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Chapter Highlights

...Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God.

I John 4:7

.....Living, moving, and having our being in continuous God-consciousness reveals the secret of living with other people

...And what is the secret of our relationship to other people? How do we achieve harmony in our interpersonal relationships?

...From a human standpoint, satisfactory relationships between groups of people and between individuals depend upon the quality of communication. All too frequently attempts at communication result in misunderstanding and “confusion worse confounded.”

...The Infinite Way, however, approaches this problem from an entirely different point of view. Our secret lies in a new concept of human relations: It is a relationship based on oneness, springing from a conviction that we are not beings separate and apart from one another; but that our oneness with God constitutes our oneness with one another.

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...We are in agreement, not because we agree with each other, but because God agrees with Itself. God is the only mind; so in this one mind there can be no misunderstandings.

...The pressures of the world not only would separate us from God, but they would separate man from man, man from wife, parent from child, friend from friend, employer from employee. The world has made us natural enemies of one another.

...The essential ingredient of all satisfactory relationships is love. Our love for God is made manifest in our love for man.

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...The good of God flows to us through all who become a part of our universe. To those who live in communion with God, serving God through their fellow man, the promise is literally kept: All that I have is thine.

...Every thing and every person become part of our being. What we surrender, we have; what we hold in the grasp of possession, we lose. Every thing we release, we draw to us; every thing we loose, we have; every thing we set free, we bind to us forever.

...Only when we do not feel a debt of obligation and only when we hold no one in a debt of obligation to us, are we free, and do we set our world free.

...Our contact with God is our contact with every person or place that can, in any way, play a part in the unfolding of our daily experience, including not only persons and places within range of our immediate environment, but throughout the universe. Wherever there is good for us in the world, it finds its way to us.

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...Our good comes through grace.

...None can do good or evil to us, because we have submitted ourselves to the government and control of God. We look only to the Father within, and therefore the thoughts or deeds of man can never touch us. We are responsible only for our own conduct toward all, and that conduct must be in accord with the great command: love thy neighbor as thyself; love your enemies; forgive seventy times seven; pray for them which spitefully use you.

...We are faced with humanity at many levels, some good, some bad, and some intolerable.

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...And how do they want to be loved? As we do, first by being understood.

...Whenever we come in contact with differing degrees of humanhood, our attitude should be that of the Master: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do"; they have not been awakened to their Christhood.

...There is only One—only one infinite Being. There is only one Person, since God is one and God is infinite.

...We can never fear a person if we remember that God is one, that there is only One, and that that one Being is God.

...Our sense of forgiveness is a realization that no one can harm us, because the grace of God maintains and sustains our relationship of oneness with the Father, under any and all circumstances. There is an invisible thread binding us all together: that thread is the Christ.

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...There can be no real, enduring love in any relationship into which God does not enter. There is no miracle of love in any marriage unless God is the foundation stone.

...If men and women have experienced a complete surrender to God, if they have become one with God, then when the time comes for human marriage, they will enter into that same kind of a relationship with each other, and the words of the marriage ceremony will become a reality—the two become one.

...Home is the expression of the consciousness of the individuals comprising the household.

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...The Master made his demonstration for himself and for his followers in the silence of his own being. He did not hesitate to retire from the throngs pressing about him in order to have his days alone.

...We, too, can find our quiet periods of renewal, early in the morning, late at night, in the middle of the night, or at intervals during the day, by seizing brief respites from the demands of family life.

...Unless, through these periods of silence, God enters into our relationship with our family, all our efforts and work to build home may come to naught.

...“Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst.”

John 4:14

...When we are consciously aware of our union with God, turning to the Father within as the source of all good, our

relationship with one another is pure and completely free of any desire to get, to have, or to possess anything or anyone which someone else has.

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...When our relationship to one another is based, not on what we deserve or have earned from one another, but on what lies within our hearts to give or share with one another—not only money, but all the courtesies of life: co-operation; forgiveness; understanding; mutuality; trust; and helpfulness—then, and then only, will that relationship be permanent, a pure gift of the Spirit, a pure offering of ourselves.

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Search: “of human relationship”

From *Conscious Union with God*

...If the world but knew it, there are pleasures in the spiritual realm that far transcend anything in the human—pleasures, joys, and harmonies; there are friendships that transcend any type of human relationship that has ever been known.

Conscious Union with God
Chapter 10 – “The Mission of the Messiah”

From The 1960 Indianapolis Special Class

...You see, as human beings, there can be any kind of a relationship between us. It could be harmonious, but in most cases it is not. Certainly, in most cases of human relationship there is an element of love and consideration missing. Not only is this true in the relationships with those who are merely acquaintances or strangers, it is often true right within the family that the human relationship lacks many elements of love and consideration. This would never be if we paused, for one moment, to realize that God is love and God is the love that we give to each other, and God is the love that they give to us.

320A 1960 Indianapolis Special Class
“Conscious Experience of God”

Search: “achieve harmony in”

From *God Formed Us For His Glory*

...If we are to achieve harmony, first of all, in our minds and bodies, if we are to achieve harmony in our homes and in our relationships with each other, so that eventually this harmony will spread to the neighborhood, to the community, city, state, nation, and across the borders, it becomes necessary that we ourselves know the nature of the Christ and Its function.

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

Search: “with one another”

From *The Government of Eden*

...In the beginning, in the Edenic days, man was complete, whole, and harmonious—one with God. By the grace of God, everything flourished, and there was peace. What man is now striving to attain in his search for God is the reestablishment

of that Edenic state of complete peace and harmony, a state in which we are not at war with one another, but in love with one another; a state in which we do not deprive others, but share and give to others.

The Government of Eden
Chapter 12 – “Truth Takes Over Your Life”

From *Living by Grace*

...Certainly we can live with each other harmoniously, cooperate with each other, and share with each other. But are we sharing from our own resources? No, we are sharing from the Source, God. Whatever we share with one another was never ours, because “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.” Whatever we share is from the infinite bounty of God.

Living by Grace
Chapter 7 – “God, the Source and Substance”

Search: “our love for”

From The 1951 Second Portland Series

...God is manifested as your individual being and mine, and therefore, in order to love the invisible God, you have to learn to love the visible God, that is, the invisible God made visible as you and as me. Therefore, the love that we have for each other represents our love for God.

606A 1951 Second Portland Series
“Aloha and Love”

From *A Parenthesis in Eternity*

...We give evidence of our love for God in our love for our neighbor. There is no God hanging up in space—not in the space in this room or above the room, and not in the space above the ground, or the space above the sky. The only God

there is, is incarnated in our Soul, and in the Soul of every individual. ... The only way to love God is to love one another, but not just those others in our immediate environment. That would be such a restrictive sense of love that it would be selfishness rather than love. If this love that we feel for one another is true love, it makes us also want to help people who are in distress, people of any nation, any color, or any creed. ... If this love that has entered our heart does not give us an interest in all of the unfortunates of the world, we can be assured that it is not the love of God, and we have deceived ourselves. We love one another only because we have opened ourselves to God and have thereby found the God in me is the God in you, and found It to be the same God, the same Life, and the same Love.

A Parenthesis in Eternity
Chapter 28 – “The Tree of Life”

Search: “to one another”

From The 1962 Los Angeles Center Open Class

... Now remember that we have here before we came into this room, an empty room that had in it neither good nor evil; and remember that we are now here and this room is full of love. It is the love that we have expressed to the one universal Father and to our neighbor and our self. We have not only expressed love to one another within this room but we have taken the entire world of men and women into this room, into this consciousness with us. We have placed love in this room. We have placed love in our consciousness. We have placed love in the world and you may be assured now that without taking thought for “what you shall eat or what you shall drink or wherewithal you shall be clothed,” that love will flow back to you.

458B 1962 Los Angeles Center Open Class
“The Inner Kingdom”

From *Showing Forth the Presence of God*

...It does not make any difference whether it is students, patients, friends, or business associates, we were placed here for only one purpose and that is to show forth the glory of God. And to whom would we show that forth except to one another?

Showing Forth the Presence of God
Chapter 6 – “The Substance of all Good”

Search: “Gift of the Spirit”

From The 1953 Second New York Practitioner Class

...The wine that we receive from the depth of our Soul will appear as inspiration in our work—whether the work is raising a family, whether the work is building bridges or healing. Whatever its name or nature, It will speak to us in our own language. Only remember, there is within each of us the gift of the Spirit. There is within each of us the Soul, the Soul of man, the Soul of you, and the Soul of me, and It is filled with the wisdom of God. Learn to listen to It. Learn to feel after It in your inner being. Learn to be still, to reach around inside quietly, peacefully, until you reach that center of your being from whence this Soul pours forth Its music, Its aromas, Its perfumes, Its joys, Its healing grace.

56B 1953 Second New York Practitioner Class
“Teaching and Healing from the Soul”

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