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## A MESSAGE FOR THE AGES

Chapter: Infinite Way Protective Work  
Topic: *Begin Your Day In The Consciousness Of The Presence*

1963 Instructions For Teaching The Infinite Way 6:2  
550

Real protective work is the daily, hourly, quarter-hourly, and minute by minute recognition and constant realization of divine grace as the only power.

Any form of discord is never personal but is a form of universal malpractice. If a person were to say, "You are sick"; "You are dead"; "You are dying"; that is a universal malpractice being expressed through the person. We do not have to protect ourselves from such a person: we have to protect ourselves from the *belief* that there is a selfhood apart from God, an activity, power, or presence apart from God. We protect ourselves from the universal belief, but not from the person who is voicing it, because there is no power in the person. We never have to fear either an individual's malpractice or a collective malpractice.

If today we are doing the protective work that brings to us the realization of omnipresence, omnipotence, and omniscience, a divine grace within us, we are preventing a possible accident next week, next month, or next year. But we are doing that *this* moment.

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## BEYOND WORDS AND THOUGHTS

Chapter: God Revealing Himself As Christ on Earth  
Topic: *The Tempter*

1963 Kailua Private Class  
523:1 or 524:2

You must remember why the Master revealed his own temptations to his disciples, and the way in which he handled those temptations. "Get thee behind me, Temptation, or Tempter, for I do not have to demonstrate bread. I do not have to turn stones into bread; I do not have to demonstrate safety; I do not have to depend on a God to protect me. I have realized that I and the Father are one, and all that the Father has is mine. Therefore, I have bread without the necessity of demonstrating it. I have safety and security without proving it or testing myself or seeking it from God." . . . So he was virtually denying any God or any power separate and apart from his own consciousness.

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## CONSCIOUSNESS IN TRANSITION

Chapter: Opening Consciousness to Truth  
Topic:

1948

Realize that the only home there is, is in our own consciousness, that we live and move and have our being in God—in true consciousness. True consciousness is omnipresent as our own being. As we realize the true nature of spiritual home with all the qualities of home, such as protection, love, joy, beauty, cooperativeness, safety, security, the first thing we know, our home appears; for our conscious oneness with God is what brings it into manifestation, not our going outside to demonstrate things.

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## CONSCIOUSNESS TRANSFORMED

Chapter: Behind god there is no other  
Topic:

2/10/63

I know it was a very important tape (1960 Denver Closed Class: Advanced Spiritual Healing Class: *Protective Work. Tape 314*)

Whatever value there is in the message of The Infinite Way, whatever power is in it, is in this point: that there is only One—that you are never using one power over another, nor are you protecting yourself from a power. Your protection is the realization of your Self as the only power. . . . There is no such thing as a God protecting us. The *I* of us is the power and there is nothing to be protected from. That is why I go back so often to the *1955 Letters, Chapter 3*. It is very important.

Topic:

You must find a period of the day. . . where you can sit down and quietly and peacefully realize: "The Father within me, the *I* that *I Am*, can teach me, instruct me, guide me, lead me, protect me, speak to me—all through the still small voice."

Chapter: the word becomes flesh: spiritual responsibility

1963

Topic:

I can't think of being alone for a very long period of time without a period of contemplation. When I contemplate, something is given to me—something to ponder. So it is, the source of my religion is to be found within me, but I must go in to get it. In living this life of the contemplative, you will find that you are living a life attuned to an inner rhythm, an inner grace. The more you listen, the more you contemplate within, the greater protection and guidance you have on the outer plane.

Chapter: Your Door to Infinity

1964

Topic:

Learn to be receptive to [infinity] with your eyes open, even when you are driving a car, and have the infinity of protection. I had an experience that went into the supernatural. Perhaps I should not admit it, but I was driving a car ninety miles an hour on a highway. A car was parked on the side of the road where the driver was changing a tire, another car was right beside it going forward, another car was coming toward me. I was absolutely blocked, and all I know was that my ear was open and all of a sudden I was through those cars and in front of them. It happened on a highway in the western states, and certainly you know that conscious thinking would not have given me that protection.

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## GOD, THE SUBSTANCE OF ALL FORM

Chapter: Nature of the Individual as Consciousness

1949

Topic: *Consciousness Unfolding As Form*

The three Hebrews went through the fiery furnace without being burned. . . because they knew God as the power of all effect and, clad with such a protective covering, they did not see the fire as an evil element. They saw it only as an activity of consciousness, as a quality of consciousness.

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## LIVING BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

Chapter: The Operation of the Arm of Flesh and the Operation of Truth

1964 Oahu/maui Series

Topic: *The Subliminal Activity Of The Universal Mind*

545:2

The moment we perceive that there is a universal mind that is projecting traits or qualities such as envy, jealousy, malice, greed, lust, or false ambition, we can protect ourselves by turning it off in the same way that we would switch off our radio. We can disconnect ourselves from it in the recognition that it is the carnal mind.

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## LIVING BY THE WORD

Chapter: Sowing and Reaping

1962 La Closed Class 1:2, 1952 First Portland 5:1

Topic: *Sowing To The Spirit In Reaping The Life More Abundant*

460, 5

Morning, noon, and night, repeat the word *I*, with a smile on your lips: *I* am "closer. . . than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet," and *I* in the midst of me am the life and the resurrection. *I* in the midst of me, *I* am life eternal. *I* do not have to look to a book or to man for my life. *I* dwell in the *I* within me; *I* draw my life from the *I* that is within me, my sustenance, my protection. *I* will never leave me, nor forsake me. *I* will be with me unto the end of the world.

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## LIVING NOW

Our protection is the realization of our Self as the only power.

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### LIVING THE ILLUMINED LIFE

Chapter: Building the Transcendental Consciousness  
Topic: *The Realization Of Spiritual Identity, A Protective Influence*

1961 Manchester Special Class  
413 2:2

When the two men who had committed this holdup were caught, [the banker] asked permission to see them. He asked them if they knew him, and one of them said, "Oh, yes, you are the banker; you are the man we were after. But when you first came to the street and turned around and went back, we could not get to you. When you came back the second time, you had those other two men with you, and we were not going to tackle three of you." Who were the other two men with him? Since there was no other person with him, obviously it was the divine influence that had come forth from his own inner consciousness, a protective influence that came because of his continuous dwelling in the realization that God constitutes individual being. There would always be a protective influence about him even if, as on that occasion, it had to externalize itself and appear as two men.

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### LIVING THE INFINITE WAY

Chapter: I Am the Vine  
Topic:

Eliminate the use of "I," "me," "mine," and center your thought wholly on the word *God*. Ask yourself these questions: Is God withholding any good? Can God withhold? Is there any reason for God to withhold? Does God have the power to shut off Its own benevolence, love, protection, and care?

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### OUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Chapter: Spiritual Attainment through Prayer  
Topic: *Persistence And Practice Lead To Demonstration*

1960

*God permeates not only my being, but all being. God fills all space, and my conscious realization of this is a law of protection unto everybody who comes within range of my consciousness.*

Chapter: The Practicality of Spiritual Living  
Topic: *Fulfillment Is Within Your Consciousness*

1960

The Infinite Invisible, which is the invisible Substance of your being, the invisible Consciousness, and the invisible Soul of you, is the essence of all form. It is your Saviour and your protection in your every daily experience.

Chapter: What Have You in the House  
Topic: *The Activity Of Truth In Consciousness Is The Secret Of Harmony*

1960

If you have a consciousness of God as supply and a consciousness of God as the source of all beauty, intelligence, wisdom, guidance, and protection, that is all you will ever need.

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### REALIZATION OF ONENESS

Chapter: It Shall Not Come Nigh Thee  
Topic: *Your Experience Is Your State Of Consciousness Objectified*

1964I

Protection is knowing no power to fear.

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### SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

You are aware now that a Presence goes before you to "make the crooked places straight," or a Presence goes with you and protects you. It may be in your car, driving; it may be anywhere; but all of sudden you have the assurance, "Fear not! Fear not! I am with you." You find that it is true, no matter what the danger is, no matter what the discord is, no matter what the misunderstanding is, it passes.

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### THE ART OF SPIRITUAL HEALING

Chapter: Spiritual Healing: The Practice  
Topic: *Under The Shadow Of The Almighty*

1956

Because God's presence was needed as protection, it came forth as a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Protective prayer consists in knowing that no one has a selfhood apart from God.

We must protect ourselves at all times from the acceptance of the universal belief in two powers and in a sense of separation from God.

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### THE EARLY YEARS (32-46)

Chapter: Problems  
Topic:

As you begin to look away from self and personal problems and dwell more in thought on the universality of 2x2 being 4, or do, re, mi following each other, and of the law of "like begetting like," you will see how impossible it would be for you to be anywhere outside of divine law, divine protection, and divine action.

Chapter: Search for Freedom  
Topic:

In Christian Science we find that God is divine mind and, therefore, its creation must be in the form of ideas; that God is principle and his government must necessarily be impersonal, impartial, and universal; that God is love and this divine quality is manifested in the care and protection of love's creation; that God is truth, expressing infinite wisdom in its control over man and the universe; that God is spirit, the eternal, unchanging substance of all being. Added to these, we learn that God is infinite life, the one and only life, animating all men and things.

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### THE FOUNDATION OF MYSTICISM

Chapter: LAYING THE FOUNDATION  
Topic:

1959

You can no longer sit back as if you were beginners, sheep standing around who have shepherds protecting and prodding you. Now the time is here for you to be a light unto this community and show by the fruitage of your own lives what others who seek in this direction may look forward to.

Chapter: living the healing principles  
Topic: *Questions And Answers: Revelation Of Scripture*

1959

Certainly there are times when we are the instruments through which evil manifests, and if we aren't, somebody else is. But that doesn't make us evil. That just makes us ignorant of how to protect ourselves from that mesmeric influence. . . Regardless of what we witness any person doing, it is possible for us to realize: "I know that it isn't you; it is the carnal mind. Wake up. Do not permit yourself to be an instrument of evil. You have the capacity to refuse it."

The question that came to my mind early in the work was how do these teachings come through? How can they be brought through? How can they be taught? How can I convey this spiritual message, this guidance, this protection, this direction from within? The answer given to me was meditation. . . . If the kingdom of God is to be contacted, it must be contacted within. It was for that reason I could stick with it night and day for eight months in the attempt to prove this was true. And I proved it. Then began instruction in meditation, which really came to fruition in the first San Francisco lecture. This was my first writing on the subject of meditation.

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1955

Chapter: Protection  
Topic: *Protection*

1955

[Because God is One] there is no power from which we need protection.

Protective work: the realization that nothing exists anywhere that is of a destructive nature.

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1956

Chapter: In God's Presence Is Fullness of Life  
Topic: *The Infinite Way Lesson For Children: Obedience*

1953 First Portland Class  
37:2

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.

Chapter: The Christ  
Topic: *The Bridge Over Which We Travel*

1956

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.

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1959

Chapter: February: A Lesson to Sam  
Topic: *A Lesson To Sam*

1959

God is always talking to you; God is always revealing the answer to every problem. . . but you cannot receive God's guidance, direction, protection, or support unless you are tuned in to accept it.

Close your eyes; put your feet on the floor; listen way down inside of yourself; and then remember that this day which lies ahead of you is now God-governed, God-protected, God-maintained, and God-sustained because you have consciously opened your consciousness to the presence and the government of God.

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### THE ONLY FREEDOM

Chapter: A Message for the New Year  
Topic: *How To Begin The New Day*

1960 Denver Closed Class  
314 / 1:1

Protective work is probably the most important part of all the work in the Infinite Way. The reason is that if you have sufficiently protected yourself, you will have that much less need of overcoming anything because you will avoid those things that ordinarily we have to overcome. Protective work is not a protection from anything or from anybody. It is not protective work in that sense. It is protective work in the sense of protecting ourselves from the operation of universal belief. You will need constant reminders of it for at least a year, daily reminders of it, until it has become so deeply rooted and grounded in you to do this protective work that it becomes automatic and is done without conscious thinking.

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### THE THUNDER OF SILENCE

Let us stop for one moment and try to see why it is that we feel we must protect ourselves by battling and struggling mentally, physically, or prayerfully. Is not all this based on the erroneous premise that there are two powers in this world? If there were only one power, God, would there be anything to struggle against or to battle? . . . The Master warned us not to judge according to the appearance, but to judge righteous judgment. If we judge righteously, which means bearing witness not to what we see or hear but to what unfolds spiritually from within, we shall soon discover the miracle and the mystery of this teaching: There are not two powers—there is only one.

All you ever have to protect yourself from is that belief in two powers.

The nature of any protective work must be your realization that there are not two powers, and all you ever have to protect yourself from is that belief in two powers.