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**Chapter Highlights**

... World prayer work is the most difficult of all because we must, first of all, surrender all concepts as to the solution we are seeking, never praying for a certain event or experience.

... Be still. Be still! Don't think thoughts.

... Stop taking thought because by taking thought you cannot change anything in the world. You will only make it worse than it is. Do not take thought. Be still; listen for that voice. Say to the Father, “Speak, Lord. Thy servant heareth,” and “when he uttereth his voice, the earth melteth.”

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... Never forget that the Master says, “If I speak of myself, I bear witness to a lie; it is not I that do the work but the Father within.” And this will ever keep you humble enough to know, even if you stop a storm or a war, it will make you humble enough to know that you did not stop it; you were the transparency through which the activity of God reached human consciousness.

... If in our heart there is a desire for peace—I do not mean victory; I do not mean a desire to get your way or my way,

your country's way or my country's way—I mean that if there is a sincere desire to see the reign of the Christ on earth, the form of our prayer would make no difference because there is no God listening to the human voice.

...In what spirit are we praying?

...When we pray, we pray universally... We never pray for anyone's punishment. Our prayer is that everyone be forgiven. We pray that those who are offending this world, who are against liberty, justice, and equality, be forgiven, that their eyes be opened, and then we will be contributing to the peace of the world.

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... When it comes to the subject of prayer, the Master has given us the greatest teaching on the face of the earth.... "take no thought, for your heavenly Father knoweth that you have need of these things, and it is his good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

... So you see, this automatically eliminates all forms of prayer in which we turn to God for anything, in which we ask God for anything, in which we expect anything from God because we are able to rest in those words of the Master: "My heavenly Father knoweth my need, and it is his good pleasure to give me the kingdom."

... this absolves me from all responsibility for taking anxious thought, doubtful thought, or concerned thought. It relieves me of the responsibility of praying to God for these things because I have the divine assurance that my "heavenly Father knoweth that I have need of these things, and it is his good pleasure to give me the kingdom."

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... Every time you hear a news broadcast or see a newspaper headline heralding some unfortuitous circumstance, you automatically turn away from it in the recognition that this, which you are hearing or reading, can exist only as a picture in the human mind and not as any part of God's kingdom.

...In God's kingdom, harmony reigns.

... In such instant recognition, when you have learned to reinterpret the pictures of sense that touch your consciousness, you are praying without ceasing, and yet you are doing it without consciously declaring the truth; this was the high state of consciousness of the Master.

... Remember, however, that it was the days and nights that Jesus spent in the wilderness, his years of training and self-discipline, that lifted him into this high consciousness in which he did not recognize any error to be denied or treated. So it will be with you. When you reach the point where you are never aware of any form of error to treat or to deny, your treatments and your prayers will be wordless, yet you will be treating and praying all the time.

Men, judging by human standards, complain that prayer is not answered. To benefit by prayer, it is necessary to give up all personal concepts of good. Do not try to fit answered prayer into the mold of human desire.

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### Search: “world prayer”

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

... Every century and every decade present their full share of problems to challenge the wisdom and intelligence of leaders in government. This decade is no exception. So insurmountable do the national and international problems the world faces today appear to be that only a wisdom greater than mere human intelligence would be capable of coping with them. This crisis in world affairs makes all the more important the world prayer work of Infinite Way students who dedicate themselves to a deeper realization of a government of omniscience and omnipotence.

*The Journey Back to the Father’s House*  
Chapter 10 – “God Dominion: Not Man’s Dominion”

#### From The 1963 Kailua Private Class

... Therefore, everyone who engages in a world prayer activity of a real prayer nature—I don’t mean, the old prayer that asks God to do something, or give us victory, or the other fellow defeat—but I mean the real prayer of spiritual contact, they must be reaching somebody somewhere. Somebody on a sick bed is being raised up; somebody on a deathbed is being raised up; somebody in an accident is being lifted up. Or, somebody in some phase of mortality is being raised and led to where they’re going to meet the person or the book that will start them on the path. And so I see it as a mission of every Infinite Way student to give not less than one period each day for an intelligent world meditation.

517 A 1963 Kailua Private Class  
“World Work for All Infinite Way Students”

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## From *Man Was Not Born to Cry*

... God cannot be prevailed upon to stop accidents on the highways, but the realization of God as the mind of man will reveal divine law, order, and harmony. Let your daily world prayer be a part of your tithing, giving back to God of your first fruits.

*Man Was Not Born to Cry*  
Chapter 8 – “Rising Above This World”

### **Search: “desire for peace”**

#### From The 1955 Kailua Study Group

... You see, the world fails to find peace and security because it seeks peace and security. Once it would give up the desire for peace and security, to seek the realization of God, peace and security would be found to be the added things or included things. The world cannot find what it is seeking, because it is seeking it, instead of giving up the search for things, conditions, and seeking awareness alone.

110 B 1955 Kailua Study Group  
“No Power”

### **Search: “be forgiven”**

#### From The 1962 Chicago Closed Class

... You cannot pray for the destruction for anyone. You may only pray that they be forgiven—pray for their forgiveness. You may only pray that their eyes be opened, their hearts be opened, their ears be opened and that they may be forgiven their sins. This is prayer. This is an attitude of prayer, and this is a high altitude of prayer.

468 B 1962 Chicago Closed Class  
“Preparation for Prayer”

## **From *God Formed Us for His Glory***

... You will begin to have the God-experience as you are able to pray for your enemies, for those that despitefully use you, and for the enemies of mankind, not pray that they be successful in overcoming the good, but pray that their eye be opened, pray that God reveal Himself to them, pray that they be forgiven their sins, that they awaken to the realities of life, to the joys, to the spiritual truth.

*God Formed Us for His Glory*  
Chapter 12 – “Preparation for Advent”

## **Search: “to God for anything”**

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

... God has nothing to give, and God will never give more than He is giving you now! God Is, Life Is, Love Is. Know this truth and this truth will set you free from the belief that you must go to God for anything.

*The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Two*  
Chapter 6 – “Higher Views of God, Prayer and the Self”

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

... Just stating that God is infinite Wisdom and divine Love will not do much for you. It is only as a result of this contemplation that you actually agree, from your own inner experience, that it is true. There must be the actual experience of inner awareness which comes as a result of this contemplation of God. As you persist in this contemplation, God will become a new experience, and you will find yourself developing, or with a developed state of consciousness in which you will never look to God for anything. You will be living in the realization of God continuously flowing, and you will realize that the kingdom of God, literally, is within you.

*The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Two*  
Chapter 7 – “Meditation for Beginners”

## From The 1957 Inner Working Group Series

... The recognition of God as infinite Intelligence and divine Love sets us free from the foolish habit of turning to God for something, and this in itself begins the development of our spiritual awareness. The ability to live without turning to God for anything is in itself the development of this unfolding of this spiritual faculty within us.

801 B 1957 Inner Working Group Series  
“Introduction to Our Work” cont.

## Search: “reinterpret”

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

... To treat spiritually is to reinterpret experience as it comes into range of your awareness. Consciously to know the truth about God and Its creation is the healing treatment which determines the harmony of your existence. It is imperative that you learn to reinterpret every situation or seemingly discordant condition in the understanding that God is the substance, law, and action of all true being and, therefore, you will not fear appearances of any nature. The activity of this truth in your consciousness constitutes the law unto every situation or condition. When faced with any suggestion of a selfhood or condition apart from God, turn to God in thought, ponder these truths, and meditate upon them—always remembering, however, that memorizing or reciting these words is not treatment! Let Truth reveal Itself from within your own being, in ever new and fresh thoughts, ideas, unfoldments, and revelations.

*The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Four*  
Chapter 1 – “Withinness”

### From *The Art of Spiritual Living*

... One of the most important forms that preparation can take is practicing the principles of spiritual living and healing. Through the practice of the presence and inner alertness

required to reinterpret appearances—good or bad—as they are presented to him, the student becomes more and more aware of the presence of God and of the nature of this world as the appearance-world, thereby preparing himself for the descent of that Grace which is sufficient to every need.

*The Art of Spiritual Living*  
Chapter 8 – “The Fruitage of Knowing God Aright”

### **From The 1950 First Portland Series**

... Now the first step, especially if we take the Master's teaching as our guide, the first step that we have to understand is that I and the Father are one. Now that, of course, is merely saying something that you already know and which, as knowledge, isn't too important. But you must take that idea of oneness, live with it, interpret it, reinterpret it, translate it to yourself in a thousand different ways until the feeling of oneness comes. So we begin with that letter, that understanding that I and the Father are one. If we understand that, we understand that all that the Father hath is mine. We also understand how we can live by grace; how all things are given to us, rather than that we have to slave for them, earn them by the sweat of our brow. Also, we understand why the place whereon I stand is holy ground; why I don't have to move anywhere; why I don't have to go to another climate; why I don't have to go to a busier city or a more prosperous one; why I don't have to change my environment, but through the realization that the place whereon I stand is holy ground, here and now, as I unfold in wisdom, in spiritual development, I will be moved.

4 A 1950 First Portland Series  
“The Christ”

### **Search: “wordless”**

#### **From The 1952 Honolulu Closed Class**

... You have Infinite Being Itself caring for you—guarding, guiding, protecting, maintaining, sustaining, supporting,

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supplying and healing. In the last analysis, prayer is absolutely wordless; not only wordless, but thoughtless. Prayer, when it reaches its highest form, which is communion, has no words and no thoughts. It has, rather, an incoming flow from God, from the Spirit. In other words, it is as if we weren't praying—God were praying in us. God was voicing Its word, which is quick and sharp and powerful, through us.

18 B 1952 Honolulu Closed Class  
“How to Pray”

### **From *Leave Your Nets***

... When you arrive at the state of consciousness where you never see, hear, taste, touch, or smell any form of error, you are then in a state of consciousness where your meditations and your prayers are wordless, but you can be assured that then you will be meditating and praying all the time.

*Leave Your Nets*  
Chapter 8 – “Living the Life of Grace”

### **From the 1956 Barbizon Plaza Lecture Series**

... Our use of the word, “prayer,” has absolutely no relationship at all to a church meaning of prayer. Firstly, because our prayers, after the initial stages, are absolutely wordless. To begin with, at no period do we ever have a made-up prayer, such as is to be found in prayer books in all churches, or most churches. We have no form of prayer whatever. There isn't to be found anywhere in all of these writings a single thing that can be used as a formula for made-up prayer. And not only do we quickly outgrow the use of words and thoughts in prayer, but we very quickly come to a form of prayer that has in it neither words nor thoughts.

139 B The 1956 Barbizon Plaza Lecture Series  
“Grace is God Realized”

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