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Chapter Highlights

...If you had been asked a year ago about [the Bible] and then again today and again a year from now, probably none of the three answers would agree because your concept of the Bible changes with the unfoldment of your consciousness.

...So, too, whatever you may be thinking about a person is wrong. I do not care what you are thinking.

...What you are considering as person is not person: it is a concept of a person. But that concept has no power. All power is in God.

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...There is no life in your concept of me. Life is in me, not in your concept of me.

...It is much the same about everything you see, hear, touch, taste, or smell: you never really know what it is.

...The application of this truth to healing work is important. You do not know what a disease or a sin is. You have only a concept of it, and there is no real power in that concept. Furthermore, you do not know the person coming to you for help. You have only a concept of him. There is no real power

in your concept; the power is within himself, and that is the power of God because there is no other power.

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...The moment you begin to perceive that point, you begin to withdraw power from concepts of forms, persons, and conditions. You do this consciously.

...You have to be willing to look any form of error right in the eye—any form, no matter how ugly its appearance or how nasty it is. Look right straight at it with the conviction, “You have no power. The power is in the God who directs you, moves you, is your mind, is your soul, is your Spirit, gave you life, and gave you mind.”

...How can there be an infinite God, good, and a disease?

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...It is in that realization that healing takes place—not in denying it, turning away from it, or trying to rise above it but in looking right at it and saying, “God made all that was made, and all that God made is good.”

...What you see, hear, taste, touch, and smell is not God’s creation; it is a concept of God’s creation. There is no power in it except the power belief gives it.

...All power is in God. As you persist in that, as an activity of consciousness day in and day out, it becomes a matter of conviction.

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...There is no way of judging righteous judgment by appearances. Do not look at what appears to be a good condition and judge it to be good because it is not. Its only goodness is in God. Do not look at any evil and call it evil because that is judging only by appearances.

...“Neither do I judge you. Neither do I declare you to be good or evil. I will say you must be spiritual because God created all that is, and God is Spirit.”

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...By withholding judgment, by neither judging nor condemning you, I realize I know nothing about you except that you are God appearing as individual being. I do not know if you are good or bad, sick or well; but I know you are God appearing, and on that I stand.

...You are Spirit; but I do not know what Spirit is, so I am not engaging in any judgment. I am just making the declaration of *is*.

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...Do not try to understand what God is with the mind because there is no way to do that. Once you get to that silent place at the center of your being, God will reveal Itself; but you will never be able to put It into words, even after you experience It.

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...You are the image and likeness of God only when you stop having concepts, when you stop having opinions or beliefs about this universe and instead listen for a spiritual impartation.

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...God does not impart Itself to human beings. If God did, there would not be a sick or a sinful person; there would not be an accident; there would not be a war.

...God appearing as man is not in trouble, is not dying, is not poor, or is not on a battlefield. You are that spiritual man only when you have learned to stop thinking in terms of good and evil. That is when you are God Itself in expression.

...Because you really are God appearing as individual being, I have no control over you. But if I am entertaining a human concept about you as being young or old, rich or poor, sick or well, I can have dominion over that concept of you; and the moment I have attained dominion over my concept of you, I behold you as you are and I am satisfied with that likeness.

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...Now you know who the individual is: Christ, the child of God. This is having dominion over your concept.

...The concept of germs is that they are carriers of infection or contagion. Now exercise your dominion and say, "Wait a minute! Let's look at these little fellows. Who made you? If you were made at all, God made you. If you have any life at all, it is God-life. If you have any intelligence at all, it is God-intelligence. You have no power: you are an effect; you are a concept. I am not going to judge by appearances: I am going to judge righteous judgment. And what is righteous judgment? All power is in God."

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...But if you recognize that all power is God-power operating as your consciousness, your body will be subject only to God, divine Intelligence; and it will be God-governed and maintained.

...Anything visible—whether you can see it, hear it, taste it, touch it, or smell it—exists as effect, and there is no power in effect. All power is in Cause.

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...Healing is all based on not judging by appearances, not putting value in concepts, but in every case realizing, "You are an effect and you have no power."

...You will not be free *from* anything or anybody, but you will be free the very minute you know there never was power in a condition, a circumstance, or a person.

...When you are free from the mirage on the desert, you have not become free from water because there was no water there. So it is when you discover you are free from person or condition, it is not really true because there never was a menacing or dangerous person or condition there.

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... If you have been dreaming you are drowning in the ocean, awakening does not take the water away from you; and it does not take you out of the ocean. It reveals to you that you are in bed. So this work never takes you out of sin, disease, or lack. It wakes you up, and then you look around and realize you are in heaven.

...Do not try to make it rain or make the sun shine out here; do not try to make somebody well out here; do not try to get somebody employed out here.

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...Do not try to change evil into good because you will just have a different concept; and tomorrow, next week, or next month it will be back on the evil side again. Do not be happy with a good appearance because someday it will fool you and change to a bad appearance.

...It is God who has infinite understanding, and you turn within and let God's understanding be revealed to you.

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...Spiritual healing consists of being able to face the world without an opinion of good or evil, retiring within and asking, "Father, what is this?" Then the Father may remind

you, “This is my beloved child in whom I am well pleased.” Or the Father will say, “This is the presence of God”; “This is the power of God”; or “This is nothing separate and apart from God.” It does not always come in words like that, but it comes in the conviction or awareness of the omnipresence of God and God alone.

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...A basic principle of The Infinite Way is found in the word *IS*. God is; harmony is; life is; love is; peace is; joy is; power is; dominion is because God is. God is infinite, omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient. Do not turn to God for anything. Be still and let God reveal Itself within you because God is already eagerly waiting to reveal Itself.

...God already is. God already is fulfillment. God already is completeness. Why should you want anything else?

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### Search: “a concept of”

#### From *Spiritual Discernment*

...The Christ cannot be visualized; the Christ can only be experienced. There is no way that I can define the Christ, picture It, circumscribe or limit It. So it is also with the term “the Infinite Invisible.” If ever there are two words that cannot be bounded by the human mind, they are “Infinite” and “Invisible.” When we have a concept of God which breaks all bonds of limitation, separates it from all sense



of sectarianism—Hebrew, Christian, Mohammedan, or Buddhist—a concept of God has been conveyed which is unlimited, infinite, eternal, universal Being. After each person himself has the experience of God, he is not concerned with any name for God because now he knows Him as He is.

*Spiritual Discernment*

Chapter 2 – “God Must Be an Experience, Not a Concept”

### **From The 1954 Honolulu Lecture Series**

... If I have a concept of you, that can never become the Son of God. And if you have a concept of me, that can never become the Son of God. But that which I am is the Son of God, and that which you are is the Son of God, regardless of any opinion I may entertain or any concept I may hold of you.

66B 1954 Honolulu Lecture Series  
“Meditation on Only God is Good”

### **Search: “look at any form of error”**

#### **From The 1956 First Steinway Hall Practitioner Class**

...Withdraw power from effect. Consciously do it. Look at any form of error that you’ve ever witnessed, and say, “Now I know thee who thou art—nothing. The power is in *I*.” Then go on about your business.

143B 1956 First Steinway Hall Practitioner Class  
“Old Testament, New Testament—The Law, Grace and Truth”

### **Search: “the power is”**

#### **From *Living Now***

...There are few of us who can rise immediately to the point of saying, “I do not fear an atomic bomb.” We have to begin with things which seem less powerful, perhaps with the

weather or climate, with food or germs, and withdraw power from these by understanding that, in and of themselves, they cannot have power because all power is in the consciousness that produces the form, not in the form. To attain this state of consciousness, it is helpful in our meditation to practice beholding effects, looking out at the weather, the climate, food, germs, and perceiving that they of themselves have no power except the power with which we imbue them. The power is within our consciousness. Shakespeare expressed it succinctly when he said, “There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.” In other words, the evil is not in the thing, nor is it in the effect. Whatever evil there is, is in our sense of what we are beholding, or in the power with which we imbue an individual, a condition, or a circumstance.

*Living Now*

Chapter 4 – “The Power of Resurrection”

### From *The Altitude of Prayer*

...The power is of God and is brought forth into active manifestation by our ability to be still.

*The Altitude of Prayer*

Chapter 5 – “God is Omnipotent”

### Search: “I behold you”

#### From The 1954 Honolulu Lecture Series

...Now then, I go back for just a second to remind you that in your treatment you must come to a place where you recognize that you are not dealing with a treatment that is meant to achieve something. You are dealing with a treatment that is meant to reveal an already existent state of spiritual harmony. Do you see the difference? The treatment is not to achieve something. The treatment is to reveal: “I don’t want to heal you; I don’t want to change you; I don’t want to improve you.

I want the Christ of my being to reveal your spiritual identity to me, so that I come into awareness, so that I behold you as you are in His image and likeness.”

69A 1954 Honolulu Lecture Series  
“Infinite Way Treatment – Part Three”

### **From *Consciousness in Transition***

...Take my word for it: you are spiritual now, your body is spiritual now! When I see your body through my spiritual sense, I behold you as God made you and you will declare that you have been healed.

*Consciousness in Transition*  
Chapter 1 – “Spiritual Healing”

### **Search: “let God reveal”**

#### **From the 1953 First New York Closed Class**

...We do know that God is. And so we start with that and coming into our communion, our meditation, we let God define Itself to us. We let God reveal to us within our own being what It is. Nothing could better tell us about God than God Itself, and anything God would tell us is true, is truth. It is truth revealing Itself to us within our own being.

50A 1953 First New York Closed Class  
“The Prayer of *Is*”

### **From *Consciousness Unfolding***

...We cannot arrive at any degree of spiritual being, body, or universe, by an appraisal of the human scene. Always remember that. Never look at the human scene, and from it, try to judge of spiritual reality. You may look at a cemetery and say, “There is death”; you may look at hospitals and be sure there is disease; but if you want to know the truth, get quiet within your own being and let God reveal spiritual

truth to you. Then you will find that in the history of reality, there never was sin, disease, death, lack, or limitation.

*Consciousness Unfolding*  
Chapter 12 – “Questions and Answers”

### **Search: “be still and let”**

#### **From The 1954 Honolulu Lecture Series**

...First, know the nature of God as love—as *is*—so that you never try to run after God or get favors from God. Accept it. God already is; good already is; love already is; harmony already is; peace already is, and then be still and let It flow.

74A 1954 Honolulu Lecture Series  
“Principle of *Is* – Judge Not – Prayer”

#### **From *Man Was Not Born to Cry***

...None of us can ever use God, but God can use us. God can live through us, in us, and as us. It is God doing it—not we. On this point lies the whole difference between success and failure in the spiritual realm. The person who tries to use spiritual power is merely using the power of his own mind because no one can ever use the infinity which is God. We can be still, be still and let, and if or when we can be still enough, God will function as our very being. God will appear as the intelligence of our mind, as the skill of our fingers, as the voice of our throat. It will be God using us, not our using God.

*Man Was Not Born to Cry*  
Chapter 2 – “The One Great Dimension”

### **Search: “God already is”**

#### **From *Showing Forth the Presence of God***

...God is the reality of life; and God is the maintaining and sustaining influence of life, all without any prayers from

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you or me or without any treatments from you or me. God already is about Its own business of beautifully, harmoniously, permanently, spiritually, and immortally maintaining this universe. Your acceptance of a law apart from God, even your acceptance of the belief that your sins are separating you from your good, is enough to stop the flow in your direction. It does not stop God's flow; in fact, nothing ever stops God's flow.

*Showing Forth the Presence of God*  
“Start the Flow to God”

### From *The Only Freedom*

...Never forget the word *is*. Be aware of it on every occasion, every minute of every day. You are not to seek God. You are not to search for God. You are not to run after God. You are not to attempt to contact God. You are to remember that God already is and the contact is already intact. All that you are expecting of God, God already is. All that you are desiring of God, God already is.

*The Only Freedom*  
Chapter 3 – “Letting God Reveal Itself”

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