
BEYOND WORDS AND THOUGHTS

Chapter: Measuring Spiritual Progress
Topic: *Signs Of Spiritual Progress*

1963 Kailua Private Class
518:1 or 517:2

The less you react with fear to the sins and the diseases of the world, the greater the degree of spiritual progress you have made and are making. . . In proportion as you understand that temporal power is not power in the presence of God, there will be less and less reaction to the pictures of disease or accident presented to you. . . If instead of reacting to these accounts [of lack of food and other necessities] with horror or with pity, you can realize that lack of any kind is a universal belief because supply is spiritual and, therefore omnipresent, you may help to lift those who are entertaining a material sense of supply out of such hypnotism.

CONSCIOUS UNION WITH GOD

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.

LIVING BY GRACE

Chapter: The Infinite Way Concept of God
Topic: Evaluating One's Spiritual Progress

We can evaluate our spiritual progress by our reactions to what is presented to us in the pictures of the world. For example, the more we realize that temporal power is not power, the less we fear war or the threat of war. That is one sign of spiritual progress. Another is reacting with less horror or fear to the sins and diseases of the world. You also show your own spiritual progress as you realize that supply is spiritual and react with less horror or pity to the seeming lack of food and necessities in the impoverished countries of the world. You not only show your progress, you also help to remove lack and limitation.

LIVING BY THE WORD

Chapter: The Nonattachment of a Developed Spiritual Consciousness
Topic: *The Invisible Power Of Spiritual Consciousness*

1961 Waikiki Infinite Way Study Center 2:2
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If you persist in fearing the things of this world or if you insist on unduly loving the things of this world, they are going to react upon you. The reaction will be an emanation of your own consciousness. Conversely, in the degree that you are not controlled by fear, by love, or by hate, but are controlled only by your realization of the presence of God, do you find, as Paul found, that "none of these things move me."

SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

Chapter: Rejecting Appearances and concepts
Topic: *Non Reaction Is All-important*

1961 London Open Class
418 5:1

How many times in the writings is it brought to our attention that it is our reaction to the appearance that determines the outer circumstance. We are dealing not with conditions but with mental concepts, and when they hit up against the truth, the concepts dissolve and disappear just as light coming into the room dissolves darkness, yet the light does not dissolve the darkness because there is no such thing as darkness.

SPIRITUAL POWER OF TRUTH

We are responsible for our *concept* of [others], and we should say, "I don't care whether you are well or sick, good or bad; I am relying on your Christhood." In that moment you have killed off yourself, that which feels a personal responsibility, a sense of joy or sorrow . You have killed that off the moment you no longer have a personal reaction of sorrow toward the subnormal, and a reaction of good toward the supernormal. "I disregard both of those in the realization of your spiritual Selfhood, and it Is perfect, it Is intact, it Is complete!" Abide in that, rather than take a human being and change them.

Now the difficulty is that when someone calls up and asks for help, instinctively you know that the condition is evil and you want to do something about making it good, whether declaring or meditating or getting in touch with the Spirit. No matter what it is, your first reaction is "Oh! here is a condition, an evil!" That is where you have to start dying daily, because you can't react that way. You can't call it good or evil; and even when they say they feel better, you can't call it good. You are still standing on the fact of Infinite Spirit, God never changing.

Our work is to free ourselves from universal claims. I know that you do understand this, but I give it to you because you will have an occasion, every single day of your life, to remember what I am saying to you. The temptation, in our work, is to try to improve the human scene: We see a sick person and our first normal reaction is to want to see them well. We see an unemployed person and the very first thought is how we can bring about employment. We see a poor person and the first thing that comes to us is how to bring supply to them. We see an unhappy person and our first thought is how to bring happiness it. . . Never, unto the end of your days on earth, will you overcome the automatic, unconscious temptation, at least once in a while while giving treatment, to change the appearance into its opposite.

THE 1954 INFINITE WAY LETTERS

What difference could it make if we had only one dollar in our pocket, unless we entertained a fear of lack? Would the conflict be because of the outer circumstance, or because of our reaction to it? The outer circumstance can never be changed by a continuance of the inner fear, but once we can see that the circumstance or condition or lack in the outer realm is not a power, and is not something that must be fought against but is something to be resolved within our own consciousness, we can settle back into a state of nonresistance. You might feel that this is ignoring or running away from the problem, but it is not: it is the only permanent and spiritual way in which the problem can be resolved and overcome.

THE ART OF MEDITATION

Many times in meditation we attain a sense of peace of harmony—the realization of the presence of the Christ. These are inspiring experiences, but we must be willing to give up even that deep peace and rise to the next higher level of consciousness in which the attaining of that peace is of no significance or importance whatsoever. Having realized the everpresence of the Christ, is it necessary to have any kind of an emotional reaction?

THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1956

When there is no longer a reaction to the human good or to the human evil, the most difficult step on the spiritual path, the one which ultimately leads to the death of the personal self, has been surmounted.

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.]

THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1957

Non-reaction to appearances is a demonstration of your faith in God’s ability to govern His own universe.

THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1958

When someone calls upon you for help to secure employment, your reaction should be that no one needs employment. . . God, individual consciousness, embodies within Itself the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1959

There would be no healing at all until I could rise above any reaction to the problem.

THE THUNDER OF SILENCE

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