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Chapter Highlights

... No one is going to pick up this book and read it unless it is someone who has already known quiet moments of inner reflection, someone who has been plagued by frustration, lack of success, or lack of harmony, and who has pondered long and seriously why life should be so unsatisfactory. Because this was my experience, and because that experience led to the writing of this book, only those who have had a similar experience and have been goaded by that same unfathomable question will be interested in reading further to discover what I have found and how it has benefited me.

... In one of these experiences, while I cannot say that I heard a voice, I do know that I received an impression that was something like an inner being saying to me, “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.”

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... Now I saw that the principle of life, the secret of all successful living, was making God a part of my very consciousness, something which Paul describes as praying without ceasing.

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... The reason you are reading this book is because you are being irresistibly drawn to God. There is a compulsion within you to find the missing factor in your life, that which will restore to you your original state of harmony, joy, and peace.

... and be assured of this, that from now on your mind will turn again and again to God, until one day, whether sooner or later, it will be made evident to you that your life will only be complete when it is lived in God and has God living in it.

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... This book is not meant to take you out of any church where, at the present time, you may be enjoying the association of those on your particular religious path, nor is it meant to put you into any church in which you may not already be worshipping. Its purpose is to reveal the kingdom of God—where it is and how to achieve it.

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... God *is*; of that you may be sure. This is only true in your experience, however, in the degree in which you contemplate, meditate, and keep your mind stayed on God, living, moving, and having your being in the conscious realization that God will never leave you nor forsake you.

... Every person who has known dissatisfaction, incompleteness, and frustration will someday learn that there is only one missing link in his entire chain of harmonious living. That is the practice of the presence of God—consciously, daily and hourly, abiding in some great spiritual truth of scripture, and it makes no difference which scripture: Christian, Hebrew, Hindu, Buddhist, Taoist, or Muslim.

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... This truth has been my passport and has been the open sesame to freedom and joy in all countries, for wherever I have traveled, I have consciously remembered that God is the Father, the creative principle, the life of all with whom I come in contact.

... After the years that I have spent in this work, I can say to you that the inner meat, the inner water, the inner wine, and the bread of life—all these are brought into tangible experience through inner communion and in no other way.

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... You can only feed the tree of life from within, not from without.

... Always remember: The Spirit of God is within you, but it is only the few today who seem capable of spending hours with spiritual literature, and more hours in inner communion—only the few.

... The message of this book is not a personal message. It is an age-old wisdom that man shall not live by bread alone but by every word remembered in consciousness, by every word and thought of God held within us. By this we live.

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... I have learned, and so I endeavor to pass on to you: Keep the Word of God alive in your mind, in your thought, and in your experience, and you will never know lack or limitation. Keep consciously before you the truth that no man on earth is your father—there is only one Father, the creative principle of all mankind—and you will never know anything but love from the men and women of this world.

... The world's troubles in these past generations have driven men to seek that which will restore the lost years of the

locusts, that which will establish peace on earth and good will to men. I have found it—and in this book, you will find it.

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**Search: “no one is going to”**

**From: The 1960 Denver Closed Class**

... There is yet one main factor that only the Spirit will bring, or will rather produce in our lives, the harmony that we want. No one is ever going to be wholly well until they find themselves home in God. No one is going to be wholly satisfied, even with good economic conditions, until they have been able to find an inner communion with God.

314A 1960 Denver Closed Class  
“Protective Work”

**Search: “you come to a place”**

**From: *Consciousness Transformed***

... When you come to The Infinite Way you come to a place where you give up power, where you give up seeking one power with which to destroy another power. You give up seeking God-power. You come to a state of consciousness in which you realize, “Because of God, there are no other powers,” and you learn to “Rest in this word.”

*Consciousness Transformed*  
June 16, 1963 – “I – That is All”

## From: *The Contemplative Life*

...As you meditate and ponder on these things, you come to a place where there is nothing more to think about. You have thought it all; you have said it all; you have declared or affirmed it, and you have come to the end of all that. Now, since there is not anything more to say, you come to a place where you are still, and you find that in the very moment that you achieve stillness, something jumps up here from within you—something of a transcendental nature, something of a not human nature. Something jumps up into your awareness that you yourself have not been declaring, affirming, or stating, but which you are now hearing and receiving from the depths of your withinness.

*The Contemplative Life*  
Chapter 3 – “Beginning the Contemplative Life”

## Search “you are being drawn”

### From: *Consciousness Transformed*

... ..God’s grace cannot be limited to an individual. This passage is therefore given to us: “The vine consumeth not its own grapes.” In other words, we are the vine through which this message comes. It blesses us, but its major blessing is that others are led to us and then it becomes a universal truth which blesses the entire universe.

Eventually this causes a disruption in your life when, as a businessman you find less time for your business or when, as a housewife, you find less time for your home and more and more you discover you are being drawn into a universal scheme of things. The Master, and I am not speaking of a man but the Spirit of God within you, says: “Come and follow me and I will make you fishers of men,” and it pulls

you out of your little fishing job into an activity that enables this grace you have discovered to bless the world. “I will make you fishers of men.”

*Consciousness Transformed*  
April 26, 1964 – “Access to Infinity”

## **Search “quiet moments of”**

### **From: *Our Spiritual Resources***

... In other words, the substance of everything necessary to your experience is already within your own being and ready to unfold naturally as it becomes necessary to you, because the completeness and perfection of your life is already established within you as essence or substance and it appears outwardly as form. Your part is to learn to sit in your quiet moments of meditation, realizing this completeness and understanding that the only barrier to the expression of perfection is the belief in two powers, which constitutes the carnal mind, but which must be recognized as no power since there is only one power—God. Relax in the awareness that within you is the fulfillment of life, and with this recognition the flow begins.

*Our Spiritual Resources*  
Chapter 3 – “The Practicality of Spiritual Living”

## **Search “being drawn”**

### **From: *Conscious Union With God***

...That is really the first step in spiritual living. You have taken the first step in being brought to the reading of this book. From here on, you will find people being drawn to you, and you being drawn to others. You will find yourself being brought to places, and places drawing you to them. You



will say, “That is just the thing I would have loved to have—if I had thought about it.” But it is always something greater than you could have thought about for yourself.

*Conscious Union With God*  
Chapter 10 – “The Mission of the Messiah”

### **From: The 1956 Chicago Private Class for “25”**

... You are being drawn by an inner light that is within yourself, and it is drawing you to the light that can light the light that is within yourself. That is all that takes place.

162B 1956 Chicago Private Class for “25”  
“Essentials for Infinite Way Workers”

### **Search “you are seeking”**

#### **From: *The Journey Back to the Father’s House***

...In what way do you seek the kingdom of God? First of all, it is necessary to find out where this kingdom is that you are seeking. The Master gave the answer to that, too. “Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, Lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.” Then how shall you seek this kingdom that is within you? Be still. In quietness and in confidence. Not by might or by power. You cannot take heaven by storm.

...The kingdom of God that you are searching for is within you, and the God that you are seeking is in the “still small voice.” “He uttered his voice, the earth melted.” Now you have the entire secret of the spiritual life. It remains only for you to demonstrate and experience it.

*The Journey Back to the Father’s House*  
Chapter 4 – “The Temple”

## Search “I have chosen you”

### From: The 1950 First Portland Series

... “You have not chosen Me; I have chosen you.” We think, as we turn to this work that we are choosing God; that we are turning to God; that something within us is reaching out to God. Never believe it for a moment. It isn’t true. If you accept such a belief, you may find yourself struggling for a long, long time to find God. Once you realize that it wasn’t you that turned to God, but God that turned you to Himself, you can then relax and realize no doubt about the result, no question about the ultimate answer since it was God Itself that brought Itself to you and brought you to It and is bringing you to the realization of It.

5A 1950 First Portland Series  
“Atmosphere of God”

## Search “our search”

### From: *The Heart of Mysticism, Volume V*

... Most of us come to the study of spiritual wisdom because of some problem—physical, mental, moral, financial, or even something which may not fall into any of these categories. One of the most difficult of all problems, because it is so intangible and therefore so frustrating, is a sense of incompleteness; but this very sense of incompleteness is what forces us into a seeking for truth and spurs us on in our search for God.

*The Heart of Mysticism, Volume V*  
Chapter 2 – “Problems Aren’t Problems Anymore”

## **From: The 1952 Honolulu Class Series One**

...Let us give up the search for peace of mind and for peace of soul, and let us continue our search for the realization of the presence of God. And that we attain through meditation; that we attain through keeping our consciousness lifted on high in every spiritual truth of God that we can bring to our remembrance, every spiritual truth about God-not about things; not about things, not about persons.

11A 1952 Honolulu Class Series One  
“Demonstrating God”

## **Search “this is my way”**

### **From: The 1962 London Closed Class**

...If this is not your message, keep on searching and seeking until you find it. Do not think because somebody else has had a beautiful healing that it means it is your message. Do not think because someone else has benefited that you will. No! We each have our teacher or our teaching, something to which we respond. Until we find it we must keep searching. When we find it, something within us says, “this is my way.” After that, we abandon all others, and give ourselves wholeheartedly to the one.

490A 1962 London Closed Class  
“Putting Off the Old Man and Rebirth”

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