
A MESSAGE FOR THE AGES

*Material Sense Of Demonstration Or The Unfoldment Of Grace
Crucifying Our Do-gooding Sense*

All the time a person is reminding us that the lump is getting bigger, the pain is getting stronger, or the blindness is getting worse, we are crucifying the personal sense of self inside that wants to be helpful. We refuse to give way to the temptation to turn stones into bread. Instead, we are going to be still and know that *I* in the: midst of us is God. *I* in the midst of us is mighty. *I* in the midst of us is the secret of the spiritual kingdom of harmony, peace, joy, and glory, and we are seeking His rightness, not the patient's rightness nor his health. Then when that touch of the Spirit comes, we are still. Sometimes It smiles inside of us, "Foolish child, trying to be a miracle worker!" Then we get at peace, and the patient says, "Oh, a miracle has happened." Ah, but the miracle was not the healing: the miracle was that you or I experienced God.

The Mystical Consciousness Of The Infinite Way

We are so happy when someone tells us the pain has stopped, when as a matter of fact it might be far better if that pain continued until the person was compelled to awaken. That is why a problem is not a problem: it is an opportunity. Why should a human being who is well, moderately happy, and moderately successful give his life to the spiritual path? Not only is there no reason, but a human being will not do this...As soon as the patient is well he tells the practitioner to stop work and bids him good-bye until he needs help for the next claim. He is perfectly happy in his new-found human health and wealth. At least eighty or ninety percent are. Instead of telling a practitioner to stop when a person has been healed, he should be saying, "Begin! Now lead me to that consciousness so that I can maintain it for myself, my family, and all who may be led to me."

Teaching The Infinite Way: Bringing The Christ-activity To The Situation

These principles must have become so embodied in our own consciousness that it is automatic to ignore the person who says, "I have a terrible pain. Will you do something about it?" or where it has become automatic to disregard the degree of the fever or the size of the lump, and come right down to the middle path of ignoring the appearance and abiding in spiritual reality until that place of stillness is reached where we can let the power of God be made evident through the still, small voice.

A Parenthesis In Eternity

*Attaining The Mystical Consciousness
Self-surrender*

In the early stages it may be painful when the Spirit is breaking up the humanness in us...This very pain and these very disturbances indicate that undesirable traits, qualities, and conditions are no longer lying dormant within us. Now they are being roused up, rooted out, and if we are faithful will be purified.

The Mystical I

We must learn to live with this *I* in the midst of us, learn to look to It for all inspiration. If we need an idea for a book or for a painting, for business or for law, regardless of what it is, the *I* encompasses it. And this *I* is within us. Then if it is necessary to find a book, a teacher, a publisher—whatever it is—when we turn within, the *I* will appear outwardly as the form necessary to our unfoldment at any moment.

Awakening Mystical Consciousness

*Our Real Identity
Maintaining The Spiritual Heights Of Consciousness*

Spiritual consciousness is a state of consciousness that fears neither persons nor conditions. It looks out on this world and says, "I love you whether you are good or bad, in pain or without pain."

Beyond Words And Thoughts

God Revealing Himself As Christ On Earth

We have one great advantage, however, over the rest of the world and over those persons who live in fear of every pain because they think it is a sign that they are going to die. We do know that there is an answer, and that it is just a matter of our attaining that answer. And what is the answer? The right degree of realization...If we were facing our last minute of life on earth, it could be completely reversed, just by the correct realization.

To Be Born Into An Unilluminated Family Is To Born Into Limitation

Your personal sins and mine are due to the fact that we were born into this consciousness that sows to the flesh. Therefore, one thing became a pleasure of the flesh, and another became a pain of the flesh; this became desirable to the flesh, and that became undesirable to the flesh. And what is happening? What has happened? All you have done is to cater to the flesh.

Consciousness IN TRANSITION

Thought Is Not Power

The moment you learn to live without taking thought, you will be the most mentally active person in the community, because that is when you are not animated by your own limited sense of mind. The mind that was in Christ Jesus starts functioning as you. If you want to write, you will be a writer; if you want to paint, you will be a painter, because there will be no more limitation. You do not become a mental blank, and you do not live in a vacuum, but your thought is so animated by this spiritual mind that you are thinking even when you are sleeping. You are not taking thought. That is quite a different thing. You are receiving divine impulses which we call thought, or avenues of awareness, and you really become aware in infinitely bigger versions of experience.

Consciousness transformed

Christ: The Unfoldment From Within

You may tell your practitioner that you have a pain or that your pocketbook is empty. That may be the problem, but you do not know the solution nor does the practitioner. So the only thing is to sit down and pray, "Let thy grace be revealed to me."...and an answer comes from within that has nothing to do with the problem, but is an inner peace, or an inner joy or an assurance. When this takes place within, the outer harmony is restored.

There are times when you are apt to "bump your knee" but, if you can quickly jump up into *I*, the pain or the bruise will disappear instantly because... *I* is invisible and the body is but the form.

Spiritual healing is a wonderful subject if you can rise above the desire to heal someone, if you can rise above pity for an individual's diseases and pains, if you can rise above the desire to get someone out of his distresses.

When someone asks for help, instead of the mind of the practitioner reaching out to see how quickly he can heal the patient or get God to do something, he lets the mind settle back so he can behold God in action. If the practitioner can get quiet and not try to stop the pain or save the patient's life, and behold God in action, the appearance will dissolve.

It helps me to know that God is spirit, because then it frees me from all attempts to draw forth anything of a material nature from God...Wherever God's grace is, whatever God's gift is, it must be spiritual. It appears to us, when it comes, in some material form, but you know it is not material. It appears materially because we still have enough material concepts of the spiritual kingdom, but it is not. It is not that a sick body has been made well; it is that the body of God has been revealed...[We] are still "painting spiritual gifts" with a material form.

Consciousness Unfolding

Lifting Of Consciousness

Treatment Is Self-treatment

"Wait a minute! What kind of a suggestion is this that is coming to me of a selfhood apart from God, of a human being in pain, in sin, or in disease? I cannot accept that. I will not allow the imposition of such a belief on my consciousness. I will not allow my mind to be handled by such a belief. I know the truth that God is the reality, the substance, and the law of all being."

Living Between Two Worlds

Opening The Door To Infinity

A Complete Surrender Of All Human Traits And Human Solutions Is Necessary

Spiritual healing is a beautiful activity if we can rise above the desire to heal someone, if we can rise above pity for a person's diseases and pains, or if we can rise above trying to lift someone out of his distress.

LIVING BY GRACE

Freedom In God

World Work

In the first years of my practice, I discovered that treatments do not heal and that without treatment far better healing work resulted. One day I was talking to a woman in my office when a telephone call came from a patient suffering from excruciating pains in her head. The woman in my office, having heard the urgency of the patient on the phone, said to me, "I will leave you to take care of your patient." As I was escorting her to the door, the patient called again to tell me that the pain had gone instantaneously. I had not yet even started her treatment!

The Fruitage of God-Realization

We are in danger in any moment in which we glorify our own understanding or come to believe, "Now I have it!" Be assured that no one ever has it! You can live only one moment at a time; and every moment you have to decide whether you will live by the Spirit, by Grace, or whether you will come under the influence of the universal hypnotism or mesmerism that binds us to the pains or pleasures of the flesh. Every moment of our lives we are making this decision. Be assured that if we do not return over and over again during the day and the night to the center of our being for fresh inspiration, eventually we will find ourselves living on yesterday's manna, and then we are in danger.

LIVING BY THE WORD

I Have

Establish Yourslef In The Consciousness Of Truth And Love

In participating in an Infinite Way meeting, your responsibility is to check all your troubles at the door before you go in. Check your human responsibilities; check your human pains; check all those things that concern you. Leave them outside, and when you go into the room, wherever that may be, attune yourself to God. Spend your hour forgetting your own problems and in attunement with God. Abide in some word of God, and let the word of God abide in you. Contemplate some passage of truth. If you are lost in the contemplation of some spiritual truth, you will lose nothing, even if you do not hear a word that is spoken from the platform.

Let Truth Declare Itself In Demonstration

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.

Man Was Not Born to Cry

The Prince Of Peace

Across The Desk

The state of consciousness that does not accept two powers is a consciousness that can receive the Christ because it is a pure or virgin state of consciousness. It knows neither pain nor pleasure: it knows only God.

Our Spiritual Resources

Individual Discovery Of Truth

Across The Desk

Realize that this very pain, unhappiness, or lack is but that sense of separation from God and immediately rest back in the assurance of His presence.

Realization Of Oneness

Lifting Up The I

Judge Righteous Judgment

Stand fast in spite of pain.

SPIRITUAL POWER OF TRUTH

Neither Good Nor Evil

Many times we know things before we see the outward signs. That is another form of faith and is something that takes place in the life of every spiritual practitioner when they are doing healing work. There is no outward sign of any improvement—the pain is the same, the fever is just as high—and yet the practitioner inwardly says, "The healing has taken place." You may even say to the patient, "It's all right; you won't need me any more." There has been no outward demonstration or proof. But there is something which is equal to that...It is a knowledge based on, shall we say, Christ, the Spirit of God that tells us the Truth—as It told me, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." I had no evidence or proof; yet as far as I was concerned, that ended the treatment, that ended the case.

I have no awareness of what you would call valuable paintings. It's entirely different if you were to show me bronze, ivory, wood, or tapestry...I do perceive the nature of those other things that I don't in paintings.

The Art Of Spiritual Healing

*Spiritual Healing: The Role Of Treatment
Developing A Healing Consciousness*

There cannot be a cause for disease or pain, nor can there be an effect such as disease or pain.

The Early Years (32-46)

Consciousness

True consciousness, which is the life of all being, knows only the *allness of being*; the allness of infinite and eternal perfection, without change, and without effect from human opinions or actions. We are therefore never aware of sin or sickness: these are the shadows of a belief held in thought, but which are overcome with the truth of reality. Recognize that your consciousness knows no matter, and you will appreciate the impossibility of age, change, decay, and discord; you will appreciate the vacuity of disease as the nothingness of a false belief. Thus, it will have no more power to pain, cause suffering, or discord than any shadow could.

It is essential that you personally spend time on seeking a consciousness, or sense of peace, as well as reading and studying. If you will frequently retire to a corner, away from people, compose yourself, take your thought off human affairs, and seek a state of peace, a whole new life will open up to you. This is a gradual process, because human thought seeks to be active, to declare truths, to stop pain, to worry. And always it seeks to do these things through some form of mental activity! Cultivate moments of silence with a "peace, be still," or "be still, and know that I am God," or just "peace." The silence will result in a sense of calm and peace which will enable you to see the problem in its right light, and this consciousness will solve it for you.

The Infinite Way

*Putting On Immortality
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...have not overcome the world while still seeking [less pains and more pleasures]

The Infinite Way Letters 1955

*Suggestions For Healing Work
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When the rumor comes in the form of a pain...we accept it as a fact about which we must do something.

The Infinite Way Letters 1957

*March: Understanding The Body
Flesh As Concept*

This [transformation of consciousness] may be a painful process, but the pain comes because of wanting to cling to the old.

The Infinite Way Letters 1958

*May: The Object Of Our Search
Travelogue*

Sometimes there are painful moments, which may last a day, a night, or even a week, during which a new Christ-idea is being conceived or delivered to me.

The Infinite Way Letters 1959

*June: Specific Truth For Treatment
Across The Desk*

In spite of my experience on the spiritual path and my intention always to seek God and God alone, unconsciously my aim was to be free of pain and disease and lack, to be full of health and harmony and abundance.

Life Cannot Be Entombed In The Body

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.

Across The Desk

The pain will not yield...until spiritual realization is attained.

The Letters '32-'46

*Faith
(faith)*

Matter does not pain, eyes do not see.

The Mystical I

*Impersonalizing Error
The Powers Of This World Are Not Powers In The Presence Of God*

If you have had a more serious illness, and though your own or another's spiritual consciousness you have seen the pain and the symptoms disappear and harmony restored, all that you have really experienced is the nothingness of that which had been appearing as a disease, because if it were something it would still be something. The very fact that it disappeared without material remedies, surgery, or applications of any kind means that it really was not what it claimed to be.

The Thunder Of Silence

*From Darkness To Light
Beyond Power*

When we have the actual conscious realization of God, pain, lack, and limitation fade away.

When Ye Pray

Regardless of how painful or difficult it may be at first to go to God without a word or a thought, a direction, a hope, a fear, or an ambition, this emptiness of self is worth achieving even if it takes time. When we reach that point, we shall find what a glorious thing it is not to have to plan our day or our next year, and yet at the same time be assured that every day of the year will be a day of fulfillment because it is God's day, and we have nothing to do with it except to be beholders of God at work. That which divinely decreed us to do it will fulfill it. He fulfills the days and He fulfills the nights as long as we are empty enough of words and are not injecting some human thought conceived in our mind.

The children of God are those who have renounced all judgments of good and evil and are convinced in their own minds of the truth about every appearance: "This is neither good nor evil: This is a person. This is neither good nor evil: This is a flower, a painting, a rug. It is not good or evil because God alone is good, and evil is but the hypnotism of *this world*."

Henceforth Know We No Man After The Flesh

When you become convinced in your innermost heart that because God is infinite there are no pairs of opposites, you can say with the Master, "I have overcome the world." Then, you are back in the kingdom of heaven where nobody knows what health is because nobody knows what disease is; nobody knows what painlessness is because nobody knows what pain is; nobody knows what wealth is because nobody knows what poverty is; and if one does not know what health and wealth are, how can one know what their opposites are? There is nothing with which to make comparisons: There is just God, just spiritual Being, perfection.