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Chapter Highlights

... “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

... “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon

us, that we should be called the sons of God.” I John 3:1

... God is my being and God is your being: God is our true identity.

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... All things in heaven and on earth are given unto us because of this relationship of divine Sonship. All things that exist, exist for our purpose. As joint heirs with Christ in God, this earth is ours.

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... *I will never leave you nor forsake you, but you must abide in My Word, and you must let My Word abide in you.*

... There is a peace—My peace—the peace that passeth understanding. This peace is embodied in the Soul of man: it is never dependent upon any external condition; it exists as

the gift of God in the midst of us. Our mistake has been in seeking peace from each other, in believing that others had the power to give or to withhold peace, or in relying upon others for our harmony.

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...There can be no peace, security, or joy separate and apart from God. Peace, security, and joy are inherent in God and for this reason must be indigenous to us through the realization of God as our own being.

...The great secret of scripture is: in the beginning—God. In the beginning all that was, was God: now and forever, all that is, is God.

...Let us drop “my” this or “my” that and “your” this or “your” that. His Being, expressing as grace, is our sufficiency in all things. His grace—His presence, His joy, His love, His allness—is our sufficiency.

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...The sun shines; God loves. God’s love flows freely to the just and the unjust, to the deserving and the undeserving, to the saint and the sinner alike. God’s love pours into this universe, giving life to the seed, strength to the growing plants, protection to animal, vegetable, and mineral life. God’s love is the supporting and animating influence of all creation, because all creation is Love, Itself, freely flowing.

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...All that is, is in and of God. There are no exceptions. There must be no labels of criticism or of judgment or of condemnation.

...As we behold ourselves spiritually endowed, we become beholders of God appearing in all and through all. But we can do this only as we relinquish those judgments that come to us by the seeing of the eye and the hearing of the ear.

...God's blessings are not ours because you are you or I am I. They are God's blessings unto God—God's blessings flowing unto Its own Self as the Son, the Father bestowing His all as the Son. It is the Father giving, the Son receiving, and yet one, only one—Father and Son.

...In oneness, in conscious union with God is our strength; in conscious union with God is our supply; in conscious union with God is our peace, joy, power, dominion, and our every blessing.

...When we know that God is the source of our inner satisfaction, how can we long for anything external to our own being?

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...Our Father has imparted to us Himself. In the realization of our true identity, we partake of the very Body of God: that is eating the Body and drinking the Blood. " 'I have meat to eat that ye know not of.' I can give you life—waters that spring into life eternal—the invisible waters, invisible wine, invisible meat." This is partaking of the living God, or the living Word, and watching the Word become flesh and dwell among us—God incarnate in the flesh.

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Search: “exist for”

From *The Art of Spiritual Living*

...As long as words such as “divine Consciousness,” “God-consciousness” and “Christ-consciousness” are used without connecting them to individual consciousness, we miss the way. Until we find the kingdom of God within our own consciousness—not a consciousness that was on earth two thousand years ago or four thousand years ago, but within our own consciousness—it cannot exist for us. It may exist for our neighbor; it may exist for those who followed Buddha, Isaiah, Jesus, John, or Paul; but it cannot exist for us until we have searched for and found the kingdom of God within our own consciousness.

The Art of Spiritual Living
Chapter 4 – “Meditation – The Key to the Ministry Within”

Search: “to withhold”

From The 1954 Northwest Series – Portland

...No one has it within their power to give to us or to withhold since God is the source and activity of our good, and God is the only power. Now, as long as we are still entertaining, even mildly, the belief that good can be given to us or good can be withheld from us we are not obeying that First Commandment, and we are preventing ourselves from receiving our good.

92A 1954 Northwest Series – Portland
“The Practice of Truth”

From The 1954 Portland Practitioner Class

... The sun in the sky is something that is perennially showing forth its qualities of light and warmth, and even the sun itself, thank God, hasn't the power to withhold either light or heat or both. Nor has it the power to withhold a little bit of it. The only power the sun has is to shine. Well, I go behind the sun and I see the creator of the sun, and that's God. And God is infinite good, but does God have a power to withhold any of that good? That would make of God something like a man with a good disposition and a bad disposition, just and unjust, kind and unkind. No, no! The God that I perceive is a universal being of light in whom is no darkness at all, no withholding, no punishing.

97B 1954 Portland Practitioner Class
"Perception (Realization) is Faith"

Search: "flows freely"

From *Living by Grace*

... You will find that when you come to the throne pure in spirit, God's grace flows freely in your consciousness, in your mind, in your soul, in your spirit, and then it can raise your body. You have purged yourself of human fear, human hate, human desire, human jealousy, human animosity. You have declared that the Spirit of God dwells in you, that you love your fellow man, your neighbor, even as you love yourself, and do not hold him or her in condemnation or as deserving punishment for sins, but rather that these sins be forgiven because, "Father, they know not what they do."

Living by Grace
Chapter 3 – "The Christ Ministry"

From The 1954 Honolulu Closed Class

...When I speak of gratitude, I am talking about the gratitude that you feel in your heart when you look out and see a world full of green grass and blossoming trees and fruit; when you see this earth full of God's glory; when you see the infinite variety of color and form of flowers and shrubs, when you see this wonderful sunlight or snow or rain. When you see all the graces that God has bestowed on this earth, how it would be possible not to develop a gratitude, a love... then in that gratitude and in that love, there is a communion with God and His spirit flows freely through you.

85A 1954 Honolulu Closed Class
"Summing Up of Prayer"

Search: "all that is"

From *The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Six*

...We have come to this quiet hour only to keep the mind stayed on God and to contemplate God and the things of God, because God is the source of all that is. In God's presence is fullness of joy. Every blessing that is upon this earth is an emanation, or an expression, of God—the sun that warms us; the rain that feeds our plants, our vegetables, and flowers; the processes of nature that form the diamonds down under the surface of the earth, and the iron and the oil. All of these expressions of God-life are given to us for our use: The fertile earth to bring forth trees, fruits, vegetables, and flowers; the fish in the sea and elements that have not yet been extracted from the sea; the birds winging toward the sun. All of these are God's gift to man.....Yes, God's love is made evident in all things: Even before man appeared on earth, everything necessary for his development, for his growth, and for his

welfare—for his fulfillment—was here....Acknowledge God as the great Giver of the universe, the great Giver of Itself to the universe—God giving Its own intelligence, wisdom, direction, and strength to all that is.

The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Six
Chapter 5 – “God-Realization Dissolves Material Sense”

Search: “of our inner”

From The 1952 New Washington Series

... Now health, harmony, wholeness, wisdom, guidance, direction, all of these things come out of the within. They do not come to us from without. They flow out from us, from the within, from the depth of the silence of our inner being. When you feel that contact, as if you had tuned in, as if you had made connections inside, when you feel that answering response, you are not merely at-one with God, you are at-one with every spiritual being and idea throughout the universe. In other words, in making that contact with God you have made your contact with every person, every thing, every place that can possibly have a part in the unfolding of your daily existence.

8B 1952 New Washington Series
“The Deep Things of Spirit”

From *Consciousness in Transition*

... There is no more to our outer expressions than what we have realized from the law of our inner fulfillment. That is the path that we have come on in this work. That’s the place where we are headed. Let us watch outwardly that we fulfill our inner duties.

Consciousness in Transition
Chapter 18 – “Mysticism”

Search: “inner satisfaction”

From The 1954 Portland Closed Class

...If we had only the love of Christ and nothing else in this world, we would have the fullness of God, the allness of Good made tangible as our health, our wealth, our contentment, our peace, our security. Only in this love of Christ, which really is a love of the Spirit of God—only the love of the Spirit of God in us is a fulfillment of inner harmony, inner peace, inner satisfaction, inner security, and all of these inner wealths made evident in our daily experience. Whatever it is that we entertain in the secrecy of our inner being becomes evident in our outer experience

635A 1954 Portland Closed Class
“The Pearl of Great Price”

Search: “anything external”

From *Living Now*

...The only real faith there is, is the faith that trusts God to run His universe without any help from man. I AM needs no faith because I AM maintains Itself, and therefore needs no help. Placing faith in anything external—a person or thing, an idea or concept—is but the opposite of having a fear of bombs, germs, or weather. There must be no faith in anything or anybody, just as there must be no fear of anything or anybody. Then you can rest back in the assurance of *Is*.

Living Now
Chapter 8 – “Beyond Words and Thoughts”

From *Awakening Mystical Consciousness*

...what happens if I accept the metaphysical and mystical revelation of God as individual consciousness, God

constituting my consciousness, which is equivalent to the Master's statement, "The kingdom of God is within you"? Immediately, I begin to lose faith, reliance, or dependence on anyone or anything external to me. I have begun to realize that whatever power is to be exercised in and for the benefit of my life must flow from within me. My gaze is now taken away from the world and centered on the kingdom of God, the power, the love, and the grace within me.

Awakening Mystical Consciousness
Chapter 12 – "Consciousness Unfolding
as the Harmony of Our Experience"

From The 1954 Honolulu Lecture Series

...Now that you have learned that God is the infinite nature of your being, what need is there to envy, to be jealous, to be resentful, to be hateful, to be ambitious? Since now we know God to be our inner satisfaction, how can we long for anything external to our own being? And in this realization, we become beholders, and there is the true relationship that we have to God. Be a beholder. Watch the blessings of God as they unfold in your experience.

74B 1954 Honolulu Lecture Series
"Meditation – Fear Not"

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