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### CHAPTER 4

## “Flesh and Flesh”

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### Chapter Highlights

...There are very few scriptural quotations or passages of spiritual wisdom that do not have a double meaning, the literal and the intuitive, spiritual, or mystical.

...Probably the most controversial word in Scripture is the word *flesh*, because in the Bible this word is used in two entirely different ways. Spirit, which is the original substance, is one form. It is the idea; and as it comes to us in our consciousness, it is the Word made flesh.

...“The Word was made flesh” may be considered one of the major premises in the Master’s teaching, just as it is a major premise in the teaching of The Infinite Way.

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...In that sense, flesh must be taken as meaning spiritual form, activity, and reality.

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...Spiritual healers bring out healing only in that second they behold spiritual man: the Word made flesh.

...As a person takes a statement of truth into his consciousness, ponders it, and finally stops pondering and just sits quietly with the ear open in expectation of something unfolding from within, that second of illumination comes—a flash, a release, a peace....

...It is in that second that he has become aware of Reality, the invisible God made tangibly manifest, even though he cannot see It with the eye or hear It with the ear.

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...First comes the invisible Word, God, the Infinite Invisible Itself, which we know is here and which is now filling all space within us and without us. Then follows the conscious realization of that Word being made evident in catching a glimpse of the Divine and finally out here in what we call the healing or a change in the appearance.

...The Father within us does the work, but only in that moment of contact, of illumination. From then on, after one has had the illumination, that flow continues without conscious effort. But it must be renewed day by day. Every day it is necessary to go into the silence, sometimes a dozen times, to feel again that divine Impulse.

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...The word flesh is used in quite a different sense in the statement, “All flesh is grass.” Flesh in that sense means what we behold through the senses, what we see, hear, taste, touch, or smell.

...When our faith and confidence are in effects, we will never know the reality of things; we will know only the forms out here.....we are being led into a higher realm of consciousness; and in that higher realm of consciousness, ultimately, we see Him as He is and we are satisfied with that likeness.

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...The Word that is God within, that becomes flesh, meaning the Word becomes apparent, visible, audible, and consciously tangible in our experience.

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...This word of truth you are reading is a seed within you that will develop and appear as a state of consciousness. After that, it will appear outwardly as the health of your body, the adequacy of your purse, a new book, or greater supply. That is the way flesh must be understood.

...As you learn to turn within and let the word of truth come into expression, you will find the invisible consciousness or awareness of truth within you becomes externalized as form.

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...As long as you have the consciousness of the Spirit, you can do anything you need to do because it will not be you doing it; it will be the spirit of Truth of which you have become aware. It will take form.

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...Watch that you do not glory in the flesh, in the form of the demonstration, but glory in that other sense of flesh: the Word made flesh.

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...Do not rejoice in any kind of demonstration, but glory and rejoice that you have seen the face of God, that you have borne witness to the presence of the Spirit, which in turn became evident as the healing or as the supply.

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...Heretofore you have known your friends, your relatives, your patients, and your students as human beings; some of

them good, some of them bad. Henceforth you must know them neither as good nor bad but as spiritual.

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...The moment you give up holding yourself or others in condemnation to being good or bad, sick or well, and know them only after the Spirit, the old things will pass away.

...It is on this point that The Infinite Way message stands foursquare. We are not to look on a person as flesh or as a human being. We are not to glory in him as man, good man or bad, but rather now we must know him not after the flesh but after the Spirit.

...all things become new in this higher consciousness in which "we live, and move, and have our being." We find there are no limitations: we are not bound to an apartment or to a house; we are not bound to a family. We have them, but we come and go and feel free.

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...Our work is being clothed upon with another consciousness of body, that body that is "not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." This very body is that body. It is eternal in the heavens, immortal.

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...The concept changes, but the body itself is immortal; therefore, we do not get rid of the body even in death. We get rid of our concept of body.

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...First comes the Word, God, and It becomes flesh. It becomes a state of awareness, but without form. It is not a thought and it is not a thing. But then out of that comes the thought, the spoken word, the written word, the tangible

dollar, fish, or loaf of bread. First is the realization of God as Substance. Then the Word, the Substance, becomes flesh. It becomes a state of awareness, a state of consciousness; but it may not necessarily take the form of a thought.

...For example, this morning sitting in my room in meditation, the awareness came; but there was no word or any thought with it. It was just the realization that the lesson today had been given me, and then all of a sudden the word “flesh” came. The state of consciousness achieved in meditation appeared as the word “flesh,” and I knew the lesson was to be on flesh. Simultaneously, out of that word came its double meaning, and out of that meaning came all that is written here.

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...Usually, the message comes as this lesson has come, with just a feeling, a word, or a passage of Scripture. First comes the inspiration, then the specific thought or idea, and then out of that all the rest. In spiritual Consciousness, things unfold that later become flesh in consciousness, invisible flesh; that is, they take form as a state of consciousness and then appear outwardly as words, writings, and recordings.

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...What I am giving you now is the seed of truth that came to me from the depth of my withinness as revelation, and it is now being planted in your consciousness. Tomorrow you can close your eyes and find that truth will flow back to you. “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.”

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**Search: “the word flesh”**

**From The 1956 First Steinway Hall Practitioner Class**

... The truth is that in the beginning was the Word or Consciousness and that Consciousness became flesh, became you and became me, became individual man; therefore, man is constituted only of Consciousness—Life, Spirit, Soul, spiritual Law, spiritual Being. Now, as I maintain that, do you see that I form my own world of people? And even if sick and sinning mortal people come into range of my thought, they are instantly made dead in my thought, and reborn of their Spirit, re-formed as they really are.

141A 1956 First Steinway Hall Practitioner Class  
“Father Consciousness – the Word Made Flesh”

**From The 1956 Johannesburg Practitioner Class**

... There are as many passages talking about the good nature of flesh as there are about the evil nature of flesh, and it is for this reason that so far as I know, the subject has never been covered or explained in literature. If through the human mind you would try to fathom out what that means that flesh is of God but flesh is to be overcome, you would get nowhere. But it was during a class that this subject of “flesh” was given to me inwardly. And I searched the scriptures, found those passages, separated them, and was given light on them. And then I saw this: flesh has two different meanings. We have a temple, a body, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. We have a spiritual body and it has form, and therefore, it may be said to be flesh, in the same way that John says,



“And the Word, which was God, became flesh.” Now he didn’t mean that it became the type of flesh that decays or gets cremated; he meant that the Word, the invisible and unmanifest, becomes visible and manifest as form, but still spiritual, eternal, harmonious, perfect.

651B 1956 Johannesburg Practitioner Class  
“Galatians, Chapter III”

## **Search: spiritual form**

### **From *The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Four***

...In this spiritual realization of your individual embodiment, you can truly say, “Yet in my flesh shall I see God.” Flesh, beheld through the senses, is our concept of our real identity; flesh, apprehended spiritually in meditation, is our spiritual form, not only of body, but of being. God, in individualizing Itself as your being and mine, has been made flesh, evident and tangible: “The Word became flesh.”

*The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Four*  
Chapter 3 – “Understanding the Body”

### **From The 1954 Seattle Practitioner Class**

...Let us understand that spiritually the word “flesh” means embodiment, or body. Therefore, God becomes manifest as individual being. And instead of saying individual being, we’ll say “God becomes manifest as flesh, as form, as individuality.” So the word “flesh” can be used for body, for being, for individual being, for embodiment, for form, meaning spiritual form.

102B 1954 Seattle Practitioner Class  
“Flesh and Flesh”

## Search: “the invisible Word”

### From The 1953 Los Angeles Practitioner Class

...To turn within and let Truth unfold to you, you will catch the full meaning of the Word, God as the Word. And then you will know that the printed word in a book is not the Word, whether in a Bible or in any other book; that the Word is the truth of which these printed forms are but symbols and that Truth is within you. And that the Word, the Truth, the invisible Word or Truth, appears to your awareness, and it becomes flesh as demonstration.

0027B 1953 Los Angeles Practitioner Class  
“There Is no Law of Matter or Disease”

## Search: “that becomes flesh”

### From *The Heart of Mysticism, Volume One*

...What are spiritual qualities and how are these spiritual powers brought into experience? There is no way to bring a spiritual good or a spiritual power into our experience from outside our own being, because these are not something that comes to us but, rather, that which flows out from us when we entertain the word of God within us. The word of God is the great Spirit, the divine Truth that becomes flesh and becomes tangible in our world. It is only as the Word of God is entertained within us, dwelt upon and remembered, that the spiritual activities and spiritual qualities are brought into expression in our lives.

*The Heart of Mysticism, Volume One*  
Chapter 9 – “God Seeks Us”

### From *Living the Illumined Life*

...*Be still and know that I in the midst of you am God, and that I will never leave you, that I am your bread, your meat, and your water. Cease from dependence on man, whose breath is in*

*his nostrils. Know that I live in you and you live in Me, for we are one, and really I am you. I am the Word that becomes flesh as you. I am the Word by which you live. I am your comforter: I am your healer. I am come that you might be made whole—not for threescore years and ten, but forever, for I am your eternal life, I am your eternal being. I am your spiritual, immortal being.*

*Living the Illumined Life*  
Chapter 5 – “Putting Off the Old Man and Rebirth”

## **Search: “this very body”**

### ***From God the Substance of All Form***

... Everyone is interested in the subject of immortality—immortality here and now, in this body, not merely an immortality to be attained after death. It is in this very body that immortality must be experienced—this very body which we are now using as our instrument. We shall not lose our body, but we will lose our false sense of body and come into the realization of the true nature of body.

*God the Substance of All Form*  
Chapter 7 – “The Last Enemy”

### ***From Rising in Consciousness***

... If you could see this body through spiritual discernment, you would see it in its infinite perfection and in its eternal and immortal growth. Never forget this. This very body which you so finitely see when you look in the mirror, that looks to you as if it needed so much correction and improvement, this very body is the temple of the living God, only you are looking at it through the old Joel eyes instead of through the new Joel eyes, the first Adam eyes, instead of the last Adam eyes. Begin, when you look into the mirror, to close your eyes and look. Then you will see the body as it really is.

*Rising in Consciousness*  
Chapter 18 – “God the Omnipresent Reality”

## From 78A The 1954 Honolulu Lecture Series

...And so we rise in this work above all desire for demonstration. We rise above all desire for anything in this world except the realization of Omnipresence, the realization that God is the very fabric of our being and of our bodies. Why, this body is the temple of the living God once you make that acknowledgment and realize it. This very body—not some spiritual body; not some astral body; not some body that we will acquire when we depart from this “vile temple.” Ah no, this is no vile temple. This body is the temple of the living God. Acknowledge it.

78A 1954 Honolulu Lecture Series  
“Getting Spiritual Understanding”

## Search: “becomes flesh”

### From The 1962 Hamburg Closed Class

...The Word will become new flesh. Every time you relax in the Spirit of God you will find some part of your body being renewed, rebuilt, reborn, resurrected, because the Word becomes flesh....We don't want victories. We don't want fights. We don't need overcoming. We need only one thing—rest. Rest in the assurance that you need not take thought for your life, for God is your life. We need to rest in the assurance that if there are any erroneous pictures before us that they will be removed by the word of God—the Word becomes flesh.

502B 1962 Hamburg Closed Class  
“Henceforth Know We No Man After the Flesh”

## Search: “spiritual man”

### From *The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Four*

... Can you imagine spiritual man praying for anything? Can you imagine spiritual being needing anything? Can you imagine spiritual being seeking anywhere outside itself?

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Spiritual being knows that “I and my Father are one,” that “the place whereon I stand is holy ground,” and that “all things that the Father hath ... We are not making a real attempt to attain the stature of manhood in Christ Jesus as long as we are praying for material good, whether it be material health or wealth. The measure of the stature of manhood in Christ Jesus is not a good man and it is not a healthy man: It is the Son of God, eternal in the bosom of the Father.

*The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Four*  
Chapter Nine – “The Prayer of Mysticism”



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