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## A MESSAGE FOR THE AGES

Chapter: Christ-consciousness as a Universal Experience

1963 London Work; Instructions; Kailua Private Class

Topic: *Educating Consciousness Out Of Itself*

526, 512, 520

We are educating the human mind out of itself as we teach our students, and we are bringing them forth out of the power of the mind itself into an awareness that they have a meat the world knows not of; they have a hidden manna. They live by Grace, by a sufficiency of Grace unto every moment. . . We are teaching human consciousness; we are raising human consciousness and every time we have raised an individual we have raised thousands.

Chapter: God And Prayer

1963 Instructions For Teaching The Infinite Way 4:1

Topic: *I reveals the secret of god*

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Then came the unfoldment that there is a word that is not a word in my mind. That word is *I*. I is not a 'word' in my mind: I is my being; I is my identity. I is not a word I am thinking of; I is the thinker, not the thought. Regardless of any thought or concept of God, it cannot be God, because greater than any thought is the thinker. Is there anything greater than the thinker? Is not the source of thought the creator of thought? Then somewhere in the word *I* lies the secret of God. . . Then as the years went on, that word *I* began to define Itself, and I saw that it was really synonymous with Consciousness, because regardless of what I am, I must be consciousness. That must be the identity of *I*. Take Consciousness away, and is there an *I*? Take Consciousness away, and is there any awareness? Take Consciousness away, and is there form? All the form there is, is Consciousness formed.

Chapter: Infinite Way Pearls

1963 Instructions For Teaching The Infinite Way 1:2, 3:1

Topic: *The Omnipresence Of Consciousness*

509, 511

To know the nature of Consciousness as omniscience is a step toward still further illumination. You become a state of complete awareness, a state of listening, and you can rest with nothing to tell God.

Chapter: Now I See

1963 Instructions For Teaching The Infinite Way 4:1

Topic: *All Principles Of The Infinite Way Are Interlocking*

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You will not reach God without prayer, because even when you know the nature of God and the nature of error, if you do not attain that inner stillness that enables you to hear the still small voice, it is not complete: you have only knowledge up in the head. Without knowledge in the head, however, you will not get the inner peace to enable you to pray aright. It is all interlocking. You need the letter of truth as a raft; you need it as a means to an end. But no matter how much of the letter you have, if you do not go to the next step and let that lead you to the Spirit, the awareness or the consciousness, you cannot complete your work.

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## A PARENTHESIS IN ETERNITY

Chapter: Attaining The Mystical Consciousness

Topic: *The Function Of The Mind*

As long as the mind is governed by truth, there will be no selfishness in it because we will not be directing the mind toward specific ends, but only toward attaining a greater awareness of truth, and letting this truth change consciousness.

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## AWAKENING MYSTICAL CONSCIOUSNESS

Chapter: Attaining Dominion Through I

1963 Kaiulani Sunday Series

Topic: *Consciousness Unfolding*

513 1:1&2

The "I" as which you identify yourself [is] a state of awareness. A better word is consciousness.

Chapter: Concept or Is?

1954 Portland Practitioner Class

Topic: *Power In Cause, Not Effect*

95: 1&2

Assume the responsibility to maintain a conscious awareness of God-government.

If we live in this [awareness of the Presence] the crust of human demonstration will break and the spiritual demonstration will come through.

The Word made flesh is not a thought; it is a state of awareness without a conscious thought, and yet at times it appears outwardly as conscious thought.

As. . . the Holy Temple, the real body, appears to our awareness. . . we shall have no sense of weight, no sense of solidity, no sense of body.

It is only while we are treating problems that we perpetuate them. That is why in our work we turn away from the problem to the attainment of spiritual awareness, that is, the inner realization of spiritual identity, spiritual law, and spiritual life. Then when we open our eyes, the problem is gone or is on the way out.

All I have to do is keep that awareness of my true identity and then stop believing it gives me power over error.

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## BEYOND WORDS AND THOUGHTS

God knows nothing of health because God knows nothing of the lack of health. . . In God there is neither health nor illness: there is only the perfection of God's being. Very often students lose the way because they are seeking something through God of which God has no awareness. . . God has no knowledge of health; God has no knowledge of wealth. God is Spirit, and the kingdom of God is spiritual. Therefore, when you go to God, you can go only for Grace.

Live in the inner awareness of *I*, of *I*-ness. *I* is the Father within you, and *I* is the son that appears outwardly. All that the Father within you is, the son without is. As long as you can live in that consciousness, you will never be good and you will never be bad; you will never be rich and you will never be poor. You will never be a saint and you will never be a sinner. You will always be *I*, and you will always be showing forth the *I*-ness which is God appearing as the son. You will claim no qualities for yourself. . . You are *I*!

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.

It has been taught for two thousand years that "I and my Father are one," yet very few persons have attained any measure of awareness of that relationship with Deity. "I and my Father are one" means I am that One. "He that seeth me seeth him that sent me," but how far short we fall from realizing that we are that He and from living out from the basis of being Spirit, rather than a man seeking Spirit.

*Never again will I place the responsibility for my ills upon God. God is too pure to behold iniquity, and this I will maintain with every breath of my being. God has no awareness of whatever it is that is disturbing me. God has no awareness of the evil in my mind, the disease in my body, or the lack in my pocketbook.*

In one of my deeper meditations, when I was in full awareness of the incorporeality of my Self, I saw that I could incarnate as a male or a female. That is because I, God is neither male nor female. There is only one I. Therefore it would make no difference at all whether in another incarnation I appeared as male or a female, and this will explain something else to you. You have never had a beginning. You cannot coexist with God and have a beginning or an ending.

You will never do good spiritual healing work until you attain the inner awareness of the incorporeal nature of man's being. The only image there is of God is man: God appears *as* man; but since God is incorporeal, man is incorporeal. The fact that man has a corporeal body does not make him corporeal. The fact that he travels in an airplane does not make him an airplane.

God is individual consciousness, our own consciousness, not our human awareness, but a deeper level of awareness than human.

Let us never forget that when we open our ears and minds in receptivity, we are not going to God for material supply—for money, automobiles, houses, or clothing: we are realizing that God grace is “closer. . . than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet.” The ears are open to hear; the mind is open to receive; and what we receive is the Spirit of God, the awareness and the feeling of the Presence. This is God's supply. When we receive This, It, in a way unknown to us, is translated in our human picture as food, clothing, housing, money, or whatever form it is that the supply must take.

[Spiritual awareness] comes only when you have “died” to caring about the outer scene and are willing to take life as it is and work from within toward the goal of God-realization.

What always puts the veil back on the truth that “I AM THAT I AM” is that those who have not yet attained, those who have not yet come into spiritual awareness or the demonstration of their spiritual Selfhood, always love the message so much that they become do-gooders and go out in the world to try to spread it around the world, and they do not have it.

## CONSCIOUS UNION WITH GOD

Thought is an avenue of awareness, hence, not a power.

Earth is our mortal concept of heaven, and heaven is our real awareness of the earth.

## CONSCIOUSNESS IN TRANSITION

Topic:

Our argument is not aimed to change or heal or improve someone out here. It is aimed to bring to our souls the assurance and awareness of the already existing perfection out here.

Chapter: Questions and Answers

1948

Topic:

Nothing that your human mind will ever know will be perfect—not even humanly perfect. It is only when the human mind isn't working, when in the very stillness of your innermost being, when your soul senses are aroused—when your spiritual awareness is aroused—that you can behold the perfect man.

The chances are that [Joesph] liked Potiphar's wife and thought, "Well, what's the harm?" He had to go down into prison and there learn that the indulgence of any form of mortality has no place in a spiritual being's experience. So when he was in prison, all he had time for was to think, and that's when he finally came to the realization, "Well, if I'm spiritual, I guess I'd better act like it!" It does take the very depths, sometimes, of human experience to bring us to an awareness where we are willing to let the spiritual light gleam.

Chapter: Spiritual Healing

1948

Topic:

You see, there must be a conscious awareness and realization—and really more than that! There must be a conscious feeling of the presence of God in order for you to avail yourself of the presence and power of God.

Chapter: Student and teacher

1948

Topic:

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.

Let us, so far as we can, dwell on the idea, "What Is God," because only in the realization of what God is do we know that which God is God to. And that is the effect—or the universe. The importance of that is this: we have taken up, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God (the awareness, the consciousness of God) and his rightness, and all these other things shall be added unto you." Once we have the understanding that our consciousness is the causative principle of our universe, then we know that no matter what we do, this universal consciousness is ever producing and reproducing, just as the law orange tree is continuously producing and reproducing oranges.

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Chapter: The Nature of Error

1948

Topic:

Heaven and earth are not two different places. There is no use saying, "Oh, I know there is no such thing in heaven, but what about earth?" Heaven and earth are the same place. Earth is our mortal concept of heaven. Heaven is our real awareness of the earth. In other words, heaven is the earth correctly understood.

Chapter: Thought Is Not Power

1948

Topic:

It popped into my head one day that thought is not a power, it is an avenue of awareness. It shocked me for a moment, having it come out of a clear sky when I was not asking for it. Then I saw that I, through the avenue of thought, can become aware of people in this room and know whether they are dressed in brown or green or black, but no amount of thinking I do can make it so.

The moment you learn to live without taking thought, you will be the most mentally active person in the community, because that is when you are not animated by your own limited sense of mind. The mind that was in Christ Jesus starts functioning as you. If you want to write, you will be a writer; if you want to paint, you will be a painter, because there will be no more limitation. You do not become a mental blank, and you do not live in a vacuum, but your thought is so animated by this spiritual mind that you are thinking even when you are sleeping. You are not taking thought. That is quite a different thing. You are receiving divine impulses which we call thought, or avenues of awareness, and you really become aware in infinitely bigger versions of experience.

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## CONSCIOUSNESS IS WHAT I AM

Chapter: Attaining a Measure of Spiritual Consciousness  
Topic: *Becoming Aware Of The Indwelling Presence*

1969

Spiritual consciousness is a realization that within you is the substance of all that is to appear in your world. . . an awareness that all you need flows to you from within your own being. You come to a place in consciousness where it becomes clear to you that you are not dependent on anything out here, but that you must turn to the infinite Invisible for your good.

Chapter: Evolving States of Consciousness  
Topic:

1969 L

Consciousness is not only eternal and omnipresent, but It is our individual consciousness or awareness, the substance, cause, and law of individual being.

The first record of this Light, appearing as a person, is found in India, in the form of Krishna who is presumably the first man on earth to have broken through to the spiritual realm. Krishna was the divine Consciousness which broke through into the mind of man and then was personalized as if it were a man, but It was not a man. It was the light of spiritual Consciousness which permeated the mind of an individual and brought to light the first spiritual or fourth-dimensional awareness.

Chapter: Mind Is a Transparency  
Topic: *Mind Is An Instrument*

1962 London Special Class  
496:1

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.

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## CONSCIOUSNESS TRANSFORMED

Chapter: Beyond Metaphysics—*I AM*  
Topic:

1964

Mystically you have to change your life to one of inner awareness so that you are attuned to whatever it is that is God's will for you, God's plan. That is all that God is going to perfect in your life—not what you wish or desire, but that which is appointed for you. Then you do not have to take thought for the success of any mission, business, or activity in which you may be engaged.

Chapter: Discovering the Soul  
Topic:

1963

We speak of God as "God" and do not realize that God is the Soul of man. You can never find the kingdom of God until you have entered into the awareness of your own Soul.

Topic:

The major problem in my personal life is that of trying to avoid any relationship between my students and myself or the students of our teachers, whereby the individual begins to believe that we are God-inspired and so “let us sit and partake of his or her light.” . . . [I am] trying to bring you to the awareness that you have just as much access to the kingdom of God as [I] have.

Chapter: Healing: to know god aright

1963

Topic:

It is impossible to attain inner peace as long as you think of God as something separate and apart from yourself. Even if you have God “close to you” or “near you,” or “caring for you,” you still have missed the mark because God is the Self of you. Until you come into that awareness, there will always be an uncertainty or doubt, and incomplete relaxing in God.

Chapter: Into the Mystical Consciousness

1964

Topic:

The moment you start “using” the mind, you are making a creative force out of it, and are thereby missing its function. . . . The step from metaphysics to mysticism is accomplished in proportion to the degree in which you can be a beholder. You use the mind only in the sense of awareness, never in the sense of power. When I can be still and receptive. . . . my mind interprets to me what it sees. . . . I see what the Soul reveals, which is spiritual identity.

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

September 1963

Topic:

You do not enter this spiritual life until you rise to that place where the conscious knowing of the truth has been subdued and you have actually attained the awareness. You are now not knowing the truth, you have become the truth and here is where in our work the active practice begins.

Chapter: the word becomes flesh

1963

Topic:

I have witnessed in my meditation, the usual change is a change in consciousness of the patient. Sometimes the person will say, “I have lost the fear, but the fever hasn’t gone down.” I am only interested in a change of consciousness. So it is when you are working, do not allow patients to fool you when there is no change in the physical. That wasn’t your function in the beginning. Your function is to bring the seekers into an awareness of God within—then, “all of these things will be added unto you.”

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## CONSCIOUSNESS UNFOLDING

Chapter: Gratitude

1949

Topic: *Be Grateful That You Have Touched The Christ*

*I have meant ye know not of— have substance and awareness, a principle, so that I do not have to be dependent on thing, circumstance, or condition in the outer realm. I do not put my faith in a man, in an organization, in a job, or in an investment, If all these things were taken away, I still would have a consciousness from which all things would flow.*

Chapter: Lifting of Consciousness

1949

Topic: *The Letter Of Truth*

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.

Chapter: Peace

1949

Topic: *The Inner Meaning Of The Temptations*

Since God is the individuality of your consciousness and mine, we need no other help than an awareness of that. . . . only the constant consciousness of God as our consciousness.

There must be a continuous flowing of truth out from the center of your being to your outer awareness. That is treatment. Therefore, you must always be in a state of receptivity.

We must not depend on the truth to make us free; we must depend on our conscious *awareness* of that truth.

Christ is a presence and power beyond your human ability to realize. It can be discerned only through your developed spiritual sense, because it takes something far greater than the brain or intellect to perceive the Christ. It takes spiritual awareness, spiritual alertness, and that comes in proportion as the world means less and less to you.

It is said that the Christ is born in the manger, but that manger is your human awareness.

In making contact with God so that you feel it, so that you actually catch that sense of awareness, you let your humanhood become the transparency through which the Divinity of you is shining. Then you are no longer living your own life: God is living Its life *as* you.

We do not judge the spiritual world by looking out upon the human world. Rather, we come into an awareness of what the spiritual world is, through looking out from God.

## **GOD, THE SUBSTANCE OF ALL FORM**

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.

Never again look out at the world, at “things” and think that any thing is your need. It is the omnipresent Spirit of God which fills the need. . . It makes no difference what the form is, as long as there is the awareness that the substance of the form is Spirit.

The development of the Christ leads to the awareness of the Presence, the consciousness of inner guidance, the awareness of an inner infinite Being, that which goes before you at all times, that which is conscious while you sleep. Then you realize how much greater than any human circumstance or condition is this awareness of the infinite nature of your own consciousness.

The divine Consciousness of you. . . is arousing you to an awareness of Its own divine qualities, nature and character.

My sense of God is that of an indescribable presence and feeling. I do not know God except through “feeling.” I “feel” the Presence all through me, through my chest, through my finger tips. No matter what the external circumstances are, even when at times they might seem discordant, I am always conscious of this Presence – a sensing, a feeling, an awareness.

Consciousness governs body; it is not entombed *in* body. How could intelligence, a state of awareness, be confined within a brain or a stomach?

Some individuals reach such a level of spiritual consciousness that they are in full awareness of their true identity and understand that the physical body, so called, is not they, is not of itself a living intelligence, but that it is a vehicle or an instrument through through which they appear as form.

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.

Eve was taken from the rib of Adam, from *within* Adam, from the rib of understanding, the solidness, or solid comprehension or awareness of Adam. It was an entirely internal experience, and it appeared to him not only subjectively but objectively as Eve.

## LEAVE YOUR NETS

The one infinite divine Consciousness, called God, is your individual consciousness; and while there are no degrees to It, there are degrees of your awareness of It.

Now the seeker begins to realize some measure of his oneness with God, and he eventually discerns that Spirit really is the essence and very fiber of his being. The realization of divine sonship is unfolding, a conscious awareness of Spirit and Its law and being. The Christ, or son of God, is being born again in the manger of human consciousness, and evolves by stages to the degree of manhood in Christ, to the full stature of sonship or God-consciousness.

Self-complete in God, we walk the earth enveloped in an eternal bombproof shelter. We dwell "in the secret place of the most High," Is there such a place? Is it a place at all? Or is it the consciousness of God's presence? Is it not true that none of the evils of this world shall come nigh the dwelling place of those who live in the awareness of God's presence? That awareness is more powerful than lions and adders, than all the ills of human experience, That awareness is greater than all the evils of the world.

## LIVING BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

If we pray for the gift of God, the awareness of the presence of God, the mind interprets that awareness in the form of something tangible that can be shared.



Material sense has to do with quantities and qualities, but spiritual discernment has no awareness of quantities or qualities—not even large quantities, not even good qualities. Spiritual discernment knows only the allness of invisible Spirit. It sees God as the consciousness of individual being.

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## LIVING BY GRACE

Chapter: Freedom In God  
Topic: World Work

The secret is that where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom, there is health, there is wholeness, there is supply, there is peace, joy, and dominion. So the secret is not to treat anyone for disease, but to attain the consciousness of God's Presence... When the Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, Divine Grace is touching you and freedom is taking place within you. If the Spirit of the Lord God is *not* upon me, nothing happens—there is a void, a vacuum! So, when you call upon me for help, I do not concern myself with your discords. I am not interested as to whether your trouble is physical, mental, moral, or financial. I concern myself only with attaining a conscious awareness, a feeling of God's Presence. If I can attain that awareness, you feel it and it takes effect in you. Your whole nature—your body, your mind, your finances—responds.

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## LIVING BY THE WORD

Chapter: I Have  
Topic: *Maintaining A Consciousness Of Truth Is A Now-activity*

1961 Hawaiian Village 1:2; 1962 Princes Kaiulani 1:2  
437 or 474

When you are busy about your own affairs and this awareness [of Truth] has dropped from your conscious thinking and all of a sudden it comes back, you cannot say, "Ah, tonight I will spend an hour in divine consciousness." No, the moment that push comes, regardless of what else you are doing, regardless of what your body or your mind is doing, somewhere in your consciousness there must be a return to this realization: "I and the Father are one; therefore, I have meat." Then you are ready to go on about your work again. You have fulfilled yourself. It takes only a few seconds of anyone's time to return to the Father's house.

Chapter: Living By The Word  
Topic: *Be Still And Let The Word Well Up From Within*

1962 Mission Inn Closed Class 1:2  
451

We have attained God's grace when we have heard the "still small voice" within us. Whether we have heard it as a voice or felt it as an impulse or just achieved it as an awareness, regardless of how it comes, we have attained God's grace.

Chapter: Scripture as a Way of Life  
Topic: *Aids To Bible Study*

1961 Maui Work 3:2; 1957 First Halekou Closed 4:2  
391 or 190

When we have that word of scripture in us and know that the kingdom of God is within us, we find ten million miles of space drop away from us. We will not then be looking outside ourselves and wondering how to contact God or how to bring God into our experience. We will relax with that one statement, "The kingdom of God is within you." It is neither lo here nor lo there: it is within; and with that relaxing, almost instantaneously, an awareness takes over, and actual touch that comes to us from the Father within.

Chapter: Spiritual Discernment of the Bible  
Topic: *The Experience Of God Is Necessary*

1964 Manchester Closed Class  
559

If I and the Father are one, how could you and I have had all the troubles we have known through these many years? The Infinite Way has revealed that the lost message was in the word "conscious" or "conscious awareness." All scripture reveals that it is only in our acceptance of God, our conscious realization of God, our actual experience of God that the presence of God is functioning within us.

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## LIVING NOW

Receptivity grows with awareness of God's grace.

### LIVING THE ILLUMINED LIFE

Every bit of love, life, and truth that you felt in a moment of heightened awareness is what you are embodying, and it constitutes your being, and this is you. Light, love, life, truth: these are you; these are your present state of consciousness. How then can the past intrude into the present? How can darkness enter light?

As illumination brings a deeper awareness of the indwelling Christ, our hearts overflow with gratitude for God's great gift of grace. May the joy of that realization be yours this Christmas Day and may each day throughout the year be filled with Its peace.

### LIVING THE INFINITE WAY

Please remember that when I say “agree,” I speak of *feeling* an assurance or agreement within, a deep conviction within, not just mouthing, “Yes, I believe. I agree with the Master. I am a Christian and I accept his teaching.” That amounts to less than nothing. . . Can you *feel* the truth of the Master’s tremendous revelation that “your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. . . for it is your Father’s good pleasure to *give* you the kingdom?” If you cannot feel this, for a long, long while to come, do not go to God for anything. Work within yourself. . . until you *do* come to a feeling, an awareness, or an agreement.

Finally there dawns in consciousness the tremendous experience of understanding that since the kingdom of God is within, and the King, God, is ever within His realm, direct impartation of wisdom, direction, law, and power *can come from within*. . . Consciousness then becomes a state of awareness, attuned to the inner kingdom—the deep withinness—and gradually the student becomes consciously aware of inner guidance, direction, and wisdom. This is the culmination of the first stage of meditation wherein the student receives assurance, confidence, healing, and illumination from within his own being whenever he meditates.

Our only need is the realization of the nature of God and God’s government. The contemplation of this leads to other and higher forms of meditation and on to higher levels of consciousness. Eventually, we are led to that place in consciousness where meditation is a total silence of thought, a complete state of awareness, in which there is an inner alertness, an inner awakening, a state of receptivity and expectancy, into which flows the realization of the presence of God. Beyond that, we need nothing.

### MAN WAS NOT BORN TO CRY

When the Soul is released, it flies upward, not in time or space, but in consciousness. It is no longer anchored to the ground. It is no longer entombed in body and mind: it is a soaring awareness, a soaring faculty.

While we can experience God through an awareness of His nature, He cannot be known with the mind or the intellect.

In The Infinite Way, we do not try to demonstrate peace: we demonstrate the conscious awareness of the presence of God, and as we gain that awareness, we find our peace, rest, contentment, abundance, allness. Spiritual awareness is developed in silence, not in thinking, in listening, or in reading.

One of the very earliest revelations given to me was that it is not necessary for me to . . . give treatments to anyone: it is only necessary for me to find my own inner peace, and then the peace that I find, the awareness of harmony, wholeness, completeness, immediately becomes the experience of those turning to me for help.

Even though in reality God constitutes our consciousness, and we therefore already possess the full and complete perfect spiritual consciousness, this is of only demonstrable availability in proportion to our awareness of that truth.

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## OUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

There has to be a transformation of consciousness in the patient himself, a yielding of the mortal sense in order to make room for spiritual awareness.

The mind is the instrument which you use for thinking or reasoning purposes or for any purpose of awareness, and it is through your mind that you are able to judge and make decisions.

Communion is that depth of meditation in which we actually come into the experience of tabernacling with the Spirit of God, and then it is possible to have conversation with God, to receive beautiful and inspiring impartations from God—sometimes in words or thoughts and sometimes as just an awareness of the Presence.

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## 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.

As the months go by, a new experience comes into our lives. One day we will be conscious of the fact that we have received some kind of a message, an assurance, a direction, or a command from within. It may be startling at first; we may even wonder if it is really true and may even lose the benefit of it by not realizing the real nature of it. All of this makes no difference. We have before us an eternity, and as we continue this practice, it will happen again. We will have a direct awareness of some response from within, or something will happen to our outer life that we will recognize could not have happened unless there were an invisible transcendental Something bringing it about. . . Let us not think that now that this has happened it is going to be a completely permanent, continuing experience, because it is not. But the fruitage of the realized Presence will be apparent more and more frequently.

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## SHOWING FORTH THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Chapter: Lift Yourself to a Spiritual altitude  
Topic: *Instruments For God's Expression*

1962 Maui Advanced Work  
449 1:1

If we turn to teachers, teachings, or books, it is only that they may be the bridge that we walk over to return to the spirit of God that is within us. . . We honor and respect the teacher, the teaching, and the book, but we worship only the God that dwells within us, until eventually we come, as St. Paul did, to the great realization, "Why, this is not my life at all. I could have found God on the first day of my search, had somebody only told me that this is not my life at all, but that God is living my life." In that awareness we relax and let it happen. We relax and receive God's wisdom, God's grace, God's peace. We can never really have any peace, wisdom, or grace of our own, and so it is better to surrender in the first place than in the last.

Chapter: Seek The Substance, Not the Form  
Topic: *Demonstrate God, Not The Forms*

1955 Capetown Series  
706 1:2

First of all, the way to demonstrate supply is to recognize that God is supply. You have to demonstrate God, and that is all. You have one demonstration to make, and that demonstration is the realization of God within you. You have to demonstrate the consciousness of the presence of God. You have to demonstrate the awareness of God's presence. Once you have done that, the rest automatically follows. Every year, in due season, a new crop appears; every time new shoes are needed, they appear; every time an automobile is needed, it appears; every time the rent is due, it appears. Why? Because you have demonstrated Infinity. Reading and hearing alone may lead you to the awareness of God, but meditation will shorten the time by ninety percent. Meditation is one of the most powerful means ever discovered of attaining God-realization. Eventually you will stop the attempt to demonstrate health, because you will not succeed permanently. . . When you decide you no longer want to demonstrate health, but you want to demonstrate the awareness of God who is the health of your countenance, you have demonstrated health and wholeness, not merely a physical healing. . . Having God you have all that belongs to God: "Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine."

Chapter: The True Demonstration  
Topic: *Basis Of "miracles" Of Great Spiritual Leaders*

1951 Second Portland Series  
601 1:1

Moses' entire demonstration was based on his realization of I Am. It was Moses' realization of I Am which produced the manna falling from the sky. The demonstration really was a realization of I Am: and the result of the demonstration was the manna. . . Did the Master multiply loaves and fishes? No, he said, "I can of mine own do nothing." . . The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." . . Thus it was the Master's realization of the Father within that was the demonstration. The result of that awareness was the multiplication of loaves and fishes. So, too, Jesus did not demonstrate gold in the fish's mouth: he demonstrated the realization of God's presence:, and the result of that realization was gold appearing in the fish's mouth.

"Except the lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it," except the consciousness of truth becomes the substance of our demonstration, we shall labor in vain. As we realize this truth, we then become quiet, with ears open and alert in a state of receptivity as if we were actually listening for the voice of God, we let ourselves be still and then comes that inner awareness, that sense of release, "It is so, Thank You, Father; it is done."

Our awareness that the *I* at the center of our being is the great infinite *I Am That I Am*, goes before us to "make the crooked places straight," and It will never leave us or forsake us. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world; . . . Before Abraham was, I am."

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear" Everything that appears is made of something invisible, The things that are seen are made by things that are not seen, and so there is no magician's demonstration—something coming from nothing. If a demonstration is needed, there must be the substance out of which it is to be evolved, and what is that substance? Our consciousness of truth, our awareness of truth, Some truth may come to us to take into our consciousness and then we let that truth be the substance or foundation of our outer demonstration.

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## SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

Chapter: Mind Imbued with Truth

Topic: *Evolved Spiritual Consciousness Discerns True Being*

1962 Princess Kaiulani Closed Class

483 4:2

To the evolved and developed spiritual consciousness, you are not seen as a human being made up partly of good and partly of evil, partly of mind and partly of matter. This is because the evolved spiritual consciousness is not looking at your body; it is not looking at your mind: it is communing with you; it knows you as the child of God. Wherever there is an evolved spiritual awareness, there is a discernment of your true being, your true nature, and it is for this reason that healing at the spiritual level is without effort. No suggestions are thrown at you for the purpose of convincing you or changing your state of mind. Spiritual consciousness does not take you into consideration, for there is no you separate and apart from God and God's spiritual kingdom. The evolved or developed spiritual consciousness is not thinking of treating or healing you. It is you who are reaching this consciousness and seeking for help, but this consciousness is realizing only God, one infinite Being, infinitely manifested. It has evolved to the place where it ignores appearances.

Nobody knows how spiritual healing takes place. Nobody of spiritual consciousness knows how he is going to work on a particular case, what the results are going to be, or when. It is a constant living in the awareness of God as individual being. A developed spiritual consciousness lives in that awareness always, not merely when a person asks for help. It has to be a twenty-four hour a day realization. The statement that God is the only power cannot be turned on and off. A person on the path must live in that consciousness continuously, so that no matter how many times a day other powers are presented to him, they do not register. When he lives always in the consciousness of God as the only power, then what the world calls healing takes place.

Chapter: Peeling Off the Onion Skins

Topic: *When You Think Not*

1955 Chicago Reading Room

710 1:2

So on that Saturday, convinced within myself that I had made no progress and that I wasn't any further advanced in the spiritual awareness than I had been thirteen years before, on that day of all days enough light broke through so I could do healing work. And after thirteen years of study many human traits fell away from me in that one day. All that time, however, without my knowing it or being aware of it, onion skins had been falling away, but in that one day the realization came.

Gradually we learn that healing is not brought about by power: healing is brought about by our awareness of the unreal nature of appearances not only of discordant appearances but of harmonious ones. That is the essence of the spiritual healing principle.

If we begin with the smallest problem that comes to our attention and if we hold faithfully to the truth of a spiritual universe, we will rise above it. As we are willing to undertake greater problems, more vital and more serious ones, gradually we will overcome them, too, through our spiritual awareness.

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.

## SPIRITUAL INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE

External existence is the reflection of our internal awareness.

## SPIRITUAL POWER OF TRUTH

So the attaining of this spiritual awareness hinges on right identification, on whether or not you have perceived that *I* is God and are able not to think outward from the standpoint of being man, limitation, subject to other laws.

We do not aim at having instantaneous healings. They're wonderful when they take place, if they fulfill their spiritual mission; but that is not our object. Our object is the changing of consciousness—the changing of an individual's consciousness from a material sense of life to the spiritual awareness of life. . . You see, we are the ones, when the right help is given, who should be responding in accordance with God's will. However, we fight this by having in our mind how the demonstration should come out, and when, and to what extent, and so on.

I have no awareness of what you would call valuable paintings. It's entirely different if you were to show me bronze, ivory, wood, or tapestry. . . I do perceive the nature of those other things that I don't in paintings.

## THE 1954 INFINITE WAY LETTERS

The human mind is solely a sense of limitation. It does not go beyond education, environment, personal experience, and some measure of heredity and background. To get through that to the Soul is to have achieved Omnipotence and Omnipresence—the conscious awareness of Infinity.

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.

Chapter: The Great Secret  
Topic:

To live in accord with spiritual wisdom you must acknowledge that no power exists outside your own being, and that nothing and no one can enter your consciousness with the conflict. All power resides within you, and through spiritual awareness you have been given the ability to understand that God is the substance, the law, the infinity, and the true identity of every individual and every activity, regardless of any appearances to the contrary. As you practice living in accord with spiritual wisdom you will find, even though these persons and conditions continue to exist for a time, your very ability to resist combating them is the overcoming, and you become like the little stream that gently runs around and over and under the rocks but never wastes time and energy trying to fight or break through the rocks.

Chapter: The Middle Path  
Topic: *What To Demonstrate*

In the human world everyone is chasing supply, and in the spiritual world supply is chasing us, but we never give it a chance to catch up with us. Supply is omnipresent. Supply is active in our consciousness, but as long as we ignore that fact we will be seeking and searching where it does not exist. . . It is only as we take the attitude of stillness, of listening, of awareness, that supply begins to pour out from within.

Chapter: The Realm of Spirit  
Topic:

Just as we have risen above discord, rise above harmony, rise to where there are no pairs of opposites, to where there is only infinite Divine Being. Rise to where there is only a desire for the realization and awareness of God's Presence, and find fulfillment in Him.

Chapter: The Silence  
Topic: *Daily Inspiration*

No longer will you live by bread alone, nor by positions or bank accounts or human rights, but you will live by every Word that is brought into your thought, into your remembrance, into your conscious awareness.

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## THE ART OF MEDITATION

Chapter: Meditation: The Experience  
Topic: *Fear Not*

1956

In conscious union with God, the mind rests. The human mind is no longer concerned with the problems of today or tomorrow, because the Soul's union with God—the conscious realization of God—reveals God as the fulfillment of every need even before the need is apparent. . . In conscious union with God, the mind of God functions as our mind, as our experience, and as our life. Then the human mind rests and performs its proper function as an avenue of awareness.

Gradually we go deeper and deeper until we find ourselves centered in God. We are not thinking any more: thoughts are being thought *for* us, ideas are being crystallized *through* us, impartations of the Soul become apparent to our awareness. Then we find God revealing itself, uttering the Word, which is quick and sharp and more powerful than a two-edged sword: that Word of God which separated the Red Sea when necessary which produces the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night—the miracles in our experience. This meditation is a revelation of the Infinite Invisible declaring Itself within our own being.

It was probably three years before I learned that if I got up at four o'clock, sometime between then and eight in the morning, I would feel that "click" or awareness that God is on the field.

The human mind, this reasoning, thinking mind, is not to be put off or destroyed. It has its place. It is not consciousness, but it is a facet of consciousness, an avenue of awareness through which we receive knowledge and wisdom from consciousness.

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## THE ART OF SPIRITUAL HEALING

All you can legitimately try to demonstrate is a greater awareness of the Christ.

Go to God expecting to receive the spiritual awareness of His presence.

God's work is complete, but it is unfolding to our conscious awareness in proportion as we learn the truth.

The Holy Ghost. . . that is our awareness of the oneness of God and man.

Everything in my universe responds to that awareness [of Truth]

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## THE CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE

Never be tempted to believe that you know what you should pray for. Never be tempted to believe that you know what is for your good, because, regardless of what you may believe to be your good at the moment, it is a belief stemming only from the limited state of your present awareness.

As we go further into the mystical side of the message of The Infinite Way, we come into an ultimate awareness and the actual experience of our true identity, but this never, never eliminates the necessity for practicing these basic points.

Conscious awareness, conscious knowledge, conscious realization: always remember those important words. You must be conscious of something before it can be manifested in your life. Therefore, if you want God and God's grace in your life, you must constantly be consciously aware of God's presence.

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## THE CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE D

In the awareness of that *I*, we become beholders of the Christ in action, and as beholders of the Christ in action, we are able to pierce the veil of illusion, and then instead of seeing the ugly picture that the human mind draws, we begin to see reality.

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## THE EARLY YEARS (32-46)



In this state of consciousness error never presents itself to us as either person, place, or thing. We do not have to deny anything nor search for some truth to apply as a remedy. There, we "stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." We close our eyes and turn from person or situation and "feel" the presence of God; or realize the love of God; or become conscious of God's law wisely and lovingly governing all of his creation. This is the "sensing" or "feeling" or "awareness" of good. We feel love for all of God's creation, we reach the Christ-man. In this consciousness there is nothing to meet, heal, or be healed. There is no need for a ten or thirty minute treatment. What we need is a spiritual state of consciousness, which is developed by practice.

We must strive to get the consciousness that God is the mind of man, he is the life of man. In periods of communion still the human mind with short quieting statements like, "Peace, be still"—"In quietness and confidence shall be my strength"—"My peace I give unto you"—"Be still and know that I am God." When you have achieved a sense of stillness, let the word God be present in your thought until revelation appears. Try it often until inspiration has brought the conscious awareness of God.

As we become more and more consciously at one with the universal or Christ mind, whatever desires or needs come to us, bring with them their fulfillment. As a matter of fact, we are eternally at one with this divine mind and need only to realize this truth in order to witness the fulfillment of every righteous thought and wish. Is it not clear then that man's at-one-ment with mind being established "in the beginning" through the relationship forever existing between God and his idea, man, it requires no conscious effort to bring about or to maintain. The awareness of this truth is the connecting link with divine consciousness.

To manifest perfect body, being, health, harmony, it is necessary to know that you, the source of your thought (the thinker) is ever maintaining the purity and truth of your thinking in righteous channels. . . The thinker is always greater than his thoughts and no presence or power can govern thought except the thinker. Know, therefore, that as the thinker, coexisting with mind, truth is the substance of your thought as well as of its manifestation; that principle maintains and sustains the integrity of your thinking and of its effects. Thus you become captain of your ship, the master of your fate. . . When you have learned to live as consciousness, bit by bit you will discover that all the universe is the expression, the manifestation of this consciousness which you are, and that your universe is subject to this conscious awareness

In the degree that we come out from our material thoughts, human interests, we are able to become aware of the fact that we are truth itself in manifestation. Truth, as you know, is infinite. Therefore, can you imagine "getting" infinity? What could contain infinity? What would be the nature of that which could possess infinity or truth? Rather, must we see that we coexist with mind as truth. We cannot have truth, that would be twoness, but to coexist with mind as truth is oneness. To state or know this is of little benefit. We must live it, and live it until we have the actual awareness, the spiritual consciousness of its is-ness. Then only are we free of the belief of separation, of two-ness.

Spiritual consciousness is cultivated through study, communion, and practice. It is the result of living every moment in the conscious awareness of good as all, and through the recognition that there is no error.

Healing is not difficult when we once know that we are not trying to heal a body or improve man or change him, but that we are trying only to establish in our consciousness the awareness of the peace that is already there, awaiting our recognition. Then, let us take "peace, be still" for our Word, let us "seek peace" within us; let us realize the presence of peace in our consciousness. In the silence of the night when you are awake, realize peace within you. Peace is a great healer. Do not seek healing, seek peace; the healing is the "added thing."

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## THE FOUNDATION OF MYSTICISM

Chapter: Introducing The Healing Principles  
Topic: *A Transition In Consciousness*

1959

Your patient may be obstinate, or more especially he may happen to be one who believes that he can just go on being an ordinary human being and add to himself God's grace. . . That's far from truth. The patient himself has to yield to God. There has to be a transformation of consciousness in the patient, there has to be a spiritual regeneration in the patient, there has to be a yielding of the mortal sense in order to make room for spiritual awareness.

Chapter: LAYING THE FOUNDATION  
Topic:

1959

You invoke the power of truth by your conscious awareness and remembrance and declaration of truth. The word of God in the midst of you is power, but you must know the word of God and utter it. Declare it silently, secretly, sacredly, unless someone asks for an audible word. Then you speak it as it is given to you from within, but this cannot be done as rote or ritual. . . These treatments should be the spontaneous utterances with which you have filled yourselves over the years.

Chapter: living the healing principles  
Topic: *Mental Power*

1959

We may as well acknowledge that we will have to reach spiritual levels through the mind, but not using the mind as mindpower, as you would if you were just going to heal mentally. Use the mind as an avenue of awareness through which you learn the letter of truth, and by learning and practicing the letter of truth you develop your soul powers, or spiritual powers, and ultimately get beyond the need for even the use of the mind in that direction. Do not ever think you want to get rid of the mind. That was one of the mistakes made by Christian Science, trying to nullify the mind and body. Let's not get rid of the mind or the body. Let's have both mind and body for their proper usage.

Try to understand the true nature of your mind and you'll be at peace forever. God gave us our mind as an instrument of awareness. With our mind we become aware of that which is. We go to school and learn that two times two is four. We don't make it so with our mind. We merely learn through the mind that it is so. . . But I don't use my mind to create anything. Do you understand that? I don't make my mind a creative power. I make it a state of awareness. With my mind I'm aware of your presence, but I can't make you present with my mind. That is one of the errors of metaphysics.

Our lack comes from failure to understand God's law of abundance, or how to become one with God so that we can enjoy the promise, "Son, thou art ever with me and all that I have is thine." Why would we have such a statement in scripture if it weren't true? Why would the Master have tried to teach us supply by multiplying loaves and fishes to prove abundance without limit, always with baskets full left over? Why, if it is not meant for us eventually, and if eventually, why not now come into that awareness of life which is lived by the grace of God?

A treatment is something I give myself, first of all to enlighten myself about the truth of being and secondly, to keep calling to my conscious awareness the reminder of this truth forever and forever and forever. If I went one hour without the reminder, the very next hour I'd be trying to get God to do something for one of my friends. I'd be trying to influence God—sometimes I'd even be trying to tell God. And so, I have to remind myself: No! No! No! God is. God already knows. "It is God's good pleasure to give us the kingdom." God alone is. That is treatment, that is knowing the truth—and it is knowing the truth that sets you free from appearances.

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### THE INFINITE WAY

Chapter: Supply  
Topic: *(supply)*

1946

No limit to the conscious awareness of the action of law [of supply] . . . no limit to your supply in all its forms.

Chapter: The Christ  
Topic: *The Christ*

1946

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: *Wisdoms Of The Infinite Way*

1955

Prayer is an awareness of that which Is, by “seeing” it—not making it so.

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1956

Chapter: God is The Soul of Man  
Topic: *Spiritual Preparation*

1956

The unfoldment of the nature of error reveals the awareness of one Power, and establishes us in it.

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1957

Chapter: December: Tithing with Melchisedec  
Topic: *Paying Homage To The Christ*

1957

Until such time as the heart dictates and compels one to perform an act of purification or an act of sacrifice or an act of devotion, the Christ has not yet come to individual awareness, and the letter of truth is dead and it killeth.

Spiritual awareness is the realization of the nothingness of storms or problems.

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1958

Chapter: December: The One Great Miracle  
Topic: *Healing Is The Sign Of The Miracle*

1956 First Steinway Hall Closed Class  
145:2

The healing work is only accomplished in that split second when the Christ is made evident, when that feeling of awareness or release takes place within us.

Chapter: January: Spiritual Unfoldment through the Study of The Infinite Way  
Topic: *Spiritual Unfoldment Through The Study Of The Infinite Way*

1958

One day there comes a transitional experience. The mind is no longer repeating words, but words are coming to our awareness from within.

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1959

Eventually, the awareness of the Spirit comes, growing in intensity until the day comes when it remains with you in a measure all the time. Regardless of what you may be doing in the outer world, there is always a little area of consciousness which is unmoved by the human scene.

The demonstration of things and conditions is not our work: Our work is attaining that inner awareness, that inner stillness and peace, and then letting it perform its work.

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## THE JOURNEY BACK TO THE FATHER'S HOUSE

Chapter: Living out from conscious oneness  
Topic: *I Have Meat*

1962 Holland Closed Class 2:2  
500

"I have meat to eat that ye know not of." To me this means that I am in an infinite sea of consciousness and that this infinite sea of consciousness is the substance of my meat, bread, wine, water, love, human relationships, transportation, and all the rest of it. By knowing this truth, it appears externally as the forms necessary for my life. Therefore, I can share with you, and I can accept from you, but never will I say that I am dependent on you or need you, because I have "meat." I have the awareness that within me is infinite consciousness but not only here within me: I see It spreading all over the whole universe.

Chapter: Spiritual Preparation for Peace  
Topic: *Loosing The Christ Into Human Consciousness*

1963-64 Christmas—new Year's Message  
536

What is my method of awakening you to spiritual awareness? First, I meditate. I meditate in order to bring myself to the realization that within me is the kingdom of God, the Christ, the spirit of God, the son of God, or the presence and power of God so that I and my Father are consciously one. . . This same presence is within you. God in the midst of you is mighty, the spirit of God within you. . . With that recognition, I become still—no more thoughts, no more words, as I let the peace of God descend upon me. I let His spirit bear witness with my spirit that this is truth. I remain for as long as I can in inner stillness, inner quietness—no thoughts, no words—that the spirit of God Itself may bear witness with my spirit and yours. Sooner or later, whether it happens the first time or the hundredth and first time, I feel an answering response within me, a weight dropping off my shoulders, an inner peace, and then I know that His spirit has registered.

Chapter: The Function of the Christ in Us  
Topic: *Mind As An Instrument*

1953 The First New York Closed Class

God neither reasons nor thinks. God is being, and God is being without thinking something out, planning it, or reasoning it out. But that which we call God-consciousness, which is a state of pure being or pure knowing, is impossible to us in our human stage. Therefore, we are given a mind, the activity of which becomes our avenue of awareness, our thinking, reasoning, planning mind.

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## THE MYSTICAL I

Chapter: An Act of worship and the fruitage  
Topic: *A Reason For Our Faith*

1964 London Studio Class  
563: 1&2

Do not make the mistake that many of those on the spiritual path have made. Do not permit yourself to lapse into blind faith. . . do not have faith in "ye know not what," for this is dangerous. Therefore, when you are in the silence in the presence of God and you are expecting this rhythm of life to flow forth through your consciousness as harmony in the outer world, be sure that you have a reason for your faith. That reason is that we have come into the awareness that *I* is the name of God. We have agreed that that is why we can be still and know that *I* in the midst of us is God.

Chapter: I Am Come  
Topic: *I, The Identity Of Every Person*

1963 London Work  
530:2

The Master never meant that you should abandon your family, but merely urged you to go up higher in your awareness of what constitutes your family, and ultimately to realize that God is your only family.

Whether or not you acknowledge or recognize It, the spirit of God is always and ever with you, even though It is of no avail to you, because it is only through your awareness of It, your consciousness of Its presence, that It functions.

You bring this *I* into tangible expression only in the degree of your conscious awareness of it. There must be action; there must be conscious action, conscious recognition. "Turn yourselves, and live ye. . . In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths. . . Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee." . . . And as your consciousness is active in truth, with truth, through truth, you will find that the truth, active in your consciousness, becomes the very fabric of the new life.

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## THE ONLY FREEDOM

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?

The day comes when, after we have been called to this work and have been the instrument for a thousand or two thousand healings, we are living in such a state of consciousness, of God-realization, that we will not have to sit down with every call that comes to get a specific answer because we are more or less living in that state of awareness all the time. We have to go back into meditation only when the claims come that are of such a deep and persistent nature that they do not yield readily to our attained state of consciousness, and we may have to sit down and spend hours and sometimes days and nights in meditation.

If you keep on depending on a teacher, or on Jesus, or on some master, you will not come into the realization of this *isness* of life, this realization of God's presence and His power. So each one of us must assume the responsibility for living in the word *is*: God is. That is all. God is; all is well. The day comes when that is such a complete realization that never again does a question about it come to your awareness.

How can a person who has attained spiritual consciousness have any awareness of incompleteness. In the attainment which takes place in that split-second of transition, God is revealed as fulfillment, and so there are no desires; there is no future: there is only this second, lived twenty-four hours a day in which nothing can be added to us, nothing can be taken from us. Ah, there it is. That is the point of spiritual unfoldment: nothing can be added to us. Because of that, there is no desire: we have fulfillment and in fulfillment, what is left for us to desire? What can we get? What can be withheld from us? Nothing!

The effect of this transcendental awareness fulfills us in our human experience. It seems to add more of those things that the world wants and cannot get. It is very much like the discovery that many of you have made that whatever it is you want, make up your mind you would not have it as a gift, and watch how quickly it starts chasing you about. It won't give you any rest until it sits on your shoulders, but you must not want it. You must be indifferent to it.

In a spiritual reaching that takes us beyond metaphysics, we are at the point where we must have more spiritual integrity. When we say, "I'm not trying to get well," we have to mean it. When we mouth some words such as, "I'm not looking for increased supply," we have to mean them. At this point of our unfoldment, our attitude must be, "Sick or well, rich or poor, what I am seeking is the Christ-experience. I am determined to have that if I have to have it with patches on my clothes, with a half empty stomach, or if I have to have it in pain or in health. The object of my life is spiritual awareness.

Let nobody doubt that God is infinite, omnipotent, omnipresent, eternal, immortal, and indivisible. Because of this, where God is, there is nothing left of a destructive, injurious, or finite nature. Therefore, the only getting that we have to do is not to get a deep understanding or knowledge out of books. What we have to get is an awareness, a realization of that Presence. Where It is, error just is not. Discords evaporate into nothingness in the presence of this Spirit.

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## THE THUNDER OF SILENCE

Regardless of what form prayer may take, there is no connecting link with God until there is a conscious awareness of His presence.

Nothing occupies time or space but our mental images, and the reason they do is because we accept a yesterday, a today, and a tomorrow. The minute we rise above the mental realm of life, we shall perceive that there is no such thing as time. . . There is no such thing as an awareness of either time or space in the consciousness of Omnipresence. We are in the mental state of consciousness when we are thinking and reasoning, or when we are beholding anything as person or thing. It is only in the spiritual realm that we transcend mind.

In the human scene, the mind is creative. It can create good and it can create evil—and does. *In the spiritual scene however, the mind is not a creative faculty, but an avenue of awareness.* . . The whole secret lies in making the transition from a thinking, plotting, planning, scheming, mind to a mind at rest in a state of awareness, through which divine ideas can flow.

Ever since that illusory experience known as the Fall of man, the mind has been used as a creative faculty, and that is what is at the root of our troubles and problems today. Therefore, when called upon to help our family, friends, or others, or even when in need of help ourselves, instead of trying to change the person or condition or instead of condemning ourselves or others, we should realize that this is just another form of mind presenting itself to us. The healing agency lies in our realization that *mind is not a power: Mind is an avenue of awareness.*