
A Parenthesis In Eternity

Attaining The Mystical Consciousness

Self-surrender

During this second, third, or fourth year of very serious spiritual study, we can expect the worst of us to come to the surface, whether it is a physical worst, a mental worst, or even a moral worst....If the temptations that come to us are not wisely handled, we can find ourselves...like Lot's wife looking back at the city, the state of consciousness, that she had left.

To experience the ascension, we have to take all the footsteps that Jesus showed us including the temptations and the crucifixion.

The Tree Of Life

With every temptation to see twoness, opposition, or competition, [the mystic] inwardly smiles in the realization: "Be not afraid, it is *I*. There is only one of us here, not two. There is not a 'me' and danger, there is not a 'me' and competition, there is not a 'me' and an enemy—that is twoness.

The Mystical I

Even Jesus Christ was subject to temptations up to the last moment. Do not be ashamed of the temptations that assail you.

Beyond Words And Thoughts

God Revealing Himself As Christ On Earth

The Indissoluble Union

Seventeen years of presenting the message of The Infinite Way in many, many different forms has gradually lifted consciousness above the belief of separation from God to the attainment of a consciousness through which we are enabled to say, "Whereas I was blind, now I see" –I am He. This enables us to take the higher stand and the higher step of abiding constantly and consciously in the realization of *I*. With every temptation to accept ourselves as a selfhood apart from God, with every temptation to accept others as having a selfhood apart from God, we must immediately retire into that word *I* and abide in It: *I* am He, *I* am every "he," "she," and "it," because I am that *I AM*. That spiritual identity, *I*, I am.

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

Because Of Incorporeality, Givingness Results In Multiplication

Sooner or later somebody will tell you that you have to have common sense, and you do, when you are living out from a material state of consciousness. If, however, in an illumined state of consciousness you yield to that suggestion, you are going to lose your demonstration...Do not yield to the temptation of using common sense.

Consciousness Is What I Am

Evolving States Of Consciousness

The Degree Of Realization Is The Measure Of Attainment

The first temptation is to use human force—mental or physical force— and begin to combat the enemy, whereas the most difficult thing in the world is to close ourselves in tight and realize that we need not resist evil. The battle is not ours but God's.

Instructing The Mind On Supply And Health

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

The Impersonal Nature Of Error

You cannot meet a problem on the level of the problem. If you treat a cold as a cold, it will get the best of you. Do not believe that a cold is a cold: a cold is a belief in two powers, a belief that there is God and another power...It is a temptation to believe that God is not the substance of all form, that God is not Omnipotence, and there is some Power you have to call up to do something.

Power Is In Consciousness

When Jesus was hungry and the temptation came to him to turn stones into bread, he said, "No, none of that from me. I'm not interested in food on the outside, Get thee behind me, Satan. I'm not making any miracles around here." He knew that at the center of his being was the God-power that would feed and sustain him, and when It was ready to bring bread to him, the bread would be there.

Consciousness Unfolding

Meditation

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"Wait a minute! Where does thinking like this come from? A temptation out of universal nothingness! I will accept no thinking like that. It is no part of the law of God, and it is no part of me."

The Inner Meaning Of The Temptations

Let [your own consciousness] be filled with the same confidence that Jesus demonstrated in overcoming the temptations...He knew that his own consciousness was the source of all good.

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

Living Between Two Worlds

Choose You

Choose To Claim No Qualities Of Your Own

"Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." Paul recognized the potentiality for evil in him as the carnal mind, not himself...So whether evil comes in the form of a sinful desire or in the form of sickness, learn to recognize it as a temptation, not as a part of you, but as something that is tempting you to believe in a selfhood or a power apart from God.

Our Consciousness Externalizes As Our World

We always project the temptation so that it appears outside of us, and we say "He tempted me"; "She tempted me"; It tempted me.

The Art Of Meditation

Meditation: The Experience

Fear Not

Evil is but a suggestion or temptation to accept a creator apart from God.

Illumination, Communion, And Union

Any temptation that a human being has ever had is multiplied many times as soon as he obtains even a degree of spiritual illumination. As he goes on to greater illumination, however, these temptations fall away one by one until only one temptation remains—egotism, the temptation to believe that "I" of my own self can do something or be something. That, too, must finally yield to the risen Christ.

As discord or inharmony flash across their horizon, they will resist the temptation to affirm truth, and instead turn to that center where the Christ is enthroned and let it make the crooked places straight. It, not they, will be the blessing.

The Art Of Spiritual Healing

Spiritual Healing: Without Words Or Thoughts

Beyond Words And Thoughts

In resisting the temptation to demonstrate things [Jesus] proved that he was above the law of mind and matter.

Newspapers, radios, television, gossip - hypnotizes us into the temptation to accept a power apart from God.

The Contemplative Life

Steps On The Path Of Illumination

Put Up Thy Sword

At any moment that a problem of any nature begins to come to your attention, instantly remember that you are not to take up the sword—not the mental sword or the physical sword—but that you are to relax and resist not evil in the realization of Omnipotence. The next three or four days of your life may be very miserable because when you begin a work of this kind, it seems...that two or three devils manage to find you, and each of them has two or three temptations for you.

Practice But Do Not Preach

Every time that some evidence presents itself to you of an erroneous form of power, realize within yourself that this cannot be true if Omnipotence is true. Every time something presents itself to you of an erroneous or destructive nature, realize within yourself that, in the light of Omnipresence, this presence cannot be. Whenever any temptation comes to you to go to God and tell Him something about your problems, immediately bring to your thought the word Omniscience—all knowledge, all wisdom—and remind yourself that God already knows all.

The Final Step Must Be Taken Alone

The spiritual life is an individual life. There are ways of receiving help from a teacher and from one another, but the final battle and final victory are entirely individual matters, which must be fought out in the consciousness of each one of us...No one can take your temptation from you but you, and no one else can surmount the temptation.

The Infinite Way Letters 1955

*Essential Points In The Practice Of The Infinite Way
Essential Points*

As you rise higher in spiritual Grace, more and more temptations will come to you, not less.

An Important Point In Spiritual Practice

Every day there are temptations to believe that [somebody is] in need of something in that nature of form.

Suggestions For Healing Work

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

The Infinite Way Letters 1957

*January: Out Of Darkness
Out Of Darkness- Light*

All temptation is within yourself; it is the personal self, tempting you to believe that there is a selfhood other than God’s own Being, or that there is an activity or condition separate and apart from God.

The Infinite Way Letters 1958

*March: The Practice Of Spiritual Healing
Discord Is A State Of Mesmerism*

This is a temptation coming to you to accept a world apart from God, to accept a creation apart from God or a life or a law apart from God, and you must refuse to be confused by that.

The Infinite Way Letters 1959

*October: Freeing Ourselves From Universal Claims
Freeing Ourselves From Universal Claims*

In spiritual healing, there is always the temptation to try to improve the human scene.

This picture of mortality which presents itself to me is a temptation to believe in the entity, identity, and reality of mortal creation.

The Letters '32-'46

The Richard Davis Lecture

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Fear comes as a temptation to believe in evil as a real power.