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Chapter Highlights

... Spiritual consciousness is your consciousness when you have no evil to combat, when your evil has been impersonalized and nothingized; that is Christ-consciousness.

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... The inner experiences that we have, the inner experiences that come to us and the instruction that comes, and the wisdom, the guidance, and the direction come only at those times when we are living in that consciousness of no condemnation, of impersonalization, and they cannot come to us at any other time.

... look upon every evil as if it were being offered by a tempter, as if you were seeing Satan stand before the Master, and you having the ability to say, “Get thee behind me. I am having none of it.”

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... the moment you stop blaming someone for being sinful or sensual or jealous or envious or malicious, the moment you stop pinpointing the evil in or as a person, and you begin to see that which is called a mental cause is as impersonal as the spiritual cause—once you begin to perceive that, you are on your way to doing healing work.

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... we have gotten rid of a lot of the bad kings and queens of old, and emperors; we have gotten rid of Hitler and Stalin, and still the world goes on building new ones. Why? Because the ax has never been laid at the root of the tree; because we have been lopping off branches and leaving the tree, leaving the life of the tree. And what is the life of the tree that is harassing us? The belief that evil has power.

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... Instead of trying to think up something to destroy the Hitlers or the Khrushchevs or anybody else whose name disturbs you, instead of trying to find a way to overcome them, retire within yourself and ask yourself, "Why was the kingdom of God established in me, and what is its function? Why am I neglecting it? Why am I overlooking it? Why am I ignoring it? Have I never heard that the kingdom of God is within me? Have I never wondered why it is within me, how it got there, what its purpose is, what its function is, and how to bring it forth into expression?"

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... The way to bring it forth into expression is to look your enemy right in the eye...

... Thank you, Father. Nothing can come nigh my dwelling place; nothing shall enter my consciousness that defileth or maketh a lie because I acknowledge the omnipotence of God.

... Every step of our journey on this path is one of purification.

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... Start with the word "God." *God is perfect; God is Spirit; God is Life; God is the soul of individual being...*

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... Never personalize, never restrict or limit God to a specific person or channel. It is like limiting the sun to a specific garden. Look above your garden. See the warmth and light of the sun. The sun is impartial, universal, and impersonal. Look above forms and see it omnipresent as all form.

... Somehow or other you must have the ability to understand how it is that "I and my Father are one." Use the illustration of the tree of life, as Jesus did in the 15th chapter of John, or "As the wave is one with the ocean, so I am one with God," or in any other way in which you can make it clear.

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... We must reach the place where we can dedicate ourselves to something higher than our interests.

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... You would be surprised what a difference it makes in your life, once you realize that there is no God around to help you. God is only around to perfect His work through you.

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... God is here to prosper the will of God and the way of God and the function of God, and our function is to be the servant of God, the instrument, the transparency as which God can work.

... The most difficult part of our entrance into the spiritual life comes because of this idea of God as a power that is used to destroy other powers, evil powers. We cannot easily outgrow the belief that we can use God.

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... Let us make it easier for ourselves by realizing that God uses us....That is when we yield ourselves to God's government.

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... There is a greater need for what we have today than has ever existed before, and certainly, in solving the world's problems, we solve our problems because if the world has no problems, neither would we have.

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... Since God does not function on a personal basis, God will not do anything for you personally. There must be within you the remembrance that this that you seek, you seek for all mankind, for everyone, friend or enemy. It would be as impossible to channel God into your affairs as it would be to channel the rain into your garden.

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...I must always consciously remember that love is the secret of the religious life; that unless I love my neighbor as myself, unless I forgive, unless I do it unto the least of these my brethren, I am not accepting God's government.

... There is only one spiritual, creative Principle, and It has created us as members of one household.

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... Try to vision this larger canvas of life so that you do not measure your spiritual life by what it is doing to you and yours and for you and yours alone. Rather, see how the measure of spiritual freedom that you attain is the measure of spiritual freedom that you are giving back to the world, hastening the day of freedom for all.

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... Is there anything or anybody that will be with you to the end of the world except *I*? And could you reach any place before or after *I*? No, always I and my Father are one.

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... When does the Spirit of God begin to dwell in you? It has been dwelling within you from everlasting to everlasting, but from the moment of your acknowledgment of It, from the moment of your realization of It, It consciously functions your life. From the moment of your emptiness, and then your realization, "Fill me. Let Thy mind be my mind. Let Thy life be my life. Let Thy spirit be my spirit." Then it takes place, and it is so.

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... Let me be empty. Let the Lord enter consciously, always with the realization that if there be any faults in me, any hidden faults in me, that I am purified, that I am willing to surrender, and then watch the miracle in transformed lives because you are not a human being who knows some truths; now you are emptied of being a human being, and you have become divine, by virtue of the Spirit of God, which dwelleth in you.

Consciousness lives itself; you do not live it. (Wisdoms of The Infinite Way)

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Search: “no evil to”

From The 1959 Halekou Special Work

...Is there a spiritual kingdom? Or is that just a biblical term? Is there actually a thing, or a place called “My kingdom,” the kingdom of God? Is there such an area of consciousness in which there is no evil to behold, correct, or improve or heal, or rise above? Is there a spiritual kingdom?

252 B 1959 Halekou Special Work
“Where the Spirit of the Lord Is, There is Liberty”

Search: “once you begin to perceive”

From *Beyond Words and Thoughts*

.....once you begin to perceive that there is no such thing as an evil man or woman because evil is not a man or a woman but an impersonal temptation or tempter, then, when you witness evil men and women, instead of reacting with condemnation, a smile comes inside of you with a “Father, forgive them their ignorance”—not their evil—their ignorance. They could not be evil if they were not ignorant. Therefore, you do not feel horror at the evils or the evil persons of the world, but a compassion, a “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”

Beyond Words and Thoughts
Chapter 6 – “Measuring Spiritual Progress”

From *Consciousness Transformed*

...Once you begin to perceive that the only power there is, is the power of your own consciousness, how then would it be possible to fear what mortal man can do to you? How can we speak of omnipotent omnipresence, and at the same time be subject to universal beliefs?

Consciousness Transformed

April 28, 1963 – “The Unfolding Message: Spiritual Power”

Search: “the ax”

From The 1961 Mission Inn Closed Class

...Do you know the nature of evil? If you do, you know the nature of prayer, for prayer is knowing the truth, and you only know the truth when you know the nature of God as *I*—all-inclusive being. And when you know the nature of evil—not the nature of sin, not the nature of disease, not the nature of unemployment, the nature of evil!—the evil is behind those forms. We’ve always been defeated, because we’ve battled with the form, and left the substance of the forms intact. We did not lay the ax at the root of the tree. We lopped off a little sickness here, and a little sin here, and a little unemployment here, and we left dear old mortal mind right behind it, as if it were a power ready to spring forth in another form of error, tomorrow. Whereas, to perceive the nature of the tempter, the universal illusion, the universal mesmerism, and since *I* is Omnipotence, is to see it as no power.

405 B 1961 Mission Inn Closed Class

“The Healing Principles (Special Lesson on Healing Work)”

Search: “retire within”

From the 1957 New York Fisher Hall Open Class

...Do you not see how you have to set yourself aside from your family, from your business duties, from all your obligations in

this world, regardless of how fine they may be, and find some sanctuary where you can retire within and pray to the Father in secret? Pray not for things, pray not for improvement or betterment, but rather pray the prayer of recognition, the prayer of realization.

185 B 1957 New York Fisher Hall Open Class
“Prepare the Soil for Spiritual Seed”

Search: “no condemnation”

From *The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Five*

...Never for a moment believe that you can arrive at a state where you can ignore error. You must learn to face the situation which confronts you and, in facing it, realize the nature, not only of the specific error with which you are dealing, but the nature of all error, which is nothing more nor less than that ancient knowledge of the tree of good and evil. To the person of spiritual perception, good and evil do not exist as powers in the world, not in men or in conditions. Begin to sit down quietly each day until you can bring yourself to a realization that there is now no condemnation to anything in this world. Through this process of meditation, cogitation, and contemplation, eventually you will come to see that God is all, and this will be not merely a statement but a realization: “Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Five
Chapter 6 – “Security Through God-Realization”

Search: “be empty”

From *Consciousness Transformed*

... You do not pray—God does the praying...Open yourself consciously to the experience of being still and knowing that I is God and then letting it bear witness and perform its miracle. Perfect yourself first individually in prayer in the

sense of being open, that God may pray or bear witness in you or through you. Be empty! Be so empty! It will bring upon you a sense of humility you have never known before. Then you will understand why the Master said, “I can of mine own self do nothing . . . the Father doeth the works.”

Consciousness Transformed, September 2, 1963

“Prayer of the Righteous Man: God Is”

Search: “you are on your way”

From The 1962 Stockholm Closed Class

... Now, once you begin with this principle of “neither good nor evil,” you are on your way back to the Garden of Eden before the fall, because it was only this belief in good and evil that constitutes what is called “the fall,” and when you have no longer a belief in externalized good or evil, you are back in the Garden of Eden in divine harmony, in the incorporeal, spiritual universe.

497 B 1962 Stockholm Closed Class

“Reality and Concepts”

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