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## **A Parenthesis In Eternity**

*Attaining The Mystical Consciousness*

*And They Shall All Be Taught Of God*

If I wish to commune with you, I have to close my eyes, shut out the appearance, and go deep down within my consciousness. There I find the *I* that you really are—the Soul, the divine child of God, the *I* that lives in the bosom of the Father and has never left the Father.

In the early stages of the Second Degree...we mentally apply every statement of truth we know to the erroneous appearances that present themselves.

We may have to know and affirm truth for hours and hours and hours to break the discordant appearance.

### *The Tree Of Life*

As long as we can translate an appearance of twoness into the picture of the Tree of Life, we are the light of the word, and a blessing to it.

In God life and death are the same: they are mortal appearances...the fabric of nothingness.

Right where there is an appearance of either good or evil, there is spiritual reality.

Why should we be rejoicing over a healthy, wealthy, successful, or happy appearance when the whole picture can be reversed in less than an hour?

### *Reality And Illusion*

If we could look through the appearance to the Christ of God, the Christ ever-present, although not apparent to our human eyesight, we would be able to break the mesmerism that looks at the body with the mind and believes the evidence of what it sees.

Miracles can be performed by the person who does not try to heal disease and who understands that he is but the instrument of God, that God constitutes individual being, and that any appearance to the contrary is illusory, a picture in the mind, without spiritual substance, spiritual cause, spiritual law, and without spiritual entity or identity.

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## **Awakening Mystical Consciousness**

*Concept Or Is?*

*Do Not Try To Become Free Of Persons Or Conditions*

Healing is all based on not judging by appearances.

### *Oneness, An Eternal Relationship*

Every practitioner or teacher looks at the human appearance and rejects it...You are the Christ.

### *Dealing With What Appears As Belief*

Even though the appearance may still continue for a day, a week, or a month, be assured it will gradually fade out of your consciousness once you are released from your hatred of it, fear of it, or desire to get rid of it.

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**Beyond Words And Thoughts**

*His Rain Falls*

Do you realize that merely improving health or increasing the amount of supply is insignificant in comparison with the goal of finding the mystery of that Life that is behind the appearance, behind what you see, hear, taste, touch, and smell?

*Progress Cannot Be Judged By Appearance*

You must not judge by the appearances of today, nor must you try to judge your progress, because no one on the spiritual path can ever evaluate his own progress...You go along, sometimes for years, feeling that you are making absolutely no progress, and then all of a sudden...it happens...The reason that you cannot feel any progress in yourself is that you cannot feel spiritual.

*Error, A Mind-formation*

When in your healing work, you can sit down with the mind at rest and not battle the appearance, not fight it, not try to remove germs from someone's body, not try to dissolve lumps and reduce fevers, not try to heal insanity, but rest in that inner peace and quiet and assurance that there is only one law, spiritual law, and that all else is an image in the mind, the experience of God can take over, and then the healing takes place.

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**Conscious Union With God**

*Opening Consciousness To Truth*

*Avoid The Use Of Metaphysical Clichés*

Be honest about recognizing nasty looking appearances then seek right interpretation.

Even the appearance of physical health is a misinterpretation.

Increase spiritual sense by letting God translate every appearance into its spiritual significance.

*Hypnotism, The Substance Of Human Appearances*

Human appearances are formations of a finite sense of mind.

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**Consciousness Is What I Am**

*Mind Is A Transparency*

*Healing Through A Mind Imbued With Truth*

Let appearance hit up against a mind imbued with truth (which is a transparency and not a power).

The mind of itself cannot accept the principle of the one Self: it must be we who accept it and keep it in our mind. Every time somebody talks about an evil, dangerous, or insane selfhood, we come back with, "But there is only one Selfhood, and I am that Self." We hold to that truth against every appearance thrust upon us of a male or a female self, a poor or a rich self, a sick or a well self, and as we do, we "die" to the belief of many selves and are reborn into the consciousness of one Selfhood.

The truth is: *I am supply*. "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." If our mind knew this, we would not have to be given instruction about supply; but the mind is ignorant of this truth until instruction is given us. After we receive it, we keep the mind imbued with the truth that *I am supply, I am the Way, I am the meat, the wine, and the water*. Tomorrow the temptation may come that we do not have enough, but our answer must be, "Wait a minute; wait a minute! I am not judging by appearances. I am now judging by the truth, and the truth is that I have meat the world knows not of."

We also have a mind, a beautiful instrument, a beautiful transparency, and it will accept anything we give it. Let us keep it filled with one Power, so that with every appearance of two powers, we are holding that truth in our mind and saying, "No, I accept God, Spirit, as the only Power.

You must learn not to treat anything as a condition, but to treat it as an appearance, whether it is unemployment, insanity, cancer, or consumption. Then let the appearance hit up against a mind that is imbued with truth, and you will begin to do healing work even before you are reborn, but your rebirth will then come more quickly.

#### *The Impersonal Nature Of Error*

In every case that comes to you for healing, your first step is the realization of God as constituting all being. Work with that idea until you have an inner assurance that God is. Then impersonalize the evil—the error or the appearance—whatever its name or nature, by consciously knowing that it is no part of a person and that all evil is impersonal. It must be seen that evil is not in, of, or through person; it is not appearing as person; it is something separate and apart from person.

There is no mental effort in spiritual healing...The effort comes in developing consciousness to the point where there is the actual experience that God is life and that your patient has no life other than God, no other mind, no other Soul, no other being. Then must come the realization that the appearance which the patient has brought to the practitioner is but a shadow, an image in mind.

#### *Rising Above Human Consciousness*

Every time we remind ourselves that we are not using God to do something to evil but rather that we are recognizing the nothingness of the appearance...every time we consciously impersonalize and realize that neither sin, disease, nor false appetite is part of our being but that it is merely a universal belief in two powers...every time we meditate, even if it is only a ten-second meditation, just enough time to create a vacuum and to listen, we are developing our consciousness to the fourth degree. An onion skin of mortality is dropping off, and we are that much closer to immortality... We become aware that we have a strength, a power, a dominion, and a joyousness that the world knows not of.

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### **Consciousness transformed**

*Behind God There Is No Other*

The moment you accuse your patient of wrong thinking, you are a malpractitioner. In spite of all appearances, the individual is constituted of God and whatever inharmony is evident is due to the belief in two powers.

Know this, that the world is always tempting you to a belief in the absence of something...but remember that the antidote is shutting out that appearance, and realizing that nothing is absent from your consciousness because of your relationship with God.

When [temptations] come, we must be alert and be able to say, "Get thee behind me, Satan. This is an appearance, not a fact. My good is in my sonship."

With every appearance of discord, lift your thoughts immediately: "I find my oneness in consciousness which is cause, not in matter or effect. I look to cause for my peace, my wholeness, my satisfaction, my joy," and all of it becomes manifest in what we call tangible form.

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### **Consciousness Unfolding**

*God Is Individual Consciousness*

*Consciousness Appears As Loaves And Fishes*

We shall be reborn of Spirit. In other words, Spirit...Consciousness will become the tangible substance –the form and the amount of everything in the external realm. And because Consciousness is infinite, its appearance will be infinitely manifest.

*Synonyms For God*

We are coming to that place in consciousness where no treatment is ever necessary, and in that state we look out upon the world, beholding the perfection which underlies all appearances.

*Be Grateful That You Have Touched The Christ*

It may be that, like Jacob Boehme, you will be able to see behind all nature, right through the rose bushes and the grass and through the trees, through all appearances, through all forms.

*Turn Ye And Live*

It is illusion, whether the appearance be war of peace...a healthy body...a sick body.

*Attain Consciousness Of God*

You cannot fight error after you know God to be the only reality of being. You then know that error exists as an appearance...to the ignorant sense of those not yet aware of their true identity.

*The Role Of Patience In Demonstration*

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

*The Christ*

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

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**God, The Substance Of All Form**

*Developing A Healing Consciousness*

*God, The Only Activity*

It must be clear that Spirit, being the only substance, must be the substance and the form of the body, and Spirit, being omnipresent, the perfect form also must always be present, regardless of the appearance.

*Spirit Underlies All Effect*

There is only one way to experience the presence and power of God, and that is through the recognition and realization of Spirit as the reality of all that appears, but always with the understanding that the appearance itself is not the reality.

*Treatment Necessary For All Human Appearances*

Every appearance that comes to us from morning to night, or from night to morning, regarding the human scene needs treatment...Do not be satisfied to accept even a good human appearance, but translate that, too, into the spiritually real of which the good is but the form...Any sense of goodness is not personal goodness; any sense of health is not personal health: God is really the goodness and God is really the health.

Every time any phase of error, or even good, presents itself to me, I consciously translate it and realize that right there is God manifest...The important thing as far as I am concerned, is that I have not accepted an appearance for reality.

In the metaphysical world, most treatment is reserved for sin, disease, lack, limitation death; but in our work, just as much treatment is necessary for healthy or wealthy human appearances...until we become...firm in our consciousness of the reality of God.

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### **Living Between Two Worlds**

*Making The Transition From Personal Sense To Spiritual Being*

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As long as you judge by appearances, as long as you see and believe in good and evil, you are not under the law of God. Surprising as that may sound, you may as well accept it.

*Spiritual Discernment Reveals Infinity*

If we would benefit the world, we must forget about praying for peace on earth...we must look through appearances with the power of spiritual discernment and behold God's creation and God's government of man and of the earth including the weather and the climate.

The ability to move from the world of material sense into the world of spiritual discernment is proportionate to our ability to close our eyes to the appearance and wait for that inner intuition, the voice of God, to reveal to us the truth of what we are beholding.

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### **Living Now**

*Beyond Words And Thoughts*

*The Meaning Of Faith*

Asking for help is asking for the courage to ignore the appearances.

*Spiritual Discernment Brings Healing*

Judging by appearances binds us to our own belief in external powers.

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### **Living The Infinite Way**

*Meditation*

Let us remember that every appearance of humanhood, good or bad, is a mental image in thought, actually without reality, law, substance, cause, or effect. In this recognition, the limitations inherent in the five physical senses begin to drop away. We are enabled to "see" deeper into consciousness and behold that which is—eternity in what appears as past, present, and future. We find ourselves unlimited in terms of "here" or "there," "now" or "Hereafter." There is a going in and a coming out without sense of time or space, an unfolding without degree, a realization without an object.

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### **Man Was Not Born to Cry**

*Bringing Grace Into Active Expression*

*Instruction To A Student (2nd)*

We must instantly recognize appearances of every name and nature as being the carnal mind appearing as form...To transcend the dream, then really means the instantaneous recognition of all appearances as substanceless carnal mind.

*Instructions To A Student*

Spiritual consciousness does not heal: it sees through appearances to what actually is.

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**Our Spiritual Resources**

*Begin Prayer With The Word God  
God Is The Life Of Individual Being*

There is only one time when you can be of help to a person, and that is when you can close your eyes to the appearance and go straight to God.

*Applying The Principle Of Impersonal Healing To World Affairs*

As soon as the practitioner realizes that this is not the patient's sin, not his disease, his lack, or his belief, but that this is a universal hypnotism or appearance of which he is an innocent victim, the patient begins to experience his freedom.

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**Realization Of Oneness**

*Lifting Up The I  
Discord, The Fruitage Of Sowing To The Flesh*

Get quiet and let *I* reply to appearance.

enjoy all good forms as temporary appearances.

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**The Altitude Of Prayer**

*Living By Prayer  
A Realization Of Omnipresence, Omnipotence, And Omniscience Is True Prayer*

Realize frightening appearance has no power and let it go on appearing.

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**The Art Of Spiritual Healing**

*Spiritual Healing: The Practice  
The Relationship Of Oneness*

In the absence of truth in your consciousness, ignorance, lies, appearances, discords, and inharmony claim to be present.

In the first half of the treatment you have lifted yourself above fear and the appearance.

Right where that appearance is foisting itself upon your mind, God is.

*Treatment Is A Realization Of Omnipresence*

Your enemy is never a person, [it] is always an appearance.

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**The Contemplative Life**

*Contemplation Develops The Beholder  
Living As A Witness To The Activity Of God*

How can we bear witness to this Power except by being still? If we do otherwise, we can no longer say that we are doing nothing or that we are nothing. We have become something the moment we do something...In order to make ourselves nothing, we must immediately realize within ourselves, "There is neither good nor evil: there is only God." Then, as we look out at the erroneous appearance with no judgment, there truly is neither good nor evil: there is only the presence of God, and now the Father within can perform Its function, and Its function is to dissolve the appearance and reveal God's glory—reveal Its own being.

If we accept the Master's statement, "My kingdom is not of this world," we do not have to fight, remove, or overcome anything in the external world: *"It is I; be not afraid." I am the life of you; I, God, the spirit of God in you is your life, your being, and the substance of your body.* When we are no longer afraid of anything in the external world, then we automatically arrive at a state of consciousness that no longer concerns itself with the good appearances or fears the evil appearances, but looks out at them with a sense of detachment as an onlooker or a beholder, with no interest in changing, improving, or destroying them: with just the attitude of a beholder.

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.

Our function is to quietly behold the appearance and God's function is to dissolve it and reveal Its glory.

The discipline on this path lies in rejecting every appearance, whether it is good or evil, in the realization that whatever it is that is of God is invisible to human senses,

Think of any discordant appearance that you have ever seen, heard, tasted, touched, or smelled; see the discipline that is necessary to refrain from attempting to alter, change, or do something about it; and then be convinced and know, "My kingdom—the place where I live, move, and have my being—is not of this world, Therefore, I have nothing to do about this world except to know that it is not of *My* kingdom."

We are always judging by the limitation of our finite senses. We are not seeing the world as it is: we are seeing this world as our mind interprets it...As we live the life of contemplation, therefore, we find ourselves gradually withdrawing judgment from appearances, and when we see, or when we are told about erroneous appearances, we do not react to them, and they do not register in our consciousness, and, as far as we are concerned, our mind is a blank. We have no desire to change, alter, or improve the appearance presented to us: we are just beholders waiting for God to reveal it to us as it is.

When you witness healing works...you are not witnessing the power of an individual, for an individual has no such power: you are merely witnessing an individual who is keeping himself free of the appearance-world and maintaining himself in a consciousness of no judgment, so that the grace of God can come through, because the grace of God cannot come through the human mind.

*Daily Practice Is Essential*

As we deal with the appearances of everyday human living—national conflicts, international conflicts, family conflicts, or individual conflicts— we realize that we are beholding only the activity of a universal belief in two powers. We will never know harmony until we recognize that whatever we are dealing with is but a belief in two powers, and then establish ourselves in the realization: *“I and my Father are one.” In this oneness, the infinite All-power, which is spiritual, is the only Presence and the only Power functioning in my experience.*

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

*Healing Comes Through In A Moment Of God-realization \**

Unless you realize and feel God’s presence, or unless you actually feel the nothingness of that which is presenting itself as the appearance, the healing will not take place.

*The Final Step Must Be Taken Alone*

Realize that the function of the Christ is to break the attachment to “this world”—not to increase the things of this world. This is the way whereby reality is attained, freedom from concern about appearances, and freedom to life.

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**The Contemplative Life d**

*Contemplation Develops The Beholder*

*It Is I; Be Not Afraid*

“It is I; be not afraid...My kingdom is not of this world...Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?” These are the three scriptural passages that have been the foundation of my healing work ever since the early 1930’s...“Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostril.” [i.e.] Do not try to change man, improve him, or heal him, and certainly do not judge or condemn him: take no account of him. In other words, be still!.. “My kingdom is not of this world” [i.e.] Do not judge by the appearances of this world, because in *My* kingdom, harmony is.

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**The Infinite Way Letters 1955**

*Essential Points In The Practice Of The Infinite Way*

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it exists only in appearance and is not happening in Reality

mesmerism that binds us to the world of appearances

*Rising To Grace*

Error: a mirage which has been frightening you with an appearance.

*I Have Overcome The World*

Never do we stop to realize that these appearances that touch our lives are not something external to us.

*An Important Point In Spiritual Practice*

...free of accepting appearances and then trying to do something about them.

*Suggestions For Healing Work*

Secret of healing: When a call comes from help...say, "Rumor, temptation, appearance, nonsense."

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**The Infinite Way Letters 1956**

*Contemplative Meditation*

*The Middle Path*

By translating any appearance or suggestion into that which *it is*, we will behold harmony, health, completeness, and wholeness even where discord and disease profess to be.

God is allness. Appearances are nothingness.

*Judge Not According To The Appearance, But Judge Righteous Judgment*

It is necessary to close the eyes to all appearances, judging neither good nor evil—acknowledging only that it is, and in this way something rather like a vacuum is created within your own being, and into that place of stillness and peace Truth reveals Itself as the harmony unto the situation.

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**The Infinite Way Letters 1957**

*April: Resurrection*

*Resurrection: The Goal Of The Spiritual Path*

Look through the physical appearance of men and women to the *I* that sits back of their eyes, looking out at you.

*The Secret Of Healing Is Reaction*

If you react with the tiniest trace of doubt or fear, thereby accepting the appearance, you may have a long battle...Our concern must never be with the appearance, but always with the principle.

Non-reaction to appearances is a demonstration of your faith in God's ability to govern His own universe.

*The Healing Principle*

Standing fast in this *oneness with God*, we find the negative appearances disappearing, [because they] have been revealed as nothingness...without law, without effect.

There is no power but God; therefore, stop fearing this negative sense. Stop hating this evil condition. Stop condemning this false appearance, and begin to rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

*"this World"*

A practitioner is a person who...is not afraid of appearances and does not stop to fight them.

In training yourself to look through the eyes of people and animals as you come in contact with them, you will automatically come to that place where you are no longer loving, hating, or fearing the appearance-world..."this world."

The mere fact that [every problem] comes as a condition shows that it is an appearance which has no real existence, because actually there is neither a person nor a condition apart from God.

The world of appearances has no law to support it, no substance to sustain it, and no continuity except such as we, in our ignorance, give it.

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**The Infinite Way Letters 1958**

*February: Problems Aren't Problems Anymore  
To This End Was I Born*

I have been studying, praying, meditating, and all to one end—to bring myself to the realization that appearances are not destructive, that appearances are not power.

If our function is to prove the nothingness of all the appearances that the world calls discords, then why should we be concerned when another opportunity comes to us to prove their nothingness, first to ourselves, and then to our world?

If we could go about our work today with an absolute conviction that neither sin, disease, nor death were reality, we would never be concerned when called upon to face such appearances.

What difference could it make to an individual what the outer appearances are if he has the conviction that God constitutes his being?

*Spiritual Unfoldment Through The Study Of The Infinite Way*

Then all truth is forgotten unless...you are instant in answering every suggestion and every appearance of evil with a conscious rebuke.

*The World Becomes Tangible Experience*

This belief in two powers may overwhelm you unless you have stabilized yourself in the principle of one power through continuous daily and hourly practice with each and every appearance.

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**The Infinite Way Letters 1959**

*October: Freeing Ourselves From Universal Claims  
Give Up All Attempts To Change The Human Picture*

*Father, I am not trying to change this...condition or person. Awaken me out of this mesmeric dream, so that I do not judge by appearances, but see this person as he is, and I shall be satisfied with that likeness, because here is the Christ.*

The only renewal any of us ever needs is to break the mesmerism of appearances. That is the only reason we ever have to pray and commune with the Father.

Turn completely from the human scene with its appearances of good and evil and pray for the revelation of the Christ in human consciousness.

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**The Letters '32-'46**

*Business*

*(business)*

Separating supply from Mind/Consciousness causes appearance of lack.

Any appearance of lack exists as completed demonstration within you.

Error exists only in the mental realm as appearance or argument about man, so truth corrects it.

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**The Mystical I**

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

*Be Still*

At this stage of unfolding consciousness, you are responsible for every picture that presents itself to your sight or hearing. You may not "pass by on the other side" of the road...You owe a debt to God and to the world, and the debt is that you do not pass by on the other side of the road, but take note of every discord and every inharmony and bring to bear the activity of the Christ. Be a transparency through which the Christ dissolves the appearance. You do not necessarily have to think anything, but you must be still. You must be still for an instant, and let His Spirit flow through you and dissolve the appearance.

*Evil, A Universal Hypnotism*

God is the only power, regardless of appearances, and God is omniscience, all-wisdom. Therefore, we do not have to know anything about the activity of mind or body; all we have to do is to rest in God's omniscience, rest in His infinite wisdom. As we abide in Omniscience, Omnipotence, and Omnipresence, we can state with conviction, "Ah, yes! There is no presence and there is no power other than God, and this that we call the belief in two powers—the carnal mind—this is not power. This cannot operate in or through man."

When you learn to impersonalize evil, you do not have to call upon a God-power. You can accept God as Omnipotence, but only if you can see so-called evil appearances as *maya* or illusion, and then not try to get God to do something to them...The spiritually illumined know that there is no need to call on God for anything because God is always about His business.

*Drop Humanhood And Realize I*

In our meditations, we must always remember that we are that temple not made with hands. That enables us to shut the physical body out and to go right through any appearance to the *I* at the center of our being.

You will begin to look around at this world and you will realize, "I have been judging after appearances. I have been using the scale of good and evil, the very thing that threw us out of the Garden of Eden...Now, judging neither good nor evil, let me judge righteous judgment. And what is righteous judgment except the knowledge of my identity?"

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**The Thunder Of Silence**

*From The Unreal To The Real  
Who Told You?*

I will not accept appearances...I stand on IS...only God is.

The external appearance is always mind-formed.

Whatever the appearance, it is merely a blank in front of you until you decide that it is [good or bad].