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“When We Are Tempted
by Good and Evil”

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The Government of Eden
Chapter Four
“When We Are Tempted by Good and Evil”
Supplemental Reading Part 2

Listed below are just a few suggested search topics. Each search result will be displayed in the context of its original text or talk; those search results, alone, provide an excellent overview of any subject from which you then can explore at a deeper level.

General theme of Chapter Four, continued:

“Whom shall I fear?”

Returning to the Father-consciousness.

Search suggestions:

(For specific citations add quotation marks around phrase.)

“a period of”	“the breaking up”
“all power”	“the realized activity”
“an inner realm”	“this infinite abundance”
“dehypnotized”	“to be transformed”
“every form of error”	“universal purpose”
“inseparable”	“we fear”
“international affairs”	“what is this kingdom”
“law of life”	“when you awaken”
“nothing to stop”	“your concept”
“of the universe”	

SUPPLEMENTAL READING
FOR
The Government of Eden
CHAPTER 4, CONTINUED
“When We Are Tempted by Good and Evil”

Search: “nothing to stop”

From *I Stand On Holy Ground*

...Great tragedies take place on earth every single day, and God does nothing to stop them. War takes place, with all its injustices, not only to adults but to the youngsters who are innocent victims of those conditions. Since we know this, we must understand that God does not function for us or for anyone else on earth unless we abide in the Word and know the truth consciously.

I Stand On Holy Ground
Chapter 2 – “From Practicing the Presence
to the Prayer of Listening”

Search: “law of life”

From *The Contemplative Life*

...There is perhaps no better way to explain this law of life than to quote from Emerson’s essay on “Compensation”:

There is always some leveling circumstance that puts down the overbearing. . . Though no checks to a new evil appear, the checks exist, and will appear. . . The dice of God are always loaded.

Yes, “the dice of God are always loaded.” What a statement! What tremendous significance can be found in those few words!

The Contemplative Life
Chapter 7 – “The Dice of God are Loaded”

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Search: “all power”

From The 1954 Seattle Practitioner Class

...Never, never will you look to man or woman for your good. Never will you fear the harm that man or woman can do you. Why? Because all power is in God. “Is there any beside me, saith the Lord? I know not any.” All power is in Me, God. Now you see, as you look out at this world and look at the world of men and women, understand that they are instruments through which the Divine is shining. What about the evil in them? Smile at it. “Father forgive them, they think they have power.”

101B 1954 Seattle Practitioner Class
“Meditation on God and
Being Function and Activity of God”

Search: “every form of error”

From *Awakening Mystical Consciousness*

...Because for many centuries we have feared so many different kinds of powers, feared even the power of silver and gold, it may take a week, two, three, or four to discipline ourselves to be able to look out at any and every form of error we have feared—sin, disease, or bombs—and realize, “Father, forgive me; I did not know what I was doing.” With the whole ministry of Christ Jesus, with two thousand years of his word, how can it be that we do not believe we have the Lord God Almighty?

Awakening Mystical Consciousness
Chapter 3– “Spiritual Power Unveiled”

Search: “we fear”

From *The Journey Back to the Father’s House*

...We live in a world of fear. We fear weather; we fear climate; we fear bullets; we fear bombs; we fear men; we fear governments; we fear germs. We fear the calendar; each day it tells us we are getting older. Humanly, there is not much in the world that we are not fearing, and there is no way to overcome this fear but to accept God as spirit, to accept God as omniscience, omnipresence, omnipotence, and to agree that no longer do we fear “man, whose breath is in his nostrils.” No longer do we fear mortal circumstances or conditions; no longer do we fear what man or conditions can do to us, because we know there is no evil power. We know that all evil exists only as appearance, as an illusory appearance, based on this universal belief in two powers.

The Journey Back to the Father’s House,
Chapter 9 – “The Spiritual Kingdom Made Tangible”

From *Living the Infinite Way*

...Do we fear lack or limitation? How can lack or limitation affect us? Do we fear wars and hydrogen bombs? According to the first commandment, *only God is power*. What would happen to the power of the hydrogen bomb *if* we could realize God as the only power? Think on this deeply, because there must come a moment of transition when we can intellectually declare, “Why, that is right. *If* God is the only power, what have we to fear from all the so-called powers of earth and hell?” Then there must come a moment of transition when we go from that intellectual agreement to spiritual agreement, a feeling of agreement within, “Yes, that *is* the truth; I *feel* the truth of that one power.”

Living the Infinite Way
Chapter 4 – “God is One”

Search: “international affairs”

From *Realization of Oneness*

... Every kind of evil in international affairs will be dissolved, but it will be dissolved because there are now persons on earth knowing that these evils have no existence in God; and therefore, they have no existence. They do not have their rise in God; therefore, they have no power. Just ten righteous men in a city can save it—a few hundred or a few thousand who can face every situation of human experience in the realization, “You do not have your rise in God, so you are not power. You have no foundation in God; you have no power. You have no law of God to maintain or sustain you; you have no power.”

Then rest! Rest in His word. Rest in this Word; abide in this Word; dwell “in the secret place of the most High,” always looking out at these forms or formations without hate, love, or fear, knowing that if they do not have their rise in God, they have no substance, no law, no cause, no effect.

Realization of Oneness
Chapter 1 – “Pure Being”

From *Realization of Oneness*

... So it is with these conditions of which I am speaking in the world. It may not be that through uniting in one spiritual prayer we could stop all the discords and inharmonies and battles that are on earth in one stroke. But this is certain, if we will be diligent in giving at least one period every single day to prayer in connection with national and international affairs, we will, by the very force of our consecration and dedication, break down what is producing the discords and problems on earth.

Realization of Oneness
Chapter 12 - “Infinite Way Principles and World Affairs”

Search: “universal purpose”

From *Conscious Union With God*

...The Christ-force is so tremendous that when it comes alive, It comes for a universal purpose, not just for the purpose of solving a few of our personal human problems. The Christ is universal good, not personal good. Any truth that is individually true is universally true. Therefore, every time there is an individual demonstration of the Christ-presence, there is a universal demonstration. It only needs to be recognized on a wider scale to be operative in world affairs.

Conscious Union With God
Chapter 13 – “Mysticism”

Search: “dehypnotized”

From *Realization of Oneness*

...The moment you see God and, you are hypnotized. The moment you see a mortal, material world, you are hypnotized; and from then on, there is no possible way to get rid of the appearance.

...If we look through our eyes at the people of this world, all we shall ever see are human beings, sometimes good, somethings bad. The man and wife who love each other one day drive daggers into each other’s hearts the next day. The parent who fondles the child one day reproaches him the next. It is the human picture, sometimes good, sometimes evil. That is what we shall always see, hear, taste, touch, and smell with the five physical senses.

The only way to be dehypnotized is to quiet the physical senses, to be still inside, and then spiritual awareness reveals the truth of being that enables us to see that which is not visible, to hear that which is not audible, to know that which is not knowable with the human senses.

Realization of Oneness
Chapter 4 – “No And”

Search: “your concept”

From *Awakening Mystical Consciousness*

...The purpose of The Infinite Way teaching is to lead you to that state of consciousness in which, when you see a discordant person, thing, or condition, you do not attempt to change it. Do not try to manipulate anything in the external. Realize you are not beholding anything but a concept that, in and of itself, has no power, presence, or reality. The reality of what you are witnessing is eternal in the heavens, perfect. As you look at a harmonious body, a youthful body, or a physically perfect body, remember you are not seeing a spiritual idea. You are seeing your concept of a spiritual idea. When you understand that, you will begin to heal, and the healings will come quickly.

Awakening Mystical Consciousness
Chapter 5 – “Our Real Identity”

Search: “a period of”

From The 1961 Seattle Special Class

... the period of dying to the old self is not such an easy one, and not always a short one. But actually that subject should have no importance with us. The fact that it's not an easy way should not disturb us because if we are determined to attain the Christian way of life, we must be prepared for a period of struggle, a period of effort, a period of study, a period of discipline. Why the discipline? Because we really have no struggle with morality, I mean by that we have no great struggle at this period with the Ten Commandments. We're pretty well in line with that.

Why then the struggle? The main struggle for us is this: that we are the product of some centuries of living in the external, exclusively in the external. Not only that we be-

gan right in our cribs to live with rattles, and dolls and later marbles, and every other kind of game that would keep our attention centered in the outer world. But sadly enough, even when we got to school we found them more intent on keeping us entertained and occupied with games and sports than actually with intensive study, or with teaching us how to be still enough inside so that we could concentrate and study.

429A 1961 Seattle Special Class
“Demands of the Spiritual Life”

From *Man Was Not Born to Cry*

...The world likes to believe that it is living in a period of civilization, but the truth is that civilization has not yet really begun on earth. Only its beginning stages are evident. If the word “civilization” has any meaning at all, it must mean brotherhood; it must be a relationship of brothers among men, and without that relationship it can hardly be called civilization: it is still only animality. Any failure to love our neighbor as ourselves is the measure of our lack of civilization; so it cannot be said that civilization has come to earth until there is loving of our neighbor as ourselves.

Man Was Not Born to Cry
Chapter 1 – “The Spiritual New Year”

From The 1964 Manchester Closed Class

...There must be a period in the day in which we—well, I used the word reconcile yesterday, and let us see how it turns out now— a period of the day in which we surrender our desires or our will in the recognition of nevertheless, not my will be done, but Thine. In other words, once a day we should be certain in our meditation that we are not trying to live a life apart from the will of God, and therefore, we must return each day to the Father’s house, to the consciousness within

and ask for guidance or direction or remember to affirm that I seek only to do the will of God. I do not ask to be prospered in anything that is not the will of God for me. And there is a very deep reason for this. The will of God for me will bless you. The will of God for me will be a blessing to all who come within range of my consciousness.

559B 1964 Manchester Closed Class – side one continued
("Spiritual Discernment of the Bible")

From *The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Three*

...In absolute Consciousness there is no loss of identity: I remain myself and you remain yourself, and yet there is no place where one begins and the other ends. Those who have been instrumental in bringing about healing through spiritual means know that, when you come to a state of complete quiet and inner stillness, there comes a period of peaceful release in which you are aware of being in communion with the spiritual Selfhood—then it is that you have touched the reality of your patient and found that all is well. You are aware that all of life is a continuous communion with God, and you know that beyond all appearance is the infinite, intangible flow of Love that transcends humanhood. This is the realization of true identity—the Christ.

The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Three
Chapter 4 – "Neither Good nor Evil"

Search: "the breaking up"

From The 1963 London Work

... In the States we refer a great deal to the "good old days," and when you ask some of our workers in the factories over there about it, they would say they weren't the good old days for us. And they were right too. It wasn't the good old days

for them. No. No. Not the days when men were receiving one dollar a day wages. It couldn't have been the good old days for them.

So the evil conditions were there and that which we call the evil of now, really represent the breaking up of the evil conditions that were there. So it is you are going to discover that the activity of the Christ in consciousness now is breaking up the evils of this world. In whatever direction you may look, you will discover that nothing good is being destroyed. Nothing good is being destroyed—evils are being broken up.

526B 1963 London Work – side one continued
“The New Message 1963 – To Teachers,
Practitioners and Group Leaders”

Search: “what is this kingdom”

From *Living the Infinite Way*

...What is this kingdom of God like—not just the kingdom of a hundred per cent increase in income, not just the kingdom of a heart that beats normally or muscles that are strong? What is My kingdom like, My kingdom, which is not of this world? And what is this My peace, this peace which is not the peace the world can give by making us healthy or wealthy or famous? Just what is My peace? It is a peace that flows out from within.

Living the Infinite Way
Chapter 1 – “The Mystery of the Invisible”

From *Seek Ye First*

...To most of us, the kingdom of God is only the name of some remote place, just as remote, visionary, and meaningless as Shangri-La, except that we do know that if we discover the kingdom of God, we will at the same time discover

the nature of peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, and abundance. But what is this kingdom of God? All we know is that through meditation, contemplation, and communion, as taught in the message of The Infinite Way, the nature of that kingdom of God and the treasures the Father has laid up for us will be revealed.

Seek Ye First

Chapter 12 – “Fulfillment of Spiritual Identity
through Meditation Contemplation and Communion

Search: “when you awaken”

From Awakening Mystical Consciousness

...You have to choose when you awaken in the morning whether you are going to allow yourself to serve the universal belief in two powers or whether you are going to be God-governed. You can be God-governed only by an act of your own consciousness because without this, you, just like every other human being in the world, are subject to the powers of this world, the so-called powers of the carnal mind. You must bring yourself out from under the universal belief in two powers and establish yourself in the grace of God and realize:

There are no powers to operate in, on, or through me or anyone else except the power of God’s grace.

The recognition of this truth turns hell into heaven, disease into health, sin into purity, and lack into abundance.

Awakening Mystical Consciousness

Chapter 10 – “Dominion through Daily Realization”

Search: “this infinite abundance”

From The 1953 First New York Lecture Series

...Turning to God and asking for more is what separates us from our good. God has no more to give than God is giv-

ing. God has no more to supply than God is supplying. The earth is full of God and God's riches, God's abundance and God's grace—without money, without price. Ah, that's true and you know it!

The next question comes: how do I avail myself of this infinite abundance? And there is where the intelligent question comes in. First make the acknowledgement that the earth is full of God's abundance. First make the acknowledgement that God has no more to give. The oceans are full of fish, the oysters are full of pearls and the earth is full of oil, coal, fuel, fodder, crops, animals. The cattle on a thousand hills are yours and a thousand hills are filled with cattle. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, and Son, all that I have is thine. So rather than turn to God in prayer in asking, pleading, petitioning or even in the modern prayer of affirming, let us find the secret of prayer, and you will have the secret of harmony, wholeness, completeness, perfection, even peace on earth.

42A 1953 First New York Lecture Series
"The Nature of God and Prayer"

Search: "to be transformed"

From The 1957 Kailua Advanced Class

...Never doubt this for the world: that if all the churches on earth were to open five minutes every day for prayers for the enemy, it would only take twenty-four hours for there to be no enemy. Just twenty-four hours, that's all. It would so transform consciousness that the outer world would be transformed and there will never be a transformation of the outer scene until consciousness is first transformed.

And it has to be transformed by not fearing evil and by forgiving every appearance of evil. And here is probably one of the great mysteries of this book: "But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them

that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you.” And why, why should you do that? And he gives you the answer: “That ye may be children of your Father.” That’s the reason.

82B 1957 Kailua Advanced Class – side one continued
 (“Spiritual Life Revealed”)

From Consciousness Transformed

...If there is a change of consciousness in the man on the street, this will change the nature of politicians. Putting politicians out of office is not the answer. The answer is individually rising above the belief of good and bad humanhood to the realization of spiritual identity. Then we will have different candidates without having to go outside our chapels or homes; in other words, by our inner realization.

The entire world does not have to be transformed. No, the history of the world is going to be changed by “ten righteous men” here and there. One pope is going to change the whole attitude and altitude of the world. One pope here, one bishop there, one priest here, one rabbi there, and one man in the business world, and all on the idea of freedom attained individually by spiritual means. It is not a matter of transforming the world, but of bringing to the surface one here and one there; to be lights in their communities, and these few will raise up the others with them.

Individually we must come to the realization that we are on earth as guests of life.

Consciousness Transformed, May 12, 1963
 “We Are Guests of Life”

Search: “an inner realm”

From *A Parenthesis in Eternity*

...We must arrive at the point where we are able to perceive what the Master meant when he said, “My kingdom is not of this world. . . . Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.” The mystical way, the infinite way, is not the way of the sword; it is not the way of might or force: it is the way of stillness. Sooner or later we must see that within us there is an inner realm. It will answer every question. It will teach us in the only place where we can be taught—within. The still small voice will instruct us in whatever our particular gift, talent, or field may be, whether in spiritual or mathematical wisdom, art, literature, science, or music.

A Parenthesis in Eternity
Chapter 3 – “The Spiritual Adventure”

Search: “of the universe”

From *The Thunder of Silence*

... As we come to this place in consciousness where we are able to relinquish human might and power, human opinion and judgment, a divine Grace, invisible, yet perfectly tangible to the person experiencing it, takes over. We cannot see this transcendental Spirit, hear It, taste It, touch It, or smell It, yet It is here and It is now—we feel It, and we know It. When we let go of our human rights or human will or desires—even the good desires—and absolutely resign ourselves to God’s will, It rushes in as if there were a vacuum, and when It takes over, we can feel Its every movement coursing throughout our body, right through the muscles and veins down to the nails. We are one with the rhythm of the universe, and all is well.

The Thunder of Silence
Chapter 17 – “Your Father Knoweth”

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Search: “inseparable”

From *The Contemplative Life*

...Earthly woes, earthly concerns, earthly anxieties—all these drop away because I am home in Thee, one with Thee. Thou art in me, and I in Thee, and therefore we are one. In that oneness is my completeness, my wholeness, my perfection. If I had Thee and the whole world, I would have nothing more than if I had Thee alone.

I dwell constantly in the realization that where Thou art I am, that we are inseparable, indivisible, and that Thou knowest my need. It is Thy good pleasure to give me the Kingdom—the Kingdom that is already established within me.

Thou wilt never leave me, nor forsake me. If I am good or bad, rich or poor, sick or well, Thou wilt never forsake me. Through the realization of that, the lost years of the locust are restored, and I am whole again: whole through the realization of Thy presence, through the realization of inseparability and indivisibility. God is the Father and God is the Son, and we are one. In this conscious oneness is my Allness.

The sun, the moon, and the stars up there in the sky are all under God's government; the tide is coming in and going out under God's government; trees, grass, and plants are growing; flowers are blooming; fruit is ripening—all under God's grace. The cattle are grazing on a thousand hills under God's grace. Coal and diamonds are in the ground, and pearls in the sea, all under God's grace. Substances that we are using from the ground today were placed there thousands of years ago; substances that will be needed thousands of years from now are forming in the earth and in the water now.

Every need is provided for by God's grace. God's grace is indeed my sufficiency. All things have been given to me by God's grace: not by might, not by power, not by prayer, but by God's grace: not by might, not by power, not by prayer, but by God's

grace. So I relax into God and receive the same God-government that directs the earth and all its activities. I am in thee, and Thou art in me—and we are one.

The Contemplative Life
Chapter 10 – “Meditation on a Life by Grace”

Search: “the realized activity”

From *The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Four*

...When, through the realized activity of the Christ, we have witnessed the overcoming of the discords of life, we take the higher step of The Infinite Way and begin the ascent above human and physical harmonies. We rise above the pairs of opposites; not only above ill health, but above good health as well; above poverty, but also above wealth; above discordant conditions as well as harmonious conditions into that realm of consciousness where only *God is*. Only in inner silence and inner stillness can God impart to us that which *is*. When we are willing to be a perfect transparency to receive the instruction of God, then God speaks in our ear and shows us the spiritual reality, the Christ. If we can be touched by this activity of the Christ so that we are willing to “die daily” for each other that our spiritual nature may be reborn, is there any limit whatsoever to the scope of the activity of the Christ, the Presence in you?

The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Four
Chapter 5 – “The Christ, the Presence in You”

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