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Chapter Highlights

... The first time that a person ever came to me for healing and asked, “Will you pray for me?” was when I knew nothing about prayer except the well-known childhood prayer, “Now I lay me down to sleep.” Although not a very grown-up prayer or a deeply spiritual one, for many years it helped to put me to sleep at night. The reason for this would later become clear, after I had gained some understanding of prayer. I was going to sleep; I was going to become unconscious; I was going to enter a state in which I could not take care of myself; and by laying myself down to sleep and placing myself in God’s hands, I was throwing the responsibility off myself, thus enabling me to relax in His care.

... *“Father, I am going to be asleep. Anything can happen in my sleep, and I will not be around to protect myself. So now, as I lay me down to sleep, please take care of me. Take over while I am out.”*

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... That attitude is a surrender, virtually saying, “I can of my own self do nothing while I am asleep, so, Father, You take over.”

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... Let me therefore tell you what happened when that first person asked me to pray for him. I closed my eyes and said, "Father, You know that I do not know how to pray, so what is the next step?" ...Instantly, a voice came back and said, "Man cannot heal," and the whole responsibility dropped away from me.

... Paul prayed much the same prayer when he said, "For we know not what we should pray for as we ought."

... If... you have the feeling within you that you do not know how to pray, that you would not know what to pray for, that you may know what things you might humanly desire but you do not know whether or not they are good for you, you are praying.

... the more you can acknowledge, "I do not know how to pray or what to pray for. I of my own self have no wisdom that can reach God's grace," the more you bring yourself into an atmosphere of receptivity where the Father can speak within you, and when the Father utters His voice, the earth melts.

... Nothing can equal the importance of the subject of prayer.

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... When someone is killed in an automobile accident or stricken with some disabling or fatal disease, they ask, "What is wrong with my prayer?"

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... The answer is that, regardless of how one prays, prayer never reaches God unless before the prayer a contact is actually made with God.

... We are in the same relationship to God as an electrical appliance is to its source of power. The appliance may

be complete and in perfect working order, but until the connection with the electric current is made, it will not work.... Sincere though our prayers may be, they are worthless unless we have first made contact with our Source, God.

... Answered prayer is available to anyone with a deep enough desire to discover the way of true prayer and to practice it.

... In the earliest days of my coming into spiritual work from the business world, I discovered that if I could sit in silent contemplation and meditation, knowing nothing about prayer that uses words or thoughts, great things took place, not only in my experience but in the experience of those who sought my help.

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[These prayers] were an attempt to get within myself to a place where I lost all awareness of myself or any other self and became filled with an inner joy, a peace, and an inner glow. Above all, it was an inner release from fear and concern.

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... nothing that we say to God or think about God ever reaches Him. The only thing that reaches God is a stillness and a silence into which God can flow.

... So, rightly understood, prayer is any attitude that opens us to receptivity to God's grace. Answered prayer comes only when there is an impartation from within to our awareness—not when something goes out from us to God, but when something comes to us from God.

... Some of you have questioned why you are here on earth.... Everyone who has pondered this subject deeply has eventually come to the realization that we were born for no other purpose than to show forth God's glory.

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... We of ourselves are not good. We are but the instruments through which the good of the Father reaches the world, and we were born for the purpose of showing forth the beauty, the grace, and the love of God—not our own virtues.

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... Now, as the Master and many other spiritual teachers have revealed, we have to find our way back to conscious union with God and become reunited with Him. We cannot, however, be reunited with God because we have never really been separated from Him.

... One is one, and I and the Father constitute that one. You and the Father constitute that one—inseparable and indivisible, and “what therefore God hath joined together,” no man *can* put asunder.

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... Those of us on the spiritual path are building a temple, the temple of our consciousness.

... No prayer that is uttered through the mind ever reaches the kingdom of God.... Spiritual impartations begin to come to an individual when his Soul-faculties have been opened, or, to put it another way, when his spiritual or fourth-dimensional consciousness has been developed.

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... Once the spiritual center is opened, however, a person begins to receive impartations in words, thoughts, or feelings from within—not made up in the head, but actually received through the “still small voice.”

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... The very moment that we receive an impartation from within, whether it is only a feeling or whether it thunders

in the silence or comes as a very gentle whisper, we can be assured that some part of this mundane earth is beginning to dissolve, some problem is going to yield, or some discord or inharmony is going to be removed from our experience. In its place will come some grace from *My* kingdom.

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... Every sermon, every lesson we receive, every hour devoted to the study of spiritual literature, or every hour in the company of the spiritually illumined is a step in the building of that consciousness.

... Search me, God! Search my heart; search my consciousness, and if You find anything wrong, correct it. I do not care whether You reveal it to me or not, but correct it.

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... As I have learned since, no one gets anything more out of life than he contributes to it, and if he is not making some contribution to the whole globe—not just to himself or to his family—all he is ever going to receive from life is the little bit of living he is getting.

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... When you reach the fourth-dimensional consciousness, your prayers are without words or thoughts.... The whole secret of the spiritual life is in prayer, and prayer is knowing the word of God and then hearing the word of God. Prayer is the ability to receive instruction from the Father within.

... Only in the degree in which a person can unite himself with the Source of life, the creative Principle of this universe, only in that degree can healing power, comforting power, and supplying power flow through his consciousness.

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Search: “nothing about prayer”

From The 1956 Chicago Open Class

...Now, in the very earliest days of my coming into the spiritual work from the business world, I discovered this: That if I could sit in silent contemplation—because in those days I knew nothing about prayer by words or thoughts—if I could sit in silent contemplation, meditation, until I could feel the very Spirit of God within me, the very presence of God, then great things took place in this world, not only in my experience, but in the experience of those who came to me in the ministry. In other words, people were healed of physical and mental ills; they were healed of lack and limitation; they were healed of discords in life of different natures, and I suppose I could truthfully say that eighty percent of my own problems disappeared.

157 A 1956 Chicago Open Class
“Let God Mold Our Desires”

Search: “is a surrender”

From The 1956 New York Laurelton Closed Class

... You ultimately reach a place where, without any conscious effort, there is a surrender of the self and a continuous flow, almost as if It were over this shoulder, and you never make a move without opening this inner ear for Its guidance, for Its message, and It tells you which way to go. It is really living a double life. It is living what appears to be a human life outwardly, but a life lived by grace inwardly; a life that

we do not live ourselves, but one in which we receive inner impulses, inner instructions, inner help all along the way.

178 B 1956 New York Laurelton Hotel Closed Class
“Living Daily by Meditation”

Search: “whole responsibility”

From *Living by the Word*

... Our whole responsibility is to feel that inner assurance of God’s presence, and let it perform the work. We are not responsible for saving anybody’s life; we are not responsible for healing anybody for we do not have this capacity, nor does anyone else; but we do have the responsibility for being in this world, but not of it.

Living by the Word, Chapter 3
“Let There Be Light”

Search: “contact is”

From The 1960 Northwest Open Class

... The kingdom of God has to be reached through the soul, through the spirit, through consciousness, through silence. Silence is really the contact with God. We may use the mind to remind ourselves of truth up to a certain point, then we have to stop, listen... “Speak Lord, thy servant heareth,” until something comes into us from deep within us, something that may be referred to as, “He uttered His Voice, the earth melteth” or, we have heard the still, small voice. Ah, when an actual contact is made with the Source of our being, now we begin to live spiritually.

306 A 1960 Northwest Open Class
“Attaining Healing Consciousness through Grace”

From *The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Three*

... During many years of study and teaching, I have found that when I make the contact with God prayer is fulfilled. As this contact is made, prayer takes a different form, and we do not pray in the sense of asking for anything, because then we realize that there is no necessity to take thought for our lives. Never will we attain the heights of spiritual wisdom until we come to that place where there is nothing to pray for.

The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Three, Chapter 9
“Spiritual Illumination – The Way of Harmony

From The 1955 Johannesburg Closed Class

... there are not too many people in the world who know what prayer is. You can count them up very, very quickly without going far into mathematics, those who know the meaning of prayer. And that those who do, as indicated in scripture—“ten righteous men”—could save a city. I don’t know about the figure ten but I do know this, that a few men, a few people understanding that prayer means an actual contact with God, and sitting in the silence until that God-contact is realized, can overcome, first of all individually, secondly for the family group, next for the community group, ultimately nationally and internationally, all of the discords of earth.

704 B 1955 Johannesburg Closed Class
“Spiritual Breakfast – the Nature of God,
Prayer and Meditation”

Search: “answered prayer”

From *Awakening Mystical Consciousness*

... Answered prayer is the result of a divine Impulse felt or sensed within. It has nothing to do with anything you do but is something of which you become aware. Your thoughts or statements are but preparations for receiving prayer and its

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answer. All this truth being stated here is not prayer. It is a preparation of consciousness to receive the word of God, and it is the word of God that is prayer. It is the word of God that is powerful; it is the word of God that heals—not your word, not mine, not your thoughts, and not mine. “For my thoughts are not your thoughts.” What I declare in silence is not prayer. It is a preparation for prayer and meditation. Then, when I am through with all that, even though they have been beautiful thoughts or statements, I become quiet; and God prays in me, that is, God utters Its word in me.

Awakening Mystical Consciousness, Chapter 5
“Our Real Identity”

From *The Thunder of Silence*

... No one experiences answered prayer when he prays merely with his mind, relying wholly on words and thoughts, because there is then no opportunity for the Spirit to break through into expression.

The Thunder of Silence, Chapter 14
“When Ye Pray”

From *The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Two*

... All prayer or communion with God is for only one purpose—to achieve this sense of peace within; to achieve the realization that “. . . lo, I am with you alway.” Let us have that sense of Divine Presence now and we will have answered prayer. Let us fail to achieve this sense of peace and the prayer is not a prayer. The feeling of the Presence is in itself a prayer.

The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Two, Chapter 1
“The Importance of Meditation”

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