

THE INFINITE WAY MINISTRY

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Good evening. As practitioners and teachers of The Infinite Way, you must realize that you are contradicting about everything—everything that is taught in the entire religious world of the West. If you do not understand this, you will get nowhere in your ministry, for nowhere in the Western world, in the Western teachings of religion is the fourth dimensional consciousness brought in—Christ consciousness or Spiritual consciousness.

All teachings are intellectual statements of Truth, theories, opinions, doctrines, laws. No provision is made for rising above the level of the human mind. Yet The Infinite Way starts, starts with the principle that until you have gotten beyond the human mind, you have gotten nowhere on this Path.

And it is for this reason that meditation has been given to us as the most important part of The Infinite Way activity. Meditation—which is virtually unknown in the Western world. Why was it given to us? Because of the revelation given to me that the only way to the attainment of the fourth dimensional Consciousness is through meditation—that you cannot attain it with the mind or through the mind, you cannot attain it with studies.

Oh, you can receive it by a Divine Grace, quite a few of us have

received it that way—without earning it or deserving it or having sought it. But these still remain few!

And the only other way ever revealed is through meditation. Meditation is the connecting link, where you go within, and there make contact with an area within your consciousness—which opens to you the Kingdom of God.

Now the Master spoke of this, he said that: *“the Kingdom of God is within you; and, that it is no use going to holy temples or holy mountains to find it; it is neither here nor there, it is within you.”* And it may have been that he gave instructions to his disciples as to how to go within and attain it—but these are omitted from the four Gospels.

Therefore, throughout all of these centuries, while the statement has stood, *“that the Kingdom of God is within you”*. . . there have been no instructions as to how to go within, and open up to you this Kingdom of God. You have been told to go within and seek the Kingdom of God and **HIS** righteousness—but not how.

I have no doubt that he taught his disciples. Because, he had the benefit of all of the teachings of the Middle East, which included hours and hours and hours of prayers and meditations—but they have not been given to our Western world.

Therefore, it came as a shock

and as a surprise to me, never having heard even of the word “meditation”. . . to be told within that “meditation is the way.” And then discovering that actually this is true.

Meditation leads to the realization or revelation of the Kingdom of God, the Realm of God—the area of consciousness, of spiritual consciousness that is within ourselves. The question that had to be resolved was: how do you meditate, how do you go within, how did all this come about? And, through my own experiments, I was led to that which we teach as “contemplative meditation.”

That is, closing the eyes, going within, and taking the word “God” or “Christ,” or any spiritual thought—with a question mark, as if seeking the answer. Contemplating Truth, not contemplating error, not contemplating your patient’s disease, not contemplating the next election—contemplating Truth.

And so, we have as you know, many forms of contemplative meditation: all based on “God reveal **THYSELF**,” “What is the Kingdom of God?” “What is the nature of the Christ?” “What is Truth?” “What is spiritual harmony?” “What is Thy beloved Son?” “Who is Thy beloved Son?” Any of these things serve as starting places for a contemplative meditation, which if carried to its logical conclusion—results in the settling down

of the mind into a state of peace.

Now I don't mean for instance that if an individual starts tonight for the first time on a contemplative meditation, that they will tonight establish a peace and receive an answer from God. Because in my own experience it was eight months of day and night meditations—before I received even the very first faint response, and then it lasted for a second.

But I do mean this, that as you take three to five minute periods, and several of them each day, eventually 10 and 20 of them. That you will discover, that after just a few minutes of this contemplative meditation, that your mind will be a peace, and you will be enabled to say "*Speak Lord, Thy servant heareth*". . . and then keep your inner ear open, and eventually an answer will come.

It will come as a feeling of peace, or it will come as a feeling of Grace, it will come as a definite message. Oh, there are a thousand ways in which it will come.

But the answer always is: that you have an absolute assurance now, that God is on the field. And in whatever way that is given to you, makes no difference, as long as you attain it.

And then, discover by signs following, that this was really true: that something did happen in your experience, of a nature not brought about by any human planning, desiring, wishing or hoping, or even by any human power.

Well, this you know. But you must remember that it is only by this means of meditation—that eventually the fourth dimensional Consciousness is opened to you.

Now, the entire Infinite Way is

based on the fourth dimensional Consciousness. Without it you have no Infinite Way, you only have another philosophy. But you have a practical way of life, only because of your attainment of some measure of this fourth dimensional Consciousness.

Now let us see this. This year I made 17 tapes at home, the first five are teacher's tapes. And these were given, these were made while actually teaching teachers, and in one case a minister. And you will find that they contain the answer to any and every question or problem that can be brought to you by a patient or student. They embody about everything that has come to me in over 30 years of this work—in the way of questions, in the way of problems. And the temporary answers that must be given to patients or students, in order that they may be at peace—until the actual experience of harmony has been made evident to them.

These specific principles, when practiced, develop us and lead us to the actual experience of the fourth dimensional Consciousness. Now I illustrate that in this way. If I was to say to you that disease has no power—well no, not if I were to say it to you—but I mean if I were to say to a group down at the Hyde Park corner there, if I were to get on a platform there, and say to those people: "Now you know, disease has no power". . . you know that immediately a cheer would go up, a cheer of raspberries. And, they would say "Let us take you over to the hospitals here, and show you its power." And of course they would be right, because on the level of this human mind, the three-dimensional experi-

ence—certainly disease has power, otherwise we wouldn't have cemeteries.

Well when it is taught in metaphysics then, that disease isn't power. . . then metaphysics is all wrong, because it has. And therefore, it should have been explained that in the presence of Christ-Consciousness or the fourth dimensional Consciousness, disease is not power.

In other words, Jesus could say to the crippled man, "*rise, pick up thy bed and walk.*" Jesus could say to the blind man, "*open thine eyes.*" Peter and John could say to the crippled man, "*pick up thy bed and walk.*" Of course, Jesus could say "*what did hinder thee.*" Because, in the presence of the Transcendental or Christ-Consciousness, the evils of this world are not power.

Now then, if you are led to a teaching of this nature, seriously, what it really means is: that you have already been touched by the Spirit, by the fourth dimensional Consciousness—otherwise you could never stay on this Path. There is nothing on the spiritual Path that could possibly be of interest to a human being. There is nothing that could hold their interest.

And therefore, if it holds your interest, if it has held your interest, if it has held you as a student, it merely means that in some measure, you have already been called. In other words, we are told, "*you have not chosen ME, I have chosen you.*" In other words, the spiritual Grace is upon you, even before you find your message. And it is this that has sent you to it, and it is this and this alone which will keep you

on the Path.

Therefore, as a student, if I say to you that disease is not a power, you are already accepting me as an authority. You are already perhaps experiencing that: in my presence disease isn't a power, or unhappiness or misery.

And therefore, you take this principle to yourself. And, at every sign of an evil power, an erroneous power in the world, you within yourself realize: in and of itself this cannot be power, because only the Transcendental is power.

And as you practice that principle, gradually you'll find yourself rising and rising and rising, until one of these days a flash will come to you, and you say "Oh, whereas before I was blind, now I see it's really true—it isn't power."

Well, in the same way... if as a student, you come to a teaching or a teacher in which you have confidence, in which you have been led. And I say to you that "*man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*" And, from then on, every time that you are tempted to say "Uh, I haven't enough money for this," or "I haven't enough supply for that," or "I can't do this because of lack or limitation." Each time that the suggestion of a lack comes, you inwardly answer with "Ah yes, but I am not living by effect alone—bread, money, whatnot. . . *but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*"

Therefore, I am not dependent on this outer realm, but rather by the Grace that comes with "*every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*" As you practice that principle, eventually some-

thing happens, something gives way within you. And all of a sudden you're demonstrating it, and you say "Oh, it's true, it's true, it's the Word of God that feeds me, supplies me, etc."

Or, I say to you—having revealed to you as I have for many years past—that actually, the only God there is, is embodied within you, and its name is 'I.'" Therefore, when it says, "*I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.*" Or when it says, "*I am thy bread, meat, wine and water.*" That it really means, that that I in you which is **ONE** with the Father, since "*I and the Father are ONE*" remember. That I within you which is **ONE** with the Father, is Heir to all that the Father hath. Therefore, "*all that the Father hath, I have.*"

And so, as you realize then that this "I" within me is my meat, wine and water—then you silently, sacredly, secretly practice this. Every time then, that there is a temptation in the outer realm to accept any appearance of lack or limitation. It doesn't make any difference if it's financial, it may be in some other way. You may need an idea to build a bridge, you may need an idea to write a book, or compose a song. Whatever it is, if it isn't there, and you realize "I in the midst of me, is the source or fount of it." You will soon discover that whatever it is that you have been lacking in the outer—will begin to manifest. You'll get the idea for the bridge, or the play, or the book, or the painting, or the healing. And, even if it's as mundane as money, it'll come. Or an idea to be used in business, or something of that kind. Because "I" in the midst of you am the Source of all that you

shall ever need unto eternity.

As a matter of fact, we can go the whole distance with the Master, and say "*I am come, that you might have Life and that you might have Life more abundantly.*" This "I" at the center of your being, is there, "*that you might have Life and life more abundantly, unto eternity.*" . . . if you do not seek it in the external.

In other words, 15th Chapter of John: "*as long as you abide in this Word, as long as you let ME, the I dwell in you, as the source of your life.*" Of course you'll never lack for anything or anybody, and you'll always have twelve baskets full left to share.

Now, you will not of course demonstrate this at first—except probably through the consciousness of your teacher. But if you abide with this principle, live with it, meet every sense of lack or limitation out in this world with this principle, one day your whole chest will open, and it will seem as if the Light of the world is flowing out from it, and you really feel "I," the Christ-Self, the "I" that is **ONE** with the Father—is really in the midst of me. And it is the Source of my outer experience, of the harmonies and joys of my outer experience.

Then of course, you see, what has happened is, you have gone from "The Letter of Truth" to "The Consciousness of Truth." You have gone from knowing it intellectually to the attainment of the Spirit **ITSELF**.

And from then on, you do not need these words or these thoughts. Because, on the contrary, you have now opened the way for **THAT** to speak to you. So that you never have to do any speaking, affirming

or denying, you only have to be listening—and IT floods you with all that is necessary for your experience.

All right, after my experience on the 13th of August, the message began to flow on the 16th, the tapes on the 18th. And 12 tapes evolved, which take us beyond “The Letter of Truth,” beyond “words and thoughts,” to where we conduct our ministry and live our lives—beyond thought and words. In other words, well, we live by the Grace of God, we live by the Word of God that comes into us.

So that, in practice it means this. Please don’t think that it means that we’re gonna go into the silence, and not talk for 20 years, because we are not going to do that at all. If anything, we’re apt to become more mouthy, but in a different way.

What it really means now is, that if I have a problem, whether my own, or a patient’s, or a student’s, or the world’s. I don’t have any more thinking to do, I don’t have any more anything to do, really—except to sit down, open the inner ear, and let the Word of God announce ITSELF.

Now, “*when HE uttereth HIS voice, the earth melteth.*” And never doubt this. Because, you will discover it in your own life: that when the Word of God voices ITSELF in your ear, there are signs following. Some phase, some crust of error is broken.

Doesn’t mean that every time you hear the Voice of God that your whole life changes for the better. It means that with every such experience, there are less and less of carnal experiences, and more and more of the spiritual.

And it also means this. That, as you are called upon for help, whether in helping someone individually with their personal problems, or whether you are called upon in some civic problem, commercial, governmental—regardless of what phase it is, you’ll find that you will not be trusting your knowledge, nor will you be relying on statements of Truth.

You will merely close your eyes, open your inner ear, and either the Peace of God will descend upon you, a sense of peace will come, an inner assurance will come, or a message. And in any event you will know, “It is done!” Then you will drop all thought and concern, and you will watch how the unfoldment takes place. Whether it is in the nature of a healing, or whatnot.

Of course you may have experiences like mine, where for many, many years, one specific disease will not yield to all the work that you do. No matter how many people come at you with that same disease, you just cannot meet it. And you will have to do as I have done, be patient with it, be patient with it, until something or other gives you the break that is necessary, and from then on that claim is out of order.

You may individually have the experience that no claim ever defeats you. Well, you’re very fortunate if that happens. Or, I have had experiences where an individual thwarts me, defies anything and everything that I can do to bring help to them.

Well, until some definite thing happens within, that’s just about the way it is. The only thing I’ve learned about those things, is to be

as patient as the patient will be. If they’ll be patient you’ll be patient, and in the end you’ll come through. If they’re not patient, they’ll go on and find their health in some other way.

You never have to feel that this world, or anybody in this world is dependent on you. Because if they do not get their help through you, there is always some other way and some other means of their getting help if they really want it.

It’s one thing I’ve learned life: nothing can ever be withheld from an individual who is determined that it will not be withheld. It’s up to the individual as to whether or not they’re gonna be weak enough to say “Oh, this didn’t happen or that didn’t happen,” and give up. Or, whether they’re determined to say, “As long as I can draw breath, I’m sticking to this until it yields.”

Now it is for this reason then, that regardless of what your experiences may be, the answer lies in this: that we live by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, we live by HIS Grace.

And, in the degree that we can be still and let this “I” within us utter ITS voice—now this is the Transcendental consciousness, this “I,” let this declare ITSELF—in this degree, our human experience is picked up, and we begin to live more nearly in accord with what our spiritual destiny should be.

I have witnessed housewives who never dreamed of anything other than being housewives, who all of a sudden became composers of music that actually sold. I have witnessed writers who actually began writing things that were productive. I have witnessed businessmen who just couldn’t make it go,

and all of a sudden did make it go.

Because each one of us, in the beginning, had incorporated in our individual selfhood: this that has been called “the Buddha Mind,” or it has been called “the Christ,” it has been called “the Son of God.” And, when it is awakened in us, it changes the entire nature of our lives.

As you know, in India the word is “Darshan.” When you receive Darshan, it means that you are given a spiritual Light. You may receive it through a spiritual Master, you may receive it bathing in the River Ganges, you may receive it while studying Scripture. But whenever you receive it, it really means: an experience within, that changes the nature of your life.

In Zen Buddhism, it is called “Satori.” And the same way, you may receive it from the Master, you may receive it from your meditations or your studies. But, there is a certain specific moment of your life when Satori happens. And that means, when a spiritual center is opened in you, a spiritual Light—and from then on, the nature of your life changes.

Well, in Christian mysticism, the word originally was “conversion.” But the word “conversion” has been debased, so that we may no longer use it. And we will have to turn to the East and use terms like “Enlightenment,” “Illumination”. . . any word that will describe the opening of our spiritual center, any word which will describe the opening of that fourth dimensional Consciousness in us.

As you know, I experienced this in 1929, when in one moment I was a businessman, and just about as mortally mind inclined as anybody

else in the world. And one minute later was spiritually opened, and was given the gift of healing. And all the rest has unfolded from the start of that particular moment. So you could say that in that moment I received Darshan, or Satori, or Enlightenment, or Illumination—you can call that “my Bode tree.”

But, this is the point now, and this is the whole secret of The Infinite Way. Gautama was only a man, like all other men. He went up, all up and down India, seeking spiritual teaching. And he received it from many teachers, and he got nowhere with it.

And then, in this experience of meditation under the Bode tree, he receives the Light that makes him “the Light of Asia,” makes him the great religious teacher of the Orient. And from then on he is no longer a wanderer in India, he’s no longer a seeker in India—he is the great Illumined one, to whom all Illumined ones come.

And from then on, a whole new ministry is started, a whole new religion is started, a whole new era is started. But, I ask you to remember: all based on his experience of Illumination! Not on all the teacher’s teachings that were given to him, but on the experience of Illumination.

Now evidently, some 1400 years later, there was another Buddhist who received Enlightenment. And to such an extent, and to such a degree, that he could no longer be happy with it in India—and he went out into China with it. And it didn’t find a great welcome in China, and he went on from there into Japan. And he was the Bodhi-sattva who was the source, the

Light that became Zen Buddhism.

And, on his Illumination began a whole new sense of Buddhism, a whole new teaching of Buddhism, a whole new ministry of Buddhism—far higher than anything that had ever been known before. But I ask you to remember, only because of Illumination again—not a teaching, but Illumination.

Well we come to the Master, Christ Jesus, and as you know, they have hidden the manuscripts that could tell us the real story of how his ministry began. I know these manuscripts are still in existence, and are still hidden. And they would tell you of his Illumination while a student of the Essenes.

And they would tell you that John the Baptist knew of the Master’s Illumination, and went out into the world six months before the Master came out of the monastery to tell the world that he was coming; and that he had received the Light; that he’s greater than I; he’s greater than all, because he has received the Light, he has received Illumination.

And, I ask you to believe that the teaching of Jesus Christ is the direct result of spiritual Illumination, or the opening of his Transcendental consciousness, the fourth dimensional Consciousness, or Christ Consciousness. That which transcends human reasoning, and enabled him to say to the people who crucified him for it, “*thou seest me thou seest the Father that sent me, for I and the Father are ONE.*”

Now he did not say that out of his mind, meaning that a human being was God. He was not a fool, he was a wise man. And when he said “*I am the Way, the Truth, and*

the Life". . . he was not saying that a human being was the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Only the human mind interpreted it that way.

He was saying "*I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.*" And that "I" is the "I" that is in the midst of you, for there is but one "I". . . whether you utter it or I. That "I," in the midst of you, is the Way, and the Truth, and the Life.

And if you live with this Truth, there will come a day in your life when your whole chest will expand and open, and will be full of Light. And then you will know that you have been carrying the Christ-Child hidden within you. And that now it has been born, now it has come out into the light, into the open. And the mystical poet says, "*you must open out a way for the imprisoned splendor to escape.*" That's all he's saying, "*the Christ is within you.*" The Son of God, the "I" which is ONE with the Father, is the "I" within you.

Intellectually this will mean nothing to you. But since you are students who have been led by spiritual intuition to this teaching, if there is an answering response within you that says "yes, yes, yes," then as you live with this, you'll experience yourself—the day of Darshan, the day of Satori, the day of Illumination. In which you will say, "*whereas before I was blind, now I see.*" Whereas before I knew this intellectually, now I, I know it.

Well, we have gone so far in the message of The Infinite Way, that in 1959 it was given to me to repeat the principles of the healing ministry of The Infinite Way, so that our students would know them so thoroughly, and live with them—that their consciousness would be de-

veloped.

In 1960, '61, '62, if you go back to those tapes you will discover that it was given to us: the Son of God is now raised up in you.

And so we have come step-by-step, until 1963, in which it was given to us to go beyond The Letter of Truth.

Now, mark me well—not with your patients or students. With your patients or students, you must know every one of these principles. That's why we were given these five tapes, because it's all concentrated on 10 hours. And you know you can include a lot of principles in 10 hours. Every principle is included, and you've got to know them. Because, when you are talking to your patient or your student, you must give them the bread of Life. And you can only give it to them by giving them the Word, as you have received it in the beginning. So that they can take it into their consciousness, and develop their consciousness.

But, for yourself, separate and apart from your healing and teaching ministry, you are to begin. And all of this is made clear on the 12 tapes, and you're led to the experience of it—to that place where you can close your eyes. And because your soul center has been opened, your fourth dimensional Consciousness has been opened—IT will speak through you. You will merely be the transparency through which the Voice of God is uttered.

Then, whether you do it in your healing work, or whether you do it in groups of teaching, it will not be you—it will be the Voice of God uttering ITSELF through you.

But remember, this can only come through periods and periods

of meditation. Never believe for a moment that if you go 10 or 12 or 15 hours of human living without the turning within—do not think for a moment that you have the same clear contact that you have, if you will meditate for an hour or so before you teach or heal.

Because the mesmeric influence of this world, operates on all of us. It makes no difference how far you go, or how high. The Master had to go away for 40 days and nights, it may have only meant a weekend. But, figuratively speaking, "40 days and nights."

Just as we have to go away for a weekend, or we have to go away for a day. Or, when this, as this week when these revelations are with me, I have to be away in my room alone, and struggle with it. Because it is not easy for the human mind to give itself up, and let these things that are so contrary to human belief come through.

So it is, the healing ministry is not one of seeking God's favors, because you know by now that God is not gonna give HIS favors to anybody—they're available to all alike. And, it's a matter of tuning in, and those who tune in to the greatest extent—receive the greatest degree of that Light. Not that a greater degree is given to them, but that they have availed themselves of a greater degree.

So it is that, as we meditate, as we learn to live our days and nights in perpetual meditation, by frequent two and three minute periods—we discover that only rarely do we come out of the Spirit. And we are living separate and apart from the world, even though in the world, but not of it. So it is!

In the degree then that you ex-

pose yourself through inner meditation and contemplation to the Spirit of God that is within you—in that degree do you receive the necessary Light.

One thing we must be clear on. We are not here as our brother's keeper, in any human sense—only in a spiritual sense. It is not up to us to try to mold our patient's or student's lives, in accordance with any way in which we think they should live. Our function is to be the spiritual teacher, the spiritual guide. We give them the principles as we know them, and then we give them the more important thing—the silent meditation which lifts them, and then we turn them loose.

But never do we interfere in their private lives, and say to them, "You mustn't smoke, or you mustn't drink, or you mustn't commit adultery, or you mustn't steal." That, that's not our function, we are not "The Ten Commandments."

Our function is to feed them The Letter of Truth, in the measure that they will accept it. And, give them the benefit of our meditations, which will lift them to the demonstration of it. And then turn them loose, and let the Spirit of God do with them, as **IT** will.

And, in due time if smoking annoys them **IT**'ll stop it, if drinking annoys them **IT**'ll stop it, if adultery annoys them **IT**'ll stop it.

As practitioners then, and teachers, do you see that your major responsibility is to attaining and maintaining the highest possible degree of fourth dimensional Consciousness—and this you do through your meditation. There is no other way, I can assure you studying won't do it, going to

school won't do it, and knowing theology won't do it, and knowing metaphysics won't do it.

The only thing that will do it is the meditation, and the practicing of specific principles—which have been found helpful to the opening of consciousness.

Ceremonies won't do it, rituals won't do it. And yet, the strange part of it is, that when the spiritual Presence is upon us, if we are in a place where they are indulging rituals—we can join right in with them and enjoy it.

I have had just as much joy in the temples in Japan and China, as I've had in Christian churches in Europe, or Hebrew synagogues elsewhere. It makes no difference to me, actually, which one of these I'm in. I, I get the fullness of joy from it, because I find the same Spirit in one, as I do in another. Because the Spirit isn't in the Temple, I've brought the Spirit to the Temple.

And that's why it says in one of our writings that, "the Temple doesn't consecrate a man, it's the man that consecrates the Temple." So it is, it isn't the Temple that brings the Spirit of God to us, it's the man who brings the Spirit of God into the Temple.

And so we bring it into any Temple that we want to go into, including our own bedroom or bathroom or dressing room, or any other place where we wish to go for retirement and meditation.

Our major function then, is attaining and maintaining ourselves in this fourth dimensional Consciousness. And then, **IT** performs the work! We do not perform the work, **IT** performs the work.

Here, and of course you know,

we are always walking on the razors edge, on account of language. It is so easy to go wrong, because of the use of words. Some years ago a practitioner was responsible for the healing of cancer. And, the husband of the woman, came joyfully to the practitioner, and said "Oh, I'm so grateful to you, so grateful, and I want to bring my gratitude to you."

And, the practitioner said "Oh, I didn't do it, God did."

And the man said "Oh, oh, I thought you had something to do with it, I brought you a check, but I'll take it to God."

And, and we're always in that dilemma, of when we say, "Now remember that you don't do it, it is this fourth dimensional Consciousness that does it." That doesn't really mean that it could happen without you. Because this fourth dimensional Consciousness doesn't operate, except as the consciousness of an individual.

And this you must never forget. That it was where Jesus went, that evil disappeared and was proved powerless. It was where the disciples went, or it was where, well any healer goes. For there has to be that individual, they can say "*I of my own self can do nothing.*" But let's not forget that it couldn't be done, but for the consciousness of that individual, for the dedication of their lives.

And so it is, that it is true, that I certainly don't know how to heal anybody of anything, not even a headache. I've never discovered that secret. And yet I know that wherever I am, that is where discord and inharmony evaporates and disappears—in the measure or in the degree of the receptivity of the

individual.

Now here is where you come to a point that is apt to puzzle you in your practice, so let me prepare you for it. All students and patients do not respond alike. Some instantaneously respond and have miraculous healings, or reformations, or spiritual illumination. And others take a month, and others take a year, and some never get there. And you are apt to wonder what is wrong with you.

Well now, don't waste time that way. As long as you are living up to your highest sense of your spiritual integrity, as long as you are maintaining yourself in this Consciousness, don't look out there and wonder why Brown, Jones or Smith isn't responding. Because that is not your business, that has to do with their state of consciousness. Something must yield in their state of consciousness before the greater works are accomplished.

In other words, the woman taken in adultery could never have been healed or reformed—unless she recognized in the robe of a Hebrew Rabbi, “the Christ.” Here is standing before her, a Hebrew Rabbi, like thousands of other Hebrew Rabbis that walk up and down the Holy Land. And yet she could look up to him, and recognize the Christ.

And therefore, he could say to her, “*thy sins be forgiven thee.*” Why? Your state of consciousness made it possible. Your state of consciousness, you recognized the Christ, where there was only a Hebrew Rabbi's robe.

The thief on the cross, why could he be taken into Paradise this very night? Well now, what faced him on that other crucifix? A criminal being crucified, that's what

faced him. And yet he looked at him, and said “*take me with you into Paradise.*”

How did he know this was the Christ? Well you see, it was something in his consciousness that revealed to him that this criminal on the next crucifix wasn't a criminal, it was the Christ. Therefore, the Master could say, “*your recognition of me, enables me to lift you this night, into Paradise.*”

So you see that, we have students coming to us, patients, who say “I have rheumatism, remove my rheumatism.” And they haven't any idea as to who or what I am. And they don't care, they've just heard that I can remove their rheumatism. And, sometimes it happens, I can't. You see? And won't!

Oh, it was a matter of fact, I had such an experience. In the first year of my practice, a man had a most remarkable healing of arthritis. And, he was a very, very good Baptist church minister. Well, he was the assistant to the minister. And there was a lady in that church, crippled with arthritis. And when she witnessed this healing of this man, of course she wanted the same thing. So he sent her to me.

She came to my office, and little realizing what I was getting into, I started to explain to her the spiritual nature of her being, and that she was a spiritual Child of God.

“Oh,” she said “stop, stop, I won't hear this.”

“What's Wrong?”

She said “Oh, why, I, I'm a worm in the dust, I'm not fit touch the hem of his robe, and you telling me that I am a Child of God. Oh, don't, no, I won't listen to this lan-

guage.”

Well, of course today I would say “Well lady, go back to your worm in the dust church, and live it out.” But at that time I was in the first year of my practice, and all I was interested in was “healing.”

So I said “All right, I, I won't tell you anymore, we'll have silent work from now on.” So she came to me once a week, and we had silent prayer. And, strangely enough, nothing happened—the pain didn't lessen, the arthritis didn't lessen.

This went on for many, many weeks, and it got into the winter season. Then she came one day, and we had our usual silent prayer. And as she left the building, there was one of these circular doors, she went around out of this door, touched a piece of ice—and slid right across the street out into the gutter.

Well the doorman, sensing his nice lawsuit, ran out to help her up.

And she said “Don't touch me, don't touch me, I am a Child of God.” And she got up herself, and she went down the subway stairs. And the next day she telephoned me, “A terrible thing has happened.”

“What happened?”

“Hhhhhhhh, oh.” And then she told me this whole story, and said “I said that I'm a Child of God, I'll never be forgiven for it.”

“Well then, you're not gonna come back?”

“Oh no, I'm all healed, I don't have any more pain, I don't have...”

But you see, the moment her, of her acknowledgment—was at the moment of her healing. And she couldn't have been healed one minute before her acknowledgment of

“Christhood.”

And so it is, that, if your patient or your student doesn't respond, you've got to be patient, because they are not going to completely respond—until there is the acknowledgment of “Christhood.” Whether they first acknowledge the Christ of you, and then eventually see that that's a universal relationship with all of us.

In some way or other, their consciousness must open to the realization of Christhood. And you see, it can't do this intellectually—it'll never happen until spiritual Consciousness touches them. Because the lesson the Master showed us was this, “*who do men say that I am?*” Well, you see what the men say?

One man here the other day wrote me a letter, and he said, “You know, I'm convinced you're a charlatan.” So that's his opinion. And, that's alright, “*who do men say that I am?*” And, and they can have lots of opinions, based on their personal experience.

But when the Master says “*whom do ye say that I am,*” now we're up against quite a different story. And in the moment that Peter can say “*thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.*” In this moment the Master can say to him, “*you didn't learn that through the intellect, spiritual consciousness has opened in you, it's been revealed. Now you know the Truth, Christhood is the nature of mankind.*” See that? So Peter could not have been Peter, “The Rock” . . . before that moment of illumination of Christhood.

And so it is, that metaphysics has trained people not to think in terms of “God realization,” but in

terms of “going to God for a healing” . . . and so the whole mind is on “healing.” And therefore, they're sometimes very tough to heal. Because there is no such thing as spiritual healing, separate and apart from illumination of consciousness. It's the Illumined Consciousness in which there is no sin, disease, death, lack or limitation. Therefore, the sin, disease, death and lack—this will all remain while the three-dimensional consciousness is there.

So therefore, we are never working to heal anyone's diseases, we are never working to increase their supply. [We are never increase] We are never working to change their sinfulness into purity—we're never doing anything like this. Our whole attention is on raising the Son of God in them!

In other words, bringing to them the experience of Satori, Darshan or Illumination. So that they can say “Oh, thou art the Christ, or I am the Christ, or man is the Christ of God.” It doesn't make any difference the terminology, all that counts is, that an awareness of Christhood, of spirituality take place.

And you see, it makes no difference whether we're dealing with Christian mysticism, and we bring to light the Christ of an individual. Or whether we're dealing with Oriental mysticism, as I have in the Orient, and had a Swami, realize that he had the Buddha Mind. For what's the difference between the Buddha Mind and the Mind that was in Christ Jesus—it means “the Illumined Mind.” See that?

And so, we in this work must remember that we are not pinned down to being Christians, we are

not pinned down to being Buddhists, we are not pinned down to being anything. For the simple reason that what we are pinned down to—is attaining and bestowing Illumination. When the Illumination takes place, we could no longer be Christians or Buddhists or anything else. We have to be then, the spiritual Children of God, and you can't imagine God with any church or religion.

Well, for a moment we'll say “good evening.” And allow you to rest for awhile, in this major factor, this major principle of The Infinite Way. The entire secret of our work, is “Illumination” . . . attaining **THAT** Mind, opening that fourth dimensional Consciousness.

Because, after we do it, we have nothing to do. **IT** then is the Light of the world, **IT** is the meat, **IT** is the wine, **IT** is the water. We are but the transparencies, the beholders of **IT** at work.

And yet in the last analysis, that **IT** is the “I” that I am. It is not an **IT**, separate and apart from the “I” that I am. Because, having **IT** as “an it,” would throw us back into having a word objective to ourselves. That we cannot do!

Always remember, that the **IT** that we are speaking about, the Christ, is the “I” . . . “*I and my Father are ONE.*” And therefore, the “I” that I am is this Christ, of which we speak. And yet **IT** operates without conscious thinking, **IT** operates in silence.

So that if I would be a blessing, individually or collectively, my function is merely to be still, think no thoughts—and let the activity of the “I” that I am, express **ITSELF**.

And then you receive **IT**, in your language. One receives **IT** in a

physical healing, one a moral, one a financial, one an industrial. **IT** translates **ITSELF** into the language of Spirit. of your need—yet it's the language Thank you.