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CHAPTER 5

“When We  
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*The Government of Eden*  
**Chapter Four**  
**“When We Judge by Appearances”**

Listed below are just a few suggested search topics. Each search result will be displayed in the context of its original text or talk; those search results, alone, provide an excellent overview of any subject from which you then can explore at a deeper level.

**General theme of Chapter Five:**

Spiritual discernment; Non reaction; Release.

**Search suggestions:**

*(For specific citations add quotation marks around phrase.)*

“spiritual discernment sees”	“never look to”
“look through”	“concepts that are”
“things as they are”	“of release”
“stop judging”	“our five physical senses”
“don’t be fooled”	“get a power to”
“your spiritual identity”	“the prayer of forgiveness”
“of every appearance”	“we do not judge”

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**Search “spiritual discernment sees”**

*From Consciousness Transformed*

You will know that, regardless of appearances, omnipresence means that God has been at work “since the beginning” and “unto the end of the world.” There is no presence and there is no power to prevent the activity of God. Scripture says, “Who shall hinder him? . . . Who shall prevent?” What shall prevent God? Therefore, the life of a mystic is the life of a beholder, one who through spiritual discernment sees God at work. “What did hinder you,” in spite of appearances? “Neither do I condemn thee,” in spite of appearances.

*Consciousness Transformed*  
February 15, 1964 – “Into the Mystical Consciousness.”

*From Living Between Two Worlds*

... Spiritual discernment knows only the allness of invisible Spirit. It sees God as the consciousness of individual being. It does not see persons as persons with qualities and limitations of their own. Spiritual discernment sees God appearing as individual being and realizes that every individual has the grace of God. Judging by appearances, this may not seem to be true, but let us always remember that what we see, hear, taste, touch, and smell represents the material and limited sense of things. What we discern inwardly will always be closer to the truth.

*Living Between Two Worlds*  
Chapter 5 – “The World of Material Sense  
and the World of Spiritual Discernment”

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## Search: “look through”

### From The 1951 Second Portland Series

... And so it is if you look at man, woman, and child, look them in the face, look them in the body. You won't see what I'm talking about, but you look through them with all the spiritual understanding that you can bring to bear, and try to understand how God has embodied Itself, Its qualities, Its activities, Its own being in every individual, and that every individual is a presentation, a witness, an expression, a formation of that infinite divine Itself, pouring Itself out.

And then see how great your love will grow for this universe, and for its people, and with it will come a deep compassion for those who know not their own identity, those whom we call the evil men and women of the world, and we won't condemn them, but we will be enabled to understand the Master as he says: “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” Let's not hold it against them. It is their ignorance. Let's forgive them seventy times seven.

Why, don't you know, that if every man on earth knew what we know about these flowers and plants, that no man or woman would ever let a day go by without having some little bud somewhere about them?

604A 1951 Second Portland Series  
“A Higher Meditation”

### From *A Parenthesis in Eternity*

... Only through spiritual awareness, through spiritual consciousness, through the fourth-dimensional consciousness, Christ-consciousness, can we behold spiritual identity. We cannot see spiritual identity with our eyes, but just as God can look through light and darkness and behold them as one, so can the spiritually illumined look through the appearance of good or bad humanhood and behold Christhood. In a

mystical teaching we have no right to look at a human being with the idea of changing evil into good, disease into health, or lack into abundance. What we must do—and it is imperative that we do it—is to look through the appearance and realize:

*Unseen to my human eyes, this is the Christ, the son of God. I do not seek to change him, improve, reform, or enrich him. I look through the appearance, and remember that even though I cannot see it, here is spiritual identity.*

*A Parenthesis in Eternity*

Chapter XXVII – “Living Above the Pairs of Opposites”

## **Search: “things as they are”**

From *The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Three*

... We know God as Spirit, love, life, truth—wholeness, completeness, perfection; and so, seeing things as they are, rather than as they appear to be, we know the Son of God, not as good or bad, sick or well, rich or poor, but as Spirit—living and moving and having his being in God-consciousness, dwelling in the secret place of the most High. This is loving God supremely, this is loving our neighbor as our Self, and this is the fulfilling of the law of love.

*The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Three*  
Chapter 12 – “The Christ”

## **Search: “stop judging”**

From *The Art of Spiritual Healing*

... If you have any expectation of being a part of a spiritual healing ministry, learn first of all never to condemn those whom you would help. Stop condemning; stop criticizing; stop judging.

*The Art of Spiritual Healing*  
Chapter 7 – “Practical Instructions to Workers.”

## From The 1954 Seattle Practitioner Class

... Out here I see your body, and that which I see as your body is not your body. It is my concept of your body, or it is a concept or a universal concept of your body, but it isn't your body. And so, what I am beholding has no existence except in my mentality. You out there are the "Word made flesh," but I can't see it because this physical sense has intervened between, and so all I can see is my concept of you as you are.

Now, that concept of you can never know God; it can never know reality; it can never know you as you are. That concept of you must die. In other words, even forgetting physical body, the concept that I entertain of you as man or woman must die. No matter what I think of you today, you'll be something entirely different to me next year. I'll either think of you as having greater degree of spiritual unfoldment or lesser degree or as having stood still.

That may have no relationship to you, that may still be only my concept of you, and that concept of you can never know reality. As long as I entertain that concept of you, I'll never know reality. When I get rid of that and stop judging and stop putting a label on you and stop saying, "How spiritual are you, or how spiritual aren't you, or what is the degree of your integrity or honesty, loyalty, fidelity?"

When I stop judging whether you're young or old by appearances, close my eyes to appearances, and let God define what you are and who you are and where you are, the answer will be, "This is *My* Son, *My* beloved Son in whom I'm well pleased," because that's actually what we are. Actually, we are the Word made flesh. But it's a flesh, a form, an infinite individuality, and an infinite body that is eternal. But what I behold as flesh is my concept of that, and that concept can never know reality.

102B 1954 Seattle Practitioner Class  
"Flesh and Flesh"

## Search: “Don’t be fooled”

### From The 1954 Seattle Practitioner Class

...Don’t be fooled by appearances, not even by good appearances. Don’t call this one strong and this one beautiful and this one noble. Look behind the appearance to the invisible force, presence, power that makes all of this beautiful form possible. Then you can enjoy every form in life, every appearance, whether it’s the bodies, the money, the farm, the airplane. These are forms; but if you don’t understand the Life which animates these forms, you may have the forms, sometimes good and sometimes bad; sometimes young, sometimes old; sometimes sick, sometimes well; sometimes poor and sometimes rich. But if you’ll just learn to take your eyes away from the form, just long enough to look behind it into the Invisible and see God as the animating principle, as the animating love, the animating life, you’ll soon see the difference between spiritual living and material living.

101B 1954 Seattle Practitioner Class  
“Meditation on God and the Being,  
Function and Activity of God”

## Search: “your spiritual identity”

### From *Consciousness in Transition*

... This is a teaching that is meant to take you out of humanhood into the awareness of your spiritual identity. This is not a teaching to make your mind get things or do things for you. It is not a teaching to give you some power called “God” to bring you human things or human betterment. This is a teaching that is to make you be in the world but not of it. This is a teaching to bring the realization that, from the beginning of time, since before Abraham was, *I am*, and that I will be right here until the end of the world.

*Consciousness in Transition*  
Chapter 9 – “Making the Adjustment”

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## Search: “of every appearance”

### From *Practicing the Presence*

... As we stand in this truth in the face of every appearance, one of these days a moment of transition comes, and with it, an inner conviction that all that we need is God.

*Practicing the Presence*  
Chapter 6 – “To Him that Hath”

### From *The Mystical I*

... It is only as the spirit of God touches your consciousness that you are awakened, enlivened. You are “the walking dead” until the spirit of God touches you, that through you this Spirit may be allowed to flow to all mankind.

The manner of it is to realize that in the face of every appearance, whenever a human being appears to you, you are to lift up the son of God in him and realize God incarnate in him. Whenever an appearance of sin, disease, death, lack, limitation, or disaster presents itself to you, you are instantly to remember that in the presence of God—realized, in the presence of the realized Christ, temporal power is not power. In heaven or on earth, there is no power greater than *I Am*.

When the spirit of the Lord God is upon you, you are ordained, but you are not ordained to be set apart. You are ordained to heal the sick, to comfort, to feed, to forgive. That is the purpose of ordination—not that you may be glorified but that you may be better equipped to give more abundantly, to share more freely, to understand more universally that it is not only the children of your flesh who are your children, but that all the children of this world are your children, and you have an equal responsibility to share with them.

*The Mystical I*  
Chapter 12 – “Do Not Pass by on the Other Side”

## **Search: “never look to”**

### **From The 1952 First Class of 1952**

... We never look to the visible forms of good, and wonder how we may attract them to ourselves, or how we may acquire them, but we live in this constant realization of the Infinite Source within forever pouring Itself out into the visible. Why draw upon another’s good when the source of all good is within our own being? Why not rather seek to share that which is unfolding from within us to those who have not yet attained a measure of realization of their true identity as having their being in Christ?

1002A 1952 First Class of 1952  
“The Fourth Dimension”

## **Search: “concepts that are”**

### **From The 1963 Instructions for Teaching The Infinite Way**

... All that you have seen with your eyes is a finite concept of God’s creation built on the universal belief in two powers. Therefore, you have seen concepts that are sometimes good, sometimes bad, sometimes young, sometimes old, sometimes sick, sometimes well, sometimes alive, and sometimes dead. But, remember, these are not creations of God. These are creations of man—manmade concepts—so that when you look over here at me, you don’t see me. You see a concept that you have formed in your mind of me. And therefore, if I ask my neighbor to describe me, you wouldn’t recognize me, because that is not the “me” that you have formed in your mind, and if you could speak to my mother, you’d never recognize me at all, because she has still a different concept of me. Do you see that? So that none of you have ever seen me.

551A 1963 Instructions for Teaching The Infinite Way  
“The Simplicity of the Healing Truth”

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## From *Living Between Two Worlds*

... in the Garden of Eden there is just pure being. Material sense has hypnotized us into accepting the belief of three-score years and ten, a few more or a few less. But if we look out at this world with spiritual vision, do we see anything destructive to us or to our body? It is only our acceptance of an aging process, a deteriorating power, that makes us subject to it. Through our higher consciousness, we know that there is no influence out here affecting us, so we are not affected by the thoughts, opinions, and concepts that are floating around in the air. We will not prove this, however, except in proportion as we open our consciousness several times a day to the realization that our consciousness has access to Infinity, and Infinity is flowing in us and through us and as us now.

*Living Between Two Worlds*  
Chapter 5 – “The World of Material Sense  
and the World of Spiritual Discernment”

### **Search: “of release”**

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

... The degree of realization you attain in meditation is one of the fibers that comprise this band of spiritual consciousness, and so it is well at this time to overcome the sense of time and space. When, through meditation, you have achieved a sense of release from the thoughts and things of the world, what a wonderful atmosphere surrounds you!

*The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Two*  
Chapter 11 – “Suggestions for Healing Work”

### **Search: “our five physical senses”**

#### From the 1959 Hawaiian Village Open Class

... Surely, with our five physical senses we will always behold a certain amount of good and a certain amount of evil. It is only when we get into the within-ness, into our divine

faculties, that we see this universe as it is; and then, regardless of the sinner we may be looking at or the dying person, the voice says within, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased,” and you open your eyes and you say, “It doesn’t look that way.” And indeed, it doesn’t, if you insist on seeing with the eyes and hearing with the ears. You can never know of God’s grace or God’s kingdom with the five physical senses.

258B 1959 Hawaiian Village Open Class  
“Treatment – the Correct Letter of Truth”

## **Search: “get a power to”**

### **From The 1963 Kailua Private Class**

... The knowledge of truth acts to remove from us our ignorance of the nature of Spirit and Its activities and operations. To illustrate this, when we first come to the study of truth, we believe that God is a great power and that if we can just get God we are going to have the power that will destroy the earthly errors. And now through our studies, this ignorance is chipped away and we learn to stop looking to God or expecting God to remove the evils of this world. In the same way that as we study, we learn that there is but one power.

And here again, we have a help that enables us to stop trying to get a power to do something to another power called evil, sin, disease, death. And with this knowledge of truth, we are enabled to cease that mental activity of expecting a God to overcome our enemies and we are thereby enabled to relax inwardly and await the realization of grace—a nonpower. Every principle of truth that we learn, every principle of truth that we study and practice, develops our consciousness to the place where we can resist not evil, where we can put up the sword, where we can retire into ourselves in an inner peace and thereby become aware of grace.

516B 1963 Kailua Private Class  
“Above the Law to Grace”

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## **Search: “the prayer of forgiveness”**

From *The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Six*

... We cannot walk around the world extending our hands to the people in the north, south, east, or west, who at the moment may be our enemies, but we can get up from the altar and go into a quiet spot in our own home and there pray the prayer of forgiveness:

Father, forgive them; they do not know what they do. Father, open the eyes and the minds and the hearts and the souls of mankind, whether on our side of the border or on the other, whether on our side of the color line or on the other. Open the minds and the hearts and the souls of mankind to Thy presence and to Thy grace.

Then go back to the altar and see how effective prayer can be.

*The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Six*  
Chapter 4 – “Spiritual Power in Human Affairs”

## **Search: “we do not judge”**

From *Consciousness Unfolding*

... Some of you are becoming aware of the fact that a principle of spiritual living and spiritual healing, different from any of the approaches that have been given to you before, is being presented to you. That does not mean that the principle involved is something new. There is nothing new about it; it is the principle revealed by Jesus Christ, as set forth particularly in the Gospel of John.

In this principle, it becomes clear to us that we do not judge the spiritual world by looking out upon the human world. Rather, we come into an awareness of what the spiritual world is, through looking out from God. “My kingdom

is not of this world.” There is no way to judge the spiritual kingdom by looking at the appearance. When Jesus spoke of “the meat to eat that ye know not of,” and of the living water, we know that he was showing forth an inner principle; one which those of the world know not, for “having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not?” Yet this is the principle which is capable of feeding, protecting, sustaining, and maintaining us.

*Consciousness Unfolding*  
Chapter 8 – “The Principle”

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