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Chapter Highlights

... If we ever hope to reach the height of prayer, a further preparatory step must be taken, without which there is no way to receive God or to remove the barrier that has heretofore separated us from the kingdom of God. That step is to know that God is the only power and that there is no more power in mind or thought than there is in matter, and we must know why.

... Look around the world and see if there are not some persons being held in religious ignorance and superstition. And are not whole nations being held in slavery through the mental power of false ideologies?

... Because they are not of God, they are not power.

... All of us have probably given treatments and watched colds, flu, and dozens of other things dissolve just by knowing that there are no material powers. Now go further...

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... Thank You, Father, that You are Spirit and that Spirit is the only power. There are no powers on earth for You to destroy, for

You to overcome, for You to remove. Your law alone is power, and Your law is a spiritual law governing all creation. I am not turning to You to destroy evil: I am turning to You in gratitude that I have learned that evil is not power, not material evil or mental evil. I am turning within in peace, because now I have nothing to fear.

... There is no material or mental law in the presence of God, for God alone is law, and the kingdom of God's law is within.... Light does not remove darkness. Its presence proves that there is no darkness.

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... Do you not see that if thought can be loving and hateful, if it can be pure and sinful, it cannot be of God, nor can it be empowered of God?

... In prayer and meditation, we do not think thoughts of evil or thoughts of good. We *receive* thoughts from God, and when we hear the "still small voice," the earth of error is shattered; it melts.

... When you can close your eyes and know no fear, and not seek for God to do something, see what happens as you settle down into an inner peace...

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... Thank You, Father; I can abide in peace, for there is no other power. There are no powers to fear; there are no powers for You to do something about. You alone are power; You alone are presence. Your kingdom is established in me; Your grace is my sufficiency in all things.

... Prayer has sometimes been a frustrating experience because we have turned to God as if God were some great power over evil powers, and as if we were going to ask God to take out His whip and get after the particular devil that is

bothering us.... What a waste of time this has been for the thousands of years it has been practiced!

... There is no other power. There is no place in the four Gospels where Jesus ever asked God to do anything for the people, not even to multiply loaves and fishes. His answer to every form of disease was, “Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.’ What hinders you from seeing? Open your eyes!”

... To find the secret of answered prayer, we begin, as did Jesus, with an absolute conviction that God is, and because we have this conviction, we know that God must be Omnipotence, the all-power.

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... “Resist not evil.”

... Have we ever given the invisible Power a chance to save us? Have we not always been too ready to save ourselves? Have we not always had a material or a mental remedy, a material protection or offense, and so have never taken advantage of the opportunity to rest in the Word?

... Those of us who are in the spiritual healing ministry must rely on the principle of “put up again thy sword,” that is, do not look for a God-power—just rest in the Word.

... The principles of prayer must be known and practiced until it becomes natural for us to say to evil of any name or nature: *You—sin, disease, false appetite, lack, limitation, wars and rumors of wars—could have no power over me, for God alone is power unto me. You could have no power over me because you have no power. God is the substance of this universe. God is the only law of this universe.*

... Then we must stand until we have proved it.

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... Once we know the nature of God and prayer, we come to the place where, by being still, a power is generated in us which is not of ourselves.

... Spiritual power never operates for your good or my good; it cannot be used; it cannot be channeled or directed.

... Only when God is understood to be a presence and power universally and equally available to all, only in that consciousness in which we do not see each other as separate and apart from the divine Being, can spiritual power flow.

... If we were to sit quietly, recognizing the invisible presence and power of God permeating all being, anyone who is receptive and in tune with divine Love would receive blessings and benediction, Grace in some form or other.

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... Spiritual power functions only when we make ourselves a complete receptivity to the Spirit of God, realizing ourselves as transparencies through which God can function.

... Humility recognizes that the only master there is on earth is a servant. All those who seek to become masters fail. So few are seeking to become servants, and it is the servant whom others eventually call "Master." This is true of everyone who at some time or other has been named a master.

... Enter into your sanctuary; shut the door of the senses; and there, in receptivity, await the annunciation, the birth of the Christ, the hearing of the "still small voice."

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... God is in the silence that is heard only when there is an absence of words and thoughts and a receptivity to the inner Presence and Power. Then, and then only, is spiritual power being made manifest on earth.

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... Once you are receiving inner impartations, the power of Spirit operating through you is no longer limited just to you or to the persons around you.

... Anyone, from any circle or station in life, whether it be a carpenter, a housewife, or the head of state, can become a voice to the world and a power because it is not the person who becomes that at all. It is the Spirit that is imparting Itself to the individual..... As It appears on earth today, It is still that same Spirit. That is why It knows no limitation. It can take a housewife and make her name internationally famous. It can take a person from any walk of life and make him known throughout the world...

... This is the beginning of a new era, a preparatory stage, which may be called the age of love-thy-neighbor-as-thyself. This will be followed by the final revelation which comes with an understanding of the nature of spiritual power.

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... in this age, spiritual power has been revealed in such a way that it will never be lost. It will spread until it embraces all human consciousness, or rather until all human consciousness embraces it.

... Then it will be recognized that I am thou, and thou art I, and that there is but one Selfhood. Whatever it is that is to bless me must bless you. Whatever it is that blesses you must bless me, because there is not a “me” and a “thee.” There is only the one divine spiritual Being, infinitely manifested as your being and as mine.

... How is the nature of spiritual power to be revealed? The answer is in one word: prayer.

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... Our good does not come by might or by power. It cannot come by wars or by human agreements; it cannot come by any form of power that has ever been discovered.

... Only when self-interest is ruled out can spiritual power come in; and self-interest cannot be ruled out while there is a “you” and a “me,” separate from each other.... When my interest becomes your interest and your interest becomes mine, when we realize that in the progress and prosperity of each other lie the progress and the prosperity of all, only then can we rule out personal sense, personal interest, and make room for the activity of spiritual power in our midst.

... The great barrier to God is the belief that there are material and mental powers.

... Once this belief has been overcome, you are a free individual inside yourself, ready to receive instruction in living and in loving.

... In Thy presence is fulfillment. Release me now from the belief in powers, for there are no powers on earth except the God-power that creates, maintains, and sustains this universe...

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... This preparation for prayer, then, is the step in which we surrender the belief in two powers, and settle ourselves back in the comfort of the truth that there is no power to be used, that *I* alone am power, and we *let* the power of God use us.

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Search: “height of prayer”

From The 1962 Los Angeles Closed Class

... you must know this: If you will ever reach the height of prayer, you must know this truth that there is no more power in mind or thought than there is in matter, and you must know why. An ignorant faith in this will not help you. You must know why.

461 A 1962 Los Angeles Closed Class
“The Preparation for Prayer”

Search: “separated from”

From the 1958 Oklahoma City Lecture Series

... “Closer than breathing and nearer than hands and feet”—that is how available God is. That is the ever-availability of God that you are never separated from your Maker. “The place whereon you stand is holy ground”—closer to you than breathing is He, and nearer than hands and feet. *I*, even in the midst of you, is this spiritual presence and power. And you wonder that there is sin, disease, and death on this earth as long as people go around not realizing, not declaring, not affirming... “the place whereon I stand is holy ground”?

205 B 1958 Oklahoma City Lecture Series
“The Voice of God”

From *The Art of Spiritual Living*

... In the human scale who knows what tomorrow will bring? Spiritually, I cannot be separated from the life of

God. I cannot be separated from the love of God. I cannot be separated from the consciousness of God. So the only thing I do not know about tomorrow is in which room I will be living or in which country.

The Art of Spiritual Living, Chapter 9
“The Consciousness of the Individual”

Search: “are not power”

From *Awakening Mystical Consciousness*

... The nature of spiritual power is omnipotence; and the only way we can bring spiritual power into our life is to look at any phase of material power—discord, inharmony, lack, or disease—and realize, “You are not power! Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above!” The Master did not call down the power of Spirit to still a storm, he merely said, “Peace, be still.”

Awakening Mystical Consciousness
Chapter 3 – “Spiritual Power Unveiled”

From *The Art of Spiritual Healing*

... When you begin to live from the standpoint of one power, the entire tenor of your experience is changed. In the world you are constantly confronted with the appearance of persons, places, or things of a destructive nature: There is always something which would attempt to destroy your peace, your health, or the harmony of your affairs. The spiritually illumined of all ages have learned that these things are not power except insofar as they are given power by accepting them as powers, and then fearing and fighting them. The Master, Christ Jesus, had no fear of any earthly power because he knew that there is only one power.

The Art of Spiritual Healing
Chapter 3 – “One Power”

From The 1958 Sydney and Melbourne Closed Class

... Ye shall know the truth. And what is the truth? “Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit,” saith the Lord; ye need not fight; “this battle is not yours.” God is on the field. The weapons of this world are not power—neither the mental weapons nor the physical weapons. If they are, or if there isn’t somebody to prove, to demonstrate that they aren’t, this world is lost.

200 A 1958 Sydney and Melbourne Closed Class
“One Power Which is No Power”

Search: “a new era”

From The 1955 Seattle Private Class

... [In] praying amiss, going to a spiritual good God for a material good that He was withholding, or didn’t know that you needed at that moment, we prayed amiss, didn’t we? Is there any use to going to God, Spirit, for a material good? What will we do with it after we get it? Oh no, no! No, we begin today a new era in our experience, an era in which we bury, every day, some measure of our humanhood.

132 A 1955 Seattle Private Class
“The New Creature – Christ”

Search: “preparation for prayer”

From The 1953 Second Hawaiian Series

... Now, the world has missed the entire subject of prayer because prayer out in the world means combinations of words and thoughts. That isn’t really prayer at all. It may sometimes be a preparation for prayer, but it is never prayer—never, never! And so when people pray, as they pray for peace or prosperity or success or health, in most cases they’re missing the mark entirely because there is no one listening, no one

listening. There is no one listening to give us an audition, no one a bit interested in hearing what we want in life—no one. Prayer really is the word of God, and the word of God isn't something that we utter. The word of God is something that we hear.

24 B 1953 Second Hawaiian Series
"On Prayer"

From The 1960 Holland Closed Class

... God is the Father and God is the Son, and all that God the Father is, God the Son is; and all that God the Father has, God the Son has. As we realize that, this realization, or really this preparation for prayer, enables us now to be still and let God's Grace work in us and through us. Let God's Grace be our meat and wine and water. Remember that!

343 A 1960 Holland Closed Class
"The Secret of Prayer – Release God from Obligation"

Search: "let the power"

From *Consciousness Transformed*

... Think! If I am God, this *I* is already closer than breathing; and because we have discovered that its nature is omniscience, the all-knowing, it must already know your needs. Its nature is omnipresence so you need go nowhere to contact It, and because *I* is omnipotence there is no power to oppose Its will. What else is there to do but be still! If your child were ill or in trouble, what greater love could you display than to sit down, be still, and let the presence of God do its work, let the love of God be made manifest, let the power of God flow? Do you not see how egotistical it would be to go further and do something for your child, your patient, or your friend? As you contemplate and meditate on the nature of prayer, it will not be long before these passages unfold: "In quietness and

in confidence shall be your strength” ... “Take no thought for your life” ... “Acknowledge him in all thy ways” ... “My peace I give unto you” ... “Thy grace is my sufficiency.” Think of the depth and the power of your prayer when it becomes a silence based on the understanding that “I am God. I in the midst of thee am mighty.”

Consciousness Transformed
May 10, 1964 – “Omnipresence”

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