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## **A Parenthesis In Eternity**

*Living The Mystical Life*

*The Tree Of Life*

If this love that has entered our heart does not give us an interest in all of the unfortunates of the world, we can be assured that it is not the love of God, and we have deceived ourselves.

When we are in meditation, we are inside of the parenthesis but reaching outside, reaching way back into Consciousness so that there may be more of Consciousness, more of Life, Love, and Truth expressed in what appears to be the parenthesis, but which is rapidly breaking the bounds of the parenthesis.

*Reality And Illusion*

When we awaken from beholding this mortal dream as if it were reality, we will see one another as we are, and then we will love our neighbor as ourselves because we will discover that our neighbor is our Self.

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## **Awakening Mystical Consciousness**

*Our Real Identity*

*Maintaining The Spiritual Heights Of Consciousness*

Spiritual consciousness is a state of consciousness that fears neither persons nor conditions. It looks out on this world and says, "I love you whether you are good or bad, in pain or without pain."

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## **Beyond Words And Thoughts**

*God Revealing Himself As Christ On Earth*

*Secrecy Imperative*

Live in the word *I*. But be careful, be careful! It has always been lost by revealing it to the unprepared thought—always, always! It has made some persons believe that they humanly had power or were powerful: "Oh, I am God," and they began to try to be God, and they destroyed themselves...No one becomes a power over anyone else: he becomes a transparency for the power of Spirit, the power of love, the power of life, the power of liberty—not a power over the personal life of anyone.

*God Reveals Itself In A Moment Of Unknowing*

If I am to acknowledge God, I must acknowledge incorporeal God, and that means not only that I cannot embrace God in a figure or form, but I cannot even embrace It in a mental image. I dare not even name It because if I call It "Spirit" or "Mind," I have made an image of what I think God is. Even if I call It "Love," I have made an image...The only way in which I can know God is by knowing that I cannot know God, that God cannot be embraced in my mind, and that God is. Once you acknowledge that God *is*, you are inferentially declaring that God is infinity, God is omniscience, God is omnipotence, God is omnipresence...All you will even know about God is the word *I*.

*Receptivity To God's Grace, Essential*

In the whole kingdom of God there is no money, there are no houses, and there are no automobiles. God knows nothing of food, clothing, and housing, so praying to God for such things is a waste of time...God is not the source of material things, but God is the source of the substance that appears outwardly as gold, silver, trees, and all the good of this universe. In the kingdom of God, there is only life and love..and such additional facets as wisdom and intelligence, which are offshoots of these two great qualities, life and love. But unless we have God's love, which is the substance of all form, we will never have the form.

It is love that puts leaves on fruits on the trees; it is love that gives us divine Grace; it is the love of God that appears outwardly as what we call food, clothing, and housing.

*How Truth Becomes Veiled*

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.

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**Conscious Union With God**

*Mysticism*

*The Battle Is Not Yours*

Transparency has no love, fear, or hate of error

*The Christ*

The Christ is individual consciousness when it is purged of all love, fear, or hate of error [good or bad].

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**Consciousness Is What I Am**

*Consciousness*

*Spiritual Discernment*

When you say, "God is love" or "God is life" or "God is power," you are building an image in your mind, and this is idolatry. But when you can relax in the truth that *God is*, you are not trying to embrace Infinity within the confines of thought. You are accepting whatever God is as *IS* and then letting that *IS* define Itself to you.

*The Practice Of Specific Principles Develops Consciousness*

You cannot come to the spiritual throne until you love God supremely, and you are loving God supremely only if you acknowledge God as the only Power.

*Surmounting World Beliefs Through An Activity Of Consciousness*

No one can avoid the responsibility for spiritual realization and for developing a consciousness of one Power. We pay the penalty for whatever belief we accept, until that belief is corrected. Whatever of good comes into our experience comes through the activity of our consciousness in accepting the truth and rejecting universal belief and by remembering every day: *God at the center of my being is the law of my experience, and it is the law of love unto me...the substance and the nourishment of the food I eat...the law and the activity unto every organ and function of my body...[It] draws unto me everything necessary for my good. It acts as a law of elimination to everything not necessary to my spiritual unfoldment and development.*

*Consciousness Expressing As Love*

Behind the physical or visible world, God, infinite, divine Consciousness, is pushing Itself into expression as individual consciousness and bringing to light the love of God and the love of neighbor...When a person...is turned to the spiritual life or to a search for God, he is not the one seeking the Light: it is the Light seeking to break through to him. It is not really seeking to break through to him, for the Light is always there, always available, but in one way or another he has become prepared for the influx of that Light.

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**Consciousness Unfolding**

*God Is Individual Consciousness*

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For a while, every time you handle money, you will consciously need to remember that it is not supply, but that it is the effect of Love; it is the effect of the presence of God appearing as your consciousness. Love is the child's sense of supply. Only as he grows out of this sense of love, will his sense of supply change and become fifty cents, or a million dollars.

*Love Is The Basis For All Relationships*

All the time we are talking about Love, let us remember that Love is also divine intelligence, Love is also substance.

By the time we have finished thinking about Love [and Its properties, qualities, influence, and omnipresence] the telephone should be ringing with someone at the other end telling us that there has been a reuniting.

Did you ever stop to think that there would be no relationships at all between human beings, if there were not love to cement that relationship?...Love is that basis for all relationships.

If you find yourself struggling with these errors, trying to improve or change them, you will not bring about healing. Go to that world God as quickly as you can. Then, if you like, jump from God to one of the synonyms [Love, Intelligence, Life, Law], and in that way work out from God.

Our mistake is that we look for love in or from some person. There we shall never find it--never. The love we find in a person is a counterfeit of love. We shall find love only when we discover it as the reality of our being.

We set up a counterfeit identity and develop concern about the health, wealth, success, and contacts of this counterfeit identity. Yet all the time...we have been completely surrounded by an atmosphere of love and completely enveloped in divine Being.

*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.

Christ consciousness is your consciousness when you no longer hate, fear, or love error of any name or nature.

God is love [and] you are love expressed.

*The Inner Meaning Of The Temptations*

All that the Christ consciousness is, is your individual consciousness when you no longer fear or hate or love error of any name or nature.

*The Role Of Patience In Demonstration*

That is all there is to the Christ consciousness, which is your individual consciousness when you no longer fear, hate, or love error of any name or nature.

You may have to stand fast in the face of the very opposite appearance. It may be in the face of a very, very persistent appearance. And so you will have to stand again and again and again and say, "I am being reborn of the Spirit. I am being renewed. I am no longer going to fear, hate, or love that which is outside of me. I am going to stand on the truth that knows that consciousness is the law unto that which is outside." It takes patience.

*Crucifixion*

If you can visualize yourself as Truth and Live and Love, how can anyone or anything touch you or reach you with a material whip--whether that whip be a thing or a thought?

In the degree that you are able to transcend human thinking and look through the world of appearances, feeling little or no sense of hate, love, or fear for it or from it, or dependence upon it, in that degree, are you entertaining the Christ in your consciousness.

In the presence of the Christ, it is not necessary to entertain a thought, And yet that same Christ fills us with thoughts emanating from the infinite Intelligence, the infinite Wisdom, the divine Love that is really the center of our being.

*Becoming Instruments For The Divine Plan*

Only in the degree that we have overcome physical sense, is the mind of God our mind....except in proportion as we individually have become purged of personal sense, that is of our hate, love, and fear of error.

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## **God, The Substance Of All Form**

*Good Unfolding As The Activity Of Individual Consciousness  
Establish The Conscious Awareness Of God Daily*

If there only were some way that we could remember always: *My good must unfold as the activity of my own consciousness...which appears outwardly in the form of health, harmony, peace, joy, cooperation, friendliness, eternity, immortality, life, truth, and love.*

*The Infinite Way And Other Teachings*

Doctors and nurses are devoting their lives to helping humanity as they see it, and on the physical plane they are making progress, so we have only love and respect for them.

One of the great differences between this message and that of certain metaphysical teachings is that in The Infinite Way there is not some divine Mind or divine Love or divine Something or Other that is going to do anything for you.

*The Healing Consciousness*

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

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## **Living Between Two Worlds**

*Choose You  
Choose Whether You Will Make God A Servant Or Whether You Will Surrender To God's Will*

Ask for nothing; seek nothing; abide within yourself in an expectancy of God's grace, God's love, peace, abundance and companionship...when you have the abundance of God, It appears outwardly in an infinite form that will bless you without cursing you. Your mind does not have to work because you are turning within only for the purpose of receptivity.

*Releasing Impersonal Love*

At least once a day [I am] going into my inner stillness and realizing that I am neither giving to nor withholding love from anyone. I am now the transparency through which the grace of God embraces all persons everywhere...I am responsible only for letting the light shine. I am not responsible for making somebody open his door to receive it.

*Life More Abundant*

The Christ is one name for the son of God. The other name is *I*. They both mean the same thing: the presence, the power, the wisdom, and the love of God

To yourself, this moment, say the word "*I*," softly, gently: *I, I*. That very *I* in the midst of you is the law of resurrection. That very Selfhood, that very spiritual presence of God is working in you to resurrect your body, your health, your family, your love, your career.

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## **Living Now**

*The Power Of Resurrection*

Our consciousness contains the givingness of God, love

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**Man Was Not Born to Cry**

*Breaking The Bonds Of Humanhood  
Across The Desk*

If we are bringing through goodness or great mental and intellectual capacity, we must “die daily” to the belief that we are good...and acknowledge that it is only the life of God, the wisdom of God, and the love of God that are flowing through us.

*Dwelling In The Kingdom*

If we decide that one hour is the measure of truth that we will take in, we can expect one twenty-fourth of a day of peace, joy, and love.

*Across The Desk*

When love is gone from one, futility sets in. When love steals in, life begins again.

Who can read of enslaved peoples or pauperized natives without pouring out love to those not yet awakened, and coming more alive in the love we pour out?

*You Carry Your Good With You*

It is not your becoming more loving that makes love operate for you. It is the realization that the nature of God is love and the kingdom of love is already established within you.

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**Our Spiritual Resources**

*Begin Prayer With The Word God  
Give Up All Attempts To Define God*

Until a person transcends all sense of human love, it is utterly impossible to understand God as Love.

*Our Function In The World Crisis*

Let us not for a moment think that we can take a spiritual stand for the world and make its demonstration. Our prayer is...that material sense be destroyed in order that brotherly love may be established in the hearts and souls and minds of peoples and governments all over the world.

*God's Grace Is Universally Operative*

*Thou all-knowing Wisdom, Thou divine Love, forgive me for having intruded in Thy province. I offer no advice; I make no suggestions; and I ask for no favors. Thy grace is my sufficiency in all things.*

With me healing comes as the result of an inner, realized conviction of the universal nature of God as Love, Life, and Truth, and the fact that It is all here and now where I am.

*Set Everyone Free*

We are expressing love in proportion as we release the world of men and women from every form of bondage.

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**Realization Of Oneness**

*Get Thee Hence, Satan*

Love God supremely by accepting God as the only power.

*Good In Omnipresent*

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

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**Spiritual Interpretation Of Scripture**

*Basis Of Understanding*

*(basis Of Understanding)*

God appearing, good unfolding, Life expressing, Love revealing.

*(spiritual Sense Of Truth)*

Mortal mind would love to set up saviours and take potshots at them

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**The Altitude Of Prayer**

*Bringing Our Gift To The Altar*

*Breaking The Prison Bars Of The Mind*

Love is expressed in forgiveness, praying for enemy and benevolence

Love is not a sensual emotion

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**The Art Of Meditation**

*Meditation: The Experience*

*The Beauty Of Holiness*

Even a little understanding of God enables us to discern, in a measure, God's life, love, and joy embodied in man and the universe. In this understanding, our life and love expand and become more pure, joyous, and free, leading us into a higher dimension of life. We begin to live not so much in the world of effect as in the world of cause, discovering our good in the Cause of all that exists rather than in effect—in things, persons, or places. The more understanding we have of Cause, God, the greater is our enjoyment of all persons and things.

God so loved the world that He gave Himself to this world, appearing visibly as the Son of God, which, according to His promise, I am and which you are. God is my being and God is your being: God is our true identity.

His infinite understanding becomes our understanding. His infinite love becomes our love. God's blessings are not ours because you are you or I am I. They are God's blessings unto God—God's blessings flowing unto Its own Self as the Son, the Father bestowing His all as the Son. It is the Father giving, the Son receiving, and yet one, only one—Father and Son. In oneness, in conscious union with God is our strength; in conscious union with God is our supply; in conscious union with God is our peace, joy, power, dominion, and our every blessing.

It is not too difficult to be what the world calls a go-getter...and thereby glorify and magnify the personal sense of I. It is much more difficult to wait for the world to come to us; but if we once realize the Christ is the real mind of our being, the real soul, the real wisdom, the real love, we shall find that everything and everybody will gravitate to that Christ, and our divine activity will be brought to our very door.

Meditation is the art of divine appreciation, through which we learn rightly to appraise man, his achievements, and the universe. Our appreciation of the outer forms is increased because the meditation gives us an understanding of the divine Love which produced the form. When we understand the mind and the soul that has produced any form of good, we can better appreciate the good itself....Meditation develops the insight which carries us from the object to its creative principle, and then, with this new insight, the world is revealed as it really is.

Men and women have assumed that because they were fathers and mothers they were originators, instead of knowing that they are the instruments through which God acts to express Himself—not to perpetuate you or me, or my children or your children. God operates as love in our consciousness to produce His own image and likeness. This expression of God we have called your child and mine, forgetting that this is *God's* child, and not a personal creation or a personal possession.

*The Way*

In achieving conscious contact with this Sea of Spirit or the Father within, we find divine Love pouring Itself into expression, so that we no longer live by personal effort alone, but by grace. Rather than seeking our good from persons or things, we tap this universal soul and become beholders of Its activity, pouring forth as the ideas which become the human forms of good necessary to our present experience.

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

The moment we have a God-experience, that gentleness is there, that peace is there, that warmth is there; and with it comes a love toward everything in this world, a sense of companionship and joy in one another.

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**The Art Of Spiritual Healing**

*Spiritual Healing: The Principles*

*One Power*

If it is true that God is one, the only law there can be is the law of God. Is there a law of disease if God is infinite law? The nature of God as one eliminates any such possibility; it eliminates laws of disease, laws of sin, laws of false appetite. If there is any law on earth, it must be the law of the nature of God. And what is the nature but love, intelligence, and wisdom?

Since God is infinite, God's law must partake of the nature of God [love, intelligence, wisdom].

What have I to fear? There is a God and that God is love. That ends my whole problem.

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**The Contemplative Life**

*Beginning The Contemplative Life*

*Your Givingness Of Yourself Brings The Givingness Of The Universe To You*

Before love can flow to us, we first must put it out here.

*Daily Practice Is Essential*

The function of the Christ is to break our attachment to “this world,” to the pictures of “this world.” It acts to overcome our love of the good things of “this world” and our fears and hates of the evil things of “this world” in the realization that both the good and the evil appearances are but appearances, the human dream, if you like.

*Erasing Our Concept Of God, Prayer, And Grace*

We owe every one love.

*Seek Me*

*“Be still and know that I am God.” Be still and know that I who am speaking to you from within am He....Why pray for anything? I am here in the midst of you, and I will give you all things: more than you yourself could ever ask for or know or want. But leave it with Me...But do not seek Me for loaves and fishes: seek Me for Me..and I will be the Presence that goes out before you to make the crooked places straight. I will be the love that greets you in every Soul.*

In order to build a consciousness of truth, all Infinite Way students should know the following passages as well as they know their own names:

The New Horizon,*The Infinite Way*

*God is One, Living The Infinite Way*

Break the Fetters That Bind You, *1958 Infinite Way Letters*

Contemplation Develops the Beholder, *The Contemplative Life*

Introduction, Love Thy Neighbor, *Practicing the Presence*

The Relationship of Oneness, *The Art of Spiritual Healing*

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**The Infinite Way**

*Spiritual Illumination*

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When consciousness is afire with Truth and Love..

*(supply)*

You cannot live scientifically as man or idea; you must realize yourself to be Life, Truth, Love...I AM.

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**The Infinite Way Letters 1955**

*Christmas, 1955*

*A Beholder*

Look away from person, and behold Love appearing through all.

*Conscious Union With God*

Divine Mind, an Infinite Intelligence imbued with love, functions as your being when conscious thinking has been stilled.

God Is, Life Is, Love Is..this truth will set you free from the belief that you must go to God for anything  
God is not withholding love and life; God is being love and life.

If God is Infinite Intelligence, Divine Love and the only Power, why desire at all?

True prayer: absolute conviction that God is intelligence and love; that there is no power apart from God.

*The Prayer*

Open my mind to righteous judgment / Open my eyes to see the Christ in all I meet / Open my ears to hear the Voice of God / Open my mouth to speak the Word of Truth / Open my heart to Love / Open my hands to serve

*An Important Point In Spiritual Practice*

love, enjoy, and appreciate everything in the world of form [without] feeling that you need anything.

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**The Infinite Way Letters 1956**

*In God's Presence Is Fullness Of Life*

*The Infinite Way Lesson For Children: Obedience*

Your earthly parents are His direct deputies to whom are entrusted the responsibility and privilege of representing and establishing God's care, protection, discipline, and love in your lives.

*Love*

Few people realize that in metaphysics, health is not so much a matter of receiving "treatments" as in living the life of love.

Only as we can release each other from the bondage of duty, obligation, and debt, and dwell in the realization that *God alone is love*; that our expectancy is of *God*; and that *God's love* fulfills the law—does love flow freely to us and through us to others.

Spiritual love finds outlet through the pure in heart—those who have learned that God alone is supply...their fortress and high tower; their husband, wife, or companion.

When the spirit of love touches us, we are instantly freed from death—for love, it is revealed, is life.

*The Bridge Over Which We Travel*

The Infinite Way is a restatement of the eternal truth that within you...is an invisible Source of life, protection, supply, peace, harmony, and love.

When we love God with all our heart...soul, and...mind, that love is a realization of God as the all and only power.

*Seek Within*

Do we realize that only God loves, and that all love flows forth from God?

Regardless of how high in consciousness your teacher or practitioner may have risen, he is merely the vine through which the Husbandman pours forth Its love to the branches.

The realization of God as love is the greatest healing influence in the world.

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**The Infinite Way Letters 1957**

*August: Your Names Are Writ In Heaven*

*The Secret Of Healing Is Reaction*

Healing work requires not only intense love for God, but a great reverence for a God who can maintain such a perfect, harmonious universe.

*Christ Healing*

Not only is there a creative Principle which produces Its own image and likeness, but...It is the sustaining Principle of life. Its creation must necessarily be of Its own essence--Life, Love, Spirit, Soul--and this is the nature of man.

*The Nature Of God*

Once you recognize God as infinite Intelligence and divine Love, the whole nature of your prayer will change.

*Our Consciousness Of God Is Our Supply*

You are free in the realization that the work of your hands is love.

*May: The Christ, The Presence In You*

The only way you can love yourself is by knowing your true identity as the child of God.

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**The Infinite Way Letters 1958**

*February: Problems Aren't Problems Anymore  
Welcome Problems As Opportunities*

We still use the word "I" too much, believing that "I" can do something, whereas "I" is but the instrument through which infinite Intelligence and divine Love function.

*Across The Desk*

Fill yourself today with love for that old dream. Let yourself be thrilled with the love you once felt for your hopes....Find something to love--not someone. Then give yourself to it.

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**The Infinite Way Letters 1959**

*April: Spiritual Power In Human Affairs  
The One Essential Is Contact With God*

A Hebrew mystic of 1100 A.D. wrote that if you say that God is love or God is intelligence or God is omnipresent or God is good, you are saying no more than if you had just said: God is.

Do not try to form concepts of what this infinite Intelligence, this divine Love, is because the mind of man cannot grasp it; it can only feel and know that *God is*.

*Across The Desk*

"Protection" The 1955 Letters, December '58, June '59

"Love Thy Neighbor" Practicing The Presence.

Reels 5 & 6 1959 Maui Advanced Work

Reels 3 & 4 1959 Hawaiian Village Open Class

Hawaii Class Work July '58; San Diego August; London and Manchester September; The Hague and Lausanne October

NYC November

*Across The Desk*

To what extent have our many healings inspired us with either a deep love of God or a craving to know God aright?

*Live The Principles Of The Infinite Way*

The human sense of life will never again touch us so deeply: we shall never again be able to hate or to love quite so intensely as before; we shall neither grieve nor rejoice with the same intensity of human emotions. [The Art of Meditation]

The March and October 1958 Letters and the chapter “Love Thy Neighbor” epitomize the essential principles of Infinite Way spiritual healing.

*Across The Desk*

Be sure to begin every day with the chapters, “The New Horizon,” in *The Infinite Way*, “Love Thy Neighbor,” in *Practicing The Presence*, and *The Letters* of December 1958 and June 1959.

All Good Is Embodied In The I Of Individual Being

*All of this [good] is embodied in the I that I am which I demonstrate in proportion as I...loose every person and let him go in the realization that we owe one another nothing, but to love one another.*

God cannot be revealed by such terms as Mind, Soul, Spirit, Truth, Life, or Love, because those are words out here separate and apart from the thinker, and God cannot be something separate and apart from the thinker. When you ponder that, you discover that the thinker is *I*, because *I* am doing the thinking.

*Fulfillment*

By the grace of God, you are God’s witness to His infinite wisdom, abundance, and love.

*God has incarnated Itself as my very being—my intelligence, my life, my love, my Spirit, my strength.*

*Grant me the assurance today that Your love is with me, that Your wisdom guides me and Your presence upholds me. In that assurance, I go forth with joy, knowing that God is fulfilling Itself as this day. And so I resign myself to You, Father.*

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**The Letters '32-'46**

*Business*

*(business)*

Stand ye still and let Love provide the customers.

*(home)*

You are now the all-inclusive activity of Mind, Life, Love.

*(malpractice)*

There is no divine Love outside you that is going to bless you

*(mind And Idea One)*

To love means to know the relationship of God to His manifestation.

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**The Mystical I**

*An Act Of Commitment*

*Violating Spiritual Law Breaks The Rhythm*

Every time we violate spiritual law, the rhythm [that forms and sustains creation] is broken, and we violate spiritual law every time that we do not acknowledge God as Omnipotence, Omniscience, Omnipresence, and every time that we do not love our neighbor as ourselves... [or] accept a mind other than the mind of God.

*Recognizing Our Neighbor As Our Self*

As soon as the rhythm of the universe is functioning within us, the Christ has entered our soul and the world becomes new, because not only are we loving our neighbor...but we are loving our neighbor *concretely*, and in doing this our neighbor is compelled to love us. Thereby, we deprive our neighbor of the power of not loving us.

God is individual consciousness. That is why we sit in silence with a listening ear, without words and without thoughts, in the presence of the *I* that I am. Out of that still consciousness comes the Word that is power...Learn to sit in an attitude of respect, love, and gratitude before the door of your own consciousness...Do you not see that *I* can enter only as you settle into this peaceful, quiet listening before the door of your own consciousness?

It is this *I* that our thoughts hit up against when the human part of us indulges in the human hates, human loves, human fears, human doubts, and human ignorance. When these hit up against that *I*, they rebound as what we call punishment.

Whatever we may do of an unselfed nature for our fellow man...is the act that proves our acceptance of the commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. This is the act of commitment confirming our inner agreement. When this has been completed, we are in obedience to the law of God, we are children of God, and now the rhythm of God can flow through us without interruption, without hitting up against barriers, without being deflected, and we can become beholders.

*Christhood, The Only Permanent Relationship*

You do not love yourself until you acknowledge your true identity. You are not supposed to love your human self, because even when your human self is good, it is not very good.

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**The Thunder Of Silence**

*From Law To Grace*

*That Ye May Be The Children Of Your Father*

[Universal love is] love without an object.