not a possibility. He knows that there never was a danger to a patient.

If you want to know the truth, get quiet within your own being and let God reveal spiritual truth to you. Then you will find that in the history of reality, there never was sin, disease, death, lack, or limitation.

Chapter: The Christ

1949

Topic: *Crucifixion*

When we no longer have problems of our own body, they will come to us by way of our patients' bodies. . . and these will keep coming into our thought in one form or another, until we arrive at that state of consciousness that can say, “None of these things moves me. I know that the power of life and death is not in the world of effect, but in the word of God—in consciousness.

## GOD, THE SUBSTANCE OF ALL FORM

Chapter: Building the New Consciousness

1949

Topic: *Sleep As A Resting In Consciousness*

Sleep is really but a mild form of death, or unconsciousness; it is a loss of consciousness, and that is next door to death, itself.

There is only one answer to any claim that relates to the fear of death, and that is that Life has no opposite for Life is infinite. Life, the life which is God, is universal; it is the life of all being whether the life of man, woman, child, animal, or plant. Life is always God; there is no other life.

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.

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

What we call death is but an apparent lapse into deep unconsciousness, from which we become conscious again, usually upon the same level as that upon which we fell asleep.

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.

## LIVING BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

To our knowledge, the sun, the moon, and the stars cannot think, and that may be why they are always under the government of God. We, on the other hand, think our way into a sense of separation. Notice the word "sense." We never really become separated from God in life or in death, but through taking thought, we have built up a *sense* of separation from God which acts the same as if it were an actual separation.

Dominion comes through recognizing the spiritual nature and identity of every individual. This transforms our world and gives us dominion over sin, sickness, and ultimately over death. In the recognition of our spiritual identity, we are now tabernacling with that which was never born and will never die.

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.

## LIVING BY GRACE

Spiritual freedom is a freedom attained *in God*. There is no such thing as freedom from anything or anyone. The longer we attempt to gain freedom *from* sin, disease, death, lack, or limitation, the more we are kept in bondage to such conditions. What we must seek is freedom in God, in Christ—a spiritual freedom.

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 Am 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 we are Spirit; we see each other spiritually, whether we are here on this plane or whether we are looking at those who have gone to the other plane or those who are not yet born.

I do not have to tell you that many people cannot, even if they would, release themselves from the desire of person, place, or thing. You would have to see my mail for a few days to realize how many people are trying to either get a companion or get rid of one! You would be surprised how many people, even after reading The Infinite Way writings for years, still write to me for a healing of a physical claim. In other words, they are still approaching God from a physical standpoint, expecting God to do something on a physical level. We must stop thinking in terms of demonstration on the physical level and come into the consciousness of the Presence of God and demonstrate God's presence. When you come into the presence of God, I can assure you that you will never find lack, limitation, injustice, sin, disease, or death, because none of these things exist in the Presence of God.

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### LIVING BY THE WORD

When you understand that now God is the light unto your being, the lamp unto your feet, the health of your countenance, your fortress, and the life of your being, you keep the problem in its rightful place, out of your mind, and let those tares and wheat grow together. . . It makes no difference if right now you appear to be in some hell. It makes no difference if you appear to be going through "the valley of the shadow of death." Make yourself realize that the love of God can have no future tense, or it would not be God in action, for God is omnipresence, and where the presence of God is, there is liberty. And the presence of God is wherever the presence of God is realized.

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### LIVING THE ILLUMINED LIFE

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 aft: 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."

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### LIVING THE INFINITE WAY

Chapter: God Is Omnipresent  
Topic:

1954

If you acknowledge the presence and the power, the omnipresence of God, even though you may find yourself in hell or in the very valley of the shadow of death, you will find yourself dwelling in the same Spirit as did David when he said, "I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." Remember this—it is the *recognition and acknowledgment* of the presence of God that *brings* God into tangible evidence, manifestation, and expression.

Chapter: I Am the Vine  
Topic:

Every time you see an individual in some form of sin, disease, lack, limitation, deformity, or even death, just catch a glimpse of your tree and silently realize, "Thank God for that trunk." That trunk unites all in oneness, and enables each one to draw from the one infinite Source, and not from one another. It is then that you are loving God supremely and your neighbor as yourself, because you are knowing the same *truth* about your neighbor that you are knowing about yourself.

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### MAN WAS NOT BORN TO CRY

Chapter: Rising Above this World  
Topic: *Losing The False Sense Of I*

1962

If there were no "I" to be sick, where would sickness be? If there were no "I" to sin, where would sin be? If there were no "I" to die, where would death be?

Chapter: The Prince of Peace  
Topic: *Across The Desk*

1962

How can we tell a person who has not attained the consciousness able to recognize the Christ that he should live by Grace, without worry, fear, accidents, death, or poverty?

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### OUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Chapter: Individual Discovery of Truth  
Topic: *Developing Spiritual Consciousness*

1960

There is a part of us, our Soul, which is deathless and birthless—timeless: It has never been born; It will never die. It is that part of us which was created in the beginning in the image and likeness of God.

Chapter: Spiritual Attainment through Prayer  
Topic: *The Principle Of One Power*

1960

And the most important point of all is to go into our meditation with an absolute and unshakable conviction of the one power and of the nothingness of that which appears as sin, disease, death, lack, and limitation.

Chapter: What Have You in the House  
Topic: *Infinity Is The Measure Of Your Capacity*

1956

I have had to be at death's door twice, and come back, so that I could learn and teach the principles of healing.

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## 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: The Substance of all Good

1951 Second Portland Series

Topic: *A Material Sense Of A Spiritual Universe*

602 1:2

In reality there is no such thing as sin, disease, and death. In reality, if any man has ever died in the history of the world, the whole principle of God is invalidated because God is life eternal and God is infinite. So there could not be any life that could ever pass into death. There could not be one trace of consciousness ever becoming unconscious. If there were, then the whole principle of God disappears off the face of the earth. Certainly, material sense will testify to death.

Chapter: The True Demonstration

1951 Second Portland Series

Topic: *Only God's Thoughts Are Power*

601 1:1

We sit in quietness, not thinking of person or condition, just keeping our mind stayed on truth, which is always a realization of God as the only presence and power, and the further realization that any appearance, whether it be sin, false appetite, disease, ignorance, fear, or death, is not power. These have no power to perpetuate themselves; they cannot maintain or sustain themselves because they are only of the substance of mirage, illusion, nothingness. As we realize this truth, our friend, relative, or patient responds to it because the activity of truth in our consciousness governs all those who are in and of our consciousness.

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## SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

Chapter: IS

1953 First New York Practitioners' Class

Topic: *Appearances As Temptation*

47 3:2

It is reported that the Mater had three temptations, but let us not think that those were his only temptations. "And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season." It does not state that Satan left him. No, Satan left him *for a season*. Always he came back to the Master. Satan was with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, tempting him to believe in approaching tests and death. In God's kingdom no such thing could have happened. "Let this cup pass from me." Let what cup pass? The temptation that he might go through even a temporary experience of death or disgrace.

Chapter: Rejecting Appearances and concepts

1961 London Open Class

Topic: *Not Good Humanhood But Spiritual Reality*

418 5:1

Unless there is a dying to the human sense of things, there cannot be a rebirth into spiritual reality. . . We have to rise even above the belief of life just as we have to rise above the belief of death because life and death in the human sense are just opposite ends of the same stick. They both have a beginning and an ending. As long as we are thinking in terms of preventing death in order to have life, it means that even if we succeeded we are merely postponing death. It is only when we stop thinking in terms of life and in terms of death and begin to think in terms of our immortal, eternal, incorporeal being that we will discover that life which is life eternal.

Chapter: The Christ Kingdom

1961 Canadian Special Class

Topic: *The Realized Presence Of God Dissolves Fear*

433 3:2

Where there is no fear of death. even if there were disease, there would be no pain with it. Pain is our own resistance to the idea of death.

If you see some form of sin, disease, death, lack, or limitation, what must your instantaneous response be? God is! In this statement you have said, "God is present right where the discord seems to be; God is the power right where the discord seems to be; God is all the knowledge and wisdom necessary right where the discord seems to be." You can release the entire situation into the truth that God is. . . This is a way of life. You have to change whatever way you have been living, such as running off to a corner and sitting down to hold your head and giving a good treatment, or thinking, "Well, now, as soon as I get home, I will give that a very fine treatment," or "Oh, if I could only contact God!" That is a way of life that is now denied you. You are permitted only one way of life that knows, "Here where I am, God is."

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## SPIRITUAL POWER OF TRUTH

Chapter: God and Error  
Topic:

Until we come to the consciousness of "resist not evil," we are not in the practice of The Infinite Way. As long as we are using a power of God over sin, disease, death, lack, limitation, we are not in the Infinite Way practice.

Chapter: Know Thy Self  
Topic:

We are in the age when children are being born into a world in which there is this greater measure of Christ. It will only be just another generation until there is so much Christ in the human consciousness that you will witness it. You will witness the Kingdom of God established on earth. That means there will be no more nights. There will be no sin, no more disease, no more death. We will all be like the people in that mountain region of India who live to 120 or 140, then just fall asleep at night and go on to their transition.

Chapter: Neither Good nor Evil  
Topic:

Because so much of humanhood remains in us, we still recognize that we have before us the appearance of good and evil—the appearance of sin, disease, death, lack, and limitation. As long as we are faced with that, we can't be absolute and just say, "Oh, God is All; there is no error." You can't do that. You have to sit down and let God say it to you. *He uttereth His Voice and the earth melteth*. When you hear the still, small Voice, or when you feel that Stirring within you, that divine Presence within you, you may be assured of this: whatever appearance of sin, disease, death, lack, or limitation is before you will melt away. Don't think for a minute that you can ever be so smart as to bring it about.

Chapter: Not Good OR Evil  
Topic:

So very soon, we have a way of knowing our reactions to each other without any outward expression; but that only comes with the death of the selfhood, when there is no "I" that has to say, "I am grateful." When that "I" is gone, then the realization is so pure that everything is understood without visible expression. The importance of this is that, in facing the world, you do not judge—not good or evil. Have no opinion. Now you realize IS.

As you go to your home or your room, the most natural thing in the world is that somebody is going to come to your thought that you have been helping or want help, someone that is your particular problem, and you are going to have to wait and say, "Wait a minute!" First, outwardly say, "I will give you help," because they do not understand where we are in Consciousness. But inwardly: "What am I to do? I cannot give you help. I cannot tell that you need help. Yet, I know I am looking right at you so that I can see the appearance. It is sin, disease, lack, limitation, or death. I can see that. What am I to do with that?" Right here, The Infinite Way gives you the help. It says that what you are looking at is not a condition; it is an appearance or a suggestion or a claim. It is a mental image in thought but not an externalized condition. It is like the water on the road in the desert. . . I don't have to do anything about it out there on the road. I only have to do something about it inside my own being, and that something that I have to do is to know that God made all that was made and it Is good." And that ends it.

Chapter: Sin: Its Illusory Nature

Topic:

Now to say that sensation is an activity of consciousness would be to withdraw every erroneous sensation from the body. To say that activity, movement, action, is an activity of consciousness would be to prevent the muscles from becoming paralyzed. Why? Because the activity of muscles is in consciousness. So it would be with all the organs and functions of the body. If you sow to the flesh, you believe that heart, liver, and lungs can move in and of themselves and that they are an issue of life. Then, of course, you are in the material sense of existence and can only reap corruption: sin, disease, death.

Chapter: The Realm of God

Topic:

In the three-dimensional mind—that is, the mind into which we were born—sin, disease, death, lack, limitation are the realities. In fact, they are greater realities than health or harmony.

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### THE ALTITUDE OF PRAYER

Chapter: This Is Immortality

1956-1962

Topic: *Reincarnation*

Dying daily leads to final death of personal self.

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### THE ART OF SPIRITUAL HEALING

Chapter: Spiritual Healing: The Principles

1956

Topic: *What Did Hinder You?*

All the errors—sin, disease, infection, contagion, death, lack, limitation, weather, climate. . . not worth fighting.

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### THE CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE

Chapter: Conscious Awareness

1959-1961

Topic: *The Function Of The Transcendental Consciousness*

Spiritual consciousness is a state of consciousness which instantaneously releases an individual from all material concern. . . [including] fear of death.

Chapter: Contemplation develops the beholder

1959-1961

Topic: *The Contemplative Life Brings A Consciousness Of Life As Indestructible*

No one can experience anything that is not a part of his consciousness, and when death is no longer a part of consciousness, he cannot die.

*I* has no sex. Once you become aware of the *I* that you are, you will find it completely independent of body and completely independent of sex, manifesting as either sex, even though it will still be *I*. That is because *I* is spiritual; *I* is one with God; *I* is of the nature of God. There, *I* is without finite form, yet *I* can manifest as, in, or through finite form. When you have realized that, the sting of death leaves you because you will know then that you are *I*, and *I* will always be your state of consciousness, except that you will progressively elevate until there is nothing finite left.

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## THE EARLY YEARS (32-46)

Chapter: Malpractice  
Topic:

"What is the cardinal point of the difference in my [Mary Baker Eddy's] metaphysical system? This: that by knowing the unreality of disease, sin, and death, you demonstrate the allness of God. This difference wholly separates my system from all others. The reality of these so-called existences I deny, because they are not to be found in God, and this system is built on Him as the sole cause."

Many have been fooled by misinterpreting Mrs. Eddy's grand statement: "Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need. Always remember that it is the divine love *you* give forth that meets your human need. . . You will remember the statement of Mrs. Eddy: "Mystery, miracle, sin, and death will disappear when it becomes fairly understood that the divine mind controls man and man has no mind but God." Therefore the only result this mind can produce is good.

Chapter: Problems  
Topic:

It is becoming clearer that all bodily discord is embraced in the material sense of existence, and that spiritual sense is the reality of all things. It is not the universe doing anything to us, but our sense of the universe is reflecting itself back to us. If we have a spiritual sense of man and the universe we perceive the spiritual in all men and things and they reflect themselves back to us as spiritual harmony. If we entertain a material sense of the world, it reflects a false sense back to us, known as sin, disease, death, lack.

Chapter: The Law  
Topic:

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

Chapter: The Mind of Christ Jesus  
Topic:

The consciousness we call Christ "takes no thought." The healing consciousness is a "peace, be still" to error of any name or nature, yet it acts in silence, and is expressed in quietness and confidence and peace. The mind that was in Christ Jesus does not deny or refute error, nor does it enter argument or discussion. It knows that no denial is necessary. It knows that God is not a power which one uses to destroy an evil power or presence, because it knows no evil power or presence exists; and in the presence of that which appears as sin, sickness, or death, it rests in the assurance of Christ as the only presence and as infinite perfection. Christ consciousness needs no mental or audible reminders of truth. Its presence is the "peace, be still."

Chapter: The Nature of Error  
Topic:

The revelation of Christian Science shows forth the individual as spiritual consciousness embodying the universe of ideas. It reveals him as eternal, immortal, infinite being, embodying every divine quality. It naturally follows, then, that error, finiteness, limitation, disease and death are never any part of this creation or manifestation.

Mary Baker Eddy, discoverer and founder of Christian Science, has based her teaching on the revelation of the allness of God and, therefore, the nothingness of disease, sin and death. Her Biblical authority is found in the statement, "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made," and "God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good."

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## THE FOUNDATION OF MYSTICISM

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

So when you leave this earth plane, you will find the next plane to be what you bring to it. Don't think for a minute that you'll ever experience extinction or unconsciousness, for there is no such thing. God, infinite life, would become death, consciousness become unconsciousness—there is no such thing. Do we ever meet our loved ones again? We do if we want to and if they want us to. It is the same life there as here.

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 1921, in one of the largest hospitals in New York City, a death sentence was passed on me. I was told that I could not live longer than three months, that it was time to wind up my business because there was no help for me. Now just suppose there had been help. Just suppose some doctor could have cured me. Where would I be today? Heaven only knows! But with that verdict I had to turn to spiritual teachings, and within three months I was completely healed. And I've remained healed ever since.

There is no God in the human world. That is why the human world is full of sin, disease, death, lack, and limitation. That is why the cream of our youth get killed in war. There is no God to stop it. And that is why we can have road accidents every weekend and every holiday, because there is no God there to stop it. These horrible things couldn't happen in the presence of God. In the presence of God there is liberty. In the presence of God there is freedom. In the presence of God there is life eternal. "To know him aright is life eternal." To know him aright would save us from the sins, diseases, deaths, accidents, the lacks and limitations of this life. Therefore, the human world as it is exists is completely cut off from God.

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## THE INFINITE WAY

Death is the belief that consciousness loses its awareness of its body.

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## THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1955

Chapter: The Comforter  
Topic: *One Power*

1955

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

Chapter: The Invisible Nature of Your Live  
Topic: *The Invisible Nature Of Your Life*

1955 Kailua Study Group  
117:2

Out of the consciousness of God cannot come age, limitation, weakness or death.

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1957

Chapter: November: Gratitude  
Topic: *Gratitude For Spiritual Teaching*

1957

Never doubt for a moment that if you walk through the valley of the shadow of death and there recognize God's grace, that even then it will not be too late to step out into perfect health.

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1959

Chapter: October: Freeing Ourselves from Universal Claims  
Topic: *The Carnal Mind Is Not A Power*

1958 London Advanced Class  
233:1

Conscious knowing of the truth spells the death of humanhood because the carnal mind is not whispering suggestions into our deadened mind and making us respond to them.

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### THE JOURNEY BACK TO THE FATHER'S HOUSE

Chapter: Attaining the Christ Mind  
Topic: *Releasing Infinity*

1961 Stockholm Closed Class 1:2  
424

Open out a way for the infinity of God to escape. Truth is within. The truth, which is bread, meat, wine, and water, is not to be found outside, but is within, and a way must be found for "the imprisoned splendor" to escape. Begin to pour now. There is no better way to begin to pour than to set aside periods each day to pray for those whom you know need prayers, those within your family, your community, within your nation, and eventually within the entire world. . . Release everyone from condemnation and punishment. Know every bit of spiritual truth you can about all those who are within your consciousness. Know that the voice is saying to them, "Son, all that I have is thine. . . Neither death, nor life. . . can separate you from the love and care of God." This is giving. You are sharing out of that infinite storehouse; you are pouring out the water of life even without a bucket. Through such meditation, you are developing more and more of that spiritual or fourth dimensional transcendental consciousness.

Chapter: God dominion: not man's domination  
Topic: *Disease And Death, Not God-ordained*

1962 Hawaiian Village Open Class 1:1  
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We begin to destroy the power of death over men the moment we recognize that death is not God-ordained. We also begin to break the spell of illness in our own experience when we recognize that disease is not God-ordained. Disease does not have source in God; therefore, it has no legitimate father or mother. In other words, it has no reality or identity. Disease had no life, no identity, and no law because it is not God-ordained.

Chapter: Letting the seed take root  
Topic: *Overcoming The Fear Of Death*

1961 Stockholm Closed Class 1:1  
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When you have overcome the fear of death you will have overcome death itself. Do not ever think that anyone overcomes death until he has overcome the fear of death, until he can agree within himself, "Living or dead, I'm still alive. Living or dead, I can never be separated from the love of God, so it is not important to me whether I'm alive or dead because dead or alive, I'm alive in God."

We must give up this belief that God planted the Christ in us just for our special benefit. The function of the Christ in man is to bless mankind, to raise up those who are still in sin, those who are still in disease, those who are still in death, those who are still in lack. This is the function of the Christ in us and in every person who is awakened to Its presence. . . As we contemplate the Christ in us, let us remember that the Christ that lives our life has not been given to us for our picayune little satisfaction, health, or life. The Christ has been given to us that we may be transparencies for God, that we may show forth God's glory on earth. That is why the Christ is in us: to show forth God's glory in healing, in forgiving, in redeeming, in supplying. We open ourselves to the Christ-activity by inviting the world, not outwardly through advertising, but spiritually within, inviting the world to our spiritual household, inviting this world to come and eat and drink, letting this world come and be healed through the inner realization: *Thank You, Father, I know why the Christ is here in me. I am willing for It to function. I am willing to be the instrument to heal, to feed, to forgive, and to redeem all whom Thou sendest me.*

The person who would be a spiritual healer must first have prayed, read, studied, and meditated until some measure of that transcendental consciousness has come upon him so that he can sit and look at evil in any form—sin, disease, death, lack, limitation, war—without a trace of fear, and be able to say, "No, thou couldst have no power over me at all, because only Godpower can operate in my experience. This is not a reality; this is not a person; this is not a condition. This is an illusory, substanceless, lawless appearance." As the practitioner sits in that perfect calm, healing must follow, more especially to the patient who is not looking to God to do something to a disease, but who is really beginning to understand that we look to God only for the presence and realization of God.

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## THE MYSTICAL I

In the beginning, *I* already was endowed from on high with His grace, robed in His Spirit, clothed in His immortality. Thus enfolded in His grace, there was no sin, no disease, no death, and therefore no need to invent a God to get rid of these.

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## THE THUNDER OF SILENCE

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

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.

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.

I was called to my own father's side when he lay in an oxygen tent and, according to the physicians in attendance, was on his deathbed. I stood there with no words of wisdom that could change this appearance into health; I stood there just as anyone would stand in front of his own father in such a situation—but with this difference: I knew that if God uttered His voice, the earth would melt. Standing there, watching my father breathing through that apparatus, the words came, "Man does not live by breath alone." In less than five minutes, he signaled for the nurse to take the instrument away, and two days later he was out of the hospital.

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