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“The Genesis of Identity”

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General themes for *The Government of Eden*
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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 themes in Chapter Two:
Right identification; re-interpretation

Search suggestions:

(For specific citations add quotation marks around phrase.)

allness	“mistaken identity”
“all one”	“national situation”
concepts	“nothing wrong in the world”
“creative principle”	“one law”
“family situation”	“open the door”
“first chapter of Genesis”	“our neighborhood”
“God appears as”	“our true identity”
“God is”	“real government”
heirs	reinterpret
incorporeal	“right identification”
“international situation”	“second chapter of Genesis”
“I open myself”	“the fruit tree”
“joint heirs”	“the tree”
leaven	“true identity”
“Melchizedek consciousness”	“Who am I?”

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From *Living the Illumined Life*

...You cannot violate anyone or anything when you know your true identity, because you cannot violate your Christhood.

Living the Illumined Life

Chapter 10 – “Call No Man Your Father Upon the Earth”

From *Showing Forth the Presence of God*

...What is the difference between the request to heal a cancer, consumption, paralysis or a request for a thousand dollars? “Man, whose breath is in his nostrils” cannot meet it, but the Christ can, and the Christ is your true identity. “I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.” That is true of me; it is true of you. The only reason you are reading this letter is not to make that come true, but to awaken you to your true identity as the Christ. Awake! Awake! Awake! The Christ will awaken you from this sleep. Open up and realize that the Christ is your true identity, not mortality, not humanness, not limitation.

Showing Forth the Presence of God

Chapter 5 – “God the Substance of Universal Being”

From *Spiritual Power of Truth*

...Now you, in your true identity—and this means he, she, or it, and the true identity of all—are the Christ, the offspring of God. There's nothing that you or I can do to *make* it so; it already is so. God already Is the life of individual being. God already Is the soul and the spirit and the mind. God already Is the integrity of every individual. That was established in the beginning before Abraham was. However, it is not manifest, visible, until One with God is a majority, until one individual can sit in silence and realize the Christ, spiritual Identity, true Identity.

Spiritual Power of Truth
Chapter 4 – “Your True Identity”

From the 1953 Seattle Class

...The discords and the inharmonies of human existence come because we do not know our true identity. That is the one and only reason for all of the world's discords.

Recording: 33-A
1953 Seattle Class
“Living Divine Sonship”

From *Spiritual Discernment*

...If the telephone rings with a plea for help or if we hear or see some disturbing situation or person, we must look upon it as an appeal to the Christ of our being and immediately reinterpret the picture being presented to us. Our practice must not be limited only to the problems of human experience, but every harmonious human picture is also a call upon us to reinterpret it, recognizing the source of all good and that there is no good or evil in form or effect.

Spiritual Discernment
Chapter 9 – “The Christ Kingdom”

...If God is infinite life, your life and mine, it will never be destroyed. Your agreeing intellectually with this will not do the works for you, but by abiding in it, eventually you will pass from the letter of truth to the actual experience or demonstration of the spiritual discernment of truth.

Spiritual Discernment
Chapter 1 – “Peeling Off the Onion Skins”

From Consciousness Transformed

...When a thought comes into your mind, train yourself to weigh it in the light of the two worlds: “Is that a material thought? Am I placing power in something or someone external to the *I* that I am ? If I am placing confidence in good or bad powers, or in fear, if I am implying an external power in germs or in infections or in the calendar, if I am imputing power externally, I am living in the world of material sense, material values.” But when such thoughts come to you and you reinterpret them: “No! I do not live by bread or by property, but by the will of God. I do not die by the power of accidents or germs or heredity; I die in proportion as I withdraw power from that external realm. I die to my human-ness, but I am in that degree reborn into my spiritual Sonship.” As soon as you can draw back the power into the *I* that I am, fear of this outer world disappears.

Consciousness Transformed
April 12, 1964 – “I and My Father are One”

From The Art of Spiritual Healing

...Every time that an evidence of discord presents itself to you, you must reinterpret it until that conscious reinterpretation becomes a habit, and there is no longer any process involved. Whenever anyone asks for help, at least for a year or two or three, you should be willing to give the very best treatment you know how to give. But after a year or two of

giving hundreds and hundreds, perhaps even thousands of treatments, the truth becomes so embedded and embodied in your consciousness and you are living in such a high state of consciousness, that when somebody asks for help you are able simply to respond with “I am with you,” and this will be sufficient treatment.

The Art of Spiritual Healing
Chapter 7 – “Practical Instructions to Workers”

From *Consciousness In Transition*

...Now we have two ideas: right identification which means God appearing as individual life; and sin, disease and death, which is nothing more or less than God being wrongly interpreted by us. So the next word, after right identification, is reinterpretation. Right identification—which means the one appearing as many, or God, life, appearing as individual being; and then reinterpretation—which means looking right at sick, sinning, human, dying men and reinterpreting that to see, inasmuch as God is all, that this is part of the allness of God which is being mis-seen, coming to me as a false suggestion, which I must reinterpret. Now, you must carry with you these two words, from morning to night and night to morning. Two words: right identification and reinterpretation.

Consciousness In Transition
Chapter 5 – “The Nature of Error”

From the 1955 Kailua Study Group

...You see, it is a matter of right identification, of right identity. Who am I? What am I? Am I that which is visible, or am I the invisible, which acts to produce visibly? And on that hinges the entire secret of our harmonious existence.

Recording: 117B
1955 Kailua Study Group
“The Invisible Nature of Your Life”

From the 1955 Chicago Reading Room

...You don't think for a minute that if God is life eternal, that anyone can destroy it; and so if God is infinite Life, that's your life and mine, it will never be destroyed; but saying this to you and you intellectually agreeing on it will not do the work for you. But by abiding in it, eventually you will pass from the letter of truth to the actual experience or demonstration or spiritual discernment of truth.

Recording: 710B
1955 Chicago Reading Room
"First Anniversary"

From the 1961 Stockholm Closed Class

...All the power necessary to function your life and mine, is already at work and all we have to do is acknowledge it. Acknowledge God in all thy ways. Acknowledge that God is fulfilling Himself. God's nature is to fulfill Himself. God's nature is to fulfill Himself as the peace on earth, as the divine grace in your life. You don't pray for grace. You don't ask for grace. You acknowledge grace as God's means of fulfilling Himself on earth.

Recording: 425A
1961 Stockholm Closed Class
"Specific Infinite Way Principles and Practice"

From *Consciousness Is What I Am*

...As we are touched or influenced by Spirit, the mind and body will function in any direction that can prove to be a blessing to the world. It will put some of us in a spiritual ministry, but will take some out of it and put them back in the business, artistic, or financial world where, in one way or another, they can serve the best purpose. Whatever we may accomplish on earth, we accomplish as we let the supreme

Power flow through us, serving God's purpose in any capacity given to us on earth.

Consciousness Is What I Am
Chapter 1 – “The Dedicated Consciousness”

From the 1962 Chicago Closed Class

...Who am I? Where am I? Why am I? And as you begin to ponder those things, you are in contemplation, in meditation, in communion. And with what? With the Source that is within you. Because all of this you see, is taking place within you—all of this contemplation, all of this search, is taking place within you.

Recording: 468A
1962 Chicago Closed Class
“Discovery of My Self”

From *A Message for the Ages*

... “God is neither “Lo here! or Lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.” But let us not be paganistic and believe that God is in the body—in the solar plexus or in the spinal cord—because that is finitizing God. Although we do believe that God is within us, that does not mean within our body. It means within us, and we are not body; we are something other than body.

There is only one exercise we use in the Infinite Way. That exercise not only gave me my full and complete revelation, but it showed me the secret of supply and completely changed my economic structure and enabled me to travel the world teaching The Infinite Way, and that without any memberships and without asking for contributions from anyone. It was the practice of going from the feet to the topmost hair of the head and discovering that I was not anywhere within that body. I walked along the street with this idea unfolding.

I kept looking up and down my body, agreeing that I would not even want to believe that God could be encased in a finite form because we know that the infinity of God cannot be limited to a finite space. How could God or the son of God be confined in a corporeal body?

So I said to myself, “If I am not in this body, then, where am I? What am I? Who am I? And the word *I* struck fire. “Ah! There it is! ‘I Am That I Am. . . I am the way, the truth, and the life. . . I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. . . I will be with you unto the end of the world.” That is not true of the body, is it? But it is true of I: I am incorporeal, I am spiritual, I am omnipresence in my real identity

A Message for the Ages
Chapter 2 – “God and Prayer”

From *Seek Ye First*

...You are the temple of the living God, but do you live your life as if you were that temple? Most persons live their lives as if they were the temple of their own being, as if they had the right to live their own lives the way they would like. They do not open themselves consciously to realize:

God is my life; therefore, I open myself consciously each day to God: Live Your life in me, live Your life through me, so that I can say, with Paul, “I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.” God, even this body is Thy temple. My mind is Thy temple; my soul is Thy temple. Reveal Thy will to me.

Be sure, Father, that I know Thy will that it may be made manifest in me. Each morning, let me be the temple for Thy Spirit that Thy Spirit may function in me, that Thy life may be lived through me.

Seek Ye First
Chapter 9 – “Meditation on Nonpower”

From *Showing Forth the Presence of God*

...Let us consider for a moment the word, “I.” In the human picture, if I say, “I,” I am referring to Joel, and if you say, “I,” you are referring to whatever your name is. But that is mistaken identity. *I* is not Joel, and *I* is not Bill, Mary, Jones, or Smith. *I* is a spiritual entity, spiritual being, spiritual Selfhood, and if we would enter the realm of spiritual prayer, the kingdom of God, we must take no thought for our life, but seek the kingdom of God, and then the things will be added. We are to seek the spiritual realm, the spiritual atmosphere, the spiritual kingdom, and when we open our eyes, the things we thought we needed are all provided. How are we to seek the kingdom of God? The only way we can do it is to start where we are, and that is with the word, “I.”

Showing Forth the Presence of God
Chapter 1 – “Lift Yourself to a Spiritual Altitude”

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