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Chapter Highlights

... “Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? ... He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart.”

Psalms 15:1; 24:4

...in reality, meeting God face to face is not dependent upon worship in a particular place or upon adherence to a prescribed ritual.

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...[The Hebrew temple] consisted of three parts: the outer court; the holy place; and the Holy of Holies.

...The court was open to all for worship. In this outer courtyard was found a burning brazier, which was a great brazen altar, located near the entrance, into which offerings, voluntarily brought by the people, were burned....The holy place was accessible only to the priests.

...The most sacred spot in the whole tabernacle was the Holy of Holies, located just beyond the holy place.

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...In this enclosure symbols of the greatest value and significance to the ritual were deposited, and only once a year

were the priests allowed to enter its sacred precincts. Here reposed the Ark of the Covenant, a chest of acacia wood, overlaid with gold. Here, it was believed, the very presence of God could be found; but only those with clean hands and a pure heart could find their way to this Presence.

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...Now, through meditation, let us attempt to understand the spiritual significance of the symbolism of this temple worship.

...Some of us may never enter a temple, church, or a holy place of any kind; but nevertheless, if we truly desire to reach God, there is a sacrifice which is required of all of us. And what is the sacrifice demanded of us in this modern world, if we are to reach the Holy of Holies? What is the

barrier confronting us? What is obstructing our progress? Is it not above all the age-old practice of worshiping other gods forgetting the first commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me"?

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...We cannot come into the presence of God weighted down by our burdens. Even the desire to influence God to intercede in our human affairs must be abandoned.

...we begin to make the sacrifice by figuratively casting into the burning brazier all worldly dependencies.

...Let us not misunderstand the nature of the sacrifice. We are not required to give away or to throw away our personal possessions; it is the belief that material wealth constitutes supply which must be sacrificed.

...Supply is the consciousness of truth, the consciousness of our relationship to God.

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...The same spiritual wisdom or understanding which forms the substance of our supply also is the substance of our health.

...Let us begin where we are this moment in consciousness
....We give up our human concepts to accept in exchange a higher spiritual sense of being; we sacrifice the worthless to receive that which is divinely real.

...I surrender; I surrender every material obstacle, every mortal and human obstacle, everything that stands between me and God. In Thy Presence is fullness of life. I surrender every desire that I have ever had.

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...Having divested ourselves of human and material dependencies by throwing them into the burning brazier, we are ready for the next step.

...Now as we stand before the laver (bath), this is our opportunity to cleanse ourselves within and without.

...The sacrifice and purification of a human sense of values prepares us for entrance to the holy place. There we stand before the table of shewbread, which is always maintained fresh and abundant, not for the purpose of feasting, but as an evidence of the omnipresence of supply and of all good.

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...In the contemplation of this table, there arises within us a silent recognition, that just as this shewbread is always present in the holy temple, so the bread of life and all that represents self-completeness is here this moment. And where is here? Where I stand. Right where I stand is the shewbread.

...Sacrifice, purification, and the contemplation of the abundance of good serve as a preparation for the opening of consciousness to the ever-abiding presence of spiritual light,

which is represented by the seven-branched candelabra, located on the left-hand side of the holy place. The priests of the temple used seven lamps, because seven expresses completeness.

...Now this seven-ness, this completeness of spiritual illumination, infuses our being; and gradually or suddenly, consciousness awakens to the truth that right where we are now in meditation is the omnipresence, the allness of spiritual wisdom, spiritual understanding, and spiritual life.

...Step by step, we are making our way to the Holy of Holies, the very presence of God.

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...Only one thing more is required—a final proof of devotion. So we turn in thanksgiving to the place of worship, symbolized by the incense burner, and there offer up our praise and gratitude for the innumerable blessings of God.

...If our meditation has been gentle and serene, bringing us into such a realization of our God-being, that our eyes are opened to spiritual reality, we shall behold the great mystery: the mist disperses; the curtain is withdrawn; and we find ourselves in the presence of God.

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...I am ever with you. I was with you when you began your search, but the mist before your eyes so dimmed your vision that you could not see Me. You were so cluttered up with materialistic concepts that your awareness was dulled. The mist could not be dispelled until those things which caused the mist had been removed. Then, and then only, could you find Me, hear My voice, and feel My Presence.

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...In whatever state or stage of consciousness the seeker, whether priest or neophyte, finds himself, there is a Way for him—a Way which will lead him ultimately to the very presence of God. This Way may be completely unique to the individual or it may take one of the established forms of religious worship, such as: journeying from the outer courtyard to the very Holy of Holies in the Hebrew temple; placing a flower before a statue of the Buddha; making a pilgrimage to Mecca; bathing in the sacred Ganges; pondering the enigmatic koan; or kneeling in the cathedral in holy communion, drinking the symbolic wine, and eating the sacred bread.

...Only when the heart has yielded and the Soul has paid homage to God can we come into the Presence.

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... “Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.” Psalms 16:11

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From *The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Three*

...If we have been looking “out there” for love, supply, or health, these very things have operated as insuperable barriers in our consciousness. As we enter the temple of our inner being, we must surrender and cast into the sacrificial fire every material and mental obstacle and belief that stands between us and our Heavenly Father. In this communion we must lay aside even the desire to be helpful and to do good, or to be healers; and, strange as it may seem, we must surrender even the desire to attain Christhood! Surrender everything but the desire to stand before God!

The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Three
Chapter 6 – “In God’s Presence is Fullness of Life”

Search: “laver”

From *The 1954 Portland Practitioner Class*

... Each day, if necessary, begin at that first stage in the courtyard of the temple, and discard whatever it is of a mortal, material, or erring nature. Bathe at the laver. Cleanse oneself within and without. And then be ready to meditate, to ponder.

96B 1954 Portland Practitioner Class
“Fulfillment”

Search: “even the desire”

From *Invisible Supply*

...Let us give up all attempts to demonstrate employment, income, companionship, home, health, wealth, freedom, joy, peace of mind, even sinlessness. Let us give up even the desire to be good and pure. Cleanse the temple; clean the house of all the old desires until our only desire is to realize God's Presence, to realize Omnipresence, to get acquainted with God and know Him aright.

Invisible Supply

Chapter 4 – “Overcoming Our Sense
of Separation from God”

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The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Three

Chapter 6 – “In God's Presence is Fullness of Life”

Search: “preparation for”

From The 1961 Manchester Special Class

...Now this brings us to a major subject, and that is this: God cannot reveal Himself to us, except in proportion to our preparedness to receive Him. So that one of the biggest words in our vocabulary at this part of our search, is the word

“preparation”—spiritual preparation or preparation for the advent of the Holy Ghost, the advent of receiving God, the advent of the birth of the Christ within us.

412A 1961 Manchester Special Class
“The True Way”

From *Consciousness Transformed*

...When you pray for peace, you must be willing to give peace. If you are praying for peace and freedom and you want the intercession of God, you have to want peace and freedom for everyone everywhere. In other words, there must be peace on God's terms, not on our terms. There has to be a preparation for prayer, and this must consist of self-purification so we do not pray for “my peace” or “my life” or “my country.” The laws of God are universal. God does not enter the world to answer prayer except through spiritualized consciousness, the consciousness of those who have attained spiritual awareness. ...There must be a clear transparency through which God can work.

Consciousness Transformed
May 5, 1963 – “The Word Becomes Flesh”

Search: “step by step”

From The 1954 Honolulu Lecture Series

...Now, can you see that from the first of these meetings we have been leading up step by step as it has been unfolded to us through one idea of truth taken into consciousness, to another idea of truth taken into consciousness, to another idea of truth taken into consciousness until these ideas become assimilated within us and blossom forth as today—not in words or ideas of truth, but in a feeling of truth—a feeling of the Christ, not so much a thinking about the

Christ. ...Today, we take another step forward to where we're not even talking about the Christ, to where there's a feeling or sensing or realization of the Christ Itself. Now, as we proceed in our work you will see that we will go step by step by step and ultimately achieve a "going-beyond-words," a "going-beyond-thoughts" until we'll walk out of here one day with this very thing in our heart—the sense of it, the awareness of it, the realization of it. And then we'll hear the words like "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

67B 1954 Honolulu Lecture Series
"Meditation on God Is With Us"

From *The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Two*

...There are many, many ways of meditating, but, for the beginner in meditation, it is important to avoid trying to accomplish something beyond his immediate understanding. In order to meditate without losing the thread, and without permitting disturbing extraneous thoughts to enter, the mode of contemplative meditation is simple, and will lead one, step by step, into the higher forms of meditation. Even before that it will result in an inner experience that will be one's assurance that the inner contact has been made.

The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Two
"Meditation for Beginners"

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