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Chapter Highlights

...The teaching of most religionists of the world has been that there are two powers, the power of God and the power of the devil: The power of God is good and blesses; the power of the devil is evil and damns. Always there are these two powers; always God is battling the devil for control of man's soul; and always the question is: Who is going to win?

...How can God be held responsible for any evil in the light of the message and mission of the Master, which was the healing of the sick, the raising of the dead, the feeding of the hungry, and the overcoming of every kind of disaster.

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...From the very beginning of our spiritual study, we have learned that God is the one power, the all-power, and not only the all-power, but the all-good power. Is it then possible for an all-good power to create, permit, tolerate, or send forth evil?

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...Are we dwelling in the secret place of the most High? Are we?

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...Can we not readily imagine the state of consciousness in which we would be living had we been taught exclusively and continuously throughout our childhood that God loved us and that He would not permit any evil to befall us?

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...We learn that God alone is the only power in our lives from everlasting to everlasting. In this understanding, we can see what would have happened to the devil: There would never have been the fear of evil or the fear of punishment. We would have found a love of God instead of a fear of God, and we would never have believed that God could turn His back upon us.

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...There is not a moment of the day that we cannot consciously keep God alive in our hearts by the remembrance that God *is*:

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...A consciousness filled with the realization of God as the only power cannot fear anything in the realm of effect.

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...Through the mass hypnotism of the press and radio, we have all been victims of propaganda of one sort or another, but none of that could reach us if we but accepted the teaching that God, the Infinite Invisible, is the only power.

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...The moment the idea of God as one begins to dawn in consciousness, we begin to understand that in all this world there is no power and there is no presence from which those who are dwelling in the secret place of the most High need protection.

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...In our periods of communion we feel the infinity of God's presence. There is no other power; there is no other presence; there is no destructive or harmful influence in any person, place, or thing; there is no evil in any condition.

...No power acts upon us from without our own being.

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...We must think seriously on this subject of protection because each day we are faced with suggestions of impending or threatened danger.

...The universal belief in two powers, good and evil, will continue to operate in our experience until we, individually—remember this, you and I, individually—reject the belief in two powers.

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...Through study and meditation, eventually we shall come to that God-contact within us, wherein we receive the divine assurance, "Lo, I am with you always," the continuous assurance of the one Presence, one Power, one Being, one Life, one Law in which there are no evil powers or destructive forces.

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...The secret of protection lies not in seeking God to save us from some danger, but rather in understanding that safety, security, and peace are dependent on our remembrance and realization of the truth of God as one.

...We cannot tell the world about this peace, safety, or security; but we can find it for ourselves...

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... “Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.” Isaiah 43:1

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...God is the only law, a law which maintains and sustains the harmony and perfection of its own creation at all times.

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...Let us put the mind in its proper place as an avenue of awareness and not a creative faculty. The creative faculty is deep down in the Soul.

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...We are spiritual entity and we have a body given to us of God, eternal in the heavens. Instead of trying to hold on to this form of body, we hold on to the truth of our own identity, and the body is maintained harmoniously.

...The teaching is: Never worship effect; never hate, fear, or love any effect.

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...No longer shall we live by bread alone, but by a consciousness of God’s presence which requires no words, but rests in God as one.

...As we persist in this throughout the day, the night, the week, the month, gradually we reach a point where the recognition of this truth is as automatic as driving an automobile.

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...A change takes place in our experience the moment we acknowledge no source, no cause, no effect, no power, no presence, and no being but God.

...To practice this principle—hour after hour, day in and day out, for one month or two months, holding to God as the law of our being, God as the source of our good, God as the activity of our day—changes our entire experience.

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Search: “the only power”

From *Living the Illumined Life*

...I wish you could see the vision that surrounds a group when fear has been handled and removed, not by declaring that God is all or that God is love, but by an inner realization that God alone is the only power, and that fear, whether individual or collective, is not power. . .

Living the Illumined Life

Chapter 1 – “The Now Activity of the Christ”

From The 1954 Seattle Closed Class

... Now this is going to be very simple to follow. Assume for a moment that God is the only power. Just try to accept in your own mind a state of consciousness like that in which you agree that God is the only power, that God is infinite, that God is good, that God is all-power, that God is almighty and that beside God there is no other. Just let’s see what happens here while you try to visualize that.

...God is the only power. There is no power in effect. There is no power in person. There is no power apart from God. God is the life and the being.

104A 1954 Seattle Closed Class
“One Power”

Search: “dawn in consciousness”

From *The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Two*

... In The Infinite Way we have learned that God is One: therefore, God is one power, and we live in that conscious oneness. The moment the idea of God as One begins to dawn in consciousness we understand that in all this world there is no power and no presence from which we need protection.

The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Two
Chapter 3 – “Protection”

Search: “to practice this principle”

From *Living Now*

... (Across the Desk) In this chapter, a principle that should change the nature of your life has been presented. The responsibility for bringing about this change, however, rests with you. It is up to you to practice this principle, to work with it, and to meditate upon it until you are able to demonstrate it. Consciously realize that health, supply, happiness, and peace are in God. Begin to work with this principle so that every time you think of health, whether for yourself or for someone else, you realize that health is in Spirit, not in the body. Then drop it.

Living Now
Chapter 7 – “Living Divine Sonship”

Search: “a change takes place”

From The 1960 Indianapolis Special Class

... Without God’s grace, today will not be spiritual and perfect, and harmonious. Now, I have enlarged upon this in the entire book *Practicing The Presence*, so that those who will devote three, four, five, or six months, in some cases seven, eight, or nine months, to this actual conscious Presence, practice of the Presence, throughout the day, and the evening, and even on waking in the middle of the night, they will soon find a change takes place in their lives.

In other words, occasionally there will come moments of inner quiet, moments of inner peace, moments of inner relaxing, and above all there gradually grows a confidence, an assurance that since God is with me, all will go well.

319A 1960 Indianapolis Special Class
“Practicing the Presence –
Contemplation, Meditation, Communion”

From *Man Was Not Born to Cry*

... When a person comes into some measure of understanding of the nature of God, a change takes place in his life. This coming to know God aright is often referred to as illumination, and as illumination changes consciousness from a limited sense to one of infinitely greater capacity, a new life begins to unfold.

Even a faint glimpse of the real nature of God brings an understanding of the Master’s revelation that the kingdom of God is neither lo here, nor lo there, but is within. With that recognition, vital changes begin to take place in your life, and perhaps the most important of these is that you are no

longer consumed by fear. What is there to fear if there is a God? What could be a power over God? What could harm God? Is there a power greater than God?

Man Was Not Born to Cry
Chapter 5 – “Withinness”

Search: “our entire experience”

From Spiritual Interpretation of Scripture

... We understand that the “Lord” in this case is our own Consciousness. Our Consciousness is the law, is the constructor of our universe. Our Consciousness is the substance, the force, the fabric of which our entire experience is built, therefore, whatever we take into our consciousness and make a part of our consciousness, becomes externalized in some form of human experience.

Spiritual Interpretation of Scripture
“Universality of Truth”

Search: “the remembrance of”

From Living Between Two Worlds

... There is a Spirit in man. This Spirit ordains, heals, resurrects, lifts up, and illumines, but It must be experienced. The way is through practicing the presence of God and through meditation. The more we live in the remembrance of the words of mystical literature and Scripture, the more we live in the awareness of the Spirit and Its function, the nearer we bring ourselves to the actual experience.

Living Between Two Worlds
Chapter 1 – “Opening the Door to Infinity”

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