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Chapter Highlights

...When we live as human beings with only our human faculties to draw upon, we present to the world and to each other a human selfhood: human qualities and human awareness.

...Hidden behind this personal self, however, is our real Self. There is another Being, another Something besides the physical and mental person.

...Paul called that Something the Christ, which really means the Son of God, the spiritual identity of our being, the reality of us.

...The sense of separation from God that arose out of what is called the Fall of Man has resulted in our limited humanhood, in which we have only our own gifts or lack of them to live by, our education or lack of it, our home experience or lack of it, and a good environment or a lack of it.

...At some point in humanity's history, a stirring began within; and one here and one there found himself awakened inside through contemplation of the wonder of life.

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...So he came into the awareness of the truth that there was dormant within him a Presence or spiritual faculty that, when awakened, enlightened him on things he could not possibly know merely through education or human knowledge.... This spiritual faculty is aroused through meditation.

...Attaining this silence and inner listening is not easy, but it can be done through the practice of contemplation...

...We must empty ourselves of our old convictions, beliefs, and theories about God before we will ever come into an awareness of what God really is.

...that is why we have periods of contemplation day after day, month after month, always finding something that God is not.

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...When it dawns in us that there is a great original Source and that whatever is created must be the offspring or emanation of that, we begin to look around...We become aware that the world of nature is governed by law.

...Through contemplation, we become aware that the stars, the sun, and the moon are always in orbit, always under some divine order or law.

...One season follows another in regular order, and no one is telling God what to do about it.

...Eventually, through contemplation, we find our place in the scheme of life: *Did God send me into expression and then turn me loose? Or is God still with me and have I been ignoring Him?*

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...Gradually, we begin to understand that the sages of old, the spiritual seers, knew this Presence was within them and within everyone and It would never leave them.

...Thus, we are led back through questions to answers. We are doing the questioning, but the answers are coming from a Source within that is not human, from Something greater than ourselves. We ask the questions in our ignorance, and the answers reveal themselves to us from within.

...Let us not fear to say, “I wonder if there is a God?” and begin with that premise and then go back and see where it leads us.

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...In the eyes of God, the child of God is our true identity; we are offspring of God.

...This contemplation, which begins as a purely human or mental activity, gradually leads us back step by step to a place within our own consciousness where the answer pops out at us, the right answer, the answer that has always been available, if only we had stopped taking somebody else’s word for it.

...*“I AM THAT I AM.” I in the midst of thee am mighty. It is I that was with thee in the beginning. The substance of Life—the Essence, the Life-stream, the Source, the creative Principle—is I.*

...All this begins to unfold within through questioning ourselves, contemplating, being willing to empty ourselves of preconceived beliefs, and opening ourselves to an inner wisdom in the assurance that “My grace is sufficient for thee.”

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...Now we are awakening that inner faculty, bringing that Father within to conscious realization, bringing to light the manna that has been hidden in us.

...The contemplative form of meditation awakens us to the Christ, that spiritual Center, that Soul-faculty; and then a whole new experience opens to us. We are never again alone...

...After we have been awakened to this dormant faculty, we are open to a Presence within us.

...A miracle happens in our experience when we begin to know that God is the mind of man.

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...If anything can play an important part in our life—a book, a teaching, a teacher, or a talent—by our knowing that God is the mind of man, we draw it unto us.

... As we abide in the truth that God is the mind, the life, and the love of man, we let our good and our love come to us through anyone and everyone.

...The first step in this awakening is a step we did not take; it was taken for us. Something pointed us in the direction of a spiritual teaching, and that was the very first factor in our awakening.

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...Being sold into slavery took Joseph away from his family and home to become the second in command of a nation.

...Many of us have come to whatever state of realization we have only because some sickness, sin, unhappiness, or failure compelled us to find this hidden manna, this *I* that is our meat, our wine, our water, this *I* that is within us that is mighty, this *I* that goes before us.

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...As we learn to withdraw our gaze from the external realm and turn it to the Soul of man within us, we begin to bring the glories of God into our experience.

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...In our Soul we find our rest and refreshment.

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...Wherever the Spirit of God touches the consciousness of an individual, he is ordained and made fruitful in an activity or given some new activity.

...Our attitude in the spiritual life is always one of living, moving, and having our being in God-awareness, opening ourselves to spiritual realization and unfoldment, listening for the "still small voice." That is all.

...The day will come, then, when some spiritual activity is demanded of us.

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...It is possible that, as we continue our spiritual unfoldment, study, and meditation, we may be led into some activity the world calls spiritual.

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...But this will not necessarily occur. Many persons are made more useful in their present activity than they could possibly be if they were moved into some other.

...Meditation is opening one's self to God's grace, direction, and guidance.

...It is not leaning unto our own understanding and asking God to bless what we want. It is really showing forth God's will, God's way, and God's glory.

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...Regardless of how good or how noble our purpose might be, if it is our purpose, we are wrong. Instead, let us put ourselves aside and realize: *God created me, and God created me for His purpose, not mine. God created me to perform His will on earth, not for me to decide what I want to be, what I want to do, or where I want to do it. That would be having a mind and a will apart from God.*

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...There has to be a purity of motive, and part of that purity is in the surrender of any personal will. *Let Thy will be done in me. Let me know Thy will. Unmistakably, let me know Thy will, and I will follow it. Let me know Thy way, the way I am to go.*

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Search: “as human beings”

From The 1955 Kailua Study Group

...As human beings, we are asleep. That is, our Christhood is asleep in us. If it isn't asleep, it's buried under so many layers of this fabric of human existence, world beliefs, that it has no way to come out into expression.

121A 1955 Kailua Study Group
“Experience of the Christ”

From *Living the Illumined Life*

...As human beings, we live entirely under the law. We are governed by physical and mental laws, but the greatest law of all, and the one that has really worked havoc in the life of mankind, is the law of “as-ye-sow-so-shall-ye-reap,” that which has been called karma or karmic law. Actually karmic law is the same as the law of “as-ye-sow-so-shall-ye-reap”: as we do to another so will it be done unto us. As human beings, we have been living under that law.

Living the Illumined Life

Chapter 6 – “Building the Transcendental Consciousness”

Search: “another Something”

From The 1961 Los Angeles Closed Class

...But behind this is the real Self of us, that which really is meant to be alive and to live on this plane of life, the earth. The attainment of what Paul describes as “I live yet not I, Christ liveth in me,” remember that: “*I live yet not I.*” There is another being, there is another selfhood, there is another Something besides the physical and mental “me,” and he called that something “Christ” which really means Son of God.

396A 1961 Los Angeles Closed Class
“Evolving Our Spiritual Capacities”

Search: “spiritual faculty”

From *Consciousness Transformed*

...how do you get the Spirit of God to dwell in you, and why are there so many who do not have the Spirit of God dwelling in them? To me the question was answered in a different way, but it meant the same thing: “There is a spiritual faculty

which was incorporated in us, incarnated in us from the very beginning, before the world began.” To Paul it was revealed as the indwelling Christ or the Son of God in man. To me it seems more simple to say the illumined consciousness of man, the enlightened consciousness of man.

Consciousness Transformed

August 4, 1963 – “Becoming the New Man”

From The 1956 Johannesburg Closed Class

...All right. There is a faculty which you possess but which you’ve used very little. It’s a spiritual faculty. And with that faculty you can look at any appearance and say “Isn’t it wonderful? It isn’t true. It hasn’t a law; it hasn’t a cause; it doesn’t come within the realm of God’s creating, therefore I need not fear it...”

645B 1956 Johannesburg Closed Class

“Nature of Error and Specific Treatment”

Search: “divine order”

From The 1960 New York Open Class

...you may be assured of this: that the human mind of man is not capable of embracing God. Therefore it is useless to try to ask, “What is God?” but rather acknowledge, acknowledge that as you have looked out upon this universe and witnessed the divine order of the sun, the moon, the stars and the tides, as you have witnessed the divine order in apple trees giving apples and rose bushes giving roses, as you have witnessed the divine order in the rotation of the seasons, you have to acknowledge that there is a cause, a cause that operates through law and that certainly operates through love.

358B 1960 New York Open Class

“God – Prayer – Grace”

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Search: “that soul faculty”

From The 1954 Honolulu Lecture Series

...What I am going to say to you this evening has to be discerned with an inner vision. Something within you must respond. It isn't something that your eyesight can give you or your ears can give you. It is something within you that says yes or no. It is something within you that says right or wrong, and that isn't your reasoning mind. That is an inner faculty, a spiritual faculty, a soul faculty. Now, as we develop that soul faculty, we gain the ability to hear the “still, small voice.”

74A 1954 Honolulu Lecture Series
“Principle of *Is* – Judge Not – Prayer”

Search: “empty ourselves”

From *The Thunder of Silence*

... I am not going to God to present my views to Him, hoping to tell Him more than He already knows or to tell Him what is good for me to have. I do not expect through this period of prayer and communion to influence God in my behalf. I turn to God that He may fill me full of Himself, fill me full of His wisdom, His peace and glory, and make me a fitting instrument on earth for His love. In this way we empty ourselves—we empty the old bottles of the old wine—making of ourselves a nothingness, without desire, hope, ambition, or fear; and in such a state of receptivity, we open the way for the Spirit of God to work in and through us in accordance with His plan and design. God is hidden under hundreds of generations of mortality. God is hidden under hundreds of generations of people steeped in spiritual ignorance. God is hidden under all the layers of humanness, self-righteousness, self-protection, under all the “selves” that

we have built around and within ourselves making it almost impossible for us to reach Him. How then are we going to reach God? How, but in quietness and in confidence, in the stillness and the Silence? How, but by learning to abide in a quietness within, by being still?

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

Search: “opening ourselves”

From The 1950 First Portland Series

...Everything necessary for our unfoldment comes to us from the depth of our own being since God is the center: only be rooted and grounded in Him. Maintain this contact. Maintain this consciousness of oneness.... In opening ourselves to God, never feel that words are necessary. Words are just the helps, the aids that we use to prepare ourselves for the atmosphere of receptivity. You'd be surprised, if we sat here in the silence for an hour, of the miracles that would happen. God works through the silence. God works in the silence. God *is* the silence.

0005A 1959 First Portland Series
“Atmosphere of God”

From *Parenthesis in Eternity*

...Eternity never ends. Eternity has no past; Eternity has no future; Eternity is a continuous now. Through meditation we can reach back into that Eternity because in meditation we are opening ourselves to Infinity, watching for It to express Itself, watching for Consciousness to appear as form, whatever the form may be at the moment.

Parenthesis in Eternity
Chapter 29 – “Beyond Time and Space”

Search: “we may be led”

From The 1955 Kailua Study Group

...Regardless of what things we may be led to do as being a blessing to this world or to individuals in our experience, let us remember this: The greatest blessing we can be is to seek the few moments of separation from the world so that this contact may be made and that aroma be permitted to escape. At first, the sense is that we, though, aren't doing anything. Eventually, you'll see that, in doing nothing, we are doing more than these others because actually, it is an invisible Presence and Power, which unfortunately can't be seen, tasted, touched or smelled. Because it would be a wonderful thing to have some human awareness of It and witness It at work, but we can't. It's completely an invisible thing, yet in just having that momentary sense of release we have made room for the whole presence and power of God to flow out from us, whether into this room, into that garden, out into the street or out into the consciousness of all those who are within range of our thought.

116B 1955 Kailua Study Group
“Our Relationship to God and to Each Other”

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