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## A MESSAGE FOR THE AGES

Chapter: Material sense of demonstration or the unfoldment of grace

1963 Instructions For Teaching The Infinite Way 6:1

Topic: *Do You Recognize The Pearl?*

550

Eventually we reach the place where we do not have patients come to our office to take up our time. If they come at all we give them five or ten minutes. Students might be given a half hour or an hour. Eventually to the higher and deeper students, we will give two or three hours. But that is not because we are trying to teach them. That is because we are imparting the gift of God, the grace of God, where some evidence of receptivity has become apparent.

Chapter: Not Appearance but IS

1963 Instructions For Teaching 2:1; 1954 Practitioner 2:1

Topic: *Focus Attention On The Things Of God*

510, 90

Keep your conversation, even your silent conversation with yourself, in heaven. Keep your mind focused on God, the spirit, the invisible. Then take some phase of God, whether it is life, love, substance, or law, and keep pondering on God as the only law of the universe, thereby annihilating all sense of human law: legal law, material law, medical law, or atomic law. Think of God as the source of all life. Thus "every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" becomes more and more that life eternal in your experience. As you keep pondering these things you finally come to a place where thought automatically stops. There is nothing left to think about, and peace descends. In that peace you wait for the voice to speak to you, for the assurance to come, for inspiration of one sort or another. In that way you develop the ability to be receptive to the divine consciousness. You tap the source of love divine, life divine, truth divine, the source of all inspiration. But you tap it only when you go beyond the realm of thinking.

Instead of delving around in what is known humanly about a person and instead of delving around in books to find out what is spiritually known about him, go into the silence. Retreat inside your own being and frankly admit that you know nothing. . . You have to say or admit to yourself that you know nothing about the situation; you know nothing about the person; you know nothing about this claim; and you certainly know nothing about God's kingdom. So you turn to the Father for light, for wisdom, for enlightenment, for peace, and for truth. As you learn to sit in this receptive attitude, into your waiting consciousness comes some assurance. . . After a person has said that he is well or better, you still do not know what happened. You know nothing about the operation of the Spirit in your experience. You only know that with Its assurance comes a measure of release or freedom to you.

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## A PARENTHESIS IN ETERNITY

Chapter: Living The Mystical Life

1961 Hawaiian Village Open Class

Topic: *Address The World Silently With Peace*

Teaching truth to the masses serves no purpose, but when seekers bring themselves to a spiritual message or teacher, they are receptive and responsive, and the message that comes through is a blessing to them and to the teacher.

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## BEYOND WORDS AND THOUGHTS

Chapter: Measuring Spiritual Progress

1963 Kailua Private Class

Topic: *God Is*

518:1 or 517:2

As soon as you realize that all these attempts to influence God are just a waste of time, your thoughts will come to a stop, and your prayer will be a receptivity, a listening, an awaiting God's grace, a waiting for the still small voice, and then that Spirit of God enters your consciousness, consciously, and you become aware of It.

If you leave the world alone, it will awaken to what you have and want it; but if you try to force truth on the world, you may prevent the world from ever being receptive to it. Such is the nature of the human mind. It rejects that which it does not seek. . . I was in the same boat. I was invited to the “feast” a long, long time before I came.

In our stillness, we develop a sense of receptivity: the ears are open, the mind is awake, and we are receiving. What are we receiving: the grace of God which is the word of God and which is spiritual. Then we go about our business.

Let us never forget that when we open our ears and minds in receptivity, we are not going to God for material supply—for money, automobiles, houses, or clothing: we are realizing that God grace is “closer. . . than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet.” The ears are open to hear; the mind is open to receive; and what we receive is the Spirit of God, the awareness and the feeling of the Presence. This is God’s supply. When we receive This, It, in a way unknown to us, is translated in our human picture as food, clothing, housing, money, or whatever form it is that the supply must take.

Our only activity is receptivity. . . We must open the only thing through and as which God appears: our consciousness. God appears and acts in, and through, and as consciousness. It is as if we were opening our ears to the realization of the truth that God’s grace is our sufficiency. In such receptivity, God’s grace is pouring through us.

Lack and limitation and every other ill that man seems heir to come about through our failure to keep our consciousness active, alert, alive, and above all, receptive. All that is necessary, therefore to enjoy the infinity of God’s supply without limitation is to recognize that supply is not material, and then to open consciousness to receive it.

Once you understand the nature of God, you stop trying to reach out to God with your mind. It. . . makes you laugh at yourself to think that God is here to do your will. . . and enables you to settle down in an atmosphere of receptivity.

Sometimes the healing is instantaneous; sometimes it takes place after the second or third realization; and sometimes you may have to work with a person for a year or two or three. This has to do with his receptivity, his ability to yield, and also with the heights that you attain.

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## CONSCIOUS UNION WITH GOD

Receptivity is the highest form of treatment.

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## CONSCIOUSNESS IN TRANSITION

Topic:

Why, just by opening my ear I have the whole voice of God to listen to! By just opening my consciousness, I have the whole guidance and direction and thought of God. By opening my consciousness, I have all the health and strength and longevity—immortality, eternity, peace, joy, power, dominion. Everything that belongs to God now belongs to me because I have opened my consciousness for its inflow. Our existence must be as a state of receptivity. Our existence must be the continuous opening of consciousness for it to come through. And remember, don't limit it—don't finitize it—don't think it has to come through a perfect person or a certain book or a certain teaching. Keep your consciousness open so that it comes from God. It may appear to you as a person, or as a book—that part is all right.

Chapter: Meditation

1948

Topic:

So when I say keep this ear open, it isn't that it makes any difference whether you ever hear a voice or not. It is just your human representation of the spiritual idea of receiving, of receptivity. Thus, while pondering, while meditating on this one idea, you also are keeping this ear open—really a sign of receptivity.

Chapter: Opening Consciousness to Truth

1948

Topic:

You can take that same attitude when you are reading a book or reading the Bible or listening to a lecture or to a teacher. You can sit back there too, and say, "I am not so much interested in what you are saying as in how God is going to interpret it to me." Then you can sit back quietly not using the thing up in the head called brain. You let your state of receptivity take in what is being said or read, then you let the infinite within you translate it for you.

Chapter: Questions and Answers

1948

Topic:

When we get a state of receptivity so that when any case comes this ear is open and the impartation comes like a flash, telling you how to work or what to work or what truth to reveal, then you can call it God—healing.

We can all develop [receptivity]. It is a matter of desire and of faithfulness to it. It is, though, a major work. We must devote our lives to it—give up everything of a distracting nature, everything of a material nature, everything of an interfering nature and put our whole life into this. This is not something that can be accomplished by the simple desire to do it...It means giving up loads of time and maybe money. It is really something that you put everything into if it be worth anything.

Chapter: Student and teacher

1948

Topic:

You are now developing a state of receptivity to the still small voice. So, as you hold it here gently, "I and the Father are one, I and the Father are one," all the time the ear is listening. A sense of peace is settling down on you. When your release comes, when that sense of peace comes, the problem has been met, either your own or someone else's, or you come right down to the realization. That is when you begin to feel this divine intelligence.

Chapter: Thought Is Not Power

1948

Topic:

The real value of this teaching is to develop in you a state of spiritual receptivity, so that you can be as receptive to the Christ mind as I am.

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## CONSCIOUSNESS TRANSFORMED

Topic:

The Infinite Way may be called the contemplative life, or the life of a contemplative. This life is one in which we ponder, meditate, and cogitate upon the realities. It is a life in which we commune with our inner or spiritual Self. It is a life which, by means of receptivity, makes us responsive to impartations from the infinite to the individual.

Chapter: Discovering the Soul

1963

Topic:

With what we know now, it is possible to work behind the scenes and change the course of future events. This is known to the mystics who are now on the other side of the veil, and to the extent that they find men and women receptive to the spiritual urge or influence, they are able to give the benefit of their wisdom to those now on earth and to exert an influence which helps to adjust human affairs.

Chapter: Healing: to know god aright

1963

Topic:

We postpone our own God experience. This is either because of ignorance or because we have been so conditioned that we cannot release God in the understanding that God is omniscience and knows all there is to be known, God is omnipotence and is not fighting with any other powers, and God is omnipresence, and therefore does not have to be sent for. To be able to believe this enables the seeker to come into an atmosphere of receptivity.

Chapter: Hidden Manna – the Real Infinite Way

8/24/63

Topic:

No practitioner can ever guarantee the measure of your healing or how long it will take, because it depends on your receptivity.

[1963] has been a difficult year for me in which I have been going through a period of inner initiation waiting for a message. During the last two to three weeks [of August] it all came to a head, and then it became clear that we are entering the consciousness that does not need words or thoughts. We can sit down to meditate and realize: “The kingdom of God is closer than breathing. I just have to tune in and listen. I need no words and I need no thoughts. I need only receptivity and, when the Word of God comes, the earth of error melts.”

Chapter: *I - That Is All*

1963

Topic:

Whether or not you receive anything at all from the message of The Infinite Way is not up to us; it is strictly a matter of your own consciousness. You either recognize, receive, and respond to this message, or you do not. . . We have been offered a gift of ten million dollars to put this message on television across the whole of the United States, but I cannot accept the gift because I do not believe the message in and of itself has that power. Only the consciousness of the individual is power, and whether a message meets your need depends upon whether or not you are receptive or responsive to it.

Chapter: Into the Mystical Consciousness

1964

Topic:

The moment you start “using” the mind, you are making a creative force out of it, and are thereby missing its function. . . The step from metaphysics to mysticism is accomplished in proportion to the degree in which you can be a beholder. You use the mind only in the sense of awareness, never in the sense of power. When I can be still and receptive. . . my mind interprets to me what it sees. . . I see what the Soul reveals, which is spiritual identity.

Topic:

If we attain some measure of receptivity, and you touch our consciousness with some measure of receptivity, you will be lifted up. If there is not that spiritual receptivity, you will have to wait until there is, because we have no power to change men's lives. The Christ has—when it touches receptivity.

Chapter: Silence! Stillness! Quietness!

1964

Topic:

Take the attitude that you do not know God's will for you for today; that you are being still and receptive to receive God's grace so that you will be under the law and wisdom of God throughout the day. Realize of course that by this contact, you have also come into contact with all the spiritual grace necessary to your entire experience.

Chapter: the adjustment must be made within your consciousness – Secrecy

September 1963

Topic:

Always remember this point: You are not to intrude in the private life of anyone without that person's permission. However, you are under a spiritual obligation to make the correction within yourself and, if they are receptive, they may experience a healing and very often do. . . You are your brother's keeper by keeping his image and likeness straight in your consciousness. . . You must maintain the truth about him and his divine origin, divine identity, and government by divine law in your consciousness.

Chapter: The unfolding message: Spiritual Power

1963

Topic:

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."

Chapter: Your Door to Infinity

1964

Topic:

A strange thing about truth is that it really doesn't have to be spoken. Once you have an inner conviction of it, it shines out of your inner being to those who are receptive.

Learn to be receptive to [infinity] with your eyes open, even when you are driving a car, and have the infinity of protection. I had an experience that went into the supernatural. Perhaps I should not admit it, but I was driving a car ninety miles an hour on a highway. A car was parked on the side of the road where the driver was changing a tire, another car was right beside it going forward, another car was coming toward me. I was absolutely blocked, and all I know was that my ear was open and all of a sudden I was through those cars and in front of them. It happened on a highway in the western states, and certainly you know that conscious thinking would not have given me that protection.

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## CONSCIOUSNESS UNFOLDING

Chapter: Freedom in Christ

1949

Topic: *Meditation As Consciousness Unfolding*

I was in this work less than two years when I discovered that the only results I had came through meditation. . . becoming receptive, and listening. Then, with a sudden rush, this feeling, this sense of the Presence would come, and the healings would take place. Or it would give me enlightenment.

Chapter: Peace

1949

Topic: *Peace: A State Of Nonresistance To Error*

One person, sitting in a room in silence, in a state of receptivity, can have that silence and that peace which he experiences felt by a roomful of people.

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

The responsibility of the patient is receptivity. In so far as possible, he must be willing to give up his material sense of existence to accept the spiritual. . . [or] at least to desire the spiritual life.

## **GOD, THE SUBSTANCE OF ALL FORM**

Because of the noise of the world, we do not hear the still small voice or receive the benefit of the Presence, and therefore, we must learn to be silent and receptive.

The posture assumed [in meditation] is not important. . . Any procedure adopted is only for the purpose of making it easier to hold the attention on God and to become consciously receptive to the infinite power of your own consciousness.

When a need of any name or nature arises. . . immediately turn within to your own consciousness in a state of receptivity with that “listening ear” and let your consciousness unfold, disclose, and reveal whatever is necessary in your experience.

When you turn within to this infinite Consciousness of your being, turn within in the sense of listening, of receptivity, of waiting for It to reveal Itself. . . You do not have to tell It what you need. If you know what you need, It knows it, too.

Without a word, then, without a thought, without giving It the name of the person you wish to benefit or the name of the disease you want to get rid of or the particular knowledge that you are in need of, turn within in a questioning attitude of receptivity, with a listening attitude, and let it unfold and disclose and reveal Itself to you.

This “Father within” comes as an impersonal Presence to awaken the receptive thought to the divinity of the individual.

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.

When [carnal mind] is imbued with spiritual wisdom, when it begins to draw on infinity, [it] is no longer the human fleshly mind. It is still expressing as individual mind, but it is no longer a planning, plotting, reasoning, scheming, thinking mind. It is a state of receptivity, an instrument of divine Intelligence, always guided along the right way and in the right path.

## **LIVING BETWEEN TWO WORLDS**

Ask for nothing; seek nothing; abide within yourself in an expectancy of God's grace, God's love, peace, abundance and companionship. . . when you have the abundance of God, It appears outwardly in an infinite form that will bless you without cursing you. Your mind does not have to work because you are turning within only for the purpose of receptivity.

Supply is infinite, but there must be receptivity. . . We can have all the supply we will give. But that is where the barrier is— the unwillingness to give. That is where the lack or limitation is.

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### LIVING BY GRACE

Chapter: Freedom In God  
Topic: Meditation: Your Gift To The World

In the first of these meditations, just meditate until you feel a consciousness of God's Presence. That is the end of the first meditation for the world. In your second meditation, after you feel this Presence, make the declaration, "This realization of Christ is dispelling material sense." In your third meditation for the world, first attain your realization of the Christ, then realize, "This realization of the Christ is opening human consciousness to the receptivity of Truth." That is all. That is your prayer. That is your gift to the world... We cannot go to the world and tell it to be spiritual because people are not interested in that. But by our three periods of meditation a day for the world, the Christ will enter their consciousness and make them *want* to be spiritual. They will become as we are at this moment.

Chapter: Living The Mystical Life  
Topic:

When someone asks me for help, the first thing I do is stop and let the Presence and Power of God through. The moment I try to think a thought, even of Truth or of The Infinite Way, I am trying to make thought a power, I am trying to make a statement of Truth a power. No statement or thought of Truth is God-power. Only God is God-power. So if you want God, be still and let God function. Otherwise, you are letting your ego in. What is worse, you are making graven images... Any thought of God that is in your mind is a thought you created, and it is a graven image. Any word of God that is in your mind is a word you created. It is therefore a graven image. You must be absent from thought. Then whatever God is, and however It functions takes place out there, and it is a miracle to human sense. But it is not a miracle that I performed, because this power is not mine. It is God's, and the more I refrain from thought and become a receptivity, the greater the Presence and Power comes through.

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### LIVING BY THE WORD

Chapter: Scripture as a Way of Life  
Topic: *Scripture As A Way Of Life*

1961 Maui Work 3:2; 1957 First Halekou Closed 4:2  
391 or 190

If we are to have a contact with God and receive the word of God in us, it must be through our consciousness, and for this to happen, there must be built up in us a state of receptivity. We have been so conditioned that we can hear all the external noises; we can hear everything that is taking place outside of us, but we cannot hear that Word that is always imparting Itself within, until we develop an inner sense, a listening or receptive sense, until that still small voice can break through; and then through it, we receive the impartations of God by means of which we are to live.

Chapter: The Nonattachment of a Developed Spiritual Consciousness  
Topic: *Let Truth Declare Itself In Demonstration*

1961 Waikiki Infinite Way Study Center 2:2  
387

It is only in silence that the works of the Spirit are accomplished. That is why a silent treatment is much more powerful than an oral treatment. An oral treatment is apt to hit up against the consciousness of an individual and bring about rebellion. If you say to a person in pain, "Oh, disease has no power," you can almost feel him bristle as he replies, "No? I wish you were suffering this pain." So your statement has not only not blessed the person, but it has antagonized him and has been a barrier to his healing. If instead, you had simply said, "I will be glad to help you; I will pray"; and then, in your silence realized God alone as power, you would have aroused no mental reaction from your patient, and there might have been some measure of receptivity to it.

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### LIVING NOW

Chapter: God-Endowed Dominion 1963  
Topic: *The Immortality And Eternality Of Life*

[Pets/animals] are more receptive because they are not trying to hold on to something.

Chapter: Living Divine Sonship 1963  
Topic: *Across The Desk/notes From Hawaii 1963*

Receptivity grows with awareness of God's grace.

Chapter: When the Spirit of the Lord Is upon Us 1963  
Topic: *Receptivity Is Developed Through Contemplative Meditation*

In that humility of Spirit the silence deepens and we are a complete state of receptivity.

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### **LIVING THE INFINITE WAY**

Chapter: God Is Omnipresent 1954  
Topic:

The second stage of meditation quickly unfolds of itself. Here the student realizes an almost continuous attunement within, whether working, playing, or sleeping. Always the inner ear is alert. Always a state of receptivity exists, and at any moment, and finally at every moment, he lives under divine government, the reign of Spirit completely touching every facet of his existence. Now there is no more chance or accident, no more doubt or defeat, because the Soul has so enveloped his being that no other force or power can be found. At this point the student realizes, "I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

Chapter: meditation 1954  
Topic:

Our only need is the realization of the nature of God and God's government. The contemplation of this leads to other and higher forms of meditation and on to higher levels of consciousness. Eventually, we are led to that place in consciousness where meditation is a total silence of thought, a complete state of awareness, in which there is an inner alertness, an inner awakening, a state of receptivity and expectancy, into which flows the realization of the presence of God. Beyond that, we need nothing.

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### **MAN WAS NOT BORN TO CRY**

Chapter: Breaking the Bonds of Humanhood 1962  
Topic: *Breaking Karmic Law*

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.

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### **OUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES**

Chapter: Individual Discovery of Truth 1960  
Topic: *God Speaks The Word*

After many, many years, I have learned how to become still and how to be receptive—how to sit patiently, ever so patiently, until the Word is spoken.

Chapter: The Practicality of Spiritual Living 1960  
Topic: *Work, But Without Struggle*

Be sure in your meditation that your attitude is one of realizing that God is infinite intelligence, that God knows the nature of the demonstration, and that you are receptive to whatever form the demonstration is to take.

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### **SEEK YE FIRST**

"The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me." What is it that concerneth me? Not my will, nor my wish, nor my desire! What concerns me is: What is God's will for me? What is the way in which I must go? The answer is through meditation, inner communion, and contemplation, so that I may know the will of God and hold myself receptive and responsive that God's activity can take place through me. Only in this way can a student on the spiritual path hold to true humility.

Now we will come to the higher unfoldment of the Infinite Way, to a place where we no longer pray, where our prayers do not take on any measure of thinking or speaking: it is God that does the praying in us and through us, and we merely become aware of the activity of God that is taking place within. We are then always on the hearing end; we are always on the receptive end, the receiving end. God is praying in us and through us. This is the meaning of "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Every day, at least once, inwardly let us raise our hands, as if we were holding them over the whole world and letting God's grace flow through us to this world. We are doing nothing of our own account: we are letting ourselves be the instrument, It is as if these hands were up over the globe, and from these hands went forth God's grace and God's blessing to all who are receptive and responsive.

Very often, when we are asleep and the human will is not active, when human desire and hope are in abeyance, the grace of God has a greater opportunity to enter our consciousness and perform Its work. This is why the last few moments before sleep are so important in opening consciousness to the receptivity of God. Since God governs the day, God also governs the night, but for some it may seem more natural to think that because we are awake during the day, we are more receptive to God's government. That should not be so. There should not be a split second of our experience in which we are not receptive and alert to the Spirit.

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## SHOWING FORTH THE PRESENCE OF GOD

You do not pray: you become aware of God praying in you; you become aware of the word of God. The word of God does not come from you: the word of God comes from God *to* you. Therefore, the purpose of your prayer is to develop a state of receptivity in which you can become aware of, hear, if necessary, the "still small voice" within your own being, letting it impart itself to you. It is not what you say to God that is of any importance. There is no God interested in what you say. What is important is what you hear from God. What impartation do you receive from the father within? . . . God is the infinite all-knowing intelligence, and It does not need conversation. It does not need any help from you or any guidance in telling you what you want or what you think you need, That is disrespect to the all-knowing Wisdom. That is a lack of understanding of the nature of the All-knowing, The Master said, "Your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. . . . for it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom"

"Except the lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it," except the consciousness of truth becomes the substance of our demonstration, we shall labor in vain. As we realize this truth, we then become quiet, with ears open and alert in a state of receptivity as if we were actually listening for the voice of God, we let ourselves be still and then comes that inner awareness, that sense of release, "It is so, Thank You, Father; it is done."

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## SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

Chapter: Immortality Unveiled

1962 Los Angeles Special Class

Topic: *Impersonal Nature Of Error Makes Healing Relatively Easy*

486: 1:2

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.

Chapter: Mind Imbued with Truth

1962 Princess Kaiulani Closed Class

Topic: *The Recognition Of The Illusory Nature Of An Appearance Destroys It*

483 4:2

One person on a platform can bring forth healing for a hundred persons in an audience if they are receptive and do not come in an argumentative or defiant mood, but as a little child with the attitude, "Let your Spiritual vision touch me."

Chapter: The Middle Path

1953 First New York Practitioners' Class

Topic: *Treatment Of Meditation As Receptivity*

46: 2:1,2

In metaphysics, as usually taught, treatment is denial. In the Infinite Way meditation is the realization of *is*. Now you are right in the midst of your treatment or meditation which is a state of receptivity, a listening for that inner unfoldment, not for the treatment which *you* are going to give, but for the treatment which God is going to give. The treatment is given within you. God does the praying.

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Chapter: The Nature of Spiritual Discernment

1964 Honolulu Infinite Way Study Center

Topic: *Receptivity Comes By Grace*

540/4:1

Receptivity is not something over which we have control, We cannot blame anyone for a lack of receptivity, nor can we give credit to anyone who has receptivity, because it is not of him: it is of God. . . We have to wait for the Spirit to open us from the bud that we are when we come to this work to the full-blown flower that eventually we will be. . . Since we know the goal and since we know the only way of attainment is the further development of this spiritual capacity of discernment, we know that it involves practice, practice, constant practice.

We have no right to believe that we can give good to anyone, even good health, or that we can withhold it from another. We can neither give nor withhold: we can only discern. . . But if we are developing the inner capacity of spiritual discernment, we can discern the nature of the image and likeness of God, and then in proportion to the measure of receptivity, there is healing. It may be an instantaneous healing or it may be long-drawn-out.

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## SPIRITUAL INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE

Chapter: Spiritual Healing

1947

Topic: *(spiritual Healing)*

The battle is not yours; be still, quiet, patient, receptive.

. . . awaiting your invitation of Silence, Expectancy, Receptivity.

Chapter: Treatment

1947

Topic: *(treatment)*

See God in every form everywhere; receptivity greatest spiritual quality.

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## SPIRITUAL POWER OF TRUTH

Chapter: God and Error

Topic:

You are going to get under God's Grace only when you have gotten past words and thoughts, to the place where you just sit, in a state of receptivity, until you feel the Presence and I Power of God upon you. Now if the beginner were to try that, they would go to sleep, or would hypnotize themselves, or would develop a false faith. In other words, a beginner cannot attempt to reach God through the Silence. That can only come after you have tried every other way and have finally realized, "None of *this* is the way; *that* is the way."

You are bound to see sickness "out there." There is a load of it in every meeting: sickness, false appetites, sin, lack, limitation, unemployment. However, in proportion as you can sit "up here" and see all that and inwardly smile, "I know thee, who thou art: that universal belief in two powers, that carnal mind, the arm of flesh, nothingness," they must go out uplifted, they must go out healed—those who are receptive. That is what gives you your power—not what you are saying. It is the consciousness you have attained "back here."

Chapter: The Power of Truth

Topic:

Whatever Truth the practitioner knows, the patient responds to. . . Why? Because it took place in the one Mind. We are not separate minds. There is only one Mind, and every bit of Truth that permeates my being is at the same moment permeating the being of all who are receptive.

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### THE ALTITUDE OF PRAYER

Chapter: Bringing Our Gift to the Altar

1956-1962

Topic: *Purification Through A Sacrifice Of Personal Sense*

Human defects in character act as barrier to receptivity.

Chapter: Creating a Vacuum for the Inflow of The Spirit

1956-1962

Topic: *An Understanding Of God's Nature Is Necessary For Prayer*

Receptivity requires us to be a servant.

Receptivity requires us to be empty of desires and fears.

The only attitude of prayer is an empty receptivity.

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### THE ART OF MEDITATION

Chapter: The Fruits

1956

Topic: *The Fruits Of Spirit*

As receptivity increases through continued meditation, the God-experience will become more frequent, until the day comes when it can be attained at will.

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### THE ART OF SPIRITUAL HEALING

Chapter: Spiritual Healing: The Principles

1956

Topic: *Is God A Servant?*

Be receptive and responsive to the divine Impulse from within [so] that Truth may use you to reveal Its glory. You will take no thought for what he shall eat of what he shall drink or what his health shall be. You will merely sit there, knowing that your mind is an avenue of receptivity. Receptive to what? Receptive to the still small voice, to that which is called God, that which is the Soul of man.

Chapter: Spiritual Healing: The Role of Treatment

1956

Topic: *Treatment Is A Realization Of Omnipresence*

There must be a measure of receptivity before a person can receive help.

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### THE CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE

We must know what we are going to do when we begin to meditate: we are going to remember consciously that the Spirit of God is closer than breathing, that within our consciousness is the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and that God is fulfilling Himself as our individual experience. God is fulfilling Himself in an individual way, in one as an artist, in another as a merchant, a lawyer, or as a statesman. In any and every form is God fulfilling Himself; God is fulfilling Himself at our particular level of consciousness, at our particular state of receptivity. This must be consciously remembered.

Grace is never a thing or condition, but may appear to our limited state of receptivity as a specific healing.

My many years on this path have demonstrated to my satisfaction that our supply is in direct proportion to our receptivity, that is, to the degree of gratitude that we express in the form of bread placed upon the waters as benevolence, forgiveness or praying for our enemies because then we are expressing spiritual principles.

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### THE EARLY YEARS (32-46)

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world." Then, is it not necessary that we enter his "kingdom"? His "kingdom" is clearly not a mental one, because he taught that we are to "take no thought"; that taking thought will not add anything to us nor lead us into life and its harmonies. His "kingdom" is the realm of Soul, of inspiration and communion, a constant receptivity to good.

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

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### THE FOUNDATION OF MYSTICISM

We don't create anyone's health with our mind, but we can sit down in a listening attitude and become aware of the health that is omnipresent. If we sit down in a listening attitude, peacefully quiet and receptive in the realization of God as the only power, we'll only be still a very short while until we receive an assurance through the mind that all is well—"This is my beloved child in whom I am well pleased."

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1955

The moment you recognize that Light in friend or neighbor—wherever there is a receptive thought—you kindle the Light.

Receptivity consists in keeping open the passageway of consciousness so that you may recognize and welcome the Christ.

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## THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1956

Chapter: Spiritual Illumination - The Way of Harmony  
Topic: *Enlightened Prayer*

1956

If you should awaken in the night, be very still and again wait in this receptive and listening attitude.

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## THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1957

Chapter: December: Tithing with Melchisedec  
Topic: *Christ Healing*

1955 Kailua Study Group  
122:2

To begin a healing meditation, we become a state of receptivity, listening for what may be revealed from within.

Chapter: November: Gratitude  
Topic: *Gratitude For Spiritual Teaching*

1957

When the teacher and the student are so pure in consciousness that neither one is seeking anything for himself. . . but only to transmit God's grace, then the meditation of a teacher results in that receptivity which brings spiritual freedom and spiritual wisdom to the student.

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## THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1958

Chapter: March: The Practice of Spiritual Healing  
Topic: *Practical Instructions To Workers*

1956 Portland Closed Class  
171:2

There are some who have not a sufficient degree of receptivity to respond to spiritual healing.

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## THE JOURNEY BACK TO THE FATHER'S HOUSE

Chapter: Letting the seed take root  
Topic: *Where Is Power?*

1961 Stockholm Closed Class 2:1  
425

You may even feel good to know that there is no power against which to use God, nevertheless tomorrow, when you are facing the appearances of life, there will be that old temptation to reach out for God, to want God to do something to some evil. You have to train yourself to realize: "No, God, I released You last night. You go ahead and fulfill Yourself. You are about Your own business, and I know that there is nothing in heaven or on earth for which I need any power that is not already functioning. . . All the power necessary to maintain my life is already at work, and all I have to do is to acknowledge it. Acknowledge that God is fulfilling Himself. God's nature is to fulfill Himself as peace on earth and the divine grace in my life. I do not pray for grace; I do not ask for grace: I acknowledge grace as God's means of fulfilling Himself on earth. God's means of fulfilling Himself on earth is the power of grace. When I acknowledge that and let myself be receptive, I will find It functioning in my life.

Chapter: The Function of the Christ in Us  
Topic: *A Desire To Know God Makes For A Receptivity To Spiritual Healing*

1962 Holland Class 1:1  
499

To be receptive to spiritual healing means that there must be an innate desire for God, not just a great desire to be healed.

Chapter: Unconditioning the Mind  
Topic: *Let God Utter His Voice*

1961 New York Special Class 1:2  
427

If we can wait only twenty seconds in complete stillness, that is enough. The fact that we do not get a response means nothing. We do not need a response. We are not trying to satisfy the intellect: we are trying, through the unconditioned mind, to be a state of receptivity to the truth that is within us. If we practice doing this three, four, five, six, or ten times a day, even if for only twenty seconds, eventually we begin to increase in depth of listening, in depth of silence, and in depth of unconditioning, and we surprise ourselves by discovering after a while that we have been a whole minute, even two or three minutes in a meditation without having to have a mental exercise going on.

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## THE LETTERS '32-'46

Chapter: No Outlined Physical Form  
Topic: *(no Outlines Physical Form)*

1932-46

Think less of reading and more of receptivity and reflection.

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## THE MYSTICAL I

Chapter: The Two Ways of I  
Topic: *In Meditation Climb Into Your I-ness*

1963 London Work  
531:2

When you reach out to any individual whom you recognize to be God-realized, this recognition of the Christ of his being is an indication of your receptivity, and that is what gives you the benefit of his meditation.

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## THE ONLY FREEDOM

Chapter: Starting the Mystical Life  
Topic: *The Word Of God Is The Substance Of All Form*

1957 Kailua Advanced Class  
181 3:1

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." . . . There is enough bread, meat, wine, water, life, and resurrection in that one statement to carry anybody into heaven. "Man shall not live by bread alone"—by form, by that which is in expression, by that which is effect, "but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." . . . He shall not live by anything that exists as effect: man shall live by every word that proceeds out of Consciousness, out of the mouth of God. . . That immediately takes us back to receptivity, to meditation, to listening for the "still small voice," becoming consciously aware of the presence of God.