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## A MESSAGE FOR THE AGES

Chapter: God And Prayer

1963 Instructions For Teaching The Infinite Way 4:1

Topic: *God As Individual Consciousness*

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We are not a part of God, not just a speck of It. Each one of us is the allness of God made individually manifest. That allness of God appears as the quality and quantity of individual being.

The only God there is, is *I*. That is the only thing that is not a projected image; that is the projector of all the images, but it is not projected. *I* contains the secret of God. *I* to be *I* must be Consciousness, so *I* and Consciousness are one and the same. If we see that *I*, that Consciousness, is an infinity that individualizes Itself as our consciousness, we do not have to go anywhere but to our consciousness, turn within and say, "Father illumine, enlighten me."

Chapter: Infinite Way Pearls

1963 Instructions For Teaching The Infinite Way 1:2,

Topic: *Infinite Way Pearls*

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Is there any principle in the Infinite Way greater than the truth that God is individual consciousness, your consciousness and mine? This is the top secret because to my knowledge it is the first time it has been revealed. Everyone has a consciousness; therefore, everyone has God; but there are two states of consciousness: the illumined consciousness and the unillumined consciousness.

To know the nature of Consciousness as omniscience is a step toward still further illumination. You become a state of complete awareness, a state of listening, and you can rest with nothing to tell God.

The closer you come to a realization of your consciousness as omnipotence, the less you fear other powers. You rest in peace for the remainder of your days, because if your consciousness is omnipotence you will not fear what mortal man can do to you. You have put off mortality and have been clothed with immortality.

When you know that your consciousness is not constituted of your education, your parents' reputation, or your wealth, but of the activities, the quantities, and the qualities of God, you can walk up and down the world with or without purse and scrip because you are carrying your invisible checkbook on Infinity.

Chapter: Infinite Way Protective Work

1963 Instructions For Teaching The Infinite Way 6:2

Topic: *Conscious Awareness Of The True Nature Of God*

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More recently some writers have caused a great deal of mischief by making human beings believe that they are God, with the result that they try to demonstrate It and cannot. It must be understood that a human being is not God but that God constitutes all that we are. Then we are no longer human beings.

Chapter: Material sense of demonstration or the unfoldment of grace

1963 Instructions For Teaching The Infinite Way 6:1

Topic: *Demonstrate The Source*

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*I*, the Father, and *I*, the son, are one, and *I*, the son, must always be in union with *I*, the Father. This is the divine marriage. This is called union with God, oneness with God, at-onement with God. It means that *I*, the son, and *I*, the Father, become consciously one through inner meditation and realization. The moment that *I*, the Father, and *I*, the son, are consciously one, the flow begins. If It has to appear as manna, It does; if It has to appear as a publisher, It does; if It has to appear as dollars, marks, or pounds, It does, but not separate and apart from *I*, the son, and *I*, the Father. The teacher has nothing to teach, nor has the practitioner power to heal, until *I*, the son and *I*, the Father are consciously one, and *I*, the Father, speaks through *I*, the son, or speaks as *I*, the son. But when *I*, the son, and *I*, the Father are consciously one, *I*, the Father, flows through as His rightness of health, His rightness of supply, His rightness of whatever it may be.

Watch what a realization of omnipresence does to your consciousness. You can let go of thinking; you can let go of taking thought; you can let go of the belief that somewhere God is, and why can't I find Him? Of course you cannot find Him when that "Him" is you; the "Him" you are seeking constitutes your very being. God is your mind; God is your life; God is your soul; God is your spirit; and your body is the temple of the living God. No reaching out, just relaxing in His word, relaxing in this truth: omnipresence, omnipresence! Where I am, God is. I can never escape out of God, nor can God escape out of me, for we are one. I live and move and have my being in God and God in me: I in Him, and He in me—inseparable, indivisible, omnipresent. There is no fear, then, on a battlefield; and there is no fear in the presence of bombs; and there is no fear in the presence of germs. Why? You are not separate and apart from God: you are in and of God, and God is in and of you.

Chapter: Not Appearance but IS

1963 Instructions For Teaching 2:1; 1954

Topic: *Christhood, Not Human Good*

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The nature of God and the nature of man are one and the same, because God and man are one and the same: there are not two. There is not God *and* man! Actually God is individual man. "He that seeth me seeth him that sent me." Why? Because I and the Father are one, and therefore, all that God is, I am. All that the Father has is mine. When you say, "I", you mean God because the nature of God has been revealed as the *I* of man.

Chapter: The Simplicity of the Healing Truth

1962 Chicago Closed Class

Topic: *Omnipresence*

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You are not confined to your body. Then, are you dangling around in space here over your head? No, you are omnipresence: *I* am omnipresence. *I* am here, and *I* am there, and *I* am everywhere. "The place whereon thou standest is holy ground," for *I* am there. *I* am omnipresence. . . I know that I am not born and *I* will not die for I am that I Am. . . I am equally at home in any part of the world because *I* am throughout the world. *I* embrace this world in my consciousness. . . I am in you, and you are in me, and we are in God, for we are all one; we are the *I Am* . . . We are all in and of one Presence, Omnipresence. . . You know now that you are omnipresence. Ah, but before this, do you know what you said? God is omnipresence. Well, now, what were you? Ah, there it is again: we have a God and a you. Now you will know *I* am omnipresence, and therefore, *I* am where you are wherever you are. Out in the ocean in a boat, lost in the desert, *I* am there: *I* am where you are.

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## A PARENTHESIS IN ETERNITY

Chapter: Attaining The Mystical Consciousness

Topic: *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.

From the moment that this transitional experience begins, joy, which is an integral part of our being, bubbles up from within without any external cause.

A man is never God, but God becomes the man.

Chapter: Living The Mystical Life

Topic: *Losing I-ness In I*

The qualities of God are the qualities of man, and yet God is always the greater, for God is the creator, the law, and the activity of man.

Spiritual consciousness acknowledges that God alone is power; it is a consciousness that is not divided, a consciousness that sees with a single eye, and sees but one Power, one Presence, one Being, one Cause.

Why take thought about [man whose breath is in his nostrils] when we can take thought about the son of God?

How can we use a power over a nonexistence? . . . The instant we accept God as Omnipotence, our problems begin to fade away.

What a miracle takes place in our lives when our sight is removed from looking upon a person as a possible source of something and the realization dawns that all that we can ever need of infinite abundance from everlasting to everlasting is within us!

Chapter: The Basis of Mysticism

Topic: *God, The Consciousness Of The Individual*

Let us begin with the realization that we are not form: we are consciousness. . . Consciousness forever expresses Itself as individual forms of intelligence.

Consciousness is the essence and substance of all that is. . . not *a* consciousness, nor *the* Consciousness, but *our* consciousness.

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.

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

God has never lost His dominion over the spiritual kingdom, and spiritual man has never left his Father's house. Just as there is no fallen man in the sense of God's man falling into a state of mortality, so it would be equally impossible for mortality ever to rise into immortality and become a child of God.

We have never left the kingdom of God: we have never left the jurisdiction and government of God; we have never come under any law but the law of God, and have never lived any life but the life of God.

Eventually, every one of us will come to Paul's state of consciousness in the realization, "I live; yet not I, but Christ, the son of God, the very Spirit and presence of God, lives my life." Then, and only then, are we a state of humility that has in it not a single trace of virtue, but only the realization of the truth that we are nothing, that we can do nothing and be nothing of ourselves.

There is no life for us to attain; there is no truth for us to attain: there is only the recognition of the truth that we are the truth, that we are life eternal.

If God is omnipresence, we must be the very presence of God. That must mean that there is no other presence, and we, then, have no presence. . . If we are the presence of God, we must act like it. We never will live by Grace until we make that acknowledgment.

We can know Omnipotence, but we must know *Omnipresence* to put the seal on it. We can know that God is infinite, all-power, all-good, all-life, all-wisdom, but then we have to conclude with, "And I am the presence of that. That constitutes my being. That which I have just declared about God is the truth about me. Since I already am the presence of God, I do not have to look for any more God-power than I already embody."

Ultimately, we come back to the one word which holds the secret of the ages—*I*. *I* is neither objective nor subjective, and that *I* is the *I* that I am, the Knower. It is the Knower and the known, that which knows and that which is known; and *I* am both: *I* am He.

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.

The ultimate of the correct letter of truth is when we go beyond using a word like God to where we are left with nothing but *I*, or *I AM*. That is enough.

The only God that has ever revealed itself is the one that has come through the still small voice which is uttered within me. But there is nothing within me but me; I am the only being that I am, and if I hear a still small voice, it must come from within the depths of my Self.

We cannot be that *I* that is God and still be interested in name, fame, or fortune. These will come to us, but by that time, we will not value them.

The Infinite Way teachers that a person must never say "I am God" because it is not true. No human being is God. . . We are the instruments, the witnesses to God's word, and that word is *I*.

When we have opened this Source within ourselves, we shall find the Master there. We are never the Master: we are always the servant. But once we are illumined, the Master within us is expressing, functioning, and performing.

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## AWAKENING MYSTICAL CONSCIOUSNESS

Chapter: Attaining Dominion Through I

1963 Kaiulani Sunday Series

Topic: *Becoming Aware Of The Infinite Nature Of Individual Being*

513 1:1&2

This *I* that you declare yourself to be is actually consciousness, and the nature of your consciousness is infinity. Someday you will learn why.

There is an area of consciousness with dominion over every facet of my life.

I am not sitting in a chair, I am up there where I told you to be. [Six inches above and behind head].

Chapter: Concept or Is?

1954 Portland Practitioner Class

Topic: *Concept Or Is?*

95: 1&2

You have no power.

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

Chapter: Our Real Identity

1954

Topic: *The Invisibility Of Spiritual Identity*

All of the body down to the feet is yours, but it is never you.

Chapter: Releasing Spiritual Power

1962 London Special Class

Topic: *Realizing The Presence Of God As Omnipresence*

494:1&2

When we are in meditation, we are not realizing the presence of God is us, but Omnipresence.

Chapter: The Mystic and Healing

1952

Topic: *The Truth Of I Am*

Say, "I am." How much closer could It get than that? That is God. That is not a human being talking.

Chapter: The Words and Words

1954

Topic: *The Word, Not Words, Brings Forth Spiritual Fruitage*

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Because God is your consciousness, your consciousness is already full and complete; it has in it now all the truth you will ever need until the end of time.

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## BEYOND WORDS AND THOUGHTS

Chapter: Beyond the Pairs of Opposites to Being

1963 Kailua Private Class

Topic: *Become An Instrument As Which God Is Living On Earth*

522:2

Until you stop being either good or bad, you are not going to show forth the kingdom of God or the son of God which you are. Goodness and badness are illusions brought on by a human sense of what constitutes good and bad. Both goodness and badness have to come to an end until you are neither good nor bad: you are just the instrument as which God is living on earth.

You are of the household of God, and the qualities and the activities of God are yours. They are not yours *per se*: they are yours by the grace of God, they are God's qualities manifest as you. . . You cannot take pride in your health. All you can do is to recognize that the grace of God is upon you. Health is the grace of God; supply is the grace of God; purity is the grace of God.

*It is the grace of God that lives my life, and I am neither good nor bad; I am neither rich nor poor; I am neither saint nor sinner; I am neither sick nor well; I am neither alive nor dead. I am I, and all that I AM is, I am.*

When the word of God comes to you, you will discover that you will lose your sense of goodness and your sense of badness. . . All you will remember is that you are being, and as a matter of fact, *you* are really not being; God is being you. There will then be no possibility of your sitting in judgment on your fellow man. Live in the inner awareness of *I*, of *I*-ness. *I* is the Father within you, and *I* is the son that appears outwardly. All that the Father within you is, the son without is. As long as you can live in that consciousness, you will never be good and you will never be bad; you will never be rich and you will never be poor. You will never be a saint and you will never be a sinner. You will always be *I*, and you will always be showing forth the *I*-ness which is God appearing as the son. You will claim no qualities for yourself. . . You are *I*!

Chapter: Building a Consciousness of Grace  
Topic: *Restoring The Mind To Its Proper Function*

1963 Kailua Private Class  
517:1

Who can know what Truth is? "I am. . . the truth." Try to define what or who *I AM*. Impossible!

Chapter: God Revealing Himself As Christ on Earth  
Topic: *Secrecy Imperative*

1963 Kailua Private Class  
523:1 or 524:2

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

The search for God never ends until we realize, "I and my Father are one," "*I am thou*," or "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Whether it comes as a message, whether it is spoken in the ear, or whether it is just an inner experience, the moment that *I* voices Itself, we know that *I* is not man: that *I* is God. . . Now we rest, and life begins to be lived out from within the Self. Then it is that we are a benediction to all who come within range of our thought, not because we are walking around blessing anybody, but because as we look at the persons who cross our path, we are realizing that *I* at the center of their being. We cannot help it. There is a smile that comes to us when we stop to think, "Oh, you may not know it, but I know that the kingdom of God is within you."

Knowing [oneness], ask yourself: Can I be tempted to accept the universal belief that my good can come to me from anywhere, from anyone, from any power, from any being? Or do I realize that by voicing the word *I*, I am declaring the divinity of my being, and therefore, the all-inclusiveness of my being, so that I cannot receive bread, meat, wine, or water, I cannot be resurrected, I cannot become life eternal. Why? Because *I* am the bread, the meat, the wine, the water; *I* am the resurrection; *I* am life eternal; *I* am He. The very good that should come to me, *I* embody. *I* embrace the infinity of being in the consciousness which *I* am.

The truth is that what *I AM* is, we are, and all that *I AM* is, we are. "All that I have is thine." This, God reveals so that we do not make the mistake of pleading with God for something.

There is only one temptation, and that is to accept yourself and myself as other than the *I* that we are.

*I* have always lived in the bosom of the Father, and even when *I* went forth to walk on earth, *I* never left the Father because *I* and the Father are inseparable and indivisible. Let none of us ever voice what the Master said, but let us all recognize and realize that this is the truth: "He that seeth me seeth him that sent me. . . [for] I and my Father are one."

Since you know that God is Spirit, then you know that all that the Father has must be spiritual. . . When you go to God, therefore, go for what may be called the gifts of God, the grace of God. And what are these? Do not worry what they are; do not be concerned. Just go for God's grace.

Chapter: Incorporeality: God, Man, and Universe  
Topic: *Evolving Stages Of Consciousness*

1963 Kailua Private Class  
521:2

The reality of us is that incorporeal, spiritual Selfhood which is born of God. The other part of us is that creation described in the second and third chapters of Genesis, which was made, not by God, but by mind, by the mind of man, by what is called the Lord God.

You will never do good spiritual healing work until you attain the inner awareness of the incorporeal nature of man's being. The only image there is of God is man: God appears *as* man; but since God is incorporeal, man is incorporeal. The fact that man has a corporeal body does not make him corporeal. The fact that he travels in an airplane does not make him an airplane.

To live mystically, you not only must live as *I*, but you cannot teach or heal except as you recognize that you are *I*, whether that *I* is sitting on one side of the table or the other. In teaching, I am never speaking to a group of persons. I am speaking to myself and reminding myself of the truth I know. I am not addressing you: I am addressing myself, and because my Self is you, I am hearing my Self. If you think of yourself as a teacher and of someone else as a student, you will not be understood because you will be setting up twoness: the student and you. The teacher can impart the message only when he recognizes God is *I* and that there is only one *I*: all that *I* am imparting *I* am receiving. *I* may be imparting it as Joel and receiving it as Bill, but it is all taking place within the *I* that *I AM*.

You must have supply when you have incorporeal supply, consciousness as the substance of form. Whose consciousness? Mine! Yours! There is only one, only one consciousness. My consciousness, your consciousness is the substance of this universe because God is our consciousness. This is the ultimate truth. There is nothing left to teach. You cannot go beyond incorporeality. You cannot. You have to bring forth incorporeality out of your consciousness, bring forth incorporeal man out of your own consciousness, incorporeal body and incorporeal supply.

Chapter: Measuring Spiritual Progress  
Topic: *The Last Enemy Of The Path*

1963 Kailua Private Class  
518:1 or 517:2

God gave Himself to this world as you, the begotten Son. He did not breathe into you your life: He breathed into you His life, His breath. So, it is not your breath you are breathing: it is His breath; it is not your mind through which you are thinking: it is His mind; it is not even your body through which you are functioning: it is the temple of the living God.

Chapter: Rising to Mystical Consciousness in Prayer and Treatment  
Topic: *The Living Of The Spiritual Life Is What Attracts*

1963 Kailua Private Class  
519 or 521

God is individual consciousness, our own consciousness, not our human awareness, but a deeper level of awareness than human.

Chapter: The Way of Grace  
Topic: *Let The Divine Destiny Be Revealed In Us*

1963 Kailua Private Class  
522:1 or 517:1

God is omniscience, and when God has a child, it is for a specific purpose. There is something definite in mind with every individual offspring, something that he was actually sent into expression to do.

Chapter: Thou Shalt Not Make Unto Thee Any Graven Image  
Topic: *The Impersonal Nature Of God's Action*

1963 Kailua Private Class  
518:1 or 517:2

When you go within, you are going within your own consciousness because that is where you live. That is the sanctuary of your being: your consciousness. As a matter of fact, it is not your consciousness, it is the divine Consciousness which you are. You are the divine Consciousness, and you go within that Consciousness which you are, and out of the Consciousness which you are flows spiritual Grace.

The activity of God is like light touching darkness. It does not do anything whatsoever to darkness: it does not heal it, correct it, change it, or remove it. It just reveals that there is none. . . There is a part of us that has never sinned, never been sick, was never born, and will never die, and the activity of God is to reveal that man.

The whole of human experience is an imaginary experience, a dream-experience, taking place in the universal mind which does not have its seat in God. The proof of that is that in the moment that you can still that mind and open the door for the Spirit of God to come in, that man is not there any more. . . We say that the "old man" has "died" and the "new man" has been "reborn," but where did the "old man" go? He did no go any place: he was not there to begin with!

Ultimately that personal sense will have to be crucified, until in the end you can realize, "I do not have any truth; I do not know any truth; I do not have any skill; I do not have any talent: *I am the truth; I am the talent; I am the skill.*"

We never attain the goal of realization until we reach beyond the mind and its knowing of the truth to our becoming Truth: "That which I am seeking, I am!"

In many classes and even in some of the Writings, I have said that I did not understand the reason for the crucifixion of Jesus: why it took place, or why it had to take place if it had to. . . It was not until the year 1963, when I myself went through the experience, that the reason and need for the crucifixion of Christ Jesus was revealed to me. . . that rising above mind to Truth Itself.

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## COLLECTED ESSAYS OF JOEL S. GOLDSMITH

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### CONSCIOUS UNION WITH GOD

You are the power of Good in action.

Our consciousness is open when we realize God is pouring Himself forth as you and as me.

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### CONSCIOUSNESS IN TRANSITION

In order to fully understand these laws of [God, of the spirit, of soul] we have to begin with the understanding that they never began and they will never end, and because we are these laws, because we are the very activity and presentation of these laws, we have never begun and we will never end. Through that understanding we will find our rightful, spiritual place.

I am the resurrection—which means, I am the power itself. Not—"I will be resurrected;" not—"there is some kind of law of God that's going to act on me." I am the resurrection! Not—"I will be supplied." I am the bread. . . I am the water. . . I am the wine.

You are infinite spiritual consciousness, infinite spiritual life itself, and, being infinite, all inclusive. Therefore, you must include within your own being every activity of being... In taking that approach, you see what we are doing in contradiction to most of the metaphysical movements. We are saying, practically, that we can't help you demonstrate anything. All we can do is ask you to come into the realization of the infinite nature of your own being and let all things be added unto you... ;." Therefore, you are committing a sin every time you allow your thought to go out into the realm of "I desire, I want, I fear."

But, you see, not my conscious thinking does it, not my treatment does it—oh, no! The law of God which I am in my innermost being, that does it. And I just go along for the ride to see how beautiful the scenery is and to be grateful for all the wonderful people with whom I come in contact, for all the beautiful scenery I am permitted to see, and all the beautiful experiences that come to me. It is developing a state of consciousness which is that of a beholder, a witness to God's work, that's all.

Every time you say, *I am*, you are declaring the presence and the power of God in your experience.

You could go all through the balance of your career without a treatment, without a lesson, without reading a book, and find greater harmony, greater peace, greater health than you have ever known, just with the simple realization of, "Thank you, Father, I am!" *I am!* Not will be, and not shall be. *I am!* Not ought to be and not deserve to be. Just, "Thank you, Father, I am!"

Chapter: Opening Consciousness to Truth  
Topic:

1948

We call ourselves man, but actually we aren't. We are God, but that which is visible of us here is God where God becomes visible, where God comes to a focus, you may say, in an individual yet infinite manner... God is forever pouring itself forth as individual you and me. There is really no place where God ends and man begins. I and the Father are one, and that is the meaning of this. There is no place where you can separate us and say here is God and here is man, any more than you can say that up to there is Lake Erie and from here on is Niagara Falls. Now, since it is true that all of the Godhead is pouring itself forth as individual you and me, the only reason for any lack in our experience, whether it is lack of health or lack of wealth or a lack of opportunity or a lack of any form, is the fact that we have come to believe that this is all there is of us, that this is our being, instead of our merely being that place through which all of God is pouring forth. Now, to correct that mistake, to overcome that belief of separation, there is only one thing necessary: that our consciousness be open at all times for the inflow—Lake Erie—God—to flow out as me or as you.

Chapter: Student and teacher  
Topic:

1948

Jesus said, "I of mine own self can do nothing, the Father within doeth the works." And I do not mean there were two people—Jesus and the Father. I recognize that when he used the term Father he meant the divine Essence or Presence or Law of the infinite. That is what he meant by the Father, and so do we. In acknowledging God, or a divine Father, we are not acknowledging some person or even some being or power outside ourselves. That would be two-ness, that would be duality—and that would be fatal.

When we have found God we have found ourselves, and when we have found ourselves, we have found God.

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## CONSCIOUSNESS IS WHAT I AM

Chapter: Consciousness  
Topic: *Expanding Awareness*

1969 L

Consciousness is what I am because all there is to me is being conscious of. . . If I were unconscious, consciousness would still be functioning. Consciousness would not have been removed: I would just be temporarily not aware of it.

I am all that I can be conscious of; I am all that I can include in consciousness, and besides that, I am even more because in addition to what I am conscious of, I am consciousness itself.

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?

Chapter: Evolving States of Consciousness

1969 L

Topic:

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."

In the beginning, the divine Consciousness was your consciousness and mine, and we had no other consciousness than that. We were as infinite, as eternal, as immortal as God, for God-consciousness was individual consciousness and these were one. . . We were never born; we will never die because God evolved us out of His own consciousness.

Through the limitations of the human mind, there is no way to understand how all of God-consciousness can be mine and still all of God-consciousness can be yours. This can be understood only when God can be realized as Spirit. With God as Spirit, we can understand that God cannot be divided, separated, or cut up into pieces, but that God is always One, infinite, and God is the mind of you and of me.

God is infinite Consciousness, the divine Consciousness of this universe, the Consciousness of man and of the animal, vegetable, and mineral worlds. Since God is infinite, God could have evolved this world and all that therein is only out of the Consciousness which God is; and therefore, we individually have existed from the beginning. We were never born; we will never die because God evolved us out of His own consciousness and that which God has joined together can never be put asunder. "I and my Father are one," is made so, not by me, but by God.

Chapter: Mind Is a Transparency

1962 London Special Class

Topic: *Mind Is A Transparency*

496:1

The mind cannot accept the principle of the one Self: we must accept it and keep it in our mind.

The truth is that we are divine only when we have emptied ourselves of the universal belief in two powers and of a personal selfhood which we are trying to aggrandize, make rich or famous. When we realize that the Self that we really are is God, it is clear that that Self does not need any glamorizing. It does not need any public adulation or fame.

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.

Chapter: The Consciousness of Truth Is the Healer

1959-1960

Topic: *Contemplative Meditation Or Treatment Lifts Consciousness*

A patient receives the benefit from the practitioner's help because he has made contact with the practitioner, and the truth the practitioner knows in his consciousness becomes the law unto the patient. It is never the truth when there is a "you" in the treatment because the "you" who is being addressed has just told the practitioner that he is sick. How, then can he be the child of God?. . . Forget those who have turned to you for help; turn to the Presence within.

Chapter: The False And Right Sense of I

1951-1954

Topic: *Climb Into That Circle Of God*

The only thing that can be made manifest through you is God. But it is God manifesting Itself: it is not even you. It is God manifesting Itself as you, so you cannot even take credit for manifesting God, because you are not manifesting God: God is manifesting Itself as you—no personal glory, no personal demonstration.

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## CONSCIOUSNESS TRANSFORMED

Topic:

There is no I separate and apart from my Self and *I* have no qualities. . . All I can say of myself is *I am*.

Eventually you must understand what the Master was revealing: “I and my Father are one, not two, and *I am* that one.” Remember this: If I were to say that Joel is that one, I would be leaving you all out and as an egotist I would probably burn in front of you. No! *I am* God, and every I in this room or in a gambling house or in a brothel.

Chapter: Christ: the unfoldment from within

1963

Topic:

The ministry of the Christ reveals that “*I am* come—this divine consciousness within you—that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly.”

God is infinite individual consciousness, life eternal, without any opposites. Therefore, we do not draw health from our consciousness; we draw our realization of the nature of consciousness which is wholeness and grace. Grace is not some degree of health. Grace is infinity and eternity, and so this leads us to prayer or meditation.

Rest in this Word: “You are the Word, the Word made flesh, the infinite made visibly manifest.” In this way you will discover that you are living a life in which you are drawing forth from the secret place of the Most High—from your inner sanctuary—the riches that are stored up in your consciousness by virtue of divine Sonship.

Chapter: Discovering the Soul

1963

Topic:

The purpose of man is to show forth the nature of God. Originally man was intended to be the instrument through which, or as which, God lived on earth. This is the meaning of the incarnation

First you must know you are the Soul, and then you must begin to explore, search, and seek until you find *Me*—until you find your Self—the real *you*.

Chapter: Freedom is an activity Within your Own consciousness

1964

Topic:

Is there a material universe, or does that tidal wave represent a material sense of universe, and is it not the truth that consciousness is the only cause, the only law, and the only effect? Therefore, consciousness must be the substance of the waves, not only consciousness but *My* consciousness, since there is no other. . . and I realize that my consciousness is not even mine, but God’s. Therefore, is there anything destructive in God’s consciousness? No! . . . Since you are between two worlds, there is enough material sense left in you to be tempted by the appearance of a tidal wave. However, there must be enough elevation of consciousness to be able to sit down and realize: “Am I accepting external powers? Am I accepting power in things, or am I accepting that all dominion is given unto *Me*— and this means individual consciousness?”

Chapter: God constitutes my consciousness

2/17/63

Topic:

Consciousness is not embodied in your body, because your consciousness is actually omnipresence. Your consciousness is not confined to time or space (and always remember why), because I and the Father are one, not two, and all that is true of the Father is true of me.

Chapter: Growing day by day – Attaining the transcendental consciousness

8/31/63

Topic:

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.” . . . Who is “Thou”—God or Christ? No, *you* is thou. . . *Thou* is consciousness, my consciousness, the divine consciousness which bestowed upon me in the beginning. That *thou* will keep me in perfect peace if I keep my mind stayed on this truth, the omnipresence, the omniscience and omnipotence of this *thou* within me, this divine consciousness.”

Let no Infinite Way student ever say, "I am God," because you will virtually be saying that your human piece of flesh is God.

Come up from orthodoxy and metaphysics. Come up into mysticism and trust in omnipresence, omniscience, omnipotence.

Infinite divine consciousness constitutes your being, and the life you are showing forth at this moment is the degree of the infinity which you are aware of at this moment. You may go still further to where you can say: "He that seeth me seeth him that sent me." That would mean you have come into the realization of your divine Selfhood, your Christ-being in its totality.

There is a transcendental state of consciousness which is beyond the human, but which takes possession of you at a certain moment. Knowing the truth intellectually ceases at some particular moment, and the transcendental state of consciousness becomes the individual consciousness and its function is a continuous state of impartation. . . Transcendental consciousness. . . is your mind when it goes beyond itself, when something takes over.

Chapter: Healing: to know god aright

1963

Topic:

It is impossible to attain inner peace as long as you think of God as something separate and apart from yourself. Even if you have God "close to you" or "near you," or "caring for you," you still have missed the mark because God is the Self of you. Until you come into that awareness, there will always be an uncertainty or doubt, and incomplete relaxing in God.

To "know God aright" really means that you must not go to man whose breath is in his nostrils for an understanding of God. Even a man you revere can only tell you of that which he has received within, and this is of but relative value to you. So, in the end, we must all be "taught of God." In the end the only relationship will be man's relationship with his Creator, the relationship of *oneness*, the relationship of *attunement*.

God's consciousness cannot be antagonistic to itself in any form, but are you sufficiently aware of this truth? Certainly God constitutes your consciousness, but God also constitutes the consciousness of the enemy, the animal, the beast. There can only be one consciousness out of which the universe has evolved.

Chapter: Meditation is the Key

1963

Topic:

Remember that the *I* you are talking about is your own Soul. It is the storehouse out of which is unfolding, day by day, everything and everyone necessary to your experience—but you must be a beholder, as if you were watching God appear. And never use your mind to manipulate the human scene. *Be a beholder.*

Chapter: Nothing Can Be Added

7/27/1963

Topic:

The mystical life. . . is a continuous realization that "I already *am*." I am not going anywhere, nor am I going to attain more of God than I have, more of good than I have. I am rather abiding in the Word: "All that the Father hath is mine. I am all that God is."

Sooner or later you must come to the realization that God has fulfilled itself in you—not today and not tomorrow and not since you have studied The Infinite Way. "Before Abraham was, *I* am you; *I* am the fulfillment of you. . . It was true about you "before Abraham was"—not after you read a certain amount of books. . . Sooner or later in this message there must come an awakening. . . It may shock you, blind you for a moment, but it must knock the wind out of you as you realize: My God, *I am*." Then there is a relaxing, a resting, an abiding in this Word. "All that God is, I am." No more efforts to get, no more efforts to accomplish, and from then on the reading is [purely] inspirational.

Topic:

The veil is always on the truth as long as you do not know the name of God, and the veil has been removed once you discover the name of God because this discovery requires spiritual discernment.

Chapter: Spiritual Love

1963

Topic:

God is *spirit* and the spirit of God in you is the only God.

Chapter: the inner life

3/24/63

Topic:

We are looking to consciousness to live our lives, not in a personal way but in an individual way, and show forth its qualities. You would be surprised how different you are from the mask you wanted the world to believe was you. . . If I know that whatever I am, I am because of my relationship to God, that I am heir of God to all of its character and qualities, then I am not building up my personal ego but I am deflating it.

Chapter: The nature of Spiritual Prayer

1963

Topic:

The knowledge of God reveals the infinite nature of individual man. Since “I and my Father are one. . . He that seeth me seeth him that sent me.” That is how sacred the individual is. . . He is that place in consciousness where God shines through.

Have the courage to face this fact, that as a child of God you embody all of the power of the Godhead. You are the outlet for that spiritual power [that] reveals “God is in the midst of you.” . . . Spiritual power reveals. Remember that.

Chapter: the source

1963

Topic:

Remember that you were born equal to God and equal to every other man.

The only reason you were ever created was that God would have an instrument on earth through whom to pour Its qualities. You were not born to be subjected to anything or anyone.

Chapter: The unfolding message: Spiritual Power

1963

Topic:

Once you begin to perceive that the only power there is, is the power of your own consciousness, how then would it be possible to fear what mortal man can do to you?

Progress into the spiritual consciousness is a complete relaxing in God *is*. This consciousness is the God-presence and the God-power. The consciousness that does not fear external powers *is* the spiritual power.

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

Chapter: Freedom in Christ

1949

Topic: *Time And Space*

When you learn to close your eyes and think in terms of consciousness, “I am consciousness,” then the question comes, “As consciousness, what am I conscious of expressing? All that will come to you is that you are conscious of consciousness itself in its infinite form and variety.

The consciousness which I am must reveal itself to me in the form of my ability to understand and utilize.

When you begin to believe, really and truly believe, that God is the consciousness of you, that all issues come from the divine consciousness of you, and not from outside, not from effect, you will be on the first rung of the ladder of spiritual unfoldment.

We are the Father-consciousness Itself, but we have walked about in the world, believing that consciousness to be something small, finite, insignificant, and unimportant.

The ultimate of our work is when God and the individual blend into *one*—when there is no longer the individual as man, but there is only God voicing Itself, declaring Itself, disclosing, unfolding, and revealing Itself unto this universe.

God is the reality of your being. . . ”I am the way, the truth, and the life. . . he that hath seen me hath seen the Father. . . I can of mine own self do nothing. . . My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. . . If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.”

All there is, is God being me and God being you, but always God being: God, infinite; God, eternal, immortal Life; God, incorporeal Spirit, Soul, divine Substance, infinite Intelligence. We go right to God and stay there. The only reason that you or I, individually, and the world, collectively, experience inharmony and discord in the form of sin, disease, and death is the belief that we are something other than God-being.

Since God is the consciousness of you, and since that consciousness is unfolding and revealing Itself as *form*—which you call creation—you cannot separate God from Its creation.

God is the substance and the intelligence of this universe, and that means God is the substance and the intelligence of my being and my body. My body is the temple of the living God, and God is flowing through it. All that the Father hath, is mine—not to be demonstrated, not to be achieved, but mine now, because of my relationship of sonship.

Realize that it was your ignorance that led you into whatever error you may have been guilty of indulging. That same ignorance led you into the belief that your body was something apart from God, and that you could do what you wanted to do with it.

*I am that place in consciousness through which You can manifest and express.*

The truth is your life and your body are for God to maintain and sustain. You have been taking that prerogative away from God and setting yourself up as something apart from God.

God is love [and] you are love expressed.

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.

Realize God as the mind and Soul of you, functioning as your individual being.

If we have God, Itself, as our consciousness, do we need to produce angels, do we need to demonstrate “effects” of any kind to hold us up, to support us and help us?

Since God is the individuality of your consciousness and mine, we need no other help than an awareness of that. . . only the constant consciousness of God as our consciousness.

You learn to know your own being only in the degree that you know what God is. God is life—your life. God is consciousness— your consciousness. You are fed from within. All the beliefs of the world have no power, or jurisdiction over you.

All the good, unto the end of the world, is flowing in and through and *as* you and me at this very moment. No power from without can enter “to defile or make a lie.” Nothing can enter my consciousness and take over. Why? It is God. God is my consciousness, and how could anything enter Infinity? Is there anything outside of Infinity?

Jesus said: “The kingdom of God is within you.” That is not literally true, but the real truth is that *you are the kingdom of God*. See the “kingdom of God” as consciousness and as consciousness formed. It is neither external nor internal. It is both. In one sense, it certainly is appearing externally, as for example, in the people who are appearing to us. But spiritually, they are not external to us; they are part of our own consciousness, or how else would we be aware of them?

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?

Begin to accept that which you must use in your treatment, and that is that you are the Christ of God. You are immortal and eternal.

As Truth, you cannot be limited in form or in expression. As infinite Truth, there is nothing outside your own being to act upon you for good or evil in any way. All power, law, cause, and effect are the manifestation of your own being appearing as your universe.

To catch even a glimpse of yourself as Truth, will destroy all sense of discord, inharmony, ill health, and the grave.

Take the word [“I am the light of the world”] right into meditation and see yourself as light. No longer, then, will you accept a sense of limitation.

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

It was through my experience working spiritually with prisoners that I discovered the foundation of all the work that I am now doing: The basic truth of any spiritual teaching is that God is the mind of the individual—God is his life, his Soul.

There is only one thing important in this world, and that is showing forth God as our life, as our substance, as our safety, our security, our immortality, our eternity, proving that God is the only law unto our being.

That one statement—God is your own consciousness! If you can grasp one little bit of that one statement, you have the Christ right in your hands. You have the whole secret of living right in your hands when you know that everyone is mind or consciousness attracted to you in form.

Who is *I Am*? None but you! God sent Himself forth into manifestation as you.

The Christ is incorporeal being, and until you can see yourself as incorporeal, you will be fighting the warfare between the Spirit and the flesh.

We should know by now that as human beings, we are only a transparency for the Divine.

In making contact with God so that you feel it, so that you actually catch that sense of awareness, you let your humanness become the transparency through which the Divinity of you is shining. Then you are no longer living your own life: God is living Its life *as* you.

We declare, “God is life,” usually adding, “God is my life.” Yet we turn around and feel sad or worried. About what? About our life—the life we have just stated is God?

Chapter: The Principle

1949

Topic: *The Issues Of Life Are In Consciousness*

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.

We are not looking at you and tracing you back to God. We are looking at God and tracing God forward to you.

We [are] as infinite, immortal, spiritual, incorporeal, as God Itself. . . There is no place for us to go, nor anything for us to leave; we are always here as part of our own consciousness.

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## GOD, THE SUBSTANCE OF ALL FORM

Chapter: Fulfillment of Consciousness

1949

Topic: *Fulfillment Of Consciousness*

It is not that any one of us, for some special reason, has been given an unfoldment of truth and an opportunity for study and practice, but that Truth, Itself, is fulfilling and expressing Itself, and we are the transparency as which It appears to the world.

Chapter: Good unfolding as the Activity of Individual Consciousness

1949

Topic: *Consciousness Is Infinite In Scope*

Never again think of Him as something afar off, something that has to be prayed to or pleased in any way. Think of God rather as the real substance of your being, the very center of your being into which you can reach in silence and bring forth a whole world of harmony, peace, and health.

Chapter: Individual Consciousness as Law

1949

Topic: *No Power In Effect*

As infinite individual consciousness, each one of us is a world unto himself, and each one has to find himself to be the law of life unto his own being—the kingdom of his own being. Nothing exists separate from consciousness. The power is in the consciousness that produces the effect and not in the effect itself.

The most important thing for you to know is that you are cause and not effect, that all of the Godhead appears *as* you.

Let this be our theme: *Recognize Spirit as underlying all effect*. Have no dependence on persons or things, but place all dependence on Spirit. Behold Spirit, Consciousness, appearing as effect—your consciousness appearing as form.

Chapter: Individual Unfoldment of Consciousness

1949

Topic: *A New Bottle*

You must be willing to sit alone with yourself and ponder this idea of individual consciousness as the cause, law, and power of being.

Since God manifests and expresses Its own being as you, you are as infinite as God— not just a little portion of God. . . It is a state of Christ-consciousness in which God speaks, God moves, God acts.

The divine Consciousness of you. . . is arousing you to an awareness of Its own divine qualities, nature and character.

The Infinite Way teaches that you are not effect, idea, manifestation, or reflection: You are Consciousness appearing.

You begin to see that wherever you are is “holy ground,” and that the Omnipresence with you, the Omnipresence *as* you, has everything necessary for the fulfillment of the moment. . . . Whatever the need, you find it fulfilled in the Omnipresence which you are, never dependent upon person, place, thing, circumstance, or condition.

When you find that you are not in the body, but that you are conscious of the body, you will also begin to realize that you are “out here” as consciousness, where you cannot be touched by anything of a finite or erroneous nature.

God becomes the gentleness, the peacefulness of our being; and yet, there is the full realization that all this is still God appearing *as*.

By becoming aware of the infinite nature of your being as consciousness, you begin to realize that it is your consciousness which embraces and embodies everything in your experience—your body, your home, your business, and all the affairs that concern you. It is this consciousness which you are that governs all these activities.

This consciousness which you are acts through intelligence, acts as mind, and acts more powerfully and clearly and correctly when we have become a state of receptivity to its action.

If you are giving [God] any name at all, you are naming something other than yourself, and that cannot be God because the Self doing the naming is none other than God.

There cannot really be a search *for* truth because the searcher *is truth*. “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” How can I seek life eternal, since I am that eternal life, itself?

Consciousness governs body; it is not entombed *in* body. How could intelligence, a state of awareness, be confined within a brain or a stomach?

You are conscious of the oceans, stars, sun, moon—all of these are embraced within the consciousness which you are. If they were not in your consciousness, you could not be aware of them. . . . Therefore you must be larger than [them].

There is always this infinite, eternal, immortal, spiritual Consciousness to speak as you, to act as you, to perform as you. . . . [but] we have separated ourselves from It and have taken over the job just as the prodigal son attempted to do.

You are that ideal man all the time, and all that is necessary to bring that man forth into manifestation is your realization that there *is* a divine Principle operating in the universe. . . . [Then] you let go of all that constituted your humanhood—your worry, your fear, your doubt, your anxiety, your planning, your scheming. And in the moment that you let go of the false sense of humanhood, you find yourself to be that spiritual man.

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*?

*This body is not a power over me. I am the life and the mind, the intelligence and the directing power of this body. Not I, a human being, but I, the divine consciousness of Being, govern this body, this business, this home, this teaching, and this anything that comes within range of my consciousness.*

If the claim or belief has to do with action or intelligence, you might immediately think of God as Intelligence, and whatever you find God as Intelligence to be, that is what the individual is. . . [Then we wait] to receive an assurance that all is well, that our problem has been deposited in the right place to be taken care of.

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### LEAVE YOUR NETS

Chapter: Awake Thou That Sleepest  
Topic: *Awake Thou That Sleepest*

1953 Second Seattle Class  
35 4:1

You are but the instrument through which the Christ is finding entrance into human consciousness.

Chapter: I the Lord have Called Thee  
Topic: *I The Lord Have Called Thee*

1953 First Portland Class  
40 4:2

Why do you think you are here on earth? Because the Lord, the divine consciousness, has called Itself into expression as your individual being. It has called you to a spiritual purpose, and It will hold your hand. But your hand must be out, ready to be grasped, confident that God's hand will enfold it.

Chapter: Open Out a Way  
Topic: *Open Out A Way*

1960 Washington Dc Class; 1953 Second Seattle  
330 1:2; 32 1:2

The son of God is he who understands that he is that avenue, instrument, or vehicle through which the infinite nature of God's being is pouring Itself. It is he who knows that the Father is glorified in his bringing forth much fruit: not getting it from somebody, but bringing it forth from within his own being.

The moment you acknowledge the presence of that *I*, you are acknowledging fulfillment. It has not sent you out into the world to fulfill anything or to get fulfillment from the world: It has come to fulfill Itself, and you are to get your fulfillment from that *I* at the center of your being.

Chapter: The New Discipleship  
Topic: *The New Discipleship*

1953 First Portland Class  
40 4:2

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Do you not see, too, that the "I" announcing and proclaiming its weakness, inability, or great humility is just as much a personal sense of "I" as "I" announcing its greatness or claiming credit for something? Claim no credit, but claim no failure: *I* have called you, and *I*, the nature of that which called you, will fulfill you.

Whatever it is that calls us out of the business world or out of the home into the spiritual ministry, that it is that accomplishes the work. By His name—by the nature of the Christ—are healings and harmonies achieved.

That, however, involves giving up the use of the word "I," and the realization that the one *I* is He that calls us.

In the realization of this Light within us, you can see how patient we can be with our faults, weaknesses, and shortcomings, letting this Light dissolve and remove them, and reveal more and more of Its glory. This may not always come rapidly, and that is good because if it does come quickly, we may be overcome by the feeling that it was our wisdom that did it, our understanding and our spirituality, and that would be more fatal than the delay of a year, or two, or three. It is better that this realization come gradually so as not to startle us into some great belief in our own integrity or our own spirituality.

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### LIVING BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

Chapter: Choose You  
Topic: *Choose To Claim No Qualities Of Your Own*

1964

Identify all good as of God; identify yourself as the transparency through which the qualities and quantities of the Father are appearing.

Choose not to be an inlet or an outlet for the carnal mind which Paul tells us "is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be," not to be "the natural man [who] receiveth not the things of God.

Chapter: Opening the Door to Infinity

1964 Oahu/maui Series

Topic: *Symbols Of The Higher Consciousness*

Outer communion is the experience of opening the inner door, where "I and my Father" can commune, not as if we were two beings, but as the Father revealing Himself as the deeper nature of the Self of our own being.

Chapter: Spiritual Supply

1964 Oahu/maui Series

Topic: *The Universal Nature Of Supply*

549 1&2

Just inserting the word "your" or "my" [supply] brings about a limitation. The word "my" is used at the beginning stages, but later, as consciousness unfolds, we realize that because of the universal nature of truth, Self-completeness is the truth about all men.

Chapter: The Power and Dominion

1964 Portland Special Class & 1964 Oahu/maui

Topic: *Bearing Witness To The Christ-identity*

552:2 or 549:2

The major factor in leaving the two worlds for the one world is acknowledging the *I*. The *I* of me wants me to acknowledge my Christhood. It wants me to acknowledge my *I* within is God.

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

Chapter: The Way of Fulfillment: Right Identification

1964 Oahu/maui Series

Topic: *The Land Of Milk And Honey Or The Cross*

548:1

It is one thing for me to acknowledge that the Christ is incarnated in you and for you to acknowledge that the Christ is incarnated in me. It is quite another thing to reach the place of realizing that there is no "you" and there is no "me:" there is only Christhood.

Chapter: The World of Material and the World of Spiritual Discernment

1964 Oahu/maui Series

Topic: *The Great Temptation: Accepting A Material Universe*

546:2

As we outgrow a material sense of life and think in terms of God as our Selfhood, we can stop taking anxious thought, turn our attention to whatever work has to be done today, and then behold all these other things in the external, appearing in due order.

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## LIVING BY THE WORD

Chapter: Living By The Word

1955 Kailua Study Group 5:1

Topic: *Do We Or Do We Not Entertain A Sense Of Separation From God?*

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There is no such thing, actually, in all the world as you or me. God being infinite, God is all there is. God constitutes you and me; God constitutes our being. God is the essence of our being: the life, soul, mind, spirit, the law, the continuity, and the activity. God is the all in all of our individual being whether we be saint or sinner. The degree of our sainthood is totally dependent upon the degree of our conscious realization of that oneness. The degree of our sinning capacity is the degree of the sense of separation that is set up within us.

Chapter: Sowing and Reaping

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

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

460, 5

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

The message of the Bible is that you are nothing of *yourself*. You are nothing except as the Lord speaks in your ear. You are nothing except as the Lord holds you by the hand. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof." As you learn to release everything in that way, all of a sudden you hear it bouncing back at you with "Son, . . . all that I have is thine. . . ." Then you understand how you have everything while having nothing.

Chapter: Transforming the Unilluminated Human Mind  
Topic: *The Inner And The Outer Self*

1961 Waikiki Infinite Way Study Center 3:2  
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From every human standpoint, there is no sense to the statement that "I and my Father are one." . . . The mere fact that in this statement, we use the word "are," a plural verb, makes the whole thing unrealistic. . . . Yes, but the Master says, "My Father is greater than I." That changes it a little bit, and so we have: "I and my Father are one," but "my I Father is greater than I." Then he says, "The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works"; so it is not really one: it is two. There is the Father within me, and there is a "me." There is the "me" that is not doing the works, and there is the Father within me that is doing the works, and yet I have to see that "I and my Father are one." Now we really have something to think about. . . . Eventually, it dawns in our consciousness that the real meaning is that there is an inner Being and an outer being; there is an inner Self and an outer self; and while these are one, just as the inside of the body and the outside of the body are one body, nevertheless, there are two different functions.

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### LIVING NOW

Chapter: Living Divine Sonship  
Topic: *Living Divine Sonship*

1963

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

Chapter: The Nature of Consciousness  
Topic: *The Dignity Of The Individual*

1963

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### LIVING THE ILLUMINED LIFE

Chapter: Call No Man Your Father Upon the Earth  
Topic: *What Is Your Estimate Of Yourself?*

1962 Princes Kaiulani Closed Class  
475 2:2

You will never be under the law of God until you can acknowledge that you have only one Father, a spiritual a creative Principle. Until you can acknowledge that, how can you be anything other than human, mortal, carnal? You can never rise any higher than your estimate of yourself.

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### LIVING THE INFINITE WAY

Chapter: God Is Omnipresent  
Topic:

1954

We have been receiving this truth of our sonship, of the omnipresence of God and all good, and we are filled with it. Now the time has come when we must begin spending it, using it, and expressing it. As we go out into the world, we give up our selfhood as a branch, and we accept ourselves as the *vine*. We recognize everyone we meet as a branch, all members of one family, the household of God, all one in Christ Jesus. In that moment, we begin to let this truth which fills us flow out into expression.

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### MAN WAS NOT BORN TO CRY

Chapter: Awake  
Topic:

1962

You are the Soul that lives. But first you must know the You that is that Soul, and then you must begin to explore, search, and seek until you find *Me*, until you find your Self, the real You.

Some day, when you are knowingly “outside the body” and realize “I am I,” you will be able to see that God has planted the fullness of Himself in you so that nothing can be added to you and nothing can be taken from you, that you really live in your Self-completeness in God.

Chapter: Breaking the Bonds of Humanhood  
Topic: *Across The Desk*

1962

The mystical revelation is that *I* already am. *I* am not going to be. . . Whereas we thought we were human, we are now learning that we are divine; whereas we thought we had a life of our own, we are now learning that God is our life.

It may take months, sometimes years, because there is a part of us that cannot quite accept the truth that God is our Self.

We have no good *of our own*.

When we realize that we are but a point in consciousness through which God’s grace is permitted to flow to bless those receptive and responsive to it, we then have no responsibility for being good and we have no possibility of being bad.

Our nature is the outward expression, or set of qualities which we possess, but we ourselves are greater than our qualities, that is, greater than our nature.

We are not finite human beings: we are the life of God in individual expression, embodying everything necessary for our experience.

Chapter: Christ Raised from the Tomb  
Topic: *The Work Of The Initiate Is Enlightenment*

1961 Hawaiian Village Open Class  
441:2

We shall discover that even the small measure of light that we have become is already having an effect upon our families.

There is no way to confine the Spirit of the Lord once it has been released from consciousness.

Chapter: Rising Above this World  
Topic: *The True Purpose Of Prayer*

1962  
146:2

That which is our patient or student really and truly is God manifested.

Chapter: The One Great demonstration  
Topic: *Infinity Is The Measure Of Our Being*

1960 Los Angeles Closed Class  
301:1

We must know that nothing less than infinity constitutes the nature and character, the quality and quantity of our being.

There is only God appearing as you, God functioning and living as you. This is the meaning of incarnation.

Chapter: The Power to Become the Son of God  
Topic: *God Is Not Separate And Apart From You*

1962

This *I* that you are embodies all the presence and power of the Godhead, and. . . since. . . there is but one Presence and one Power, you. . . have no fighting to do, and no overcoming.

Chapter: The Prince of Peace  
Topic: *The Dignity And Sacredness Of The Individual*

1962

There must be a recognition of ourselves as the offspring of God; there must be the conviction that our life is not really ours, but the life of God individually expressed through us as you and as me, the mind of God individually manifested as your mind and mine.

Chapter: The Spiritual New Year  
Topic: *Recognize The Presence Within*

1960/61 Christmas & New Years Waikiki

Even though in reality God constitutes our consciousness, and we therefore already possess the full and complete perfect spiritual consciousness, this is of only demonstrable availability in proportion to our awareness of that truth.

Not a single thing in you is responsible for any of your ills. . . The evil or error that is finding expression in you, whether as a disease, an evil trait of character, or as a false appetite, has absolutely nothing to do with you.

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### OUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Chapter: Begin Prayer with the Word God 1960  
Topic: *God Is The Life Of Individual Being*

We are studying not to bring God into our experience or to find God, but to have our eyes opened, to be awakened to the truth that now already are we the sons of God.

Chapter: Individual Discovery of Truth 1957 Second Halekou Closed Class  
Topic: *The Infinite Nature Of Individual Being* 193:1&2

We are not man and we are not effect: we are *I*. The nature of individual being is *I*, and *I* is infinite.

God has not created His own image and likeness and left it lacking for anything. The image and likeness of God. . . does not have sufficient money and at the same time insufficient health.

Never use the word *I* publicly. It must remain the most sacred and secret word in your entire life-experience. Keep *I* lifted up inside your own being.

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

The basic premise of The Infinite Way is the infinity of individual being. . . by virtue of the divine Grace which has planted *I* in the midst of us.

Bind the word *I* on your forehead; bind It on your arm; post It on the gate of your house.

Chapter: The Practicality of Spiritual Living 1960  
Topic: *Fulfillment Is Within Your Consciousness*

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

Chapter: Transition 1960  
Topic: *Release Your Body Back Into Consciousness*

I am the branch, Christ is the tree, and God is the ground in which I am rooted.

Chapter: What Have You in the House 1956  
Topic: *Begin To Pour*

You have the very Spirit of God in you—all of it, not just a part of it, for you cannot divide Spirit, you cannot divide Soul. . . because of Omnipresence. There is only All-Presence.

God is the measure of your capacity. Even though you may not be able to demonstrate the fullness of God's power because it does not lie within your capacity or mine to prove that fullness yet, the fullness is there.

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### SHOWING FORTH THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Chapter: Freedom By Grace 1962 Maui Advanced Work  
Topic: *How Progress Can Become A Universal Blessing* 449 2:1

Unless we are told that the kingdom of God is within us, unless we are told that the word of God can be heard within our own consciousness, until we are instructed in the fact that we are as important to God as any individual who ever lived, we will not even make the search within ourselves for the spiritual and moral values that exist there. We will not undertake the search within ourselves for those powers which would make it impossible for anything but freedom to exist on earth.

You can never reach God, so you might as well stop trying. The reason you can never reach God is that God is already at the center of your being, and even more than that, God already is your very life, your very soul, your very consciousness. How can you reach your own life? You *are* your own life; your life *is* you; it is all one. There is no twoness. You cannot reach up to God; you cannot reach down to God; you cannot reach within to God. God already is established as the very life of your being.

Once you begin to acknowledge God's presence, the mental strain is lifted, because you do not have to think thoughts to make something happen, not even right thoughts or good thoughts. The moment you realize that God is infinite, you learn that good thoughts are not any more helpful than bad thoughts are harmful. They are just not power because God alone is power. You can think two times two are four, but that is true whether you think it or not. You can think thoughts about life being eternal, but such thoughts are not power; they do not make it so. Life was eternal in the beginning before ever time began. You can think that someone you know is spiritual, but that will not do the person any good: he was spiritual from the beginning. . . In the beginning with God, the Word became flesh, and every person is that. Thinking, these things does not make them true. Thinking such thoughts has the value of reminding us of that which forever has been.

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### SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

Do you not see that in the moment that a person has experienced the Christ he has beheld perfection, and from that moment on he is comparing himself with that perfection? Do you see how unworthy he must become in his own eyes? . . . He is always measuring himself against the perfection he has experienced, and he knows how far from that he is. So Jesus could say, "Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is God."

You and I are the manifestation of all that God is, God in expression. You do not express God: God expresses Himself as you. God is doing the expressing, not you. You do not have the ability to express God. God alone expresses God. God expresses Himself as you, but it is God doing the expressing, God doing the living. You are not living God's life. God is living His life through you if you will stop taking thought for your life. God is doing the thinking: you are not thinking God's thoughts. God is thinking God's thoughts through you if you are receptive.

There must come a moment of experience when you can say, "I have no life of my own. I did not make this life. This life is God's very own life, breathed and expressed as me." When you have that experience, it is an actual communion with that Life which animates you.

Man has no other life but the God-life made manifest as individual life. You will not demonstrate supply: you will demonstrate God's grace, and that Grace is sufficient for every need.

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### SPIRITUAL INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE

Spirit feels as if It were something separate from oneself.

God's infinite individuality is expressing as your particular personality.

You must not look for a good power to act upon you—you are the law.

If it were “in” me it could get out: Truth appears as me.

The Word itself in Silence is our very Life.

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## SPIRITUAL POWER OF TRUTH

Chapter: A Harmonious Universe  
Topic:

Now here is the step I want to carry you to today. That word *My* has a capital M. Every time you say, *My* consciousness, please have a capital M on it. You have outgrown the metaphysical stage of two consciousnesses—a human one and a Divine one. You have made a transition in which you no longer look *up* to the I of me, but look *out from* the I of me. You no longer look up to *Jesus* saying, “My kingdom is not of this world.” *You* are now saying, “*My* kingdom is not of this world.” Your Own kingdom is not of this world, because you are now capital M, and capital I.

Do you see the further step that we must now take in our work, acknowledging *My* consciousness and putting capital M on *My* consciousness? Put a capital L on *My* Life. Put a capital S on *My* Spirit so that we can silently—never outwardly or openly—say, “*My* Spirit is upon you.” Put a capital M on *My* presence—“*My* presence is with you.”—and be not thinking in terms of some two thousand years ago, but *My* presence: “*My* presence is with you and *My* presence is divine, because *My* presence is devoid of fear, devoid of two powers, devoid of self-interest.” That is what makes it capital M—*My* spirit is upon you. Just be sure that in your Soul and in your Spirit there are not two powers, that you are not fearing any power, and that you are not holding any personal sense.

Chapter: Christ Of Being  
Topic:

Do not be interested in anyone's opinion. I can assure you there is nothing to discuss about Truth. The discussion of Truth is an utter waste of time, because there is nothing to be discussed. You are the Christ of being, and that is all there is to it! If anybody wants to discuss that with you, let them go home and discuss it with themselves. Do not waste time.

It becomes very difficult to take the attitude of, “God, I do not want anything. I do not need anything, I am not coming to You for anything. I am releasing You. You have no responsibility to me whatsoever. There is nothing that I need, there is nothing You have that I want.” . . . “That which I am seeking, *I Am*.” . . . What am I seeking? Truth? *I AM* the Truth. Am I seeking God? *I Am* God. Am I seeking supply? *I Am* the bread, the meat, the wine, and the water. Am I seeking health? *I Am* the Resurrection and the Life. . . Now you would have to stand pat on “I cannot desire anything, I cannot want anything, I cannot even go to God for anything. I have to abide in this Truth: That which I am seeking, *I Am*. *I Am* the Way and the Truth. The Kingdom of God is neither lo, here, nor lo, there. *I Am!*”

Chapter: God's Grace Is Yours  
Topic:

Here you must remember something. *I* Is God, but *I* appears as every individual, *individually*, as much so as fingerprints. In other words, no two of us are supposed to be the same. No two of us are required to do the same work. No two of us are supposed to express art, literature, music, or salesmanship in the same way. Each one of us has an individual gift.

Jesus says, "I can of my own self do nothing," and yet He went about healing the sick, raising the dead, feeding the hungry, and forgiving the sinner. Evidently, then, He was fulfilling that which He said, "*Thou seest me, thou seest the Father that sent me for I and the Father are One. The Father is greater than I, but I and the Father are One.*" In other words, I, even as Jesus or even as Joel, am linked up with the invisible Selfhood so that the Selfhood of me is the Allness of me, and it is It which doeth the works. However, it is not an It out there, not an It up there; it is an It that is my very being.

The Truth is not that Jesus is the God-man, but *I* am. Not that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Light, but *I* am; *I* in the midst of you! It is not a separate *I* up on this platform or a separate *I* two thousand years ago, but the only *I* there is: the *I* that exists you say *I*, and not so much when you say it as when in the depth of your being you hear it. . . Do you see now the greater value of the word Omnipresence? Is there anything omnipresent other than *I*; *I* there, *I* here and *I* there; *I* with the living, *I* with the dead, *I* with the yet unborn. . . *I!*

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*.

Nobody is ever going to take you into the Promised Land as long as you think there is man and God. Nobody! They can lead you to the Promised Land by telling you the realization, "Oh, *I am!*" Then you will walk right into the Promised Land, and you will be right smack in the middle of it. "Oh, *I am!*" 'Now you see, there is no more separation between you and God. *I* and the Father, who have always been one, now have become *One* in realization. "I and the Father are *One*" is the relationship between God and man, *Oneness*. The *Life* of God is the *Life* of man. There are not two; there is just *One*. God breathed *His Life* into man, not man's life; God breathed *God's Life* into man. Therefore the *Life* of man *Is God*. God did not give man a mind; the *Mind of God* becomes the *Mind* of man, and it is for this reason that you can reach back and receive impartations from within yourself of a spiritual nature.

If we were to consciously remember that I and the Father are One, not two, and that all that the Father hath is embodied within us as the Son of God, we would then know that what we call our self is not to be spelled with a small s but with a capital S. In other words, this which we call Joel would merely be the outward form of my self, but my Self is that Divine Son of God which is One with the Father, to which has been given the God-given dominion over all that is, and to which the Father has given His own Allness. . . Therefore, Joel is not limited to Joel; Joel has access to his Self. Therefore when we meditate, when we make contact, we make contact with our Self, our Divine Self, our real Self, our Infinite Self. From the moment that we have contact with It, Infinity begins to flow forth—Immortality, Eternality.

A seed by itself will always remain a seed. It will never be more than just a seed. It can become less: it can wither and die and be even less than a seed; but more than a seed it never can be of itself. Now, planted in the earth, let the seed be one with its source. Give it access to all that surrounds it, to all that is its real life and being. Then your seed evolves and becomes the rosebush with dozens of roses, or the apple tree with hundreds upon hundreds of apples, all from a seed that of itself was nothing. . . So with this "I" I which of myself is nothing: the moment I go within to my native soil, which is my inner Selfhood, my inner Divine Being, and become One with the Vine, I can then bear fruit richly.

It becomes easier for you when you think of yourself in terms of capital S instead of small s. Think of yourself as being the Son of God, think of yourself always with a capital S, as one with God, heir of God, joint heir to all the heavenly riches. Then you will find that you have impersonalized yourself, because gradually you will come to realize that you are not finite being, you are not man, whose breath is in his nostrils, you are not that creature who is not under the Law of God—neither indeed can be, for you now consciously have the Spirit of God dwelling in you; and according to Scripture, this makes you the Son of God, the Child of God. *If so be the Spirit of God dwelleth in you, then are you the Child of God—the Spirit, the consciousness.*

Chapter: Not Good OR Evil

Topic:

You Are Self-sufficient! When you use that term, Self-sufficient, give it a capital S, meaning you find your sufficiency in your Self, and Self means God. So you find your sufficiency in your Self, within your own being, within the God Being of you. You do not look outside to me, or to him, or to her, or to it. You find It within your own God Being!

Chapter: Universal Hypnotism

Topic:

I am consciously One with God and all that the Father hath is mine, and only that which Is of the Father is mine. I am an instrument through which God appears on earth. There is no "me"; that which you identify as me is God appearing *as* me. It is the Life of God, the Soul of God, the Mind of God, the Reality of God, the Allness of God, made individually manifest.

Chapter: Your True identity

Topic:

Ponder this until something wells up within you and says, "This really is true, this is the Truth of Being. God does constitute my Selfhood, and therefore my Selfhood is not subject to weather or climate or hate or envy or jealousy or wrong thinking. My Selfhood is intact in God. My Selfhood is intact in its immortality. It is not subject to the beliefs of mankind, it is not subject to the beliefs of mortality. My Selfhood does not age, my Selfhood does not change. My Selfhood is Divine, Immortal Being—God! "

We look out with our eyesight, which means with our limited, finite senses, and we are looking at God's masterpiece, *you*. That's God's masterpiece, His own offspring of His own Being, His own Self made individually manifest. Now, beholding it without spiritual appreciation, comprehension, we say "Isn't this worthless!"

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## THE 1954 INFINITE WAY LETTERS

Chapter: The Great Secret

Topic:

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.

Chapter: The Life of the Soul

Topic:

The man who builds upon the rock of Soul never deals with himself personally. He always lives and moves and has his being as the expression of God; he recognizes only the Presence of God at every turn of the road. He serves selflessly, realizing that the energies expended are divinely generated. He gives freely of his talents, knowing that these gifts are his divine inheritance. He is a wise steward, relying upon the Wisdom and Intelligence which is God, and which governs and guides in infinitely individual ways. The man who is Soul-grounded experiences an ever-renewing life of God-activity, an ever-abounding strength and health of body, and a joyous serenity of spirit.

Chapter: The Religion of Mysticism

Topic: *Spiritual Healing*

Since God is the law, the substance, the reality, and the cause of all being, *every individual* is the image and likeness *of that being*, and all that Being is, every individual is.

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### THE ALTITUDE OF PRAYER

Chapter: Bringing Our Gift to the Altar

1968 L

Topic: *Praying With An Unconditioned Mind*

You are not good and you are not bad: you are ME "oneness"

Chapter: God is Omnipotent

1956-1962

Topic: *The Ultimate: Realization Of One Selfhood*

Only one divine Being infinitely manifested as your being.

Chapter: Individuality Revealed Through Prayer

1956-1962

Topic: *Making The Return Journey*

When we have completely divested ourselves of self there is Nothing left, and that Nothing is the *I* that we are.

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### THE ART OF MEDITATION

Chapter: Meditation: The Experience

1956

Topic: *For God So Loved The World*

We have no mind apart from God. Our ignorance, our fear, and our insanity have been in the belief of a mind apart from God, the belief or a soul apart from God, a soul that could sin.

*Nothing can ever stop the being that I am, because I exist independently of what the world calls matter, confinement, or embodiment. The nature of my being is eternity.*

*The only time I can live is now; and now, in this moment, God, the one Life, is expressing Itself. I do not express life: Life expresses Itself as my infinite, individual, indestructible being.*

Chapter: Meditation: The Practice

1956

Topic: *The Indissoluble Union*

The nature of God is *I*. Quietly, humbly realize that that *I* whom you have thought to be you, that *I* whom you have thought to have problems is God. How then can *you*—that *I*—have problems or know limitation? . . . When you realize the nature of God to be *I*—from then on, I have no problems.

When we recognize that we are but the instruments for [Infinity's] entrance into human consciousness, then we carry with us the spiritual, holy atmosphere of the allness of God within our very being.

Everyone has the allness of the Godhead locked up within his own being—not just a part of it. God cannot be divided. The allness of God is in one tiny leaf—in every leaf.

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### THE ART OF SPIRITUAL HEALING

Consciously to know Him as the very I of your being.

The secret lies in the acknowledgment of God as Omnipresence, the presence of your very being.

I am that place where the fullness of the glory of the Godhead shines through me.

The only reason you exist—that God's grace may be made visible.

The individualization can have no quality that it does not receive from its Source.

Your real life is the life you are living in your Soul.

God is ever expressing as individual you and me.

Realize that we ourselves are invisible.

Realize the truth only about God because [it] is the truth about you and me.

You do not express God. . . God expresses God, and that expression appears as you. God reflects Himself into this universe as you, but you have nothing to do with it. God expresses Himself; God shows forth His own handiwork; God glorifies not you or me: God glorifies Himself. The nearer you approach to that vision, the greater is the glory of God that is being shown forth by you.

If God manifests as individual being, then harmony already is the truth about every person.

God appearing *as* individual being—God appearing as you—is a secret of The Infinite Way; it is a secret of spiritual healing, This “you” is not a reflection or a separate idea or something less than God but God Itself made manifest.

My life is not mine, it is God's and is always lived at the standpoint of infinity and eternity.

Maintain that emptiness of self.

The Way is to face ourselves fearlessly this moment [and] realize that it is in this moment that all that God is, I am.

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## THE CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE

*I* has no sex. Once you become aware of the *I* that you are, you will find it completely independent of body and completely independent of sex, manifesting as either sex, even though it will still be *I*. That is because *I* is spiritual; *I* is one with God; *I* is of the nature of God. There, *I* is without finite form, yet *I* can manifest as, in, or through finite form. When you have realized that, the sting of death leaves you because you will know then that you are *I*, and *I* will always be your state of consciousness, except that you will progressively elevate until there is nothing finite left.

If you acknowledge that you are some self other than the divine, you wither.

*I am not living in material world of time and space. I live and move and have my being in God: I am that man who has his being in Christ. I live with God; I walk with God; I hold my mind steadfast in God; I acknowledge Him in all my ways. In quietness and in confidence, I rest in the assurance of God's presence: God in me, and I in God.*

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## THE EARLY YEARS (32-46)

Chapter: Consciousness  
Topic:

Every quality of divine love, every faculty of infinite mind, every law of principle, every activity of eternal life, which is embraced in divine consciousness is individually expressed *as* you and me. This should be carefully studied, because it underlies an understanding that every student of truth must recognize and accept if he is to do the "greater works."

We are the infinite capacity to receive and respond to truth, love, health, and wealth; to know eternal life, harmony, and wholeness of immortal being. Individual spiritual consciousness contains not one element of error, discord, disease, inharmony, or lack, but is substance, spirit, and reality.

Spiritual consciousness reverses the material senses in which good must flow to us, and reveals true spiritual joy, reveals good flowing out from the center of our being-where we do not seek good, or seek happiness or contentment. We seek only the opportunity to let good flow out from us. This takes thought away from a human sense of selfhood, which seems always to be in need of some one or some thing, and enables us to demonstrate our divinity, or Christhood. . . If we are successful in maintaining this position firmly, we will find everything in our experience expressing or manifesting the harmony, the activity, the abundance, the perfection of our perfect principle.

Chapter: Home  
Topic:

Having no qualities underived from Deity, you have no traits, characteristics, faults, or habits to overcome, destroy, or change. indeed, you are now the all-inclusive activity of mind, life, love. This is true of you and of all men.

Human belief claims that we have problems, but to know that the claim is not our claim, that the belief is not man's, would be to see that man is free, whole, joyous, and harmonious. In the degree that you hold thought steadfastly to this truth, will you find this *allness* revealing itself to you, and so brought into visible expression.

Chapter: Mind and Its Idea One  
Topic:

What does "God and his manifestation" mean to you? Do you understand that God and his manifestation are one, that is, God manifested? Or do you believe there is God and manifestation also? God manifested is man. Therefore, man is purely the manifestation of the qualities and attributes of God. It naturally follows that man cannot have a single quality or trait that is not a constituted part of God, because God being "all-in-all" there is no other source from which any quality or attribute could be derived.

*Oneness* is the relationship of God to man. The divine mind is the mind of man; the one infinite life is the life of man; the divine being is man's only being. Then, what else is there of man but God? Oneness brings out the right idea; it indicates one and no more: oneness of being, oneness of life, oneness of mind.

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.

Silence the action of the brain and personal will, and let your consciousness be flooded with the reality of your being, your true selfhood, the Christ or Son of God, which you are.

Chapter: No Outlined Physical Form

Topic:

We must bear in mind that there can be no actual healing, because there is nothing to be healed. "Spirit is infinite; therefore *spirit is all*. There is no matter." Spirit never needs healing. This is all you need to know. . . There is no "you" outside of mind, so you need no healing. . . You have no demonstration to make. All action and volition belong to God, and his demonstration (you) was complete from the beginning.

God has and needs no channels. His Selfhood is directly expressed as his creation. There is in heaven and on earth no one who needs healing, improving, enriching, employing, because we are and always have been God's Selfhood manifested. Truth cannot be brought to us. The *belief* that we have needs is the reason we have to contend with problems.

Chapter: One Infinite Life

Topic:

Let us learn to drop the "my" life, "my" vision, "my" understanding, "my" supply, and think in terms of life, vision, understanding and supply; and all of these as individually expressed through you and me. Intelligence, wisdom, vision, power, are not personal, but are impersonal, impartial and universal.

Chapter: Richard Davis Lecture

Topic:

"You can never demonstrate spirituality until you declare yourself to be immortal and understand that you are so. Christian Science is absolute; it is neither behind the point of perfection nor advancing towards it; it is at this point and must be practiced therefrom. Unless you fully perceive that you are the child of God, hence perfect, you have no Principle to demonstrate and no rule for its demonstration." [Miscellany 242 3-10]

Chapter: Spiritual Healing

Topic:

Consciousness of the truth that this "I" that I AM is God, is liberating, because it enables us to perceive that I AM not in bondage to physical organs or functions; that I AM not subject to rents, bills, and debts; but that I AM spiritually clothed, fed, housed, and therefore I AM without problems of health, home, intelligence, or wealth.

Chapter: The Law

Topic:

As we all are one with God, we are all equally happy, joyous, successful, healthy, and we *know* it, the evidence notwithstanding. In mind (the only universe there is) all are faithful, loving, cooperative. Our home is the atmosphere of love, peopled with spiritual being eager to serve in patience with joy and calm, appreciation, and usefulness. Over and above all is our perfect principle, vitalizing us in our various endeavors to serve its purpose, to the end that all this may glorify the harmony of our spiritual Selfhood. This is the Father's business: expressing his love. In this atmosphere of spiritual consciousness, all are expressing his will and enjoying his grace. "Thy will be done. . . Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory." Let us know that we are serving him when we are serving each other. This cannot fail to result in perfect harmony.

As "God is all-in-all" there is actually no you, no one but God. Do not fear what flesh can do to you. To believe that matter can help or hinder us is idolatry. To fear it, is also to give it power, or just another form of idol worship. There is no power but good, truth. Evil is not power. We are called on to stand fast.

Whatever form of error we have ever experienced is due only to the belief that we have a mind or life separate from God. The correction of this belief with the realization that God is our very mind, enables us to rest, to feel the peace that passeth understanding, and then harmony appears as naturally as light appears with the rising sun. The belief that our mind is other than God has resulted in prayers to some other mind, in "communing" or "contacting" a divine mind. Truth reveals that this divine mind is your mind, the one mind, the only mind, the universal mind, which is the mind of the individual. To rest in the consciousness of this truth is highest prayer. To know that God is the mind of the individual is to include the universe in your prayer.

You are already that place in consciousness through which infinity is pouring.

Good cannot come to you. It is already where you are. Good does not even come from God to man, because man is the very manifestation of God, or good. Only in the degree that we make this truth a part of our consciousness can we prove the infinity, the omnipresence of good.

Since you are Soul you must be infinite. Then how can you be in anything; how can finite thought or belief touch you; how can it touch mind or the manifestation of its being? You must realize the nature and character of man, and see why and how human thought, collectively, or individually, cannot affect this infinite immortal being. How completely free you are from all limited and limiting circumstances when this is known!

The greatest thought I know when problems seem to press is this: "I am." When I can say, "I am" then I know that nothing can be added to that which I am. "I am" indicates just what it says: "I am." "I am complete, harmonious, spiritual, well, successful, joyous, free; I am about my Father's business; I am in the secret place of the most High; I am the temple of the living God; I am the expression of God's being; I am life expressed; I am love reflected; I am the manifestation of the peace and power of God; I am perfect; that which I am seeking, I am. Over and over, I reassure myself that "I am." Not trying to be something, or to get something, or to heal something, but always consciously, joyously, knowing that I am it here and now. I embrace within my own consciousness all good. Create your world out of "I AM."

We must remember that there is no law or power acting upon us, but that we are the law unto our body, business, home, supply. We have dominion over all that is in the sky, on the earth and under the water. We are the law unto it, whatever its name or nature. We exist as consciousness, embodying within ourselves every idea in the universe, and every idea is subject to and controlled by the consciousness in which it exists—not by "taking thought," but through the unlabored energy of mind, life, forever expressing itself.

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## THE FOUNDATION OF MYSTICISM

"I and the Father are one," therefore, we are never limited by time or space or place. "I and my Father are one" and that oneness is immortality. Therefore, I go on forever and forever and forever. And that *I* is the state of consciousness which I am.

You are never alone because there is no such thing as your consciousness being locked up in your head, or in your chest, or in your solar plexus. Your consciousness fills all space. That is the nature of *I*. "I and my Father are one," and where I am, God is, and where God is, I am. You can't localize that or finitize that for it is an infinite relationship of infinite being.

All there is to man is God made manifest. You are the temple of God. Your body is the temple of God, your mind is the temple of God, your being is the temple of God because God constitutes your being. We are talking of every individual on the face of the globe, every form of life: human, animal, vegetable, mineral. All is God expressing itself as individual consciousness and form.

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### THE INFINITE WAY

Chapter: Metaphysical Healing 1946  
Topic: *(metaphysical Healing)*

What is God?: I AM; any mental hedging or inner reservation. . . failure.

Man is idea, body, manifestation.

I AM individual infinite spiritual consciousness, embodying every right idea and governing it harmoniously.

Chapter: Supply 1946  
Topic: *(supply)*

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

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1955

Chapter: Christmas, 1955 1955 Kailua Study Group  
Topic: *A Beholder* 118:2

It is your function to be a beholder—to let God express Itself, while you watch the activity and enjoy it.

Behold this gentle Presence within you, receiving Its Grace from the Godhead Itself, dispelling the sense of I, me, mine.

Never are you and I about the Father's business—only the Christ performs the functions of God on earth.

Chapter: Grace 1950 First Portland Series  
Topic: *True Humility* 5:1&2

You feel that your life has been taken over as is being lived for you, through you, as you.

Chapter: Immortality 1951 First Seattle Series  
Topic: *The Price Of Truth* 614:1

How can you let that Mind be in you except by acknowledging that it is in you.

Chapter: Protection 1955  
Topic: *Protection*

We have found God as our very own being.

Chapter: The Comforter 1955  
Topic: *The Comforter*

Messiah is the spirit of God in man.

the moment we realize that we are the very Spirit of God in expression

Chapter: The Deep Pool of Your Being 1955 Kailua Study Group  
Topic: *The Ninth Commandment* 117:2

If I say, You are poor, I virtually say I am poor. There is one Selfhood.

Chapter: The Invisible Nature of Your Live 1955 Kailua Study Group  
Topic: *The Invisible Nature Of Your Life* 117:2

I exist not as body but as Principle, as Spirit, and the very Consciousness of God.

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1956

Chapter: Neither Good Nor Evil 1956  
Topic: *Judge Not According To The Appearance, But Judge Righteous Judgment*

The truth of your being is God, and you dare not have any opinion other than that!

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.

You are consciously one with God only when you realize that God is your individual being.

Chapter: Scriptural Principles

1956

Topic: *Love*

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

Chapter: The Demonstration of God

1956

Topic: *The Demonstration Of God*

Infinity cannot be confined to anything less than infinity. Therefore your true nature is infinite.

The realization of the kingdom of God within you is the birth of the Christ in consciousness, and with this revelation the search for God has ended, for how can you possibly search for that which you are?

See yourself as Self-complete in God, to such a degree that if you should happen to leave your home without a cent in your pocket, everything needful for the day’s experience would be forthcoming.

Chapter: Withinness

1956

Topic: *The Ninth Commandment*

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

I, Joel, am invisible.

You will always exist as an individual state of consciousness.

You do not see male or female. . . [but] a light which shines forth from each person's eyes. . . the Child of God.

When we let God through in order that He may function as our being, we are no longer human beings.

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1957

Chapter: April: Resurrection

1957

Topic: *Resurrection As The Transformation Of Life*

All of us really are not all of us at all, but only one of us, and that One is God.

Chapter: August: Your Names Are Writ in Heaven

1956 Second Steinway Hall Closed Class

Topic: *Your Names Are Writ In Heaven*

147:1

*I* is the source of all supply. *I* is not someone who gets supply; *I* is the very source and multiplier of supply.

Therefore, I embody supply. . . Supply does not come to me; it flows out from me.

Chapter: December: Tithing with Melchisedec

1957

Topic: *Christ Healing*

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

Chapter: January: Out of Darkness

1956

Topic: *Travelogue*

In the end, you will realize this: Whatever it is I am seeking, I already am. You will then give up all this physical effort and mental effort. . . Why struggle for that which I already am?

Chapter: March: Understanding the Body

1955 Kailua Study Group

Topic: *Flesh As Concept*

113:1

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.

Let us remember, all cause is embodied in our own being. That cause is forever appearing as effect, and therefore, that effect must “die daily” in order that the new form may be born.

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

The secret of life is right identification.

You are only the Son of God when the Spirit of God worketh in you. You are not the Son of God while you are using the personal sense of "I."

Sit quietly in the realization: "Thank you, Father; I am beginning with the understanding that I can of mine own self do nothing."

Since the only person is God appearing as individual being, we are all the same age as God.

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1958

One beautiful day the truth dawns in our consciousness, "Know ye not ye are the sons of the living God." We have only to overcome the material sense which still exists within ourselves, and the degree [and nature] of the battle is determined by the tenacity of some phase of material sense which exists within us.

In your meditations, there will come from time to time the experience of the risen Christ. . . a definite and distinct feeling of a Presence greater than yourself but which in reality is your Self.

You are not just a favored son in the beginning; you are one with the Father, the Father-consciousness. . . the all-embracing, all-embodying one infinite Consciousness.

Out of the infinite divine Consciousness which you are, are formed your body, your world, your sun, moon, and stars, your time and tides, your opportunities, and your fruitage.

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

No one will ever find his freedom until he knows he is not man.

You yourself must make the transition from being effect to being cause; you must make the transition from being governed by every form of material belief to being God-governed.

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1959

Until you can see God not only as universal good, but universal Good individually expressed. . . only then can you look at any and every person and know, "The only power you have is to express God."

In proportion as you realize that all power is in God, the mind and Soul of the individual, then the only power any person can exercise over you is that power which emanates from God.

When you make the transition from living through the mind to living through the Soul. . . then you are no longer a human being: You are the Christ of God.

Anything at all that you can conceive of as being in and of the Godhead, you must begin to understand is likewise in you.

It becomes very simple [to see how each one of us can embody all of the Godhead] if we consider the subject of morality, honesty, integrity, or loyalty.

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

We do not live in our bodies, nor are we the body. For that reason, no one should ever make such a statement as, "I am ill," for *I* am never ill. . . *I* am nowhere around where the pain or discord is, because *I* do not inhabit this body.

Eventually you will begin to realize the nature of that word *I* and you will see that. . . you have been using it in a purely limited personal sense as if there were an "I" separate and apart from the *I* which is you.

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.

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.

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

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

Acknowledge the infinite nature of your own being.

Our only existence is as an outlet for an infinite Storehouse which is invisible, and. . . it is possible for us to be consciously one with this infinite Storehouse, this fountain of Good.

God's masterpiece—individual being. . . His own Self made individually manifest.

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## THE JOURNEY BACK TO THE FATHER'S HOUSE

The Infinite Way reveals that God appears on earth as man. God is the substance and essence, and man is the form. But in reality, man is only the form as which God-life is appearing on earth, God-mind appearing on earth, God's soul appearing on earth. It is God's way of appearing as individual form.

We must realize that it is not He [that performs, perfects, guides, leads, directs], because that would mean He and you or I. The He that we are speaking of is the *I* that I am, the Selfhood, the one infinite divine Selfhood that I am and you are. Then we begin to live from a different standpoint, not from the standpoint of getting, achieving, accomplishing, but from the standpoint of being and sharing. Being! Nothing to come from without, all to flow from within.

There is only one life, there is only one mind, there is only one law, there is only one spirit, there is only one will, and *I Am* is that one. So whether *I Am* is Joel, *I Am* is Bill, or *I Am* is Mary, it is still *I Am*.

God did not leave the Christ out of the woman taken in adultery; He did not leave the Christ out of the thief on the cross. Be assured that He has not left the Christ out of anyone, anywhere, any time. But that Christ comes into manifestation only as we perceive It,

It would seem as if the world were filled with innumerable persons, separate, one from another, each with a life separate from the other, each with an interest separate from the other. When you begin to perceive the spiritual truth of oneness, you will know that we are all one. There is only one life, one and the same life in everyone, one and the same soul, one and the same spirit, one and the same being.

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### THE LETTERS '32-'46

God has not created us: we are his own Selfhood made manifest.

Man is the greatest [idea] with dominion over all lesser ideas.

You can never demonstrate spirituality until you understand [that you are immortal]

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### THE MYSTICAL I

But That which we are does not know that It is burning away the dross of the personal sense of you and of me which we entertain. It does not know it. Our spiritual integrity is just shining, and sooner or later that dross will evaporate, and the *I* which we are will not know that there ever was a personal sense of "I" to be forgiven. In all my years of teaching and healing ministry, I have never yet had God tell me about an error in any person. I have witnessed a great many errors dissolved in other persons as well as in myself, but I have never heard God tell me that anyone had an error.

The mind and body are what I use, but Consciousness is what I am.

In the beginning, *I* already was endowed from on high with His grace, robed in His Spirit, clothed in His immortality. Thus enfolded in His grace, there was no sin, no disease, no death, and therefore no need to invent a God to get rid of these.

When God is unveiled for you so that you behold God as the Soul of all mankind, you can actually feel within you that the Christ is incarnate in you, in me, and in your neighbor: friendly neighbor, enemy neighbor.

If you have been prepared by the Spirit to receive a spiritual message or teaching, it is only that, through you, it may be spread out into your world.

Chapter: I Am Come  
Topic: *I Has No Needs*

1963 London Work  
530:2

All I can see in the mirror is my body, but *I*, who am looking at the body, am invisible, so I cannot even see my Self. I, then, only know that *I* am that Self. That Self is *I*, for we are one and not two. I have no image of It, nor do I know Its needs. Think of those last six words for a moment: I do not know the needs of the *I* that I am. There is not *I*, the Father and I, the son. *I* the Father and I the son are one: and therefore, in the presence of the *I* that you are is your fulfillment.

For many of us it has been easy to accept God as Omnipotence, Omniscience, and Omnipresence, not knowing that we were leaving ourselves locked out in the blizzard. But *I* is that omnipotence, *I* is that omniscience; *I* is that omnipresence. Abide in this word *I*.

All there is to you is *I* – only not the limited sense of "I" that you entertain of yourself, but the *I* that you really are, the child of God, one with the Father.

Jesus used the Hebrew imagery of father and child, and that always makes us think of a great wise parent and a little immature child: twoness. . . and it is sometimes necessary to get away from that image of father and child and cling only to *I, I, I. I* and truth are one. *I* and life are one.

*I* in the midst of you is mighty, but the moment you create an image, you have an *I and* an image. Therefore, do not have any "I" but the *I* that you declare: *I*. Be satisfied with the word *I*. Some day you will hear the Voice say to you, "*I*," and when It does you will know that you have come face to face with God.

Chapter: I Am the Way  
Topic: *Spirit Is The Creator Of All Being*

1963 London Work  
531:1

Until you can arrive at this recognition and conviction and until you come to an inner assurance that there is this He within you, this *I*, because of Whom you need not fear, you can go no further and your tomorrows will be no different from your yesterdays. Do not try to go beyond this revelation regardless of how many months or years it may take for you to reach the absolute conviction:

*Where I am, God is. I need never fear, I need never be afraid. This Presence is with me This I is within me.*

Chapter: *I Speaks*  
Topic: *The Tree Includes Its Branches*

1961 Maui Work  
392:1

There is only one way in which this [belief in a separate selfhood] can be overcome, and that is to realize that since we are a branch of the Tree, one with the Tree, we have no branch-life, no life that has a beginning, no life that has an ending. We have the infinite and eternal life of the whole Tree. Because of our oneness with the Tree, we have no personal responsibility, no personal life.

This Self and you are one, but It is greater than you. Can you not see that what is invisible, the Source of your inspiration, the Source of your life, the Cause and the creative Principle of your life, even though you are one with It, is greater than you? It is greater in the same sense that we speak of the branch of a tree and the tree as if they were two, but a branch of a tree and the tree are not two: they are one, one tree, and the tree includes the branch.

God includes individual being, just as the whole tree included the branches. There is no such thing as the life of a tree and the life of a branch of the tree. The life of the tree is the life of the branch as long as they are one. . . . So the human being who sees himself separate and apart from God is withering.

We must make no mental effort to reach God, for we are already one with the Father.

When we have seen the universal nature of God as *I*, as the *I* of every individual and as the *I* of every cat, dog, bird, and beast, the lion and the lamb will lie down together—the human lion and lamb as well as the animal.

Within each of us is the perfect Self that has never fallen, has never left heaven, and therefore can never gain heaven. It is already a state of heaven; it is already living the perfected life, the spiritual life, the Christ-life that can never be crucified, can never be resurrected, cannot even be ascended.

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.

When you begin to know yourself as the *I THAT I AM* that is one with God, the *I* that has meat the world knows not of, the *I* that is the meat, the wine, and the water, the *I* that is life eternal, then you begin to live a new life, based on this greatest of all revelations: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

You do not look for good. You live in the consciousness of the presence of that *I* within you whose function is that you live spiritually and eternally. You commune with that *I*.

You are really the son of God in your spiritual identity, and this outer self that calls itself Mary, Jim, or Joel is the prodigal working his way back to the Father's house until eventually he does not repeat his given name any more: he says *I*.

If you really want to be a blessing to this world, to your family, to your neighbors, or to your students, do not allow human thinking to enter your mind, because that is the thinking of the little "I," and sometimes even with the best intentions it could be wrong. Be still and know that *I* in the midst of you am God, and let that *I* in the midst of you am God, and let that *I* do the work.

There is an "I" called Joel and there is an "I" called you. But neither you nor Joel has fully attained: Joel is likely to make mistakes; Joel might sometime or other get very angry; Joel at times enjoys a good meal. But this is not the *I* that is the spiritual teacher or revelator. This is the part of my selfhood which is still in personal sense, and it is the one of which Jesus spoke when he said, "I of mine own self do nothing."

I fed it to them a little at a time, showing by precept, example, and demonstration that it was true, and finally after ten or eleven years so much of it was absorbed that I could completely remove the veil by saying, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Those who heard did not go away and misinterpret the message because. . . they have seen that I have been revealing that every truth spoken about Jesus Christ. . . is the truth to be realized about every person.

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## THE THUNDER OF SILENCE

Each one of us is merely a projection or individualization of that One.

. . . the Christ-man, a person without qualities.

As we realize ourselves as I Am, the hypnotism disappears.

When we remove world-hypnotism or the belief in two powers from ourselves or any individual, we are free. Then in that day we shall have a new name written on our forehead—a three letter word which can be divided into two words to read, "I Am." That is the truth: I Am—not I was or I will be. I Am at this very moment, and as we realize ourselves as I Am, that *I Am-ing* becomes a state of continuity, an eternal *Is-ing* or *Am-ing*, and the hypnotism disappears.

Within us is the entire kingdom of God. That means that in us is the entire kingdom of immortality, eternity, virtue, prosperity, harmony, health, wholeness, completeness, fulfillment. In our human selfhood, we can never bring that forth because as a human being we are living in terms of effect and not cause, but when a human being learns to make contact with his Source, he is then drawing on the Invisible and is back in Eden. Our purpose is to be the transparency through which the Light—not we—performs Its mighty works to be the instrument through which the Divine can manifest and express Itself on earth as It does in heaven. We are never the doer; we are never the actor: We are always the vacuum through which Spirit flows. Let us never for a moment believe that by our spiritual endowments we will ever attain personal or spiritual power. There is no room in spiritual living for egotism or for the exercise of personal power. God does not give His power to another. God does give His glory to another. The power, the glory, and the dominion always remain in God; and we are but instruments, humble servants or transparencies, through which that Light may shine.

We become that one in proportion as we learn to be nothing, to be still, and to let that Light act in us.

Chapter: From the Unreal to the Real

1956-58

Topic: *Henceforth Know We No Man After The Flesh*

Now we perceive that man is not flesh, but consciousness, possessing only spiritual qualities. We discern that there is a creative Principle which produces Its own image and likeness, and that this creative Principle is also the sustaining Principle of life, and therefore Its creation must necessarily be of Its own essence—Life, Love, Spirit, Soul. This is the true nature of man.

It is our function to live. . . as the image and likeness of God.

Let us never forget, however, that there are not two of us. There is not a real man and an unreal man; there is not a real universe and an unreal universe. There is only one universe and that is the real universe; there is only one you and that is the real you. Actually, the man of flesh is that real man even before the Spirit of God has been awakened in him because the first Adam and the last Adam are both spiritual—the one, pure before he is expelled from Eden, and the other, pure after his return.

God has fulfilled His own being as our individual being on earth.