
A Message For The Ages

*Christ-consciousness As A Universal Experience
Going From Words And Thoughts To The Experience*

Source: 1963 London Work; Instructions; Kailua Private Class

Tape: 526, 512, 520

If we are communing sacredly, silently, and sacredly within our own consciousness, are we not communing with the consciousness of everybody in the world who is trying to find a solution to these problems and wondering why God can't help? What difference does it make whether people are turning to a Buddhist God, a Hindu God, a Christian God, or a Hebrew God? Those are only mortal concepts. What the people are really turning to is the one God, and in proportion as truth enters consciousness the entire world is being evangelized.

Is A Word In My Mind God?

Source: 1963 instructions for teaching the infinite way 4:1

Tape: 508

I went through every synonym for God that I could possibly think of and as I came to each one I recognized it to be a concept and not God. The further I went, the more I realized that no matter what word I used, it was a word in my mind. So ultimately I said to myself, "Is a word in my mind God?" And the answer must be, "No! Only God is God, and God cannot be finitized into a name, a description, or an analysis. God just is. "

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.

God As Individual Consciousness

Source: 1963 instructions for teaching the infinite way 1:2, 3:1

Tape: 509, 511

Always we come back to the truth that anything we can think about God cannot possibly be God, because that thought is only an idea in our mind, and an idea or a concept in the mind cannot be God. Whatever is in our mind is an effect, and the thinker is the cause of that effect. Therefore, if there is a God, it is not the human thinker, but the illumined mind of the individual.

The end of the search for God comes when a person discovers that God constitutes his consciousness and that God is not to be found in holy mountains or holy temples, in Jerusalem, Rome, or Boston [and] that the nature of that consciousness is omniscience, omnipotence, omnipresence. . . I do not have to pray to my consciousness in the sense of telling it anything, trying to influence it, or trying to buy its favors. I have to relax in it. To accept my consciousness as omniscience means that I must sit in the silence and let my consciousness speak to me through the still, small voice, or the thundering voice that makes the earth melt. . . Furthermore, the pearl that God is individual consciousness consists of the fact that God is omnipotence, and therefore I need no God-power. I am not seeking God, because there is nothing for God to overcome. . . [Omnipresence] merely has to be allowed an inlet and an outlet to this universe, and then the evils of this world are dissolved, because they do not exist as powers or realities. They exist only as mirage, illusion or illusory concepts produced by the belief in two powers.

Seek Understanding Within

Source: 1963 Instructions for Teaching the Infinite way 6:2

Tape: 550

The human concept of health is very limited because everyone expects that after forty or forty-five his health will begin to deteriorate. The human concept of wealth is also limited because there is a belief that wealth has something to do with money that comes and goes with an economy that fluctuates. But God does not come and go, and the riches of God do not come and go; the health of God does not come and go, and the life of God does not come and go.

Christhood, Not Human Good

Source: 1963 Instructions for Teaching 2:1; 1954 Practitioner 2:1

Tape: 510, 90

As you look out at the world, do not declare that it is all illusion, but rather that the erroneous concept of it that you are entertaining is the illusion. Any erroneous picture that you are entertaining is the illusion, and therefore the illusion exists in your mental misperception, not in the external world. If you grasp the point that an illusion cannot be externalized, that it can never exist externally, then you will understand the Infinite Way and its healing principle.

The Parenthesis

Source: 1963 instructions for teaching the infinite way 2:2,3:2

Tape: 510, 511

If we have a single thought in our mind, we are going to cling to that thought. Any concept of the fruitage we are looking for stands in the way of God's demonstration, because that is not opening oneself to the way or the will of God.

When we pray, we must have no concept in our mind at all as to what we desire. Even if we ourselves appear to be sick or to have a sick or a blind patient, we have no right to want the opposite. We must be anchored in *isness*: the eternal perfection and harmony of Being.

Recognize Every Claim As A Lie About The Truth

Source: 1963 Instructions for Teaching the Infinite way 7:1

Tape: 551

As long as these names or appearances continue to make you want to do something, you are hypnotized. Do you not see that the whole of the spiritual path is an internal struggle, taking place within your own consciousness, not a struggle with what is wrong with the world. There is nothing wrong with the world. What is wrong is your concept of the world. How are you beholding the world?

If a student is in meditation and reaches a high enough consciousness, he may then see and know me exactly as I am, but that will be only when he is entertaining no concepts of me and has risen above the mind, beholding me with the vision that God gives him.

A Parenthesis In Eternity

Attaining The Mystical Consciousness

Attaining Divine Sonship

Source: 1963

Tape:

Spirit is the substance that appears outwardly as form, not as the form of what we see, hear, taste, touch, or smell, but as spiritual form. The impressions received through the senses represent our concept of that spiritual Presence that is here.

With our vision held high in the continuous acknowledgment of God as that which constitutes individual being, we are so completely unselfed that at some given moment the miracle takes place, the miracle known as the Annunciation which is the conception of Christ in our consciousness.

Living Above The Pairs Of Opposites

Source: 1963

Tape:

It is when we are trying to get rid of something, or to get something, that we have left the spiritual universe for the universe of human concepts.

My kingdom is the reality. This, that my eyes see or my ears hear, this is the superimposed counterfeit, not existing as a world, but as a concept, a concept of temporal power

Release God

Source: 1963

Tape:

God is: that is enough to know. No images! No concepts! In the moment of not knowing, or unknowing—not a moment of blankness, dullness, or of falling asleep—in a vibrant aliveness, God is experienced.

If God is infinite, it must be self-evident that God cannot be contained within the mind, yet we go on believing that some concept of God in our mind is the infinite God. . . No image that can be conceived in the *mind* can ever be God. . . Let us have no image of God; let us have no belief of what God is.

Living in the fourth-dimensional consciousness, we seek nothing from the dream. . . [that would be] seeking our own concept of good which, after we get it, may not prove to be the thing we wanted.

There is no word that we can think of that is not the effect of the thinker, and the thinker must be greater than any word he can think, voice, declare, or write. Regardless of what word we utter—even the word God—there is an I that utters it, and an it to be uttered. After all the words have come and gone, and we cannot see or hear them any more, I still remain. I must be greater than any thought I can entertain, or any concept I can hold or form, greater than any belief or theory that I can formulate or accept.

We never discard our form—our concept of form, yes. . . yet the *I* goes on forever, and the *I* always has form; *I* is always embodied *as* form. *I* can never lose Its form any more than I can lose my identity.

What about this physical universe? The answer to that is the Master's statement: "My kingdom is not of this world." "This world" is the world of. . . mortal conception: this is the world of mental projection.

Awakening Mystical Consciousness

Concept Or Is?

Dominion Over Your Concepts

Source: 1954

Tape:

Everything that exists on earth is a concept.

The things of the earth over which we have dominion are concepts and we do not have dominion out here.

There is no real power in concepts.

Whatever you may be thinking about a person is wrong; it represents your concept.

You are the image and likeness of God only when you stop having concepts.

The Invisibility Of Spiritual Identity

Source: 1954

Tape:

Do not try to manipulate anything in the external. Realize you are not beholding anything but a concept that, in and of itself, has no power, presence, or reality.

Look at your hand and then understand that you are not seeing it. You are seeing your concept of it appearing as form.

My body is always the same: infinite, immortal, useful, vigorous, vital, and eternally youthful. My concept of it may vary.

You are seeing your *concept* of a spiritual idea. When you understand that, you will begin to heal, and the healings will come quickly.

Purifying Our State Of Consciousness

Source: 1962

Tape:

The laws of God cannot function in a consciousness filled with false concepts.

The Silence

Source: 1958

Tape:

Every finite concept is of the carnal mind.

Beyond Words And Thoughts

God Revealing Himself As Christ On Earth

God Revealing Himself On Earth

Source: 1965 L

Tape:

One of the evils of the human world is that it looks on human conception as if it were something human, sometimes even evil or sinful, and at best, physical. This misses the whole point because it is not sinful: it is something sacred. It is another individualization of God appearing. In that light, it is not a human being that is being born, and it is not the product of a carnal act that has taken place, It is I and the Father becoming one, and out of that oneness is coming another one.

Signs Of Spiritual Progress

Source: 1965 L

Tape:

There is an infinity of supply, and this realization on your part is not only an indication of your own spiritual progress, but also a help in removing lack and limitation universally. Through your meditation, somewhere, somebody awakens to the truth that there is in reality no lack of supply. What there is is a mistaken concept of supply.

Conscious Union With God

Opening Consciousness To Truth

Behold The World Through The Soul Senses

Source: 1947

Tape:

The five senses are our concepts of the spiritual activity of Consciousness.

Illumined And Unilluminated Consciousness

Source: 1947

Tape:

Illumination does not improve the world but our concept of it.

Spiritual Consciousness Reveals Reality

Source: 1947

Tape:

Change concept of body, and body responds to higher concept.

Right Identification And Reinterpretation

Source: 1947

Tape:

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

Consciousness In Transition

Opening Consciousness To Truth

1948

Source:

Tape:

I am now going to give you the highest mystical statement that I know—one that will absolutely provide you with a passkey to heaven, to harmony of mind and body and business, health, wealth and all other things. That statement is: ***Oneness with God constitutes oneness with all spiritual being and things.*** Oneness with God constitutes oneness with all spiritual being and things. . . If you contact God, if once you make your conscious realization with God, then automatically and instantaneously you are at one with the entire universe of spiritual idea. Everything that we see, hear, touch, or smell is really just a finite concept of divine idea.

Money is just a human concept—but it is a human concept of a divine idea; it represents love, gratitude, sharing, cooperativeness. So, as a spiritual idea, you know it can't come to you; it must be an embodied idea and activity of your consciousness. One of the reasons why we are short of money when we are short of it, is that we are looking for it to come to us when it is hidden in our own consciousness all the time.

1948

Source:

Tape:

There is only one body—here is the secret of secrets. There is only one body—the body of God, of which your body is the infinite reflection. As a reflection in a mirror exactly images forth your body, so does your body actually and exactly image forth the body of God. The body you behold with your eyes is your individual concept of the perfect reflection of the eternal body. What you physically see as your body represents in thought your idea of your body as it really is: the body of God reflected.

1948

Source:

Tape:

Every question and problem of so-called human experience must be taken into the depths of consciousness until the intuitive sense has been awakened—until it has revealed to us the truth of being concerning which we heretofore have had only the illusory sense or finite concept.

1948

Source:

Tape:

Everything that is out here is God and spirit—everything in nature, everything in this universe. Everything is formed of the indestructible and indivisible substance or spirit that we call God. You say, "Why, then, do we see rotting trees or volcanoes?" That is not of the essence of God. That represents our concept of that which actually is here. This is important, because on this point we make or lose our healing consciousness.

Many of our metaphysicians are trying to heal the physical body – and it can't be healed! There is nothing you can do to this physical body. When you change your concept of this body, the body responds to your higher concept, and the person says, "I have been healed!" He has not. He was perfect to begin with.

So, we may translate the idea of transportation into a donkey or an airplane or a streetcar or an automobile. These only represent our false concepts of the idea of transportation. The truth about transportation is in one word: instantaneity. *I am everywhere - here, there and everywhere!* That is the truth about spiritual transportation. That is why it is just as easy to sit in San Francisco and heal someone in China as to heal someone right here.

Take my word for it, in the kingdom of God there is never a rotting tree or a beautiful rose destroyed. That is all part of our false conception of God, creation! God's creation is intact; it is perfect, harmonious; it is right here! But I cannot see it with my physical eyes. I can discern it with my spiritual eyes. I can discern it through spiritual sense or through spiritual consciousness. That is what we call Christ-consciousness.

The attainment of the consciousness of God appearing as individual being results in what appears to human sense as health, wealth and goodness. These, however, represent the finite concepts of that which actually is present: spiritual harmony.

1948

Source:

Tape:

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.

The only thing that sets us apart from the man in the street, the only difference between a practitioner and a patient, is that the practitioner cannot be fooled into believing you are a human being. The practitioner knows that regardless of appearances, it is God appearing as individual being, and the practitioner won't accept anything else. In the same way, the practitioner won't accept a sick person as a patient or a diseased person for a patient or a sinning person for a patient, but will say, "I know you! 'Get thee behind me, Satan!' You are just a false concept tempting me into accepting you as reality. I know you so you can take off your false face."

Consciousness Is What I Am

Invisible Life Fulfills Itself Tangibly And Visibly

Replace The Concept Of A Giving And A Withholding God With A God That Is

Source: 1969 L

Tape:

Having this higher concept of God as Spirit, All-knowing, all-loving, All-presence, All-power, why can we not rest, relax, live our life, and just *be*, knowing that whatever is necessary each hour will come forth in its season? But even though we know these truths, we forget to bring them to conscious remembrance each day. One of the barriers to our progress is that we let truth lie dormant in the back of our mind instead of praying without ceasing.

The only reason you and I do not experience all that the Father has is that there is a *sense* of separation which comes from the materialistic concept that there is a God somewhere: a God and a man, a God that is pure and a man who is a sinner.

Climb Into That Circle Of God

Source: 1969 L

Tape:

After I have told a person that I will help him, which I do at once, sometimes he comes back into my thought that afternoon, that night, the next day, or the next week. When that happens, I know the problem probably has not been met, so there is something more for me to do. And what do I do? I merely say to myself, "All right, get out, and let me get back to God." Then I go back to the God that has no problem, no physical body, no finite life, and no age. I stay right there with God, and if the person keeps trying to come in, I keep pushing him out. . . I do not want that false concept of *I* to come in. I tabernacle with the real *I* of the person's being which is God.

Consciousness Transformed

Behind God There Is No Other

2/10/63

Source:

Tape:

In the presence of God there is liberty. In the presence of light there is no darkness. Darkness is merely the absence of light. There is no entity called darkness. In the same way there is no entity called disease or sin. So it is you don't heal sin or disease of false appetite—they are illusory concepts. The illusory concept is always in the mind; there is no such thing as an externalized illusion. When you know this truth, the illusory concept is gone, but nothing is really gone with it. Sin or lack don't go anywhere: you have merely proven they were not there.

Many of the Eastern teachings miss the mark because they all look on the body as matter and themselves as spirit. Once you separate spirit from body in your mind, it is like separating yourself from God. God must function in every avenue of life. . . The body may be matter as a name, but body is not worthless because it had its origin in God. The body is not an illusion; the mortal concept of body is the illusion.

1964

Source:

Tape:

You are not influenced by the thoughts, opinions, and concepts that are floating around in the air in human belief, but you are subject only to the still, small voice. Do you not see that you then build a consciousness in which you specifically open yourself to a divine inflow of truth? Then, you discover that man really does live by every word of truth that flows into your consciousness.

1964

Source:

Tape:

Jesus was, I believe, the sixth or seventh spiritual Master, who, it was claimed, was immaculately conceived. . . The story of Buddha's conception and birth is almost identical with that of Jesus Christ. . . to symbolize that all birth is immaculate. If God is your Father. . . everyone must be resurrected out of the tomb of personal selfhood and be realized as the Son of God, as incorporeal being.

1963

Source:

Tape:

There can be no faith *in* anybody or anything, any concept or any idea, and this is the only real faith there is—the faith that trusts God to run his universe without help from man.

1963

Source:

Tape:

In the moment that you understand the nature of the word consciousness, you will then know that the only truth there is is immaculate conception.

1964

Source:

Tape:

It helps me to know that God is spirit, because then it frees me from all attempts to draw forth anything of a material nature from God. . . Wherever God's grace is, whatever God's gift is, it must be spiritual. It appears to us, when it comes, in some material form, but you know it is not material. It appears materially because we still have enough material concepts of the spiritual kingdom, but it is not. It is not that a sick body has been made well; it is that the body of God has been revealed. . . [We] are still "painting spiritual gifts" with a material form.

1963

Source:

Tape:

The development of spiritual consciousness begins when we release all concepts of God in the recognition that the *I* that is seeking God is God. Then when we sit down in meditation, we take no thought for any condition of the world or any person of the world and become a state of receptivity as if to hear that still small voice. . . Watch that you do not have concepts of God, not even up there in your mind, because this is a projection of an image, which is idolatry. Become free of all concepts of God so you can truthfully say inwardly, “I do not have a God.”

Consciousness Unfolding

Lifting Of Consciousness
Treatment Is Self-treatment

Source: 1949

Tape:

The only thing about you that can be seen is whatever concept the world has built up regarding you, and that is not you. You are spiritual consciousness. . . pure consciousness.

When I look out at you with my eyes I am not seeing *you*; I am seeing my concept of you and the universal concept of you; I am seeing a finite sense or concept of you.

Going From The Mountain Top To The Depths

Source: 1949

Tape:

Let us never forget this: *This is a spiritual universe*. This is the kingdom of God, and the illusion is not this world, but the universal *concept* of this world. The only place this concept must and can be changed is in the practitioner’s thought.

See the world as Spirit. Seeing it as matter is the illusion. The world is not matter. *This is a spiritual universe*. Sin and disease are not actualities; they are illusion of mortal concept. Once you see that, you will never again try to heal the outside, as if it actually were something you could heal.

We cannot reform, heal, or change whatever the human mind thinks of itself. Do not attempt to improve the old concept of self.

When the concept is healed in the practitioner’s thought, the patient responds. Why? Because the practitioner’s thought is the only place where he can behold an illusion.

You are not illusion. You are the presence of God, but what we are seeing with our eyes is illusion. We are seeing an illusory concept of you. So what do we have to change—you, or our concept of you?

Consciousness Forms The Body

Source: 1949

Tape:

The only thing material about the body is our erroneous concept of it.

Freedom In Christ

Source: 1949

Tape:

[Don’t] try to use Spirit to function in a material concept or belief.

The coming of the Christ makes this world, the world of concept, an unreality. It decreases dependence on anything in the realm of things or of thoughts.

The Purpose Of The Christ Ministry

Source: 1949

Tape:

Let not that which God created ever appear in our sight as unholy or unclean. We are not dealing with a mortal concept of man; we are dealing with God’s creation.

The Principle

Source: 1949

Tape:

There is no such thing as a physical body, or an organ called a heart. Whatever is appearing as a heart or other organs is but the material or mortal concept of some divine idea or activity of life, of God Itself.

This form, which is visible to the eyes, is not my body. It is a universal concept of the body that God created. . . The truth that I know about God and God's government of the spiritual body, becomes operative as my understanding, controlling this concept of body.

God, The Substance Of All Form

Fulfillment Of Consciousness

We See Our Concept Of The Universe

Source: 1949

Tape:

When I see your body or when I see the trees or flowers, I am not seeing God's creation—I am not seeing the spiritual universe—I am seeing only a finite material concept of it.

Attaining Spiritual Consciousness

Source: 1949

Tape:

Before conception there must have been a consciousness to do the conceiving, there must have been a consciousness to form your very body.

God did not make what we see because what we see is not what is really there. We see only our concept of what is there, and God did not make that.

The human mind does not see me as I am, but *I am He*. If I look in the mirror and try to find Him, I shall not be able to see Him because again I shall be trying to localize Him. I shall again be looking at a concept and trying to find Him, who is right here as the presence of my own being. How could I be any other than *I am?*

Treatment Necessary For All Human Appearances

Source: 1949

Tape:

The moment we observe a need, we are called upon for treatment. Why? We are not treating a person; we are treating our concept of what is appearing. God is infinite and is all; therefore, all there is, is God, and we are never treating God, are we?

Living Between Two Worlds

Easter, A Rising Out Of Material Sense

Material Sense Results In Limitation

Source: 1964

Tape:

What we must realize is that God is appearing as spiritual man, but that we are now entertaining a materialistic concept of God and man.

Spiritual Being Forms No Judgments

Source: 1964

Tape:

When this transition in consciousness takes place and the personal "I" is absent, you can hear about germs, infection, and contagion, or you can hear about your enemies without reacting to them, because now there is no "I" entertaining a belief about them, a concept, or opinion.

The Requirement For Illumination

Source: 1964

Tape:

It helps me to know that God is Spirit because that frees me from all attempts to draw forth anything of a material nature from God. . . It appears to us in some material form, because we still have material concepts of the spiritual kingdom, but it is never spiritual.

Be A Benediction

Source: 1964

Tape:

If you feel there is any evil in [all the trouble spots in the world], it is really in your perception of them. There can be no evil in them. God did not create one nation good and another bad, one person well and another sick. Therefore you have dominion—dominion over your concepts.

Living By Grace

God, The Source and Substance
We Are Only Instruments

Source:

Tape:

A new concept came. To all appearances, I did beautifully with it, and things seemed to be working out wonderfully well. Then one day came the realization, "I've made the same mistake again! What I thought was Truth is not." I went through that process several times. The latest one was terrible. It lasted three days, and I went through about as much hell as one man can take. . . The thought came, "Well, God, this is a failure. No doubt about that! But look what a grand and glorious failure! I have spent thirty years getting to this point of failure. I've really given my heart, my soul, my energy, every ounce of me to this failure!" A great sense of relief and peace came to me, and with that sense of peace came this message: *You were doomed to failure from the very beginning. The more you realize that, the closer you will come to Truth.* That was astonishing! Now it was evident that my failure was in believing that I had the power to succeed or fail, when all I could ever be was an instrument for the power of the Divine. God alone is the principle of life. The only success that can come in this world is God's success.

Source:

Tape:

The ministry of Truth tempts many to enter the path to gratify their ego in being known as a practitioner or teacher or lecturer or leader or for some other desire for personal gratification. Be sure you have received the signal within, which is your passport on the journey. The greatest temptation above all others is having one's own concept of Truth. Complete discipleship comes only when all sense of personal knowledge of Truth disappears.

Living By The Word

Easter: An Experience Of Consciousness
Raising Up The Temple Of God

Source: 1964 Honolulu Infinite Way Study Center 1:1

Tape: 537

We also have a temple which we have thought of as a human body, which it is not. Actually it is the temple of God, the body of God. Only our false concept of the body makes it appear to us as a human body, but this body really is the temple of God.

Tape Recorded Excerpts

Source: 1960 Second London Closed Class-This World

Tape: 349

So what have we to do with "this world"? To try to improve this world is to exchange a bad concept for a good one, at best, and that is not the spiritual kingdom in which there is neither good nor evil, but only eternal perfection. Our work is not to exchange one picture for another, but to climb up into "My kingdom," the realm of harmony and eternity

Living Now

*Mind Imbued With Truth
Mind Is The Substance Of Body*

Source: 1963

Tape:

World concepts influence discordant bodily conditions.

Across The Desk

Source: 1963

Tape:

Dying daily related to dropping concepts and their desires or fears.

Man Was Not Born to Cry

*The Truth That Makes Us Free
Becoming Free Of The Belief In Two Powers*

Source: 1962

Tape:

The only way a child can be freed from this hypnotism is if his parents, before his conception, have become aware of the truth that neither the mind of man nor the body of man is a creator.

Our Spiritual Resources

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

Source: 1960

Tape:

Anyone who has a concept of God is praying to his concept: he is not praying to God.

We find God only when we drop our concepts and thoughts about God and are honest enough to admit, "There is only one thing that I can be sure of concerning God, and that is that. . . I have a feeling that there is a God. [God is]

Realization Of Oneness

*Living The Principle Of Impersonalization
All Malpractice Is Self-malpractice*

Source: 1964L

Tape:

Malpractice is aimed at our concept and boomerangs,

Showing Forth The Presence Of God

*Lift Yourself To A Spiritual Altitude
Praying Spiritually*

Source: 1962 Maui Advanced Work

Tape: 449 1:1

In other words, there can be no prayer that has any other motive than that the kingdom of God be established on earth as it is in heaven. Any other prayer is a materialistic concept of prayer with a materialistic concept of God, or the old concept of God as some kind of a superhuman being that has a favorite race, religion, or nation.

Spiritual Discernment

*Immortality Unveiled
Becoming Free Of The Body*

Source: 1962 Los Angeles Special Class

Tape: 486: 1:2

What you see with your eyes is not your body, but a universal material concept. There is nothing personal about life; It is impersonal. So it is that on the human plane you are not seeing your concept of body: you are seeing the universal concept of body which is the material sense of body.

Sacrificing Concepts As A Form Of Giving And Purification

Source: 1953 First New York Practitioners' Class

Tape: 46 2:1,2

What is the most important thing we have to give up? What, but our concepts of God and man. We have to sacrifice everything we believe about each other; we must be willing to give up some of our most cherished beliefs including the belief that Jesus of himself was good. That is a hard sacrifice. So, too, we must give up the belief that some dictator is bad, that our friends are good and our enemies bad. In short, we have to give up the thing that is hardest for us to give up, and that is our concept of God and man. . . There is no way to please God except to give up our judgments of each other, our hates and loves until we come to the place where we can say, "There is but one good, the Father in heaven. God is the soul of every individual." . . . See no exceptions to that no matter what you see the person doing. Stand on God as the soul of every individual. Judge not.

Nonreaction Is All-important

Source: 1961 London Open Class

Tape: 418 5:1

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

One of the most difficult concepts for almost every student of the Infinite Way is to understand what is meant by beholding God. There are nature mystics in the world who believe that God is in nature, that God is manifested in the sun, moon, and stars, in the flowers and the plants, but the truth is that what we behold with the five physical senses is nothing more nor less than a creation of the universal human mind. It is in no way divine or spiritual: it is only our limited concept of the spiritual. If God were in a tree, a tree would not die; if God were in the ocean, there would not be a storm on it. How long ago was it known that God is not in the whirlwind, that God is not in the storm, that God is not in any phenomena of nature! These represent the creation of the Lord God or mind as set forth in the second chapter of Genesis. It is only when we see the sun, moon, stars, rivers, vegetables, and all nature as symbols, or as the human concept of the real, that we begin to perceive that behind this creation there is *My* kingdom, a temple not made with hands.

Spiritual Interpretation Of Scripture

Scriptural Symbols
(*scriptural Symbols*)

Source: 1947

Tape:

God must destroy even the possibility of a false concept.

(the True Sense Of The Universe)

Source: 1947

Tape:

Organs are our false finite concepts of the activity of Mind.

Spiritual Power Of Truth

Invisible Selfhood

Source:

Tape:

In the Infinite Way writings, you will read that you are never to say, "I am God," you are never even to think, "I am God," for this would almost be like trying to spiritualize your humanhood. However, you are to be alert to hear that still, small Voice utter Itself and say to you, "Be still and know that I, down here in the midst of you Am God." Watch that you do not allow that word *I* to be another word up in your mind, because this is dangerous. This becomes another image in thought, another concept of God, and it can do nothing for you. Now when you know that you are speaking about Selfhood, Being, then of course you cannot make mental images. You cannot make mental images of Self, of Being, of *I*.

Over and over this has been made clear in this Message, and this is the most difficult part of the entire Infinite Way Message. Until you can overcome all the concepts of God you ever had and wash them right out of your mind—taking them up, one by one, whether they happen to be *Love* or *Life* or *Soul* or *Spirit*, until there is not a single word left that you can think of—you will not reach that place where you will experience God, because God is not a word; God is an experience. . . once you have eliminated all that and have come to the realization that none of this is God, for only *I* in the midst of me is God, then you face probably the last hurdle: because the word *I* is no more God than the word God is. However, this is an easy hurdle to overcome, because *I* is my Self, and one thing you will agree with is that none of us know ourselves. Of that we can all be assured!. . . what makes us tick. . . why we are, what we are, or how we got this way. All that we know ourselves is that we are, that is all; but what made me this way, what made you that way, is unknown.

Source:

Tape:

You have never seen me. You have only seen your, or the world's, concept of my body. *Me* you haven't seen, for I am hiding behind my eyes. I have never seen you. I see out there only forms. I can't see you, because you're behind those eyes looking out at me, and I can't see behind your eyes. That's where you are—not inside your skull, but looking through those eyes.

Source:

Tape:

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

Source:

Tape:

Malpractice acts as a boomerang. It goes out from us and eventually hits nothing because it's only aimed at our concept of somebody, not at that somebody. It therefore turns around and returns to us and cuts our head off. . . It always turns around and reaches the sender.

The 1954 Infinite Way Letters

Attain The Mind

What To Understand For Healing

Source:

Tape:

All spiritual healing-work is based on the ability to ignore appearances and "see through" these to "righteous judgment." . . . the ability to attain this consciousness comes only with constant and steadfast practice; the continuous abiding in the knowledge that we must not accept appearances; that we must reject consciously every concept of God, of man, of things; and that we must patiently "be still" until God reveals through our higher consciousness that which is Truth—the Truth about God, man, and the universe. This is the means of developing that spiritual consciousness which alone is the healing power, and also is the gift of spiritual knowing and living.

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.

Source:

Tape:

This is a spiritual universe. Every individual is God's Own Being, and as you behold that every individual and every thing in this universe is constituted of the quality, the character, and the nature of God, what remains to be fought? Nothing but our concepts and our false values. "The heavens declare the glory of God," and surely the image and likeness of God can only show forth the nature and character of God. Let us, therefore, be the first to show forth God's handiwork.

The Art Of Meditation

Meditation: The Experience
Ye Are The Temple

Source: 1956

Tape:

God made this form, my infinite divine form, to show forth my true identity. My body is a manifestation, the image of the I that I am. . . As against this spiritual truth, there is that form which I see in a mirror; there are the expressions of nature, such as trees, flowers, vegetables, and fruits. These are not spiritual being or body: these are the concepts that are entertained humanly of being and body. . . Even this body which I see with my eyes is but a limited, finite concept of the body. That is the reason the body appears to keep changing. In reality, the body never changes; only the concept which I entertain about body changes.

The Indissoluble Union

Source: 1956

Tape:

When every concept [of God] had been brushed aside, I was left with the term "the Infinite Invisible." Why "the Infinite Invisible"? Because the Infinite Invisible did not mean anything that I could understand. . . If I could grasp the meaning of the Infinite Invisible, it would be within the range of my human comprehension, and I do not want that kind of a God.

The Art Of Spiritual Healing

Spiritual Healing: The Practice
Spiritual Unfoldment - Not Human Birth Or Death

Source: 1956

Tape:

Child-conceiving and child-bearing are only concepts of human belief.

It is that concept of the [spiritual] body that gets all twisted up.

There is no truth about a physical body because it is only a concept.

Source: 1956

Tape:

As you rise above the concepts of the physical. . . your consciousness. . . shows forth harmony in a form you can understand.

This world is not an illusion: It is the concept we entertain of it that is the illusion.

The Contemplative Life

*Contemplation Develops The Beholder
Discipline In The Contemplative Life*

Source: 1961 L

Tape:

In proportion as this consciousness of no judgment is attained, the appearances in this world automatically change as they touch your consciousness. This is because your consciousness is not reacting to good or to evil, and is, therefore, able to pierce the veil of illusion, even the veil of good illusion, and see that there is nothing to fear and nothing to gloat about because what you are seeing is not the spiritual creation, but a finite concept of it.

David And Goliath

Source: 1961 L

Tape:

God realization in you reveals that nothing in the world of effect, nothing in the world of concepts, nothing in the world of persons is power for good or evil; and therefore, you need nothing with which to overcome it.

The Early Years (32-46)

Jesus Founded No Church

Source:

Tape:

Also, we no longer hold to the old concept of man as n mortal, sometimes good, sometimes bad; occasionally healthy, most often ill. We recognize only spiritual man: the manifestation of God's being; the eternal expression of life, incorporeal, and free.

Christian Science reaches a higher concept of God than is known in any church.

Source:

Tape:

What is this omnipotent and omnipresent divine perfection?. . . It is you. It is the reality of your being, the I AM THAT I AM, the "only "I", of us," the infinite eternal you, which, when recognized and accepted, governs, controls, and heals that which we know as the human concept, your so-called human selfhood. . . The so-called human selfhood is merely the mortal concept of that divine you, and as long as you eat, sleep, and bathe, there will seem to be this you.

Source:

Tape:

The belief you hold of others' sicknesses and needs reacts upon you only. I have learned that there is no malpractice except self-malpractice. It is impossible for another to be injured by our wrong concepts, just as our ignorance of mathematics does not injure or limit another.

Source:

Tape:

Spiritual sense, which is a consciousness completely freed of mortal concepts, alone beholds and reveals to individuals the world of truth, the earth of God's creating. All attempts to realize truth through the activity of the human mind must fail. . . Truth is an impartation from the universal mind or consciousness within the individual. It is grasped in proportion to our ability to be receptive to the unfolding and revelation of truth within us, rather than on our ability to perceive it through mental striving.

The attempt to understand truth through some relation to the world of form, results in a density of comprehension barring the reality from view. Only as we transcend the consciousness of finite form, do we catch glimpses of our divine being and of the spiritual universe in which we live and move. . . Even the highest concept one can gain of the physical universe gives no hint of the beauty and magnitude of the incorporeal earth, in which is found no structural formation.

Source:

Tape:

A hundred times a day some suggestion will come about our human selfhood, and a hundred and one times we must meet this suggestion with the conscious understanding and declaration that only that which is infinite, eternal, spiritual is true of us, of our true selfhood, and naught else can "enter to defile." For weeks, perhaps for months, we must watch what enters thought so that nothing is accepted as our true identity that is not true of God. Gradually we will become accustomed to thinking from the standpoint of perfect selfhood. In which case we cannot have a sense of "I am sick; or I am lonesome; or I am discouraged," because the selfhood that can be these things has been renounced so that it is no longer a part of consciousness, and whatever of sin, sickness or limitation had been a part of the human concept of ourselves has gone into nothingness with the material selfhood, and that which is true, eternal, immortal of the "I" that I now recognize myself to be, is the only manifestation and expression.

The Foundation of Mysticism

Living The Healing Principles

Questions And Answers: Revelation Of Scripture

Source: 1959

Tape:

There is no part of the Infinite Way message which is mine, that I have ever thought up, or conceived in any way. Every principle that is in our writings and in our work has been given to me from an infinite source, and it does not represent my opinion, my belief, or my concept, separate and apart from the fact that it is mine because it was given to me. In the same way, every passage of scripture that has been spiritually interpreted in our writings has been given to me. Those for which I have not received spiritual interpretation, I have never included in my writings and never will until the interpretation is given to me.

When you are sure that you have impersonalized it so that you have absolutely no thought of the individual in your mind, then take the third step, which is nothingizing. That means you have to go back to Genesis: "God made all that was made, and all that God made was good. What God did not make was not made." Therefore, anything God did not make does not exist. And all that God made was good. If God made all that was made and all that God made was good, then God didn't make a carnal mind, or mortal mind, or devil, or satan. They have no existence except as mental concepts in the human mind.

The Infinite Way

Metaphysical Healing

(metaphysical Healing)

Source: 1946

Tape:

As we see a healthy body we are seeing a good concept of the idea of body [ailing, an erroneous concept of divine idea].

Putting On Immortality

Source: 1946

Tape:

correcting the finite concept of our existence.

Spiritual Illumination

Source: 1946

Tape:

Illumination changes our concept of the universe.

(supply)

Source: 1946

Tape:

Our concepts are as infinite as our mind.

The Infinite Way Letters 1955

Higher Views Of God, Prayer And The Self

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Source: 1955

Tape:

Thy Will be done; then refuse to entertain any concept of what God's Will should be.

Immortality

Source: 1955

Tape:

To die daily simply means to drop the limited material concept for one more nearly spiritual.

One Power

Source: 1955

Tape:

All the time God is saying, Only I am God, not your concept.

The Infinite Way Letters 1957

March: Understanding The Body

Flesh As Concept

Source: 1957

Tape:

A concept can never know God.

That body which is observed by the human senses is not body, but a universal concept of body. It has no existence except in the mind.

That which we are seeing as body represents our view or our concept of that body.

The concept you entertain of yourself as man, as effect. . . must die so that you become aware of this great truth” I am *that I am*, and *that* is what I am.

[The mother] is seeing her concept of her baby, and we are seeing the universal concept of baby.

We are embodied in the mind of God as spiritual form. Then, we appear outwardly in some concept of form.

The Infinite Way Letters 1958

August: The Father- Consciousness

Returning To The Father- Consciousness

Source: 1958

Tape:

We expand our concept of allness as we share with each other and thereby increase that which we have.

Mind Is An Instrument

Source: 1958

Tape:

That which we term matter. . . is, in its essence, mind about which we entertain a material concept or material view.

The Infinite Way Letters 1959

April: Spiritual Power In Human Affairs

The One Essential Is Contact With God

Source: 1958 !

Tape:

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*.

The Descent Of The Holy Spirit

Source: 1959

Tape:

At the moment of the conception and birth of the Christ in you. . . the mind takes on its proper function as an instrument to be used, just as you use your body as a vehicle for your expression and activity.

Immaculate conception. . . is the conception of the Christ in your consciousness and Its birth as a transformed life.

When the practitioner glimpses the Christ of you. . . in that instant of spiritual conception—immaculate conception—you are born of Spirit. It is your practitioner who conceives you in your spiritual identity.

The Journey Back To The Father's House

God Dominion: Not Man's Domination

Jesus Revealed A God Of Love

Source: 1962 Hawaiian Village Open Class 1:1

Tape: 444

It is virtually an impossibility to love the God that we have known with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our might, because in most cases the God about whom we have been taught is a very ancient concept of God, found in parts of the Old Testament, a concept which has been carried over into the Christian church. It is a God who rewards and a God who punishes, a God of damnation and hellfire, a God that seems to have very little patience with man, always finding some good excuse for punishing him. . . Before we can love God with all our heart and with all our soul, we have to lose that concept of God, and we have to turn again to the Master and see what he revealed about his God. There, we will find an entirely different God from the God that is taught in any church; we will find a different God than we have ever dreamed of, and it will be a God we can love, one, in fact whom we cannot help loving, and we will love this God with our entire devotion. With that God, it will not be difficult to be God-intoxicated.

The Unconditioned Mind Knows No Longings

Source: 1961 New York special Class 1:2

Tape: 427

The unconditioned mind has in it no material concepts, longings, or desires. It is entirely an abiding place for the spirit of Cod. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" Our mind is that temple of God, our unconditioned mind, the mind that no longer desires any thing, that desires only to know God's peace, God's grace, God's will. God's will! We enter into this new dimension where we have no will of our own, but we follow His leading when His will is made manifest in us, when His will is expressed in us, and we merely carry it out. Then we have made a transition from this world to "My kingdom."

The Letters '32-'46

Consciousness

Consciousness

Source: 1932-46

Tape:

That which appears as body or organs is human concept of Consciousness and its formations.

(problems)

Source: 1932-46

Tape:

No conception of God is God because the conceiver is always greater than conception.

1932-46

Source:

Tape:

No evil in person, place or thing, only in universal concept or individual acceptance of evil person, place, thing.

(what Of Death)

Source: 1932-46

Tape:

Human birth is a false concept of the orderly unfoldment in consciousness of individual experience.

The Mystical I

I Am Come

I Am Come

Source: 1966 L

Tape:

Prayer cannot be fruitful as long as it is addressed to a thought about God, an image of God, or a concept of God. . . How can a concept answer prayer? How can a thought in your mind answer prayer.

The danger is that you will pray for material things or desire material things, which means that you would like God, Spirit, to fulfill your concepts rather than to express God's way and God's will. To pray and have in mind anything of any condition that you want from God is to create the barrier separating you from it, because there is no God separate and apart from you, and that "you" has no problems.

When your mind is completely in a listening attitude, a vessel emptied of all of its concepts, then what is revealed to you through the still small voice becomes visible to you as the harmony of spiritual living.

The Omnipotence Of I

Source: 1966 L

Tape:

The Annunciation means the conception of Christ in you. Your recognition of this truth is the birth of the Christ in you. But when you accept this, do not forget that it is not complete until you have followed up the omnipotence of *I*, which is the first principle of The Infinite Way, with the second, which is the nonpower of that which is appearing as the world of effect.

The minute you have an image of God in your thought, you are personalizing, and you are expecting that concept to be God, and a concept cannot be God. Only *I* can be God, and you cannot have a mental image of *I*. That is the one word that defies description. Try as you will, you cannot make a mental image of *I*.

To Give Spiritual Help, Reject All Concepts

Source: 1966 L

Tape:

My function, then it to get acquainted with this child as he really is, not to continue seeing him as a human identity. Let me forget the picture I have drawn of this child and let me get acquainted with him. Let me commune with this offspring of God and come to know him. I reject all my former concepts of this child. I have no interest in the world's opinion of him or even in his own opinion of himself. What I am seeking now is that God reveal to me the name and the nature of this child, reveal to me the true identity of this child.

The Thunder Of Silence

From Law To Grace

That Ye May Be The Children Of Your Father

Source: 1956-58

Tape:

If we are disturbed about a person, we may be quite certain that our concept of him is entirely wrong because in his true identity he is God Itself individually expressing on earth, the very Christ of God against whom we are bearing false witness. Therefore, *we* are the sinner, not he, because we are bearing false witness against him by entertaining an incorrect picture of God's own image and likeness.

Resist Not

Source: 1956-58

Tape:

All these discordant pictures that we see round about us are just mental images in thought, shadows on a screen. We must learn not to be afraid to look at them and understand that they have no more substance than the men and women on a moving picture screen and no more power than the bullets that are fired into, and through, our television sets, but which never crack the set open. They make a great deal of noise, but they are nothing but shadows; and one day, as we look into our mind, we shall see and understand that there are these mental images or pictures of what is called life and that they are all taking place inside, not outside, our mind. What we see is not the event itself, nor the person involved: It is a mental concept which we have drawn and are entertaining of the event or person.

Consciousness, or Soul, which we call God, reveals and express Itself as spiritual universe in which there is no conception and no birth. In other words, creation is the immaculate conception of God revealing Itself as individual identity, an identity expressing as human, animal, vegetable, and mineral forms; so that in reality, God, Consciousness, is the very essence and substance of the earth—even of what appears as stones, rocks, sand, and soil—just as that same Consciousness is the substance of our true identity.

If we had no false concepts of anything in this world, that is, no judgment whether anything is good or evil, we would discover that our mind would bring all forms to us—forms wondrous in their intricacy, beauty, and abundance.

The problem presenting itself. . . is not a God-created spiritual entity, but a mental concept without cause or reality.

We do not deny the body. It is real, but what we see as body is not body: It is a mental image within our own thought—a universal mental concept, individualized within us. There is no such thing as a material body: There is only a material concept of body. There is no such thing as a material universe: There are only material concepts of the one spiritual universe. As long as we accept a material concept of universe, we are under the laws of matter, but we are free as soon as we begin to understand that we live and move and have our being in the first chapter of Genesis where man is made in the image and likeness of God, or Spirit, and that the Soul of God is the Soul of man, the life of God is the life of man, the mind of God is the mind of man, the body of God is the body of man.

What we see is not the event itself, nor the person involved: it is a mental concept which we have drawn and are entertaining of the event or person.

When we realize that the problem presenting itself to us is not a God-created spiritual entity, but a mental concept without cause or reality—without presence, power, or substance—then in the realization of God as the creative, maintaining, and sustaining Principle of all that truly is, we already have all the God-power needed, without turning to God to do anything about it. It is not necessary to overcome hate, fear, jealousy, or resentment, but it is necessary to sit down, close the eyes, and realize, "These are mental images in thought. These are projected states of thought out of the vast mental illusion. Then by abiding in an inner peace, they are dissolved. They are not destroyed because there is nothing to be destroyed; there is no substance to them and they have no more reality than the pictures on our television screen.