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## A Parenthesis In Eternity

*Attaining The Mystical Consciousness*

*The Mystical Marriage*

The ultimate of the mystical experience is conscious union with God. It is a state of inner communion so intense and so lofty that the person disappears and exists then only as the infinite *I*, while at the same time maintaining his individuality as a person. There is no absorption into God at any time, even in the moment of conscious union.

*Living In, Through, And By Spirit*

Even when we come to a place where we are convinced of this truth, this is not yet illumination. Illumination does not take place merely by reading words and agreeing they are beautiful, and hoping they are true. Illumination is that moment of realization when we know that whereas before we were blind, now we see.

The continuity of life after death is just a continuation of the same state of consciousness that existed prior to death, *whereas immortality is the expansion of consciousness to the point of infinity.*

*Reality And Illusion*

If we can think God, It could not possibly be That because how can we encompass an infinite God in our thought process?

If we could erase from our thought everything that we have heard or read about a person—everything, every opinion that we ourselves have formed—and say, "Father, wipe all this away. I am willing to start all over. Show me this man as he is...we would find that by turning within with a listening ear, the truth would be revealed to us...The *I* of him would be born in us immaculately.

If we try to understand [the Christ], or have It explained, we will lose it. We cannot bring It down to the confines of our mind. Nobody has ever had a mind big enough to embrace It, and yet the Soul of man can experience It.

Let us have no image of God; let us have no belief of what God is.

The illusion is in the mind that is falsely seeing the world: the illusion is never out in the world. An illusion cannot be externalized. An illusion is a deceptive state of thought, and it can take place only within a person's mind, not outside it.

The Master called this consciousness "the Father within," and he said "I and my Father are one." Certainly, we and our consciousness are one. How can we be separate or apart from our consciousness

To pray without ceasing is to rejoice all day long that the grace of God is working in us and through us without our telling God or pleading with Him, without our asking or desiring anything from God because he has already given all good to us, and we have only to be still to realize it and show it forth.

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## **Awakening Mystical Consciousness**

*Attaining Dominion Through I  
Consciousness Unfolding*

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

*The Spirit Drives Us To Itself*

The Soul is really the Source of man’s light, good, capacities, and integrity.

*The Birthless, Deathless Christ*

Christ is the word of God, which becomes flesh in my life.

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.”

*Not Power, But Grace*

Spiritual healing is a realization of what is.

...you will be picked up by the Christ, the Spirit of God in man, or the Holy Ghost.

*The Listening Period In Treatment*

There is no external thing that can be called God.

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## **Beyond Words And Thoughts**

*God Revealing Himself As Christ On Earth  
Right Identification*

Nobody can take another person into the Promised land as long as he thinks there is God *and* man—nobody! A spiritual teacher can lead a person to greater heights by instructing him, but it is the person himself who must attain the realization, “Oh, *I AM*,” and then he walks right into the Promised Land. In fact, he finds himself in the very middle of it. “I and my Father,” who always have been one, then become one in realization.

*Recognizing The Invisible*

Sowing to the flesh means putting your faith in the visible world: in machinery, in dollar bills, securities, or governments, in “man whose breath is in his nostrils”: whereas sowing to the Spirit has always meant acknowledging the spiritual as being the basis of the harmony of the visible. It is to acknowledge spiritual power in all your ways, acknowledge spiritual law as governing you from morning to night and night to morning, acknowledge Spirit as the substance, the law, the activity, and the reality of being. Then you will be praying without ceasing, and you will be knowing the truth that makes you free.

*Surrender Your Mind To God*

Complete surrender does not mean making yourself nothing, making yourself an automaton, or anything of that kind. It really means surrendering yourself to the influence of purity, harmony, and grace in every area of life, and not saying, "I want to save out this part of my life for myself," because that is the barrier for many.

#### *Humility*

Humility does not mean being less than somebody else...It means that as an avenue of God you are nothing but an avenue.

You learn never to condemn, never, because the person who is afflicted with the..betting mania, the alcohol or drug habit, or the sex problem is a victim. He is not a sinner: he is a victim; and he is a prisoner of his own mind.

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#### **Conscious Union With God**

*States And Stages Of Consciousness  
Thought Is Not Power*

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

#### *Hypnotism, The Substance Of Human Appearances*

All error is hypnotism claiming to operate as your own thinking.

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#### **Consciousness Is What I Am**

*Attaining A Measure Of Spiritual Consciousness  
Becoming Aware Of The Indwelling Presence*

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

#### *Spiritual Discernment*

Ultimately, the revelation struck me that there is no word beyond *I*. *I* is not a word in my mind: *I* is my Self. Since *I* and the Father are one, and there is only one *I*, God must be my Self. That makes sense. Something is functioning as Joel, and what could It be but God functioning as the son?

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.

Whether individual consciousness is aware at the physical or mental level, behind both must be the Consciousness that is God. Now bring that down to the truth that the Consciousness that is God is the consciousness that you are, and you have oneness.

Realize that the *I* which you are is consciousness, not form; consciousness, not mind...realize that the consciousness which you are is God, and this divine Consciousness, your individual consciousness, governs all form...is master of all form. "I [Consciousness] have overcome the world."

The Christ is not a man. The Christ is the illumined, infinite, divine Consciousness, breaking through the mind of an individual and appearing as man.

*The Unconditioned Mind Is A Pure Transparency*

A change takes place in our life when we accept the one universal mind as a pure instrument, a reflector of what we hold in consciousness.

Mind is a beautiful transparency that will accept whatever we give it.

*Continuous Dedication*

Let us think of our mind as a door. Since God, Infinity, is omnipresent, the moment we open the door, this Infinity floods us, and we are under Grace...But we have a part to play: *Lord, I know You are knocking at the door of my consciousness, and I am opening my consciousness. Take over my mind and body. Be my soul; be my life.*

*Surmounting World Beliefs Through An Activity Of Consciousness*

Dominion is transferring power from outer to within us.

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**Consciousness Unfolding**

*Freedom In Christ*

*Meditation As Consciousness Unfolding*

The Christ consciousness is your individual expression of the universal God consciousness. It is God individually expressed by you. It is the mind that was in Christ Jesus.

*Importance Of The State Of Consciousness Of The Practitioner*

God is that consciousness which actually knows that there is nothing opposed to It.

*Learn The Inner Meaning Of Words*

Christ is the Spirit that animated Jesus beyond anything that man has ever known—but not beyond that which can be known.

God is not formless. God is always in the form of some divine idea.

In the gentleness, in the peace of our communion with God, you will find fulfillment. That is prayer.

Real religion is the knowledge of God and of our true identity...the relationship of God and man.

*Let Your Life Exemplify Truth*

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

To agree with your adversary means not to fight or try to change the mortal picture. It means to understand immediately that it is not a reality. That is your agreement.

*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.

Christ consciousness is the understanding that disease does not exist as a reality and does not have to be fought.

Consciousness is the substance and the activity of all form.

The way to demonstration is this: "Since God is divine consciousness, and since consciousness is the substance and the activity of all form, then as long as I live and move and have my being as consciousness, all form will appear without my taking thought." And that was Jesus' answer to every temptation.

*During Meditation Affirmations Or Single Idea?*

Consciousness cannot be confined within anything and be infinite. So, actually, consciousness, being infinite, is the *in* and the *out* to all there is. Then that consciousness is ever being manifested as creation. It is *in* it; it is *of* it, it is *from* it; it is *as* it. But actually it is consciousness appearing. It is as though we could take this roomful of air, and make forms out of the air. These would still be air, and would not be in or out of the air.

Consciousness is infinite substance. Because consciousness is infinite, its formations, which we call creation, must be infinitely appearing because the very substance of which they are formed is infinite.

I can say to you that God is infinite consciousness revealing Itself, but it would be sheer folly for you to think that I have told you what God is. You will know what God is only as that knowledge unfolds to you from within.

If God is consciousness and God is infinite, then consciousness is infinite. Everything that exists must exist as the form or formation of consciousness, so that it must be just as spiritual as consciousness itself; it must be just as infinite, just as eternal, just as omnipresent.

The Christ is nothing in the way of words; it is a feeling. It is an assurance of the Presence. It comes forth from our own consciousness through meditation and unfoldment. Then you experience God unfolding as your own individual consciousness.

There is nothing wrong with your body that has ever been inherited. If there is anything wrong with the outer vehicle, then, make the correction within, through your realization that you do not have a personal consciousness to be influenced by the beliefs of the world.

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

*Treatment As Silent Listening*

Treatment must be a turning to the Father within, asking, "What is the truth about business, about body, about health, about my neighbor, about the universal belief of war?" and then letting the divine Consciousness tell it to you.

*The Ministry Of The Christ*

All that divine being is, is conscious union with God.

Heaven is not a place and hell is not a place. They are states of consciousness, here and now.

Rest assured that all humanhood is, is a sense of separation from God.

*Becoming Instruments For The Divine Plan*

Separation from the divine plan constitutes our humanhood.

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**God, The Substance Of All Form**

*Building The New Consciousness*

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Meditation is our method of building a consciousness of truth, a new consciousness. Meditation is our mode of prayer.

Sleep is really but a mild form of death, or unconsciousness; it is a loss of consciousness, and that is next door to death, itself.

*Gaining The Consciousness Of Good*

Happiness is that which flows from within your own being. So, the state of consciousness which is always pursuing happiness must be given up, and the consciousness of sitting quietly and letting joy come must be attained.

*Consciousness Is Infinite In Scope*

Consciousness is not your "thinking" mind; consciousness has nothing to do with the thoughts you think; consciousness has nothing to do with your individual mental or physical effort...[it] is really the substance or reality of the human mind.

Even though the human mind, the reasoning, thinking mind is not consciousness, it is not to be put off or destroyed...It is the thinking mind that is used in carrying out the orders or the guidance received [from Consciousness.]

*Spiritual Vision*

That is the spiritual state...the state of being able to look at every man and woman in the world and say, "I am looking into the face of God."

*The Last Enemy*

What we call death is but an apparent lapse into deep unconsciousness, from which we become conscious again, usually upon the same level as that upon which we fell asleep.

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**Living Between Two Worlds**

*Becoming Instruments Of Grace Through Reconciliation*

*Light Bearers*

The Master—and I am not speaking of a man but of the Spirit of God within—says: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men," and It pulls us out of our little fishing job into an activity that enables the Grace we have discovered to bless the world.

*Consciousness Is The Source And Substance Of Life*

To become consciously one [with the Father] means to surrender personal will.

To our knowledge, the sun, the moon, and the stars cannot think, and that may be why they are always under the government of God. We, on the other hand, think our way into a sense of separation. Notice the word "sense." We never really become separated from God in life or in death, but through taking thought, we have built up a *sense* of separation from God which acts the same as if it were an actual separation.

*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

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**Living Now**

*Mind Imbued With Truth*

*Mind Is The Substance Of Body*

Mind is substance of matter.

*Forgiveness And Love As Activities Of Consciousness*

Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly means your consciousness is the law of your being.

*The Power Of Resurrection*

All fear is related to the word "power."

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**Man Was Not Born to Cry**

*Bringing Grace Into Active Expression*

*Mere Belief In God Is Not Enough*

[To dwell in the secret place of the most High] means to *live*, not to vacation there, but to *live* there.

*Being Reborn*

As human beings, we are the tomb in which the Christ is buried.

*Placing Power In Form Or Effect Is The Error*

Error is a belief that there is power outside of God, outside of the *I* that you are.

The overcoming is in the human being overcoming being a human being, which Paul calls “dying daily.”

*The Prince Of Peace*

*I*, the son of God.

*Becoming Free Of The Belief In Two Powers*

Evil exists only as a belief in two powers, a universal belief, never your belief, never his belief, never its belief—just a belief.

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**Our Spiritual Resources**

*Bringing God Into Daily Experience*

*Establishing God-contact*

A God-contact is not merely a statement in the mind: it is an actual inner release from worldly fears and cares, and it is followed by further spiritual light and then gradually by a change in body, purse, or in other circumstances.

*Dominion Over Mind, Body, And Purse*

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

*God Speaks The Word*

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

Prayer...is a state of consciousness which enables God to reach us.

That *I* is the God-power or what we call the Christ, the Spirit of God in man.

There is a part of us, our Soul, which is deathless and birthless—timeless: It has never been born; It will never die. It is that part of us which was created in the beginning in the image and likeness of God.

*Transition*

Dying daily: dying daily to old modes of thought and reliances.

*Look Only To God*

Human nature wants to get and get endlessly: spiritual nature always wants to pour out.

Light cannot receive anything: Light is a flowing; light is an expression; light is an outpouring. So is Christhood. It never has any desire to receive anything; It is Itself the infinity of God in individual expression.

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**Realization Of Oneness**

*No "and"*

*Judge Not After Appearances*

The human mind is a state of hypnotism.

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**Spiritual Interpretation Of Scripture**

*Treatment*

*(treatment)*

Mirage is your belief that what is appearing is other than God appearing.

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**The Art Of Meditation**

*Meditation: The Experience*

*Fear Not*

To live the spiritual life means to live in an atmosphere of absolute fearlessness, regardless of the circumstances.

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**The Art Of Spiritual Healing**

*Spiritual Healing: The Principles*

*The Language Of Spiritual Healing*

Complete total spiritual healing is the non recognition of the reality of the condition; it is a state of your consciousness or mine, or the practitioner's consciousness, in which God is so real and the works of God—the word of God, the universe of God, and the man of God—are so real that it is fantastic to believe that such a thing as disease of any kind could exist in God's universe.

*Developing A Healing Consciousness*

A treatment is always a recognition of the nothingness of the condition.

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

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**The Contemplative Life**

*Contemplative Meditation*

A meditation should be directed toward the realization of oneness with God...always bearing in mind that the kingdom of God is within you.

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**The Infinite Way**

*Metaphysical Healing*

*(metaphysical Healing)*

The activity of Truth in consciousness is the only Christ.

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**The Infinite Way Letters 1955**

*Essential Points In The Practice Of The Infinite Way  
Freedom, By Grace*

The human mind contains all the fears and failures of the human race.

*The Price Of Truth*

Application—putting the Truth to work by accepting it as our consciousness.

*Protection*

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

*The Comforter*

Human consciousness is made up entirely of wants and desires.

Messiah is the spirit of God in man.

prayer is an inner resting in God; an inner conscious communion.

The Comforter is your divine state of consciousness, that area of your consciousness which is the Christ, the Truth.

*In Quietness And In Confidence*

The Silence is the creative principle of all existence.

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**The Infinite Way Letters 1956**

*Contemplative Meditation  
The Middle Path*

As we wait in this silence...there comes the unmistakable certainty of God's presence—a feeling that this that we have declared and acknowledged is true.

God is allness. Appearances are nothingness.

*Oneness With God*

Under Grace the being is flooded with light, the body is weightless and without sensation. There is a oneness with all being and with nature, and one is of the very substance and nature of all creation.

*Love*

“To know the Truth” is to know that our true Self is God, and includes within Itself all good.

*The Christ*

Faith is an inner spiritual discernment whereby we behold the Christ and feel inwardly that which the world knows not.

Faith is our ability to feel the nearness of the presence of God, and to walk confidently with Him.

The Word of God is the activity of the Christ in individual consciousness.

*Transition From Law To Grace*

To sow to the flesh means to have faith in matter.

*The Ninth Commandment*

To bear false witness against your neighbor is to accept him as a human being.

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**The Infinite Way Letters 1957**

*August: Your Names Are Writ In Heaven*

*The Secret Of Healing Is Reaction*

What does it mean to be lifted up? [To be] lifted up to that place in consciousness where I have no concern about any person or condition, but where I understand that God really is the Soul of the universe and the governing influence.

*The Master Speaks*

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

*Meditating To Achieve A Consciousness Awareness Of The Presence Of God*

Grace is the continual realization of God as the source of all good.

*Supply Becomes Tangible As Form*

What is the Father within, except the infinite, divine, universal Consciousness, which is your consciousness and mine?

*Bear Witness To God In Action*

For me the miracle-working word in my consciousness is the Christ...a Presence, a Power, a Spirit, a Substance, and Activity that is much more real than electricity.

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**The Infinite Way Letters 1958**

*April: The Message Of Easter: I Have Overcome The World*

*Opposition To The Christ Comes Within Ourselves*

Christ is our own spiritual consciousness.

*Humanhood Is A State Of Separation From The Father*

What is the fall of man but a sense of separation from God? It is the decent of divine Consciousness to the belief and acceptance of a selfhood apart from God.

*Devotion Is Requisite*

*I* am the Lord God of Israel, the very Christ, or Son of God, in you...*I* never get outside of you...*I* is the very consciousness of your being. *I* is your Soul. *I* is the very bread and meat and wine. *I* in the midst of the *Is*.

*Impersonal And Universal Nature Of Fear*

Fear is a universal state, based on the belief that we have a separate life which can be destroyed.

*Mind Is An Instrument*

The function of the mind is to become aware of that which God created in the beginning—not tomorrow, not yesterday, and not today—but in the beginning...and it is here awaiting our recognition.

*The Subject Of Matter*

Mind is the substance of that which the world calls matter, and it is for this reason that mind governs and controls matter.

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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*.

*Conscious Dominion*

We must learn to “die daily” to the old man, that man who has been living his own life, a life lived strictly in accordance with his own desires and for his own purposes.

*The Demonstration Of Christhood*

God does not really give the Son dominion: *God is dominion expressed as the Son*—the Father and Son, always one.

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

*Across The Desk*

Each one of us must eventually embark on the search for the Holy Grail—the awakened consciousness.

*Eternal Vigilance Is The Price Of Freedom*

There is a spiritual Kingdom, a state of consciousness which is completely God-governed.

*Whom Say Ye That I Am?*

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.

*I* is the very offspring of God, God’s own Selfhood expressing Itself individually.

The only word that describes God, and which is not objective to the thinker, is *I*. When you comprehend that, you have the secret of life.

*The Carnal Mind Is Not A Power*

A human being is only a human being because the carnal mind is accepted as a power.

In Christian mysticism, the word "Christ" is understood to mean that which we in our true identity are.

In *The Infinite Way*, the terms "universal belief," "universal hypnotism," and "universal mesmerism" are used to describe this vast universal ignorance which is the sum and substance of all the sin, disease, lack, limitation, and old age which hold the world in bondage.

*The Christ Cannot Be Finitized*

The Christ is infinite, the son of God, which you are and which I am, but never can we finitize It or personalize It.

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**The Letters '32-'46**

*3: The Real Self  
(real Self)*

Healing: seeing that everything already is.

*(no Outlines Physical Form)*

Error is a lie about the truth.

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**The Mystical I**

*Do Not "pass By On The Other Side"  
Be Still*

When the Spirit of the Lord God is upon you, you are ordained, but you are not ordained to be set apart. You are ordained to heal the sick, to comfort, to feed, to forgive. That is the purpose of ordination—not that you may be glorified but that you may be better equipped to give more abundantly, to share more freely, to understand more universally.

You might ask yourself every once in a while, "Why was I born? To what purpose have I come to earth?" If you listen, you will hear the Voice say, "*I* am come that ye might have life, that this world might have life." "Ye" is not just you. "Ye" is all human consciousness. *I* am come that human consciousness may be fulfilled with the Spirit of God, filled full of the Spirit of God. *I* am come that the kingdom of God may come on earth as it is in heaven.

*Entering The Inner Sanctuary*

*I* is never a person...*I* is always the divine Selfhood, the Creator, the Word that is in the midst of you.

*The Omnipotence Of I*

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.

*Universality And Availability Of The Mind That Was In Christ Jesus*

God is being, but not a being. God is being you and being me.

You will never know Him aright until you know Him as *I*: *I*, the Spirit of God in you, the still small voice within...What is knocking at the door is *I*. "*I* stand at the door" – not a person, but *I*, not any person, only , the very *I* that is "the way, the truth, and the life," the very *I* that is the bread, the meat, the wine, and the water.

*Righteous Judgment*

Humility means acknowledging that whatever of divine qualities you have, they are not something you have created for yourself: they are something given to you as a gift of God.

The consciousness of the natural man is just a branch of a tree that is cut off and is withering, gradually approaching threescore years and ten...never even suspecting that there is another realm.

This is praying without ceasing, constantly realizing that *I* in the midst of you is mighty. *I* in the midst of you is the bread, the meat, the wine, and the water of your life.

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**The Thunder Of Silence**

*From Darkness To Light*

*Beyond Power*

No-power means a state of consciousness in which there are not two forces combating one another.

*When Ye Pray*

We begin to feel this inner peace that is known as realization.