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Chapter Highlights

...This is a time that shakes man's faith. This is a time when people begin to think and fear and doubt. Yet this is our great opportunity. Why? Do we have a solution to these problems? Not any human solution.

...The Master did not have a human solution to offer in his day. And yet he did have a solution for every problem of human experience. He taught recourse to an inner kingdom, an inner power that makes men free.

...We must never forget that each one of us suffers in some measure as the world suffers.

...Those of us who are on the spiritual path have a bond with one another that makes our interest a common and united one....Our interest is in bringing forth spiritual power, not only for ourselves or our families, but for the entire world.

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...The world's problems will be solved spiritually. They will be solved without taking up the sword, without rebellion, without revolution, without taking sides....Certainly, as citizens, we vote for whoever it is that is revealed to us as

representing the highest human form of government. But we should not put the responsibility upon any elected official to save the world.

...the grace of God is not given to any individual for himself.

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...God could no more give any one of us a blessing than God could give apples to one branch of a tree....How would it be possible for the sun to shine in my garden and miss yours?

...God's grace is meant not only for good people, but even more for the bad ones.

... Those who have been the longest on the path are giving some part of every day to prayer on world conditions.

...Raising up armies does not lessen tension. If anything, it increases it. Tension is relaxed only through a spiritual activity....It is not the manner of prayer, however, that is a determining influence in life. It is the motive.

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...In what spirit are we praying? Are we praying that the grace of God be made manifest among our friends and among our enemies? Are we praying that the innocent be lifted up and the guilty be healed?

...We who have witnessed the power of prayer in our individual experience and have begun to share it with our relatives, neighbors, and community know the richness that enters life through what we pour out from within us.

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...there are thousands, probably millions, of persons in all parts of the world, longing inwardly to know something

about the way of life by prayer. There is only one way to help them. It is not a human way....If, in our daily meditations and prayers, we can remember the seekers and searchers, those who have not yet found their spiritual home and the kingdom of God within, and then realize that this God-love that is flowing through us is meeting their need, entering their consciousness and bringing awakening and light to them, we would be surprised at how rapidly many of them would be led somewhere to hear about a spiritual message.

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...In our prayers, let our thoughts go out to the world. Let us embrace mankind in our consciousness, knowing that all those prepared for the Christ will meet the Christ, all those prepared for the grace of God will receive It.

...Each one of us is a fountain of spiritual light bubbling over to be shared with any and every one ready to experience it in proportion to his awareness of the truth that “the kingdom of God is within...”

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...When our motive is that God’s grace be made known, that God’s presence be felt, that God’s power be manifest to friend and foe in all lands, then our prayer is with power.

...How shall we pray for the enemy?... “Father, open his eyes that he may see. Open his ears that he may hear.”

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...in this present world situation...as long as the countries of the world are lined up on opposite sides of the table, there will be no peace. There may be an absence of a shooting war, but the peace will come only when the two present-day great powers sit on the same side of the table and say, “Let us work

out the problems of the world.” Then they will be worked out. No other way!

...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 far more than if we offered to carry a gun in the defense of peace.

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...Prayer, to be answered prayer, must come from a heart that is purged of personal and selfish motives, a heart that has for its desire that all men may know God’s grace. This prayer silently spoken or thought not only sets the one who prays free but it sets mankind free.

...When we begin to see the fruitage in that small circle, then we are ready to lift our vision and go out into the community, to the seat of our government, to cross borders and look each nation in the face, each religion, and make peace: “Go thy way in peace. May God’s grace be visited upon you....”

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...All this is done silently, secretly, sacredly, and for one purpose: that God’s grace be established on earth.

...Among those who have realized even a tiny measure of God’s grace, there is the realization: “I do not claim to have attained, not fully; but I am forgetting the sins which are past and am looking to the full demonstration of Christhood.”

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...Now we widen our circle and let our vision go beyond our immediate environment and look out at mankind with the same feeling that we have for one another.

...Man's only defense against the evils of the world lies in prayer, but that prayer must be an open heart of love invoking divine blessing on mankind—not on us, on our race, on our creed, or on our nation, but on mankind. We begin this practice in our home, widening the circle to include our friends and more distant relatives. As we begin to witness the fruitage of what we are doing, we reach further until we are including all mankind in our prayer.

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...Release God into the world, but let us be sure we are not directing God to some friend's corner. Loose God. Release Him into this world that He may bless and redeem.

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...In saving the world, we know that we are saved individually, for if this world goes, we go with it.

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...The spiritual students of the world have within their power the ability to change the world in this century into a heaven on earth. How? By prayer and meditation, by letting loose this "bread" that they have stored up within them.

...This is prayer, when the arms are outstretched and the whole world is inside: the world of friends, relatives, and enemies. All the world is inside, and we are saying, "God's love is upon us; God's grace is within us; God's benevolence shines in our hearts."

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Search: “a human solution”

From The 1960 England Open Class

...If you haven't thought about it, think about it in these coming days as to whether or not you believe that there is a human solution to the world's problems or if you have heard of anyone in this decade who even claims to believe that they have an answer to the world's problems, and then you'll understand why no one, regardless of their position in the government, in politics, in statesmanship, no one claims to have any solution to the major problems of this world; and then you will know why—that there must be a spiritual solution, or we are coming to the end of another period of human history.

356 B 1960 England Open Class
“Putting Up the Sword is the Secret”

From *Living Between Two Worlds*

... As we observe to what extent we would like to substitute a good human condition for an evil one, we will know why our prayers are not answered. To go to a spiritual God to find a human solution based on human ideas of what is right is futile. We must be willing to surrender all concepts as to the solution of any problem because success comes only with the surrender of material or human desires and the desire for God's government on earth.

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

Search: “for the entire world”

From *Consciousness Transformed*

... “If this that functions through me for the benefit of myself and others is so powerful, can it not then help the entire world? If I can pray for my neighbor and my neighbor benefits by my prayer, can I not then pray for the entire world?”

Consciousness Transformed

August 16, 1963 – “One with God: Praying for the World”

From The 1960 Santa Barbara Open Class

...Now, before we can be terribly interested in the fate of the world, we must become interested in our own fate. In other words, as we discover that which brings harmony, peace, into our own lives, then we know what it is that will do it for the entire world.

298 1960 Santa Barbara Open Class
“Individual Consciousness”

From The 1964 Oahu Maui Series

...When one attains spiritual freedom, he attains it for the entire world, even though it may take a century for the demonstration on earth of the fullness and fulfillment of this freedom. This freedom will come with the understanding of God as consciousness, consciousness as Omnipresence, and that this Consciousness is the consciousness of individual man.

547 B 1964 Oahu Maui Series
“Between Two Worlds: Material Sense, Spiritual Consciousness”

Search: “our motive”

From The 1961 Hawaiian Village Open Class

... What is our motive in meditating? What is our motive in praying? You will find that the answer to these questions

determines whether or not your prayer is going to be answered.

440 B 1961 Hawaiian Village Open Class
“The Soul of Man”

From *Seek Ye First*

... Our concern should be with our motive. If that motive is to know God, then we can be in any teaching or no teaching and still be assured that we are going to end up knowing God aright, because the ripener of our soul is our desire or motive. When the heart cries out to know God, to tabernacle and commune with God, when the heart pushes us forward, compels us to read, listen, or study, when something within is driving us, be assured, we are ripening, even though at the moment our outer experience does not bear testimony to it.

Seek Ye First
Chapter 2 – “The Spiritual Goal”

Search: “to change the world”

From The 1954 Honolulu Lecture Series

... We will never get to the point of even helping one person unless we first get to the point of realizing within ourselves that we are not attempting to manipulate the scene. We’re not attempting to change the world or reform it. We’re not going to try to stop them using the bomb. If that’s what they have to do, heaven bless them with it! They’ll all wake up one day and find they’re still alive and haven’t accomplished much. Now our function then, is prayer, which means a communion with God. But there is no full and complete union with God while there is a desire to manipulate the scene out here or change it or perfect it. What then is the object in us that we have in mind when we pray and communicate? It is this: the realization of the Christ. That is the only function of a treatment from the highest point of view, or of a prayer—the

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realization of the Christ. If we can sit here like this, even without saying a word, and have a realization of the Christ, everybody out there who is receptive to it will feel that stir, and it will manifest in them as some kind of a healing.

71 A 1954 Honolulu Lecture Series
“More on Treatment and Prayer”

From The 1960 Northwest Open Class

... We're not here to change the world directly, because it is impossible. We are here as students of truth, regardless of which approach to truth we may be following. We are here but for one purpose: to purify ourselves, our own consciousness, so that we may partake of the grace of God, and show forth, by our demonstration, what the spiritual fruitage is even in terms of human good, and thereby be a light unto the world, which it can follow.

305 A 1960 Northwest Open Class
Attaining the Presence of God”

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