

Lecture 1 (17th April 1951)

**“BEHOLD I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK;
IF ANY MAN HEAR MY VOICE AND OPEN THE
DOOR, I WILL COME IN TO HIM, AND SUP
WITH HIM, AND HIM WITH ME.” (Rev. 3: 20)***

I have been asked so often lately, will there be a third World War? Can it be averted? This is a very important question for all of us, for we are all in it and of it. But when we look into the question with clear sight we see that this war is inevitable unless we all change in our mind-heart. Why? Because the elements and conditions that cause war are at present dominant in our thought-feeling.

We look back, I was told so often that this is a war to end wars, that was the first World War; we heard the same thing in the second World War and we are hearing the same thing now.

This war that has just passed has not produced a change in mankind. Opposition is still rampant. We see nations manoeuvring themselves into new positions of power. The weak are still oppressed. Social and class conflict is as strong as ever. People are seething with prejudice, hatred and injustice.

Religious sects have become more intolerant, they are merely organised institutions denouncing each other while seeking to hold their adherents under a threat, making fear the means of submission.

While all this goes on individually, there are collectively organised prejudices against others for the protection of individual interests and ideologies. As long as these things exist there must be war. *Because these things are the foundation of war. These things are the things that bring war about. Not until we are able to discern these things, and the cause of them, can we eliminate them from the mind of man. Man will then see the truth. But before he can understand the truth, he must realise that which is false around him, otherwise he will only bring in the truth into his own prison, that prison of falseness which surrounds him or her.*

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Therefore look into the mind-heart and see if there is antagonisms, if there is jealousy, if there is envy, if there is prejudices, if there is opposition. Is there acquisitiveness? Is there hate, and anger? All these things do not belong to Truth. Truth is whole, indivisible. And because it is whole, there can be no sin in Truth. There can be no jealousy in Truth, there can be no opposition in Truth. There can be no conflict in Truth. Truth being whole and indivisible, is complete.

Therefore you see, Truth alone can save man when man realises the Truth. But he cannot realise the Truth until such time he has discerned what he is doing; how he is caught up in his own ideas, his own images, his own states of separation, his own religious organisations, his own cults. And these things are all a state of separation that are battling continuously in the mind of man and bringing into operation the conflict that brings war and suffering to the world. You must see my point and therefore you will find that you can free yourselves also.

But if you go to church, you pray to God for peace, while in your heart you still have antagonisms, you are a hypocrite and your prayer is but an illusion. Wherever there is division there is conflict, and conflict leads to war.

We pray for Peace while in the heart prejudices and hatreds remain. We justify the liquidation of others for our own protection, so we create an opposition that eventually leads to further conflict.

We are antagonistic towards Class, Race and Creed, so we call ourselves by different names which become nationalistic and fanatical in nature. We are either German, Russian, English, Dutch, Chinese, Indian, Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jew, Dutch Reformed etc., etc. We build up in our minds distinctions and our worship of God becomes hypocrisy. Our prayers are but an illusion.¹

What I am showing you now is the state of your minds. Only in recognition of the state of your mind can you eliminate that which you are caught up in.

Jesus took his disciples aside and told them these many things. And it is only the disciple who has come a long way can realise this great Truth and can be of service to the world. You are of service to the world because you know, you understand.

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We must eliminate from our heart-mind the cause of conflict which is fed by enmity, ambition and selfishness. Only goodwill and compassion can bring Peace, and this rests with us,—and begins with us. Political blueprints and conferences lead to nothing. The world is what we are, and we cannot side-track the issue.

The world is what man is in his own heart and there is no saving grace, there is no conferences, there is no outside help. All the help must come from within man himself where there is the Truth that is Eternal and Ever-present. The Truth that in Itself is indivisible, the Truth in Itself in which there is no sin, no good or bad. In this Truth then, there is completeness, that is the Christ of God that is in you. “The Word that was in the beginning, the Word that was with God, the Word that was God and the Word that was made flesh.”

So, I can be nothing else but the Truth because there is nothing else but Truth, therefore I can be nothing else but the Truth, I can be nothing else but the whole and Jesus knew that clearly when he said, “know ye not I am in the Father and the Father is in me.”

Even if we may not avert this war, we can at least begin to free our minds and hearts from the cause of conflict which prevents Love from flourishing. How few realize the importance of the words of the Master, “love your neighbour as yourself” as the foundation for lasting Peace. And only by acting this can there be Peace, for lip-service is fraught with hypocrisy and illusion, while the thought-feeling is seething with antagonism and strife.

You can go around saying, “love your neighbour as yourself,” that is the foundation of Peace. But have you looked into your own heart to find if there is antagonisms, strife, jealousies, envies?

There is of course jealousies in all the different layers of Consciousness from the lower to the higher. We have jealousy on the outside, which is the physical. You have jealousy in the mental, and jealousy in the Spiritual. The one becomes even more subtle than the other. If there is jealousy in any layer of Consciousness within you, then you are jealous. Therefore you are a hindrance to the expression of that which is Real within you. You must discern that the Truth alone is Truth and there can be nothing else but Truth and because there is nothing else but Truth, you are the Truth and there can be no division anywhere.

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God is Infinite in nature. If He is Infinite in nature, there can be nothing outside Him. To be Infinite, He must be complete and there can be nothing outside and everything must be within Him and He must be within everything else. Therefore consequently the Master saw clearly, “know you not I am in the Father and the Father is in me”

There can be nothing else but Infinity. Therefore you and I must be Infinity because you cannot be outside Infinity and because there can be nothing else but Infinity, shows you and I must be Infinity. But before we can realise this great Truth, what I am saying to you now is a reasoning power that makes a path through the mind, a mind that is cluttered up with forests; forests of ideas, forests of images, forests of illusions. Divine reasoning makes a path through this forest of the mind, clearing it completely so that eventually the Light shall shine. The Light that is already shining. You do not create the Light. The Light is there. The Light that shineth in the darkness, comprehendeth not, yet it is the Light in man.

Any profession or organization, *religious or otherwise*, that helps to maintain division must lead to conflict.

When we manufacture arms to kill our fellowman, when we hold a specialized prejudice which leads to intolerance, setting man against man, we are feeding the smouldering ashes of war and conflict.

We say now, that our leaders will prevent war, a conference will prevent war. Let me tell you this, Jesus knew when he said, “there will be wars and rumours of wars, these things must come before man will realise the Truth.” He knew the great Eternal Truth of the only one. Man caught up in separation, that divided man against man, the great and mighty Truth of the Oneness, the Wholeness of God is the only salvation for mankind.

When we manufacture arms to kill our fellow men, when we hold specialised prejudices which lead to intolerances, setting man against man, we are feeding the smouldering ashes of war and conflict. Yes, this is all true, but how can we alter it when we are only too thankful to get a livelihood out of it. We have to follow the economic system we have created so as to live. And before a change takes place in mankind, the system must change and the system cannot change

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until mind-hearts begins to change and there we find then freedom. Greed, Power and position dictate our economic structure, dictates our occupations.

But right occupation in itself does not solve the problem. We must have that inward freedom of Reality, otherwise we will be insufficient with an inward poverty that drives us on to destruction. Only if you look into your mind-hearts you will see whether it is an inward poverty that is driving you on and on to destruction, whether it is the destruction of your mind, your body or civilisation.

Take it from me now. I know the words of the masters. I have been with them. I understand them. But to understand them only is not sufficient. There must be a Realisation of this Oneness, but It only comes to yourselves, within yourselves. I cannot give It to you like I give you this water. But nevertheless, It is a fountain from which you can drink. With this fountain you shall never thirst any more because It fulfils that vacuum. It will eliminate that inward poverty and give you supreme Realisation of your Oneness with God, that which in Itself was in the beginning, and only through this Divine reasoning awareness of the things that are hindering the expression of the Divine nature within man. And whenever you find yourselves in this particular state, then you will begin to discern your mind. Immediately you begin to discern your mind, you will find that these things will dissolve away. It is only when you are caught up in them that you are led to destruction.

The error is in the self and the elimination of the self destroys the error. The denial of the self destroys the error.

“If anyone should follow me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily. If one would become a disciple of mine, he shall forsake his mother, his father, his sister, his brother, his wife and children, and even his own life, otherwise he cannot be a disciple of mine.”

You know the meaning of that, don't you? Because all these other things are separations. These things are separations in the mind. A mother, a father, a child, a wife, a husband, these things are all in separation. And Jesus was showing the separation in the mind, to see the Christ alone that is not separated in any individual, neither is it in opposition to any individual, but is the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth. The Word that was in the beginning, the Word that was

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made flesh. It is *in* this completeness of Reality that must be sought first, then all other things shall follow. In the words of the prophet: “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all other things shall be added unto you.”

It is the deeper meaning that we must seek, not merely its superficial meaning while the mind is filled with conflict and antagonisms. For without this inner freedom there can be no peace. This inner freedom is not an acquisition with which to glorify ourselves. It is a state of Being in which there is completeness, where there is no restlessness, *no self-aggrandisement*, no desire, where there is Silence in a State of Being that is Immortal.

When there is a Knowledge of Completeness, you are all there is, and in that there is freedom.

In this state there is no desire for outward manifestation or to show the world your possession of It. You do not need to crave to be a great artist. You are that when this imperishable treasure is known to the Soul. In this state, thought frees itself from conflict, from conquest, from ignorance, intolerance, and from craving.

It is this state then, we must seek so that we can eliminate conflict from the world and that state is a State of Being in which there is completeness. Where there is no restlessness, no self-aggrandisement, no desire, where there is silence in a State of Being that is immortal. No thought, no movement of any kind. An awareness that is complete. Then, you will find the forces naturally flowing through the centre that becomes aware of Itself, not separated from the Whole but in the Whole and the Whole in It.

Yes, we are thirsty, “but anyone who drinks this Water I give him will never thirst anymore.” Reality alone can quench the thirst for that which is not permanent. Is it not the impermanent that we are all seeking and our thirst cannot be quenched?

Jesus knew the answer to this great problem, and I will deal with some of his sayings that not only caused dissension among his own disciples, but still cause dissension among us today, *through lack of understanding.*

In John 6: 35 Jesus, said, “I am the Bread of Life; he who comes to me will never be hungry, and he who believes in me will never again be thirsty.”

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Jesus made this remark prior to the one which has caused a great deal of misgivings among so-called Christians throughout the world. And I am going to eliminate this difficulty now in your mind. And you will see how clear the mind of the Master was. First of all he made this statement, "I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never be hungry, and he who believes in me will never again be thirsty."

This was the Life that was the Light of Man. The mention of hunger and thirst prepares the way for the mention of his Body and Blood later on. "He that cometh receiveth all things that he needeth for body and soul." (*He that cometh to the Truth, the Christ, the only one. The Truth which is indivisible, the Truth which is inseparable, the Truth which is wholeness, in which there can be nothing else, but wholeness in Reality.*) He that understood his words would cast himself upon the Life of God that is within—the Christ—which is Peace and Joy and Freedom.

Therefore, ask into your own hearts and minds, "have you cast yourselves upon the Life of God." That which is the Christ within? And there dissolve everything that stands between you and that Christ?

In the old version the word "Shall" is used. This expression of the Master is very strong and means that not at any time nor on any occasion, nor by any chance would He fail to satisfy. *What a wonderful Truth.*

In John 6 verse 36, (we read,) "but as I told you, though you have seen me, you do not believe." Verse 38, "for I have come down from heaven not to carry out my own will, but the will of Him who sent me." This is the Spirit of God in man. *Because God and man are inseparable. The Truth is inseparable. God in man is inseparable, therefore, "when you have seen me, you have seen the Father." That is the real Truth of the Master's words. The inseparability, the indivisibility of Truth.* "Call no man your father on earth for one is your Father Who is in heaven."

The Kingdom of Heaven is within you. Here we see the Truth then of the Infinite in which there is no division, no outside. "I of my own self am nothing, it is the Spirit of the Father within me that doeth these things." So Jesus denied himself completely, so that the Spirit of

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God would manifest in him, and unless you deny yourselves also, the Spirit of God shall not manifest completely in you. It is the denial of the self that eliminates the error. It is the error in the mind that leads you astray and the self is the cause of the error.

Dissolve the self into the wholeness because there can be no separation, then the error passes.

Verse 40, “it is the Will of my Father that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him should possess Eternal Life.” This means Everlasting Life in the present as well as in the future to those who will recognise that the Ever-present Life is Eternal. The words “will raise him up” means a higher and better expression of the same Life.

There were murmurings among his hearers and they did not believe him. They said, “is this not the son of Joseph whose father and mother we know, and he says he came down from heaven?”

Here was the ignorance of the people he tried to teach. He was showing them that only one Father existed of all, that is our Father in Heaven, that binds all together as one. That is a Truth that eliminates all error because the self is dissolved away.

We see clearly how blind they were to the truth of the One and only God who created us *all*.

Verse 45, in the Prophets, it is written, “and they will be all instructed by God; everyone who has listened to the Father and learned from Him comes to me.”

How wonderful is that verse. You cannot help it, if you learn of the Father, “you must come to me,” you must come to the Christ. He was speaking from the Christ State. From the State within himself, the Realisation of his Oneness, the complete elimination of the self, and there the Christ stood out boldly and fearlessly. Because there could be no fear in the Christ, there could be no inharmony in the Christ, there could be no death in the Christ. “And he who learns of the Father, must come to me.”

Jesus was no doubt referring to the Prophet Isaiah, 54: 13, “the Eternal will train all your builders, and prosper your sons mightily; your triumph shall be stable.”

Jesus refers to the manna of the desert as the bread to support physical life, but what he was giving was the Bread of Eternal Life.

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Not the manna of the desert, not the food that you eat, but the bread that comes down from heaven—the Bread of Eternal Life. (John 6: 48-51) “I am the Bread of Life, your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but they died,” (in their ignorance.) “But the bread that comes down from heaven is such that one eats of it and never dies. I am the living Bread which has come down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and more, the bread that I will give is my flesh, given for the Life of the world.”

“The Word that was with God, and the Word that was God, and the Word that was made flesh.” Jesus speaks from the Christ Spirit in Realisation of his Oneness, the elimination of the self. “Of my own self I can do nothing, it is the Spirit of the Father within me that doeth these things.”

So in that State of Consciousness, there was the Consciousness of God revealing Itself—the Christ in man.

(Verses 52-56) *Now, “his hearers wrangled with one another saying, ‘how can he give us his flesh to eat?’ So Jesus said to them, ‘truly, truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you have no life within you. He who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood possesses Eternal Life, (and I will raise him up on the last day) for my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood remains within me, as I remain within him.” This is the flesh of all flesh, this is the Word that was made flesh in the beginning, this was the Christ who spoke. Not the flesh which you see and look upon, but the flesh of the Christ, the only begotten Son of God and that same Perfect Flesh is in you and me. (Verse 57) “Even as the living Father sent me and I live by the Father, so he who feeds on me will also live by me.” (Verse 58) “Such is the bread which has come down from heaven.”*

The meaning of his words is clear to *all* those who understand the Master *was* speaking from the Spirit of Life, the Christ within. *The Word that was made flesh.* His flesh was his true nature, *was the nature of the Christ*, and his blood *was* his Life, and to eat and drink is symbolic of making it our own, consuming it *as it were.* *We consume it and it enters into us and It becomes us. And that is what he meant, that*

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is the true meaning of the Master's words. So that it becomes us, and we become It. His nature and his Life must be consumed by us (so) that it becomes our nature and our Life.

This is then the only salvation for the world. There is no other. Your conferences and blueprints will only lead to further strife and misery. I am leading you into the Master himself. Yes, his very words to me are true. They are Truth themselves.

Verse 55 (Old Version), “for my flesh is true meat and my blood true drink.” True in the sense of not deceiving. When one has his Life and nature one is not then deceived by the world in separation. *Not deceived by separateness; separate creeds, separate dogmas, organizations and religion, or form or nationalities.*

Here we see then, you are not in any way deceived by these because you have transcended them into the Christ. And there you have lifted everything up out of the mud, out of the stagnation of the human mind, into the glory of the Understanding of the Christ.

When one has His Life and Nature, one is not then deceived by the world in separation, and all that is in it, or by ignorant creeds and dogmas that cause dissension in human relationships.

Verse 57, means that the Father lives in the Son and the Son in the Father. “Know ye not, I am in the Father and the Father is in me,” *Jesus spoke these words in the synagogue at Capharnaum.*

There was only one Synagogue *in Capharnaum* and it was built by the Centurion as stated in Luke 7, the Centurion whose servant was ill. Jesus was asked to heal the servant and was told that the Centurion deserved this favour of the Master, “for he is a lover of our nation and it was he who built our Synagogue.”

It is interesting to note that in the *findings of the ruins* of the Synagogue of Capharnaum was found a block of stone with a pot of manna carved on it.² *And it was opposite to the rostrum where Jesus stood, at the other end of the synagogue, where the preachers gazed upon it because it was significant of the time of Moses. Here was the pot of manna, and Jesus gazed upon it and his eyes revealed the Truth to him when he said, “yes, you ate the manna in the desert but you died. But the Bread that I give you is the Bread that comes down from heaven—Eternal Life.”*

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Now the disciples were divided at what he said and many left him. *Think about it. So great a wonderful man and yet because his disciples were divided at what he said and many left him, because they did not understand him—the Truth. They could not take them in. They were too filled with separation, too filled with ritual, too filled with dogma, so they were unable to understand his words.*

In verses 59-64 it states that he *spoke* in the Synagogue of Capernaum *and* that many of his disciples said, “this is hard to take in! Who can listen to *the* like of this?”

Jesus inwardly conscious, that his disciples were murmuring at it, said to them, “then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he formerly existed? What gives Life is the Spirit: *the* flesh is of no avail at all. The words I have uttered to you are Spirit and Life, and yet there are some of you who do not believe.”

In verses 66-69 it says, “after that, many of his disciples drew back and would not associate with him any longer. (*What a tragedy for them!*) So Jesus said to the Twelve, ‘you do not want to go too?’ Peter answered him, ‘Lord who are we to go to? The words you have are words of Eternal Life.’”

Even his twelve disciples could not actually believe the Truth of what he was telling them. They could not believe the Truth of the Eternal Life.

Many have listened to me and refused to believe what I have said, (*far less Jesus*) are my words not the words of Eternal Life? Some have turned away because of their creeds, their dogmas, they cannot eat or drink the Truth of the Living Christ that is in every soul. *They are still set on separation. There can be no separation in Truth. Truth is whole, it is completeness. I can be nothing else but the Truth, the whole Truth and nothing else but the Truth because there is nothing else but Truth.* Conformity prevents them receiving the Bread of Eternal Life, for they live in separation, as did some of the disciples of Jesus. So it will be that many will die in their ignorance of the Ever-present Eternal Life **now**.

*This Life is **now**, not at some future date. Not for a particular day in the week or for one particular time when you pass from this earth, this Life is Eternal now because it can be nothing else but Eternal,*

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being indivisible. And I am the Life that is Eternal, indivisible, there can be nothing else. Jesus knew this. It was his words, they are mine. His words are mine. I understand his words, his mind, what a wonderful mind. We thank our Creator in whom we live and have our being that he sent him into this world so that we might learn the Truth of the only one.

“We will learn of the Father and then he who learns of the Father, must come to me.”

You will now see that this is the true teaching of the Master Jesus himself. *“I am in the Father and the Father is in me.”*

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Beneath the canopy of Heaven and in the furthest Star, I am there.

Worshippers may come and worshippers may go, but I will be there always.

The World may deny Thee while playing with *the* playthings of time, yet I will always be there.

Yes! Even while the embers of earthly life flicker out, I will be there, O Beloved One.

* The recording starts here at this point. The *italic* verbatim text is from the actual sound recording of the Pretoria Lecture given in the Pretoria Women’s Club, 4th floor of the Sanlam Building on Tuesday night of 17th April 1951, at 7.45 pm. No recording exists of the Johannesburg lecture.

1. In the Lecture Notes the sentence ends with, [*when we indulge in hate.*], this is missing from the recording. The sentence should then read: ‘Our prayers are but an illusion when we indulge in hate.’
2. In the Lecture Notes, the next sentence is missing from the recording; [*Jesus may have had this carving before his eyes when he taught.*]

Lecture 2 (24th April 1951)

**“WITH THEE IS THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE”
(Psalms 36: 9)**

*“Where could I go from Thy Spirit, where could I flee from Thy face.” Psalms 139: 7.

“I praise Thee for the awful wonder of my birth; Thy work is wonderful. For Thou didst form my being didst weave me in my mother’s womb. Thou knowest all about my soul, my body is no mystery to Thee,” Psalms 139: 13-15.

Showing definitely that the prophet knew clearly that there could be no separation at all from the Father. He talks to the Father. But these words are relative, in his mind he knew that he could not be separated from God because he was alive and living.

But, nevertheless, when we know the Truth we begin to see what was in the prophets mind.

We create ideas in the inner realm and their power is according to the nature that we attribute to them. Fear of an idea on our part causes it to condense.¹ *It begins to condense and express itself, because the self is the creator of the idea. But as long as the self can free itself from the idea then there is no harm done. But when the self is caught up in fear with reference to the idea, then there the trouble begins.*

Then we identify it with what we believe to be real with all its horrible characteristics held in the mind. If we could only understand what we are doing we will see that the only power it has is the power we give to it.

Matter does not create for there is no power or action in matter by itself. By our ignorance we have closed our eyes to the creative power within ourselves in which lies the cause of every effect visible in the natural world.

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Now we will say, “where is your creative power?”

The creative power is within man himself. The Livingness in you is the creativeness in you.

I Am the Truth, because there is nothing else but the Truth. I cannot be anything else but the Truth, the whole Truth. Because there is no divisibility in Truth. Therefore the Creative Power of God must be in man. And it is his Livingness, his Consciousness, his awareness of this fact enables him to create.

But if he will lose himself. That is to say, he will first of all find himself, then after finding himself, he must lose himself. Because it is the self that is behind all error. The self is caught up in fear, ideas, beliefs. The self creates the belief—idea it is caught up in. The self is the cause of the error and not until such time as the self recognises the ways of the self can it be understood and the error then eliminated.

But the Creativeness is in the self because it is the expression of the Infinite Self. And there is only one self and that is the Infinite Self. Now the self is an illusion. Therefore when you recognise that the self is an illusion, you see it for what it is, then it dissolves away and that which is Real takes its place. God manifests Himself as He did in Jesus, the Christ.

By understanding ourselves we will know that we have our happiness or misery in our hands, and much of the suffering of the world will be done away with.

It is the general conception that the cause of disease lies in the body, but Jesus shows that this is not true. We have set up standards of right and wrong with regard to health, with regard to other things in the world in general. When our belief embraces these things we ignorantly sustain them because we fail to understand ourselves.

So we set up standards of belief. But a belief is not reality no matter what you believe, it is not Reality. A belief is but an idea in the mind. Reality is the Livingness that is speaking now. Spirit alone can speak, Spirit alone has voice. I Am the Voice of the Spirit. There can be nothing else but the Spirit behind this Voice. Therefore my voice is the Voice of the Spirit, the Spirit talks. There is no other such thing in the whole Universe that can talk but the Spirit. The Spirit alone of God

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has Voice. That is why Jesus knew these words were the Words of God, “ I do not speak of my own accord, it is the Father within me.”

Happiness is not dependent *upon* the external but lies within us. We fail to see that the effects which bring about our unhappiness is from a wrong direction given to the mind. We have opinions, thoughts and beliefs but all these can be changed. But that which is eternal can never be changed.

That which is behind all Creation can never be changed. It is Timeless, Changeless and it is into this State that one must go to find that Peace and Power—of the Christ.

It is when the mind is still and when all beliefs and ideas are eliminated or dissolved away, then that which is Real will take Its place.

Intellectual-“isms” are a hindrance to the expression of the Truth. Mans intellectual knowledge very often hinders the expression of the Truth. Because all he knows is an intellectual knowing of the truth, but that is not the Truth. That is not the Truth that Christ taught his disciples. It is not the Truth that I am trying to show you—Peace alone brings this.

What we really “know” we have no opinion about. This knowing can only come when we thoroughly understand ourselves. If we do not understand ourselves we shall not understand anything else, for the root of understanding lies within ourselves.

In understanding myself I must understand my relationship with others, with the world, for in me as in everyone else is the “Whole.” I am the result of the Whole. “I praise Thee for the awful wonder of my birth. Thou knowest all about my soul my body is no mystery to Thee.”

I am not separate from Life. I cannot be, I am alive and living and that Living will be Eternal. This is the feeling and knowing that you get after you discern all that which is false.

Everybody is living in a belief, in an idea. You and most people are living in an idea of Christ and they have put him so far away they can never reach him. They are living in the belief, what they are told, because they have never thought for themselves.

I have thought for myself, deep deep thinking. Years of it, trying to understand that which is false. Then I found that which is true.

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It is the way every person must go, there is no other way. You may try to escape this and escape that but you cannot.

This is the Reality that we have no opinion about, no doubts about. The recognition and understanding of this fact will bring about the necessary and vital change in the individual first and then in the world, for the world is what we are.

We are the world. Our ideas, our beliefs is the world. Our antagonisms, our separations that is the world.

Is not the state and society what we are in thought-feeling? The world is but the projection of ourselves, without us the world is not. What we are the world is, the State is, society is. When we are brutal, perverse, exclusive, greedy, envious, we live in separation so we create in body and circumstances just what we are. There is no denying this fact.

The study of oneself is by no means easy, it requires alertness and keen observation of every thought-feeling, and an understanding of our motives and what our feelings are towards others.

Therefore it is a constant alertness. To be keenly aware of our thinking. To note which way our thinking is going. To observe whether we are caught up in a belief. To observe whether we are imitating. To observe if we are only perpetuating the idea of another. To observe if we have any antagonisms against another individual or nation. We have got to observe all these things and it means a complete and eternal alertness, because you are surrounded with falseness. You must discern this falseness otherwise you will be caught up in it and you only increase the misery in the world.

Our subjective self has taken years to build, and most of our motives are hidden behind a series of misconceptions. There is a whirl of activity and inward confusion torn by conflicting desires. We deny, we assert, we praise, we condemn.

We are in a constant state of contradiction and we think that our actions are the positive action of our beliefs. As a matter of fact, our actions is nothing more than the expression of our contradictions. For instance, you want peace, yet you create war. You want happiness and you create sorrow.

You are told by your religious organisation, "thou shalt not kill!" But you find a means to excuse yourself when the State tells you to

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kill. And the very organisation that tells you not to kill, will bless the implements that are created to kill.

So we are living in a world of contradictions and you say you are thinking—you are no more thinking than that table is thinking.

It is when you truly think that you will discern that which is false, because you will be constantly aware and watchful of the things that surround you, the falseness that surrounds you, so that you will not be caught up in them.

I can imagine Jesus showing his disciples how they were caught up in the various things and how he drew them out of the world, as he said, “I have taken you out of the world.”

We must slow down our thought-feeling like a slow motion picture to see what is happening on the surface, then we can study the movements of our minds.

Slow down the action of your thinking. Do not allow yourself to be caught up in every move and every idea that a person expresses.

There is no difference between any particular organisation, no matter what it is, that creates separation in the world. Every organisation that creates separation between man and man is false. Because it is not unity according to the Divine plan. Therefore one political party is just as bad as the other. One particular organised religion is just as bad as the other. Anything that creates separation between man and man is a lie! And those who created that are liars from the beginning.

Christ is the only Living Truth. Christ dwells in you and me.

To merely control our thought-feeling, to merely apply a brake to it, to merely say that this is wrong or that is right is a waste of precious time and effort. If we are merely engaged in controlling our thought-feeling there can be no understanding of it.

So it is not a matter of merely controlling your thought-feeling but to understand it.

To merely say that this is right and this is wrong you do not know what you are talking about. You are living in the world of contradiction. In Spirit there is only right. God created everything and He said it was good, there could be nothing else. Man creates these ideas. The Tree of Knowledge of good and evil grows in man. The Tree of Life grows out of God. Out of mans mind grows the

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Tree of Knowledge of good and evil. But the Tree of Life alone that lives—is God.

Most of you have found that your mind wanders* [all over the place, one thought is never finished before another jumps up,] no thought-feeling is ever finished. Just to control this wandering, to restrain it, instead of examining it and understanding it only makes you more petty, narrow and thoughtless.

It is the broad mind that sees these things. Controlling your mind is contraction—understanding your mind is expansion

The mind has to slow itself down. If you use force you only create more opposition. But as you discern every thought-feeling without restraint, without comparison, without judgment of right or wrong, letting go completely of what the mind is made up of, you will become aware of that which is unchanging, you will become aware of that which is significant, that which is Real. Then follow this up with awareness of the self, not as a separate self but as the whole, this will lead to freedom from mental confusion, beliefs, opinions and separation. You will begin to “know,” you will understand yourself.

So you will find this, that once you slow down the mind, you will watch its progress. You will be, as it were, an examiner, a judge. Not judging every thought whether it was right or wrong and making comparisons but looking at it without comparison, without in anyway being caught up in these things.

Immediately you begin to compare a thing you have lost yourself in it. Immediately you begin to say this is right and that is wrong you have lost yourself in it.

But if you then slow the mind down or the mind is slowed down because you say that it will do so—it will do so.

So you watch carefully the thoughts that pass before you, undisturbed, no matter what rises to the surface of the past. Something that may have happened to you, or you did, or whatever the case may be, that you have shrunk from in the past. There must no emotional reaction to that thing otherwise you are caught up in it. You must see it exactly as it is as a picture on the screen. Then you will begin to discern the self and the movements of the mind. You will be able to see that these things are nothing at all. Then you will become aware of something—the self that is looking, seeing, understanding.

* A wire break in the recording occurs here. 154

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When the self is then understood, when you become aware of the self, then there must be the denial of the self. Because the self is the cause of every thought, every emotion. Everything that troubles you in life, the self is the cause of it.

You are the one that reacted to it, the self is the one, the self is the error. Error in the mind is nothing. It is when the self is caught up in these things.

This is why Jesus said, “Yes, you must forsake your mother, your father, your sister, your brother, your husband, your wife and your children and even your own life before you can become a disciple of mine.” Showing that there can be no separation. If you are living in the world in your mind—you are separated.

Alone and in your aloneness can you reach this simplicity, this understanding, in your aloneness.

This is being religious in the fundamental sense of the word, not dependent on *any* particular organised religion for this will make you irreligious which leads *you* to separation through your belief. You will be responsible for separation which is the cause of dissension, economic disasters, wars, starvation and oppression.

Looking back only a few years ago we can see what happened in the Spanish Inquisition. People were burnt at the stake, that horrible death, and the people who did it so-called believed in Jesus Christ who said, “love your neighbour as yourself.”

How these people were caught up in their belief, how they were caught up in separation and dogmas. We are seeing it today. We are seeing the movements backwards and forwards of an army pushing this way and another one pushing that way. For what? What are you fighting for? Not for Christ.

Christ does not require to be fought for. He is the Eternal only begotten Son of the Father, that lives Eternally with the Father and the Father with him.

What you are fighting for is false values because you do not understand.

In my last lecture I urged you not to label yourselves with names for are you not followers of the “One Life” that is in all, understanding him who showed mercy and compassion to all, who refused to be limited by any nation, church or society.

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“Forgive them for they know not what they do.”

Labels only bring confusion, labels such as Christian, Jew, Hindu, Buddhist, Mohammedan, American, German, English, Chinese, etc. True religion is above nationalities above creeds, and is the way to the realization of the Supreme, the way to Peace and happiness. *We must transcend all these things and only when we transcend these things do we have world peace, prosperity and so for the individual.*

The individual seeks security. But does the individual gets security? You can only have security in the Whole. Not in the past, it is utterly impossible.

When we all become truly religious in the true sense of the word then only will there be peace in the soul, peace in the world. Then only will we understand ourselves and others. Unity can only come through right thinking and in no other way. We will have that inward wisdom and peace and love of the Master himself. “I am the way, I am the Light of the World.” How true these words are to us now.

In Mark 7; Jesus rebukes the Pharisees for their tradition. In verse 5, it states, “then the Pharisees and scribes put this question to him, ‘why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders? Why do they take their food with “common” hands? He said to them, ‘yes, it was about you hypocrites indeed that Isaiah prophesied!— as it is written, this people honours me with their lips, but their heart is far away from me: vain is their worship of me, for the doctrines they teach are but human precepts.”

He was showing that all the doctrines they were doing was nothing else but ritual, human precepts. “You shall not do this, you shall not do that.” “You must wash your hands before you eat your food.”

In Isaiah 29 verse 13; it states, “ ‘since this people draw near to me with their mouth, ‘says the Eternal, ‘honouring me with their lips, while their hearts are far remote; since their religion is a mockery, a mere tradition learned by rote;. . .’ ” This is what Jesus was referring to.

Is it not the same today? Is there any difference?

Mark 7: 8-10; “ ‘you drop what God commands and hold to human tradition. (*This is Jesus talking to the Pharisees.*) Yes, forsooth,’ he added, ‘you set aside what God commands, so as to maintain your own tradition!’ ”

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Here Jesus shows us *was* the unreality of tradition and outer show which meant so much to the Scribes and Pharisees was useless in themselves, in fact it was honouring with their lips while their hearts were far away from God. Is this not the same today? We have pomp, ceremony, tradition, lip-service, while antagonism and separation is rife, then all our prayers become hypocritical.

If you go to church and pray to God, who is Whole and complete, while you have antagonisms in your mind, hatred against your brothers, then your prays are hypocritical and you are hypocrites. Nothing more nothing less. That is what the Master said and that is his words.

Mark 7: 14-21, “then he recalled the crowd to him and said to them, ‘listen to me, all of you, and understand this:—nothing outside a man can defile him by entering him; it is what comes from him that defiles him. If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen to this.’ (*How true that is, so nothing outside of us can affect us unless we allow it to do so.*) And when he went indoors, away from the crowd his disciples asked him the meaning of this parabolic saying. He said to them, ‘so you do not understand, either? Do you not see how nothing outside a man can defile him by entering him? It does not enter his heart but his belly, and passes from that into the drain’ (thus he Pronounced all food clean.) ‘No,’ he said, ‘it is what comes from a man, that is what defiles him. From within, from the heart of man, the designs of evil come....”

Mans thought-feeling. What is your thought-feeling?

If your thought-feeling is the product of selfishness, jealousy, antagonisms or is your thought-feeling the result of the Truth of the only One. You will know then which one rules you.

Within us is the Spirit of God. The only Living Expression, yes, the Voice comes from the Spirit.

Nothing outside can enter the man can destroy the Spirit. Nothing can destroy the Christ in you or me. They could not kill that which they could not see.

Here Jesus shows that right thinking goes above and beyond all creeds and tradition. Right thinking is freedom while conditioned thinking is oppression. *Therefore, can you discern in your own minds if you are conditioning yourselves, by your thought-feeling.*

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What is in your mind-heart? You will be conditioned by that which is in your mind-heart by your thought-feeling.

Then it is to examine clearly to discern the self and the ways of the self, understand the self—leads to freedom. People are trained what to think. Is not our civilization based on conformity? Our thought is directed by those who themselves are bound to nationalistic ideas, to separation in religion, in politics. Are we not subject to propaganda to make us think the way our leaders want us to think? Thus we are lead like sheep to the slaughter.

If you then can think for yourselves you will transcend all these things. And you will see then all these things are separate and distinct. They have got nothing to do with the Christ which is the only Reality in you and me.

If we have any idea that we are separate and distinct because we ourselves are different; from different nations, from different families—you are living in separation.

When you enter the Spirit of God, then you know that there is but wholeness, completeness, and nothing but completeness.

Propaganda is not conducive to right thinking, it tells us what to think, and here Jesus with his right thinking shows the way.

Jesus was showing us that Spirit was the only Reality in man and through self-awareness we discover our conditioned thought. We discover that we are merely copying another, that we have acquired a habit of thinking which is erroneous and disastrous to ourselves and others.

You have to discover that for yourselves as I discovered it for myself.

I have no enemies because I do not believe in enemies. It is only he who believes in an enemy, has enemies.

Transcend that state of separation and you enter into the Christ that is born in every human soul, “the only begotten Son of the Father.”

In John 8: 12 to 17, Jesus says, “ ‘I am the Light of the world; he who follows me will never walk in darkness, he will enjoy the light of life,’ so the Pharisees said to him, ‘you are testifying to yourself; your evidence is not valid.’ Jesus replied to them, ‘though I do testify to myself,

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my evidence is valid, because I know where I have come from and where I am going to—whereas you do not know where I have come from or where I am going to. You judge by the outside. I judge no one; and though I do judge, my judgment is true, because I am not by myself—there is myself and the Father who sent me.’ ”

So we see then, those who live on that outside rim of separation and distinction, does not know the Father of Christ Jesus, because they live in separation.

He knew where he came from—Eternal Life and he was going to Eternal Life and was in Eternal Life. And no one could separate him from the Eternal Life, because the Father was Eternal Life, and Eternal Life was with him. “There is myself and the Father who sent me, because I am not by myself.” I am not by myself either; you are not by yourself either. The very Livingness, the very awareness of your Living proves the fact, that the Father is with you—Eternal Life.

Jesus was aware of himself. He had the source of Reality within him. “The Father and I are one.” But he could not have reached this state unless he had first discovered the truth for himself. “Let the innocent among you throw the first stone.” Anyone who is “innocent” would not cast a stone at another and those who knew they were not innocent *would neither do so*. “No one has condemned you neither do I.” Jesus could not condemn for that would be against all the laws of the Spirit. The Spirit of God could not condemn for the Spirit being perfect could only see perfection.

In this State you will see that there was no separation in the Love of God, because God does not love one and hate another. If he did, his love could not stand, the parable of the Prodigal Son proves that.

“And the Spirit of God could not condemn.”

Yes, Jesus was the Spirit of God. He knew he was the Spirit of God. Just as I know I am the Spirit of God. And when you become aware of this Truth also, it will not be an idea in your mind, or an image or a belief or an intellectual belief or an intellectual idea, but a Living Reality.

I am the Peace in the world and he who knows me shall also have peace in the world. My Peace dwells among you. You are my disciples. I have come again to make you aware of this Truth. My Peace will remain with you now.

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The Spirit of God could not condemn. For the Spirit being Perfect could only see Perfection.

Acts 7: 51, “stiff-necked, uncircumcised in heart and ear, you are always resisting the holy Spirit! As with your fathers, so with you!”

Resisting the holy Spirit. Why? Resisting the holy Spirit because of separation, of belief, antagonism.

Thus when we are free we see all things in their proper perspective, the relative world and the Real. There is no confusion in the mind that (has) truly discerned all things and has “awareness” of the Spirit of God within. “He who has sent me is at my side, He has not left me alone for I always do what pleases Him.” John 8: 29.

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I am that I am. I sang my song on the many branches of my Tree of Life.

My Song of Life was echoed in the green leaves, the souls who fed upon Me.

In My garden, through centuries of time, sleeping souls awaken unto Me.

In My Eternal concert My rhythm stirs the hearts awaiting to hear My Voice, calling all to come into My Cosmic Freedom.

I have heard Thy Voice in my soul, O Beloved “One,” and now I am free.

* The recording starts here at this point. The *italic* verbatim text is from the actual sound recording of the Pretoria Lecture given in the Pretoria Women’s Club, 4th floor of the Sanlam Building on Tuesday night of 24th April 1951, at 7.45 pm. No recording exists of the Johannesburg lecture.

1. In the Lecture Notes the sentence ends with, [*so that it might be seen even with the natural eye.*] this is missing from the recording. The sentence should then read: ‘Fear of an idea on our part causes it to condense so that it might be seen even with the natural eye.’

Lecture 3 (1st May 1951)

**“GOD BEING LIFE THERE CAN BE NO DEATH”
“SEEK YE ME AND YE SHALL LIVE” (Amos 5: 4)**

“The God of Peace shall soon crush Satan under your feet.”
Romans 16: 20.

**God being Life—there can be no death. The reason why is because there is nothing else but God. There can be nothing else but God, because God is Infinite in nature, therefore there can be no death in Life.*

“Seek Me and ye shall live”—Amos 5: 4.

“The God of Peace shall soon crush Satan under your feet.” That is quite true. Satan is the craving for power that we see in the world today. Satan is that urge in man which is a falsehood, which is endeavouring to crush the life out of others, desire for things. Therefore, “the God of peace shall soon crush Satan under your feet”—Romans 16: 20.

If I say to you God is Love, God is Wisdom, you will accept this without question because you believe it to be true. Yet no truth can be of any value to you by the mere acceptance of it, a mere belief, for a belief is not thinking, *nor is it understanding, it is just an idea. And if God is Love, God is Wisdom and these things become an idea in your mind, then I say it is just an idea and can never be a Reality.*

The world today is living on ideas. They have not come to the realisation that they are themselves Life. God being Life, then there can be no death.

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It was for this purpose that the Master came to show that there was no death. We will soon see that as we progress along these lectures. We will see how he talked to his disciples and how he showed himself again proving that there was no death.

But if these things only become a belief, if then, you say God is Love and God is Wisdom and you accept them as a belief, an idea, in your mind then they are just an idea. But if you say I Am Love, I Am Wisdom that would be a different thing altogether, because of the fact, that you being realising the Truth. It would not be an idea or an image, it would be an absolute Reality, because you would say to yourself and know that you were that, because you could be nothing else. Because God is the only Living Being there is and He is Living Wisdom and there can be nothing else but Him.

We are on the surface. The Divine is underneath expressing itself through us. The mind of man is the vehicle through which the Spirit manifests. But man does not know that, so he holds in his mind an idea of that which is behind him not knowing that he himself is the Reality that is there, and that self must be dissolved away so that which is behind it can be realised in each and everyone. So individuality becomes a Reality. Not an individuality in separation but an individuality in unity.

You must learn to think clearly before you can understand and this can only be done when you are free from attachment, free from beliefs for no one can do your thinking for you. If you accept what others say you conform to their thinking and you can no longer think freely, thus you imitate and you think in terms of what you have accepted from others.

You can never understand in this way. And it is so necessary that you must be able to think things for yourselves. To be able to think things clearly and not merely accept them.

With right thought-feeling there can be no reaction to beliefs, ideas, prejudices and the like. Some people will react to this belief, and that idea, this prejudice and so forth. You all react to them. With right thought-feeling there is no reaction to these things at all because you know they are false. Therefore the individual never gives a false thing anymore power because he knows that it is false. Most people

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try to escape from thinking correctly by succumbing to conformity and tradition, this is truly ignorance *and a prison*.

Therefore if I say that God is Love and Wisdom and I still retain my prejudices, I do not understand what I am really saying. I can only find the truth of this within myself. If I have no love for my fellowman and still say that God is Love I make God relative and myself a hypocrite. But when I find that I am love, free from all prejudices and separation in race and creed, then only will God who is Love be a “Reality” to me and I will be His son. *Because only can you be the Son of God when you are Love.*

Love is the Expression of God, the Father-Mother God. The Father is Power—Omnipotence. The Mother is Omniscience—all Knowledge and Wisdom. And the Son is the combination of those two, the three become One in the Son which is Love.

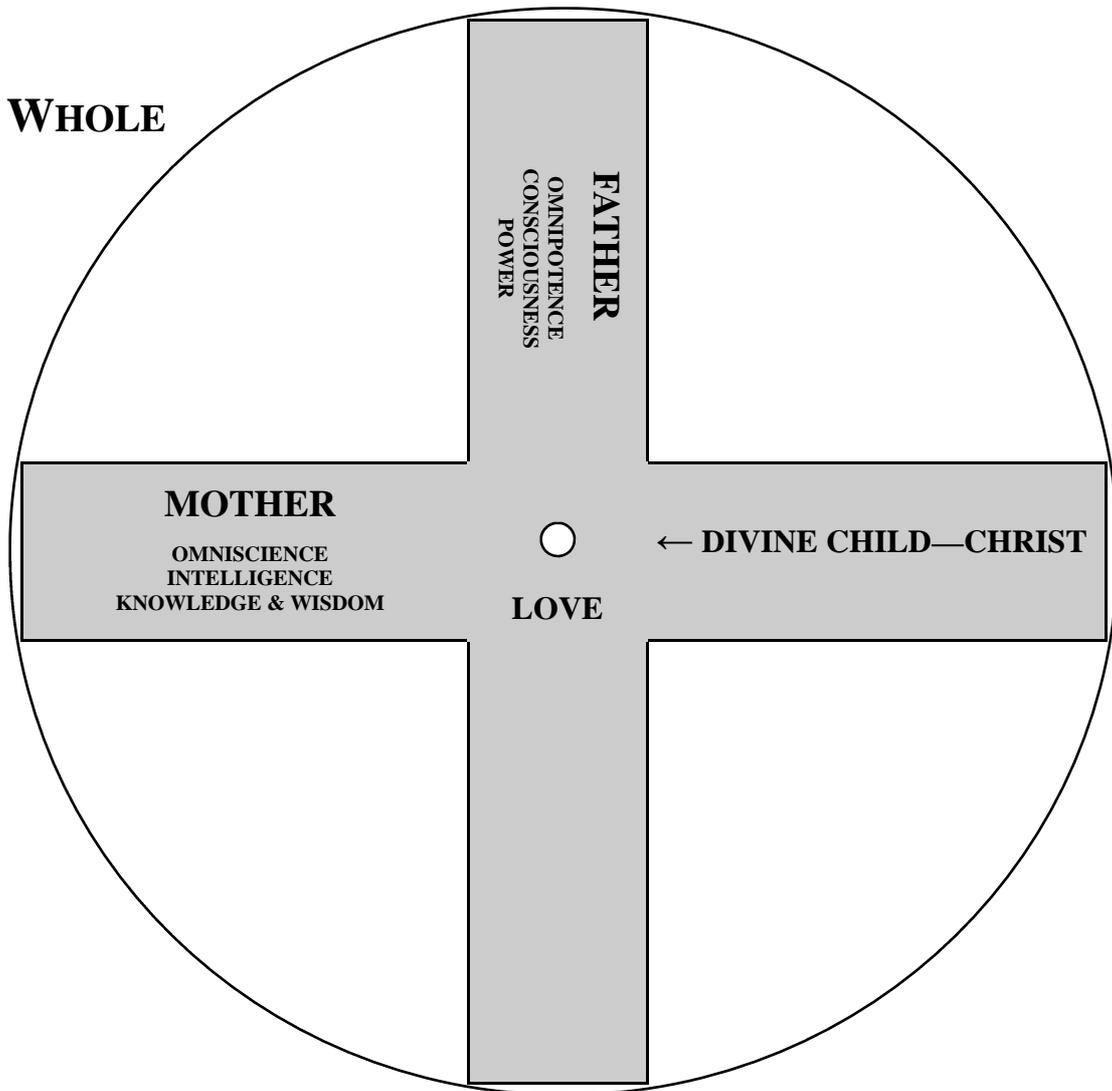
Love then is the Expression of the Father-Mother God in you and me. And then in us as well as Love, there is Omnipotence and Omniscience—that is the Christ—the truly only begotten Son of the Father. The Cross is symbolic of it. If I was to draw a line down here and then another line across. I would join those two lines together at the centre, symbolic of the Christ. The Cross is the oldest symbol in the world, which represents the Father and Mother or the Consciousness and Intelligence or the Omnipotence and Omniscience and where they join together, these two, is the symbolic expression of the Expression of those two, which becomes the Love—the Son that is born of the Father-Mother God. And we see then this contains not only the Omnipotence but also the Omniscience and with it, the Love, so the three are in One. I AM and when you have seen Me you have seen the Father-Mother God.*

We are all human beings in whom the Presence of God is the only Reality. Now this Presence is never in opposition to Itself in any other human being. Then where does opposition arise? Opposition arises from our beliefs, from our own tradition, from our separation in creed and race. Surely it is not difficult to see that this is all in the mind of man caught up in limitation.

If then you become aware, not only aware of everything that is in your mind, which you see as only images and ideas but you

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come aware of that which has created the idea, then you will come near the source of Reality. This awareness does not come overnight. It comes through constant understanding, constant repetition that we are getting through these classes, where the mind becomes free from its own conceptions and misconceptions till such a time as the Spirit becomes freed from the encumbrances of the mind that holds it fast in the prison created by the self.

The Self is the error—the self is the creator of error. Unless the self discerns the self and its ways you will never escape. You will never have freedom. You all will be bound in your images and your ideas and your fears.

But there is no fear in the Christ and as we read, we show, and we pass through the various stages the Master passed, we will see that there was no fear. There was the human feelings. There was the necessary urge of the flesh, but the Christ, the understanding and the Realisation of the Christ, (being, as I said, the Father-Mother God, the Love, the Expression) and the three became One in the Son. Then he knew that there was nothing in heaven or on earth that could prevent him obtaining his complete rights, his inheritance that was given to him in the beginning. “The Word that was with God, and the Word that was God, and the Word that was made flesh.”

When the mind is limited in this way it is impossible to grasp the truth of our Being. Only right thinking leads to this freedom, and with freedom comes “creativeness” “wholeness.” Therefore all limitation is born of ignorance in the mind of man and unless he frees himself from this illusion he will die in his ignorance.

It was to free man from *the* colossal ignorance that the Master came and when I read his words I can see clearly what he means when he said, “Do you not see how nothing outside a man can defile him by entering him? It does not enter his heart but his belly and passes into the drain (Thus he pronounced all food clean). “No,” he said, “It is what comes from a man, that (is) what defiles him. From within, from the heart of man, the designs of evil come.” (Mark 7: 17-21.) *So it is the mind-heart.*

If the mind-heart is filled with craving, antagonisms, fears, separation—that is the devil, because he is the illusive one, the illusion.

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He is the liar that existed from the beginning. He is the father of lies and he is what we call death. He is the father of death because death does not exist in Life, therefore he is a liar from the beginning. And everyone who believes in death, everyone who believes in separation, everyone who believes in a separate belief, everyone who has these beliefs that are antagonistic to each other, there the devil reigns! Because it is an illusion it does not exist, it is a lie, and it was a liar from the beginning and it will be a liar till the end.

What the mind-heart is, so is your thought-feeling.

Therefore it is to discern what is in the heart that counts. God can only be a Reality to you when you have love in your heart. This can only happen when you “Love your neighbour as yourself.” But you will not understand this till first you have thrown off all limitation. All that hinders the true expression of the Spirit from within.

That true Love comes to you when you find that all else has passed away. But the flesh has no power. That the desire of the flesh is not true Love, it is limited in its way. Love comes from the soul, the soul that is free from the flesh, free from the body. Therefore we find true Love in the soul of man, in the soul of woman.

When the desires of the flesh have passed, they have gone and what is left—nothing. But when the soul Loves, freed altogether from the desires of the flesh, then there is the beauty and strength and glory that remains Eternal.

Now, I tell you this, that you must first go through the stages of Love, through your personality, through your flesh. You must go through all these sorrows, those feelings, those desires. You must pass through them. You must know them, even if your heart aches and is torn in the means, in the process. Then you will begin to understand that these things have nothing. Then there is Love that comes from within the self, a Love that does not desire Love but a Love that gives Love. In that is the secret.

Now think carefully what I am going to say to you. That this Love is not a possessive love. It is a Love that you begin to Love people. Perhaps you will Love some much more than others, you will always find that because you are nearer your own planetary vibrations, that God has placed you near to one another.

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But you have to learn to Love, to free yourselves from many of your difficulties, much of your sickness. You have got to learn to Love freely. Freely mind you; without possessiveness, without desire, without the craving of the flesh. This is Love. The Love that will set you free, that is the Christ, the Father-Mother God, the Son who lives in you and me.

When we see that the world condition is but the outward expression of our own inward thought-feeling, systems, conferences etc. will not bring about order and good-will. The thing to do is to change within, then the outer will change also, for our inward conflicts express themselves in outward disasters. Only a radical change of the human mind and heart will bring about a change in the individual and in the world for we are the world.

A man said to me the other day, “I will be glad when I am out of this world with all its misery and strife.” *He said, “I’m tired of it, I’m sick to death of it.”*² I said, “how can you escape into the future when the now is ever-present. If you do not understand the present now, will you understand the future? What you are now you will perpetrate if the present is not understood, you will perpetuate exactly your own thought-feeling, and it will be with you continuously. How are you going to escape it? Do you think by cutting your throat you are going to escape it? You carry your misery with you until such time you have discerned it. And you better discern it now in the present, not tomorrow because tomorrow never comes. For when tomorrow comes it is always the present.”

The past and the future are the present. All that happens in the past to you, is living in the present with you. Therefore if the past influences the present you must discern it in the present and understand it and free yourselves from it. I know that the Christ is the Freedom, is the salvation of man. I know that so truly in my heart and mind. Nothing can convince me otherwise. And you will begin to know it too, once you have seen the Christ in action—the only begotten Son of the Father. If the present is not understood; understanding only comes through the present. Postponing the issue does not bring comprehension.

You cannot say, “tomorrow I will understand it, I will leave it today.” For tomorrow comes, its still the present and you must still understand

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it and solve your problems now. But how are you going to solve your problems? By discerning the falsehoods and realising that which is true. Not something outside yourselves but the Living expression of that Christ that is in you.

If we look to time as a means of freedom it will never come. It is but a useless conflict leading to illusion. In death we seek immortality. We are caught up in birth and death and we crave for the timeless. Death does not lead to immortality. In Life without death is there immortality! *And that is now. It was this the Master showed so clearly to his disciples as he talked to them in the Garden of Gethsemane. He showed them and told them that he was going to give up his life to take it up again, to show that there was no death.*

The Living Realisation of this Truth would change the world overnight. It is because you believe in death you crave for immortality and this craving leads to other things to such a time as every man and woman is at each others throat through separation. Separation in religion, separation in nationality, separation in competition, separation in thought, until such a time the world is separated to such an extent that it divides itself into what? I should say 'yes'. One day we will reach unity perhaps through separation. When we have gone far enough. But in the process there will be much suffering.

If man could understand now the Truth from the realisation of unity, then things would be different. Believing in death we cling to Life so we struggle creating opposites, this is not understanding.

To hope and believe in immortality is not expressing immortality. Belief and hope must cease then immortality can be realized. *These things are in your mind. A belief in immortality is but an idea. But I am immortal. You cannot destroy me. No, you cannot, no matter what you do.*

I am the living expression of the Father-Mother God. I cannot be anything else. And God cannot destroy himself. When the mind is quiet, free from opposites, there is creative stillness, in this Silence you will know that which is birthless and deathless.

John 8: 43-46, “why do you not understand my speech? Because you are unable to listen to what I am saying; you belong to your father the devil, and you want to do what your father desires; he was a slayer of men from the beginning, and he has no place in the truth because

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there is no truth in him: *(He has no place in God and God cannot be in him. Therefore he is a myth only in mans mind. Because God is everywhere and everything. And Jesus said, “there is no truth in him.” He has no place in truth. No place in God and no God in him. Now as God is Infinite, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, there is nothing but God. Therefore we will soon see how the devil is made up as Jesus shows it.)* when he (the devil) tells a lie, he is expressing his own nature, *(a damn liar!)* he is a liar and the father of lies. It is because I tell the truth, that you do not believe me.”

So therefore he was the father of lies. He is the father of death as we are told. So he is the father of lies from the beginning because there can be no death in Life. There is no immortality in death because there can be no existence of a death in Life. Therefore the devil is the creator of death, the father of death and he is the father of lies, therefore he cannot have God in him because God is not death, God is only Life.

In verse 43, they did not understand his way of speaking. *Most people do not.* In verse 44, they would do what they had set their mind to do, that was to kill Jesus, but they could not destroy that which they could not see.

So he (the Devil) was the slayer of men, but he could not destroy that which they could not see, the Christ, the immortal in you and me. The Devil was the father of death, so whatever God is, the Devil is not and since God alone “**Is,**” the Devil is not. Since God **is** Being, the Devil is not Being. Since God **is** Life, the Devil is not Life. Death does not exist in Life, therefore the Devil is the liar. *The father of lies from the very beginning.* It is here where we see the great Truth the Master showed us. So it is precisely the non-existence of the Devil that makes up the Devil. The refusal to accept the Christ as the only begotten Son (of God) makes up the Devil and Death. *That is a truth that you cannot deny!* Separation makes up the Devil, dogma makes up the Devil, anything where there is separation there the Devil is *because it is a lie.*

That is why the churches today, because in a state of separation, are always talking about the devil. The only thing they can talk about is the devil and sin. And if there was no sin in the world the church

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could not exist. Do away with sin and the church is gone to nothing! There can be no sin in God. No sin in Reality. No sin in the Christ.

Jesus said, “go and preach Me to the world.” Me, not Satan, the devil, and death and fear and lies. I tell you as soon as you clear your minds of this and as soon as this shall be cleared from the face of the earth, man alone shall be free.

Never! While the devil, and death, and sin is around your necks and pushed down your throats everyday, you will still be in fear and that is the enemy of man. It was that which Jesus wrestled with and destroyed, the fear in man, and what he overcame we can overcome. Because he said, “what we have done you will do also!”

But in Reality there can be no separation therefore only unity exists. It is not until we understand the Devil is separation, do we realize the Truth that sets us free.

John 8: 51, “ ‘truly, truly I tell you, if anyone holds to what I say, he will never see death.’ ”

(52,) “the Jews said to him? ‘Now we are sure you are mad. Abraham is dead, and so are all the prophets; and you declare, “if anyone holds to what I say, he will never taste death.”

(53,) “ ‘are you greater than our father Abraham? He is dead, and the prophets are dead. Who do you claim to be?’ ”

Now listen to the answer of Jesus.

(54,) “Jesus replied, ‘were I to glorify myself, my glory would be nothing; it is my Father who glorifies me,³ *the Living.* (His “Father was glorifying me” by being alive and living. And no one could take that glory from him.) I know him. Were I to say, “I do not know him,” I would be a liar like yourselves; *Because you believe in death and you say “Abraham is dead, all the prophets are dead.”* But I do know him and I hold to his word *which is Eternal Life.* Your father Abraham exulted that he was to see my Day; he did see it and he rejoiced.’ ”

(57,) “then said the Jews to him, ‘You are not fifty years of age, and Abraham has seen you?’ ”

(58,) “ ‘truly, truly I tell you,’ said Jesus, ‘I have existed before Abraham was born?’ ”

Here was the Christ talking, the Spirit that was in the beginning, the only begotten Son of the Father. Abraham was the name of the

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individual, the personality, the prophet, but the Spirit within Abraham existed still today and still exists now. Just as Moses and Elijah existed on the mountain and spoke to Jesus, they had also passed, but appeared before his disciples.

Don't you see how so many people are caught up in death.

“Truly, truly, I tell you,” said Jesus, “I have existed before Abraham was born.” What a blow! It made all the Pharisees and the Sadducees think a little bit. But it was a truth. It was the only Truth.

Here also the great truth “I am” represents Absolute Eternity, a timeless existence. “I am” stands for the name of God. It was this that his hearers could not understand. Jesus was speaking from the Eternal Life, the Timeless State of mankind.

Yes, and that is what I am speaking from too, the timeless state of mankind. It is not an idea in my mind or an image or a belief. It is a natural Living Reality. “I know Him alive and always be with Him.” Because there is no death in Life. Because there is no outside of God. Because there can be no outside Him, I must be within Him. There can be no other Life but His and I Am that Life. God is indestructible. I AM the Living because God is Living in me, it is He who speaks. The Spirit alone has Voice. Nothing else has Voice but the Spirit. And my voice is the Voice of the Spirit.

Life is, and Death is not. Here was the message of the Master to those who believed in Death, their father was the Devil, the Father of lies. But anyone who was able to recognise the Spiritual Principle of Life which the Master was showing, had Eternal Life. “They had already passed across from death to Life.”

“My Father.” Jesus made the Universal Living Intelligence personal, an individual expression of himself and by this means made a conscious personal intercourse with God not in the relative sense as we are speaking but as a Living Reality. *If you can think with me in my mind, now in my consciousness, now you will know that your consciousness also exists in Life. And you will be conscious of that Living after you leave this so-called body of yours.* Now the denial of this Universal Living Intelligence in Jesus was the root of Death to those who did not “believe in me and in Him who sent me.”

There are those who are capable and those who are not capable of realizing the ever-present Life Principle, *even now. The majority*

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of the great masses of the people at the present time are incapable of realising the Ever-Present Life Principle. Their actions prove that it is so. The leaders of the world are in the same boat.

In the first portion of this letter it says, “the God of Peace shall soon crush Satan under your feet.” For those who affirm that there is a devil in reality deny the Absolute God. If you then affirm that there is a devil—you deny God. You cannot do anything else. Its an utter impossibility. The one is or the other is not, which is it? If you affirm there is a devil then you deny God. Because God is Omnipresent everywhere. For those who affirm there is a Devil in reality deny the Absolute God, and to deny the Absolute God is to affirm a principle the opposite of the Spirit of Life, the Devil and in this sense in relation to the human plane the Devil is said to have the power of death, which is a lie.

Anything that separates God from man or man from man must be utterly false, therefore we have to discern these things in the light of the Master’s teachings and in the light of our own awareness of the Truth of the Eternal Now.

We limit in our minds the operation of Spirit Life by ‘before’ and ‘after,’ by past and future. When we deny the Life in the body we limit the ever-presence of the One Life and it can be none other than the “One” Eternal Now, and this is what Jesus was showing, and those who could “see,” understand, became Sons of God and not sons of the Devil (Perdition). *If you then deny that Eternal Life in the body Now—you deny Life Eternal and His Wholeness. Jesus was showing I AM the LIFE. That Life was already there, now, was the Real Expression of God. He was the Son of God. The Actual Living Expression of God that could never die. “For unless you believe who ‘I am’ you will die in your sin (your ignorance.)” John 8: 24.*

If you believe in separation you must die in your ignorance. Anything that separates one from another is an illusion. If anyone lives in separation, that one cannot think correctly. I have realized this immortality, this ever-present Life in and out, before and after, past and future are all one in the “Ever-Present Eternal Life Now.”

If you can see all that hinders you, with all the subtle varieties that prevent you from living in the present, you will begin to realize the Eternal.

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If you will look into your mind you will see that past *and* future, good *and* evil are but images, mental ideas which are relative and can never be part of the Ever-present Reality. *The Living God. My Life. Your Life.*

“Resist not evil,” *the Master said*, in other words do not fight or struggle with these hindrances nor pacifically endure them but become conscious that they are false. They are hindrances to the clarity of thought which alone leads you to freedom.

You can become free only by examining these hindrances with your mind utterly free from all attachment, free from *all* prejudices free from ideas or beliefs, comparisons do not bring understanding. If you are suffocated by demands of loyalty with the fulfilment of certain duties which demand conformity you will be incapable of true understanding. It is only when you are unattached can there be true discernment of *that which* is in the mind.

If you are caught-up in these things you can never discern them. You are in the whirlpool of them. We must be, as it were, separate and distinct, there applying your own Spirit recognition, discerning these things that are false.

The Presence requires no effort to express Itself, (*It does not require you to make an effort to express the Presence. All you have got is to clear the way so that the Presence can express itself. The prophet says, “clear the way for the Lord.”*) neither has it to discipline Itself into action. It is true action **now** and in this there is freedom for the individual who realizes It. That is the Christ that Jesus showed to us and it is the most important thing in your life and in mine.

To see and to know the great and wonderful teachings of the Master. How wonderful his mind, how clear was his conception of that which was a hindrance to the expression of Reality. He was the LIFE. He was the Immortal BEING. He was that Omnipotence, Omniscience expressing itself in LOVE. It was the Son of the Father-Mother God. This is the Love that you shall also have. The LOVE that Christ had is your Love also. What you have to discern is that which is false—that which is not true. Then you will find that there is a Love there in your heart that goes beyond the physical. But the desires of the flesh do not destroy it. Although Love manifests

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*itself in the flesh. The flesh does not rule this Love, but this Love rules the flesh. And until such time as you have discerned these Truths and pass through the mill where you will find then in your own heart all the things that have been troubling you, where your heart has been crushed or your heart has died before it came to Life, then it comes to Life free from the flesh. There is the LIVING LOVE that I have for you. That is the Living Love that you must have for me. **It is the Christ in us.***

“He who has sent me is true so I tell the world what I have learned from Him.” John 8: 26.

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I slumbered in the arms of Thy “Infinity” while the feeling in my craving heart prevented me knowing Thy Eternal Presence.

I awoke and waited in the Silence of Thy Being and there burst forth the soul melodies of joy.

I then removed all sacred rituals that separated Thee and me, which lay so long locked in my memory, and now I know that within my Soul is Thy Throne of Eternal Peace, O Beloved ‘Infinity’.

* The recording starts here at this point. The *italic* verbatim text is from the actual sound recording of the Pretoria Lecture given in the Pretoria Women’s Club, 4th floor of the Sanlam Building on Tuesday night of 1st May 1951, at 7.45 pm. No recording exists of the Johannesburg lecture.

1. In the Lecture Notes Murdo’s reply [I said, “*The present is the eternal, the now is ever existent.*”] is missing from the sound recording.
2. The next sentence in the Lecture Notes [*you say “He is our God,” but you do not understand him.*] is missing from the recording.

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TO HIMSELF:...” (Proverbs 19: 8)***

Division in mankind is the result of ignorance, we have rich and poor, high and low, the educated and the uneducated. Our social structure is built up of master and servant, high class, middle class, lower class and so on. We think in terms of inequality. The king and the tramp, the general and the soldier etc., etc. These divisions are born of ignorance and illusion, they are based on material values which set man against man.

Naturally in this world we see all these things. But when we recognise the Truth that the Master said, “I am not of this world, my realm is elsewhere.” And he was the perfect pattern for the whole of humanity. We have these systems which we are operating in the present time which, naturally, demands these separations and these particular divisions. But when we look at things properly we will find that there is a fundamental unity between every living soul. And the only way to solve our problems in this world is the Will that is done in Heaven will be done on earth.

Now the only thing you can take with you from this world is wisdom and understanding, you can take nothing else.

But we create all those divisions in mankind which set man against man and naturally we have all the strife in the world. What are we going to do about it? The matter of fact, that we begin to see what we are doing, will eventually begin to eliminate those things that do bring about enmity between man and man.

Our social system breeds endless opposition and antagonism and there is no end to the conflict until our thought-feeling frees itself from the cause, by transcending separation, and there realize our fundamental unity. *Our Oneness in All.*

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We are the same Existing Life, the same God, the same Christ existing in every human soul. This is the fundamental unity for all mankind. In this lies the power of man and not outside him. The only power that man has is within him and not without him.

And it is by transcending separation, by realising that Unity really exists. Even if we do exist in the systems and do perpetuate the systems we have at the present time which creates enmity and struggle. If we can transcend separation even while perpetuating these systems we will begin to realise our fundamental unity and we will be able (to) transcend all that is antagonistic, all that is envious, all that brings misery and conflict in the world. And it is for the disciples to do this. The disciples must transcend separation and there find that fundamental unity as Jesus told his disciples in plain unmistakable words. "Call no man your father on earth for One alone is your Father Who is in Heaven."

Do we not try to grasp Reality and by doing so try to build in our minds that competitive aggression for achievement. We try to grasp this Reality for a purpose. What for? We find that if we could only get Reality to work for us we can achieve this, we could do that, all matter of fact, bringing aggression into the soul of man for achievement. If we could only realise this Truth—that it is God who is working in us and through us, and all is well, we would find that unity taking place now and the world would change overnight. We are hypocritically righteous. By prayers and good deeds we strive for reward in heaven while at the same time we live in separation.

We strive for this unity in heaven and we pray while we live in this stupid separation that we have in our minds. Is it not ridiculous when you think about it.

We think that by constant abiding within the rules of some organization it is possible to reach some destination that we have built up in our minds as being the finality for a virtuous life. Yet all the time we maintain this constant division between man and man. *This strife, this antagonism.*

All the time we strive for achievement and when we find it we have nothing else but sand, it flows through the fingers, a thing we can never take with us. Nevertheless our achievements must go on

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through unity and understanding and I can see yet the time coming when the unity of man will build a greater civilisation. A civilisation that will be united with one purpose—to give expression to that which is within mankind, without antagonism, without fears. Then we will see the most magnificent expression of the Almighty. I think that was what John saw in Revelations.

The wise do not think in terms of division but the foolish are caught up in social and *righteous*¹ divisions of man. Those who become conscious of this division and know it to be false and stupid discard it from the mind-heart.

Naturally we have to live in particular positions and although we do hold positions, that it is not necessary that we should be antagonistic and we should look down upon other people who are in a different position. That is stupidity because as it is already said, “remember, that he may be greater in the Realm of Heaven.”

So I will always warn the individual who thinks that he is somebody while those who are in a minor position may be greater in the Realm of Heaven. And which is the best place? Hell or heaven? In fact, we are living in hell now, and I think, that if we recognise the truth that we have created it for ourselves. And heaven is a state of Consciousness where we find unity, where we find true expression of mankind.

And I am looking forward to the day, perhaps not in yours and my day, but I know it will come. It must come! It will come! It cannot do anything else but come!

But there is always those who are in the van of progress like yourselves, who think clearly and distinctly, who must be the leaders. Don't think that the world would be led by our politicians then or our leaders who at the present time know nothing at all about the Truth. Don't think that our world would be led by people who are entirely living in separation, who are antagonistic to other nations and other peoples.

You will realise that only those who have a perfect grip of this true understanding that there is no separation between man and man, there is no separation between man and God. And when you seek deeply you will find that within yourselves. I am you and you are me. I tell

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you that within me is this tremendous Truth that will always be paramount in my own consciousness—that there can be no division at all anywhere. God being Infinite in nature. There can be nothing that can divide Him. He is the Whole Truth and nothing but the Truth. Therefore I can be nothing but the Truth either. There is no division in Truth, there is nothing that can divide Truth. Therefore within ourselves lies the great and mighty power of the Wholeness of that which IS. And I believe in time as we begin to think and as progress is made through the consciousness of man he will discard all these stupid things and then the lion and lamb will lie down together. The lamb is known as the Christ of God. The lion is known as the outer man, the tiger who is always struggling and fighting. Yet the lamb overcomes the lion and they both lie down together. That is, the Inner overcomes the outer antagonisms. The antagonisms pass away and then the lamb of God is made manifest through humanity.

I know that this will come. Perhaps I may tell of visions that I have had at one time, visions that still are in my memory. But even visions are nothing. But they do give you the complete and wonderful truth of that which is to come.

When we perceive the misery and humiliation caused by this division in our material world, caused by greed and ignorance that creates leaders and followers in a world torn by separation, this perception should make us aware that neither through time, prayer or good deeds can we free the world and ourselves from the misery we ourselves create.

Our good deeds and prayers are but a form of aggrandisement for self-satisfaction, to cover up our inward poverty, and can never be satisfied with prayers and good deeds while we maintain in our mind-heart, the cause of world misery.

And it is not prayer. It is when we go to church and we find in our own hearts we still maintain these things that create world misery and we pray to a God that is unity. How terrible it is when we think that the very religion that tells you, “thou shalt not kill,” is the very religion that will bless the implements of killing. It is extraordinary where we see this stupid-ness, this double-mindedness, this dual nature that always causes strife in the world. It is only

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when the Master said, “your eye becomes single then alone would you be free.” That is to say, when you pass beyond and transcend the duality of your mind in which there is the opposites.

At one time you are told, “thou shalt not kill,” that is the commandment, and the next time you are told to kill because the State tells you, you must kill. And then the church tells you that it is quite true, it is so, it should be done. Don’t you see if there is any reason at all in your consciousness you will see how false the whole thing is that is living in the world of opposites and it is not a true religion at all.

True religion is only the completeness of everything, where there is no division, no separation. Where there is an understanding and realisation of our fundamental unity as the only basis upon which we can exist and do exist. Anything else brings tears, and unhappiness and misery to the world.

A sinner or a saint are one and the same. God is no respecter of persons. You separate the saint from the sinner and you become a hypocrite because your division remains.

What are you thinking about? Are you thinking in terms of the relative or are you really trying to realise Reality. If you are thinking in terms of the relative then you will never progress along as disciples of the Master. “Unless ye forsake your mother, your father, your sister, your brother, your wife, your husband, and your children, and even your own life you cannot be a disciple of mine.” That means, to say, you must give up all feelings of separation. All ideas of separation. Even a relative is a separation because the word relative tells you it is relative. In unity there is only One, you and I are One. Jesus, the Christ and you and I are One. I and the Father, you and me, we and them are all in the Father. That is the Master’s words.

If inspiration is drawn from another it breeds dependence and fear, and prevents understanding and puts an end to communion with Reality.

Jesus’ instructions to his disciples in Matthew 23: 8-10 “ ‘But you are not called “rabbi,” for One is your teacher, and you are all brothers; you are not to call anyone “father” on earth, for One is your heavenly Father; nor must you be called “leaders” for One is your leader, even the Christ.’ ”

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Jesus said this to his disciples after he had slated the scribes and Pharisees for posing as teachers of men.

(Matthew 23: 6-7,) ““they are fond of the best places at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues; they like to be saluted in the marketplaces and to be called “rabbi” by men.””

So he was showing his disciples the difference between the relative and the Real. But it took a long time to teach his disciples. Even the whole lot of them left him when he got into trouble. When he was taken by the soldiers in Garden of Gethsemane, they all left him and only Peter and John came behind at a safe distance. Marvellous isn't it. But it is very true.

When you have a friend, your friend's a friend forever. No matter what happens to you, that friend will be a friend. Even to lay down his life for you would be even one of the most glorious thing that he could do, because he was your friend.

Now that is what Jesus did for us because he was our friend. And I will soon see how wonderful the story progresses. How this friend of ours who is still with us and is not parted neither is he separated from us, but One with us.

The Creative Being of Reality is the only true living expression and this lies within all and is all. But when we look to others for hope and guidance we become empty and poor. We turn to books, to teachers to inspire and strengthen us and we are ever hungry ever seeking ever finding while inward poverty remains.

Reality is not realised. We look to the future while remembering the past, while the Ever-Present Reality is never realised. That Ever-Present Reality that is Now!—is never realised. It can only be in the present and never in any other time because there is no time in the Present. It is always Present! Past and future are in the Present. Your memories of the past, your hopes of the future are now at this very moment. But if you will realise that the Presence is the only Presence, present always—that is Reality.

A teacher is only a teacher when he instructs you to turn and find that which is within, a teacher is only a teacher when he directs you to Reality that is God. A teacher is only a teacher when he says, “I of mine own self can do nothing it is the Spirit of the Father within me that

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doeth the work.” A teacher is only a teacher when he directs you to the Kingdom of Heaven within, wherein lies the Creative Reality.

Therefore any other teacher will lead you astray, they will tell you what to think and how to think. But the only real teacher will tell you what is false, so you can discern the false things for yourselves and then find Reality in yourselves.

In this Creative Being alone is the silencing of conflict and sorrow. Separation and inequality will always be maintained as long as there is the high and the low, the pupil and the master, the saint and the sinner, the king and the tramp. As long as there is craving to become, there will be ignorance of the Eternal present. *The Ever-Present or the Eternal Present cannot be recognised because of the fact that your mind is caught up in becoming. Caught up in the future, caught up in virtue and sin, there is the two which are together; the Devil, the opposites. In Reality there is neither. The Reality is free. Therefore to come to Reality, your mind, must transcend all the opposites into that State of Consciousness where the Oneness dwells. And that Oneness dwells in you and me, do not forget it! The fact is that we talk about it makes it relative. But I am only talking about it to draw your attention, so that you will be able to come to your own realisation of it.* In the oneness of Reality there is completeness. In the Creative Being within there is but “One”.

There is no duality, there is no separation, there is no opposites. The opposites are in your mind. We have to transcend then the world of opposites into understanding that which is unity then we will find the fundamentals which are underlying the human race. Antagonisms are brought by the opposites, by duality. The self is the cause of all these things. The self wants to expand the self. It goes away from Reality, out from Reality, away from Reality, instead of turning back towards Reality and finding there. But the self always seeks expansion of itself in some-way or another. It is like the prodigal son, it goes away into the wilderness.

And as the prodigal son was away in the wilderness he spends his inheritance and then he comes back. He was still the son. The relationship between the father and the son never ceased, because the son went away, a stray. And when the son returned the father never

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at one time chastised him or remembered anything against him. But the father put on the best robe, the ring on his fingers, sandals on his feet, which are the three great honours. But the brother did remember. The brother was the only individual who remembered his wrong doing, not the Father. The Father could not, being perfect in himself and only One, because there was no duality in Him—there was only Reality, Perfected-ness in Him. It was in the brother where you had the opposites, the duality.

Therefore I see this, that in every soul we see this duality. It is necessary to understand it and see how false it is. Then transcend it into Reality and understand the teaching of the Master, the teaching of the Christ. Here we see the beauty of that teaching. He saw himself One and knew himself One with the Father, which is One. All he did was to express that. When Pilate asked him, “are you a King?” He said “certainly I’m a King, for that I was born, to witness unto the Truth.”

Jesus was showing the great and mighty thing that everyone born is a King in his own Kingdom of the Truth. Yes he said, “you were born in ignorance, that is the unfortunate part.”

But being born of ignorance we got to discern the ignorance in which you are born in, then we shall find the Truth? Not until we do discern this ignorance that we are born in, can we ever find the Truth. That was the Master’s teaching. What a grand wonderful person he was. He was our brother, just the same as you and me, but understanding humanity, and the weakness of humanity and also realising in his Oneness with God. He saw the error naturally and it was to correct the error that he came in man. Correct the error, the error of separation, the error of duality. “Be ye Perfect as your Father in heaven is Perfect.” Oneness.

Through awareness of the Self as “Being” in which there is no separation, in this alone is there freedom from sorrow and conflict. Remember the authority of another is binding. Only in utter freedom from opposites, only in utter freedom from separation, is the Supreme found. Then we will live in time timelessly.

In Matthew 22 Jesus again speaks in the parable of the Realm of Heaven, “ ‘the Realm of heaven,’ he said, ‘may be compared to a king who gave a marriage-banquet in honour to his son. He sent his

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servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they would not come. Once more he sent some other servants, saying, “tell the invited guests here is my supper all prepared,.... and everything is ready; come to the marriage-banquet.’ ”

Now the invited guests are those who consider themselves children of God. They go to church, they worship God. But in their mind-hearts they are antagonistic, *they do not recognise the King. They do not know this King that is one—only One, this King of all souls in the world. So they lived in separation. In verse 5, it says, “but they paid no attention and went off, one to his estate, another to his business, while the rest seized the servants and ill treated them and killed them.”*

His servants are those who reveal the Father and only the Son who knows what the Father does.

The marriage feast is symbolic of the union of the individual with the Universal. *Whenever the individual becomes aware of his Oneness with the Universal, ‘whenever the Son becomes aware of his union with the Father—there is the marriage feast,’ the marriage between the Son and the Father-Mother God. This is the banquet that he is talking about, the union of the son with the Father when the son realizes the Father as his only Father and there is none other but He, “call no man your Father on earth for one is your Father in heaven.”* Immediately the individual consciousness *becomes* aware of its oneness with the Universal the Divine marriage takes place and the feast is ready for all to partake.

Here is the most wonderful thing. What a wonderful story the Master was showing, but how few could understand his words.

Now those who were adherents of the Temple were those who believed that they were in God’s house yet in Reality had not yet attended the marriage feast. *(They could not because they had not attended the marriage feast, they would not attend the marriage feast because they could not.)* They had *their* distinctions, *their* separation, *their* antagonisms. For they killed the King’s servants. They looked upon their brothers as separate from themselves so they paid no heed to the King’s invitation to supper with Him.

So the King sent his servants into the byways to invite anyone they met to the marriage feast and in verse 10 it says, that the

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servants went out on the roads and gathered all they met, bad and good alike. Thus the marriage feast was supplied with guests, showing that *the sinner and saint alike* was entitled to the feast when clothed in proper robes.

For in verse 11 and 12 we see here the Master says, “that he sent them out and brought everyone in, no matter who they were, bad and good, all alike, anyone whatsoever come to the marriage feast.” Invitation to everyone to come to the realisation of your Oneness with God. Come into this marriage feast and recognise and see the beauty of this great wonderful thing that is taking place—the union of the Son with the Father.

In verses 11 and 12, “‘when the King came in to view his guests he saw a man that was not dressed in a wedding robe. So he said to him, “my man, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” The man was speechless.’ ”

The Robe is the Robe of Love and is the only dress one can wear to the Banquet, when the son recognises the Father and the Father recognises the son—*there can be not anything else but Love, because of the fact that the Father is Love Divine. And it is the Love of the Father and the Son united in One that creates the marriage.* In other words there can be no union between the individual and the Universal except through Love for all, for God is all.

And no matter who it is, all find their way to the marriage feast, but you must be clothed in the Robes of Love because as the Master said, “that is the nature of God and the nature of God’s Children.”

This is made very plain to us in the parable of the Prodigal Son. There was nothing remembered against him by the Father and he partook of the feast for all were merry with one another. The older son did not enter, in fact he could not enter because of his antagonism against his brother, he remembered his brother’s wrong doing while the Father did not. Therefore this is the Robe of Love we must all wear so as to attend the feast. “Forgive seven times?” *said Peter.* “Yes,” *said Jesus,* “seven times seventy times,” this means always.

For the simple reason—that your Heavenly Father holds nothing against you. Neither should you hold anything against your brother.

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To be Children of your Father in Heaven you must do as He does. As Jesus says, “what I see my Father do, I do likewise.”

This is not a lecture on ethics. It is a lecture on true Science of Living, how to get the best out of your life and how to put the best into it.

How can you ever recognise the Eternal Ever-Present unity—which is Love. Can you wear that Robe, I ask you? Ask yourselves can you wear that Robe that is necessary to attend the banquet feast of the Father and Son united as One?

Jesus was showing the ever-present Life within with which we are “One.” If the Real—the Ever-present is overshadowed by the past, there could be no realization of the Timeless the Eternal. To live in the Eternal Present there must be death to the past, and to memory, in this death there is a Timeless Renewal free from memory of the past, free from hope for the future. In this Timeless there is no separation only creative “Love.” God is Love and Love is the Eternal Creative Power behind all things. *It was Love that created you. It was Love that brought you into this world. It was Love that will sustain you and will take out of this world into the next which is here, now. The Ever-Present, you know that you are Ever-Present—that same Life existing Eternally in the Timeless.*

I am that Life. I cannot change because I am Life.

The form is not life. It is the Formless that is Life, but the Formless give rise to all form and is the Power behind form. Without the Formless the form could not exist and within the Formless all forms do exist. It is this Formless that I am aware of, that I know is Immortal. I have realised it, I know that it is true. This Love created us and unless we wear the Robe we cannot partake of the feast prepared for those who Love God and to love God we must love our neighbour. This Love is portrayed by Paul in 1 Corinthians 13 verses 4-8, Paul says, “Love is very patient, Love is very kind, Love knows no jealousy; Love makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful; Love is never glad when others go wrong, Love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient. Love never disappears.”

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Paul was a philosopher, I know, but philosophies and religions is not Reality. You do not find Reality in philosophies or religions, or organisations, or systems. You can only find Reality in yourself. And when you find that Reality you will know that Reality is yourself—your Real Self. And then duality will disappear, opposites will pass away. You will enter into the Oneness, the foundation of all humanity. That was Jesus, the Master.

Only in the death of the self is there Life. Jesus says in other words, give up your Life and you will retain it. Life has no dogma, *Life has no creed. Life has no philosophy, Life has no religion.* In seeking Life you must be free from beliefs. If you are really seeking Truth you can have no beliefs for beliefs prevent seeking. Search to understand not to know, in understanding the dual process of the *knower and the known ceases, then there is One.* He who asserts that he knows does not know.

This that I am speaking about in the relative is beyond your mind. I am aware of it in my consciousness but I know not what it is. I do not even know what my consciousness is but I know that I am aware of it and I know that Awareness gives me the awareness that that which IS—IS speaking—IS talking. It is beyond mind. I know that every thought I create exists in my mind. But a thought is not Reality, an idea is not Reality. That which I think—is not Reality. Reality is that which thinks, which knows Itself, it is beyond mind, but I am that Reality. You are that Reality too. I wish I could take you into this Conscious Awareness. Only you can find it yourselves, there lies Peace and Love, then you will not hurt anything or any person, you will only love them and Love them because God is Love.

In Matthew Chapters 22 and 23 are full of wisdom. Jesus was showing that it was the dead that feared death, the Living did not fear death. The dead are those *who* are burdened by the past, by memory, by time, (*the knower and the known again*) but for the Living the present is the Eternal. The self then must die to the Eternal, the self the maker of time must yield itself to the Timeless.

In Jesus' words (Matthew 22 verse 32) "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob? He is not a God of dead people but of living." The Sadducee put a question to Jesus verses 36-40,

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“ ‘teacher,’ *they* said, ‘what is the greatest command in the Law?’ *Jesus* replied, ‘you must love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with your whole mind. This is the greatest and *the* chief command. There is a second like it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. The whole Law and the prophets hang upon these two commands.’ ”

Previous to this, it was ‘thou shalt not do this and thou shalt not do that.’

The difference between Jesus and the prophets that came before him, was he said, “you must love your Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and all your mind. This is the greatest and chief command and the second is; you must love your neighbour as yourself.” It was not you shall do this and shall not do that. It was you must do this and you must do that. Jesus was the greatest prophet of all time. He was the prophet that Moses spoke of, “Oh Lord wont Thou raise a prophet like unto me.” His words prove that he was the greatest prophet of all time.

The proof of the Christ of God behind all individual Life is seen in verses 42 to 45, “Jesus puts a question to them. ‘tell me,’ he said, ‘what do you think about the Christ. Whose son is he?’ *This is what he said to the Pharisees and the Sadducees.* They said to him, ‘David’s.’ He said to them, ‘how is it then that David is inspired to call him Lord? The Lord said to my Lord, “sit at my right hand, till I put your enemies under your feet.” If David calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ ”

They were always working in the relative, they were living in the relative. The Sadducees, the Pharisees and everyone and every religion today is living in the relative. There is not one of them that is living in Reality. Only Jesus was the one who Lived in Reality! And they are supposed to preach him and follow in his footsteps. Yes they preach him lip-service but in his footsteps they never trod!

The Christ is no ones son on earth. My Father in Heaven, this is His command to us, “call no man your father on earth for One is your Father in Heaven.”

This was the only begotten Son of the Father, the only Lord, Lord of David, Lord of you and me, Lord of the Master himself. *This was God manifesting Himself.*

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This understanding can only come when your whole Being is deeply and silently aware. *Where beliefs have passed away. Where ideas have been put aside. Where all chattering of the mind ceases and there in the Silence there is the wakening of the Consciousness. A Realisation of Itself as the Creativeness in yourselves as the Love of God—as the Christ in you.* We do not induce this Silent Awareness nor do we compel it. But in this calm still serene unmoved state Eternal Creation remains an everlasting awareness in the individual.

That is Reality. You must find it yourselves. I am directing you towards it. And that teacher can only be a teacher when he directs you towards the Immeasurable that is within yourselves.

“...and never turn away from a wise teacher.” Prov. 19: 27.

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Those who die in their ignorance are but sleeping Sons of God.

“But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the Sons of God.”

O Thou all wise Divine, Thou art not deceived by the mockery of a prayer. Thou cannot be bribed, yet Thou art easy to move with love and sincerity for Thou art the *Foundation* of pure thought.

My dream of separation has passed and I have awakened in Thee to find all others beside me clothed in the Robe of Thy Love, O Blessed One.

* The recording starts here at this point. The *italic* verbatim text is from the actual sound recording of the Pretoria Lecture given in the Pretoria Women’s Club, 4th floor of the Sanlam Building on Tuesday night of 8th May 1951, at 7.45 pm. No recording exists of the Johannesburg lecture.

1. In the Lecture Notes the word is [*religious*] which makes better sense. Therefore it should read. “The wise do not think in terms of division but the foolish are caught up in social and religious divisions of man.”

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(Proverbs 17: 17)***

“He who believes in me believes not in me but in Him who sent me and he who beholds me beholds Him who sent me.”

These are the words of the Master, realising the truth. Meaning clearly that the Un-manifest and the Manifest are One. There can be no separation between the Manifest and the Un-manifest. There can be no separation between the Unseen and the Seen. One is but the manifestation of the other. The Un-manifest is that which is Real, the Manifest is that which is created. That which is created is in itself the effect. But that which is Uncreated is the Cause. Therefore in Reality we see that it is the Un-manifest that is Real, the Manifest is the effect of the Cause. The abstract is the Real, the relative is not Real—it is the effect.

Now if you realise this Truth again and see it clearly you will see what I mean. That you cannot separate the Un-manifest, the Uncreated from the Created. You cannot separate the Unseen from the Seen. “Therefore he who believes in me—believes not in me but in Him who sent me. And he who beholds me—beholds Him who sent me.”

There is a continual struggle going on in the world today individually and collectively. Each one is seeking security spiritually and materially. In the material sense there is a struggle to pile up wealth and possessions which only bring sorrow and conflict, and in the Spiritual there is the desire for the acquisition of virtues, in this way virtue becomes a vice. There is no security in any of these.

There is only security in the realisation of what I have told you—the Realisation of the Truth that there is but One and All is the manifestation of that One. If we will look upon the things that are

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seen and we depend upon them then we are lost on these things which are not Real. But if we begin to understand and see the great Truth, that behind everything, is that Reality that in Itself is the foundation of everything created. And in that Uncreated is the Power to create. In the Uncreated is the Power of All things, the Intelligence and the Power. Where we see that we ourselves then have our roots in the Uncreated, we have our roots in the Unseen, we have our roots in the Un-manifest. Therefore the Manifest and the Un-manifest are the same and are One. "Therefore when you have seen me you have seen the Father."

With this struggle the world becomes an arena for competitive systems of material and spiritual dominance. This dominance has created opposition quarrels and conflicts between the individual and groups, what the individual is so the world is.

Man has separated the material and spiritual and there is no separation anywhere, the one is but the expression of the other, all is of the one source, therefore division arises in the mind of man and this is the cause of struggle.

The cause of struggle is not being aware of the Source of Things.

Some people despise the materialist, they think he is not spiritual while they themselves think they are spiritual. But is the one who thinks himself spiritual any better than the one who is a materialist, they are both caught up in the same sorrow *the same* conflict.

They are still bound in their desires. They are still continually bound in their craving even if it is for material or Spiritual. The same thing—craving is craving and makes no difference if you crave for material or crave for the Spiritual. If one is as far away from you as the other then you do not know the Truth. But I know the Truth that the Un-manifest and the Manifest are the same. When you have seen me you have seen the Father.

Jesus was correct. He was the greatest man the world has ever known. His wisdom and his knowledge of the Truth surpasses any of the other prophets because he was a Prophet of prophets. And he was the prophet, of course, that Moses spoke of knowing well that the time would come when a prophet would be required into the world, as

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the world progressed, so that the world would understand the Truth. Otherwise what would happen to the world is happening today and only through the realisation of the teachings of the Master—understood, mind you! Therefore our minds must become His Mind, our desires must become His Desires, our love must become His Love and then we will find the Truth here and now.

Wherever there is craving there is not understanding. Some crave material things through the aid of Spiritual means, some crave the Spiritual through form and ritual. This craving is merely limitation and frustration. They look to the future while bound by the past and miss the ever-present Reality which is the only security and freedom.

If then we see clearly these great Truths; how easy it is for us to transcend all these things and live free from worry, free from tribulation, trials, free from antagonisms, free from doubt, free from all these things that injure the mind and body of man.

So wherever there is craving—there is not understanding, whether the craving is for Spiritual or material. And some crave material things through the aid of Spiritual means, how often do we see this. Is that the true teachings of Truth—of course its not! That is nonsense. If you desire anything then it is the desire itself that brings forth the thing—not Reality! The fulfilment of desire is the desire itself, but that is not a Reality and that is not Real. To know Reality you will find everything and you will never struggle, there is no need for struggle.

So some crave the material, the Spiritual through form and ritual, this craving is merely limitation and frustration. And how many people look to the future while bound by the past. If you are bound by the past and you look to the future or your mind is caught up in the past—there is conflict, this is sorrow. And by doing so you miss the Ever-present Reality, that Reality that is now and is your only security and your only freedom, there can be none other. It is this that the Master knew and it is these things that the Master knew that I am trying to show you clearly. Because the Master’s mind I feel often when I come in here and I feel the Master’s mind in my mind are One. His thoughts seem to be given expression through my mind and I know very often that it is true.

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A person may crave for health but recognises disease. A person craves *for* success but recognises failure. The mind is the cause of opposites which lead to conflict and frustration. Even the denial of your troubles does not eliminate them for this is not understanding. Only by understanding can these opposites be dissolved, and with them craving and conflict and frustration goes.

When we become aware that we ourselves are the creators of our own conflict and sorrow we will begin to dissolve the cause. But when we are imprisoned we will still be ignorant of the cause, *because we are caught up in the effect and that is the prison*. When only we are out of prison can we discern the Light and the prison is of our own making, bound by tradition, dogmas, creeds, ignorant of the Ever-present Presence. *Oh! What a wonderful thing it is to know that this Ever-present Presence is always with us. As I am talking about it now these words of mine make it relative. It is the only way of expressing myself therefore but in your own hearts you will know that you are alive and Living. Your Living now is the means of the Presence and it is proof that the Ever-present Presence is always present and that Living will go on continuously.*

If you will recognise then that in Life, Consciousness dwells and is the director in all things. You will see then that whatever you are consciously aware of so it is done unto you. You become aware then of your own consciousness, you become aware of your own creativeness, and you become aware of that which has given you the power to create which always remains with you. That is the great Truth that Jesus said, "he who believes in me, believes not in me but in Him who sent me and he who beholds me, beholds Him who sent me." It is only when we become aware that we are the creators of our own prison can we break down these walls.

Being prisoners we are perpetually concerned with what is Truth? What is Light? What is God? In the intensity of our suffering we try to imagine what is Truth, what is God, what is freedom, *without thinking*, without knowing the cause of our suffering we only bring the Idea of Truth, the Idea of God or freedom into our prison. *We are still prisoners and therefore we cannot escape until we become aware of the cause of the prison in which we are in.* What we must do is to rid the mind of

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opposites so that we no longer struggle with opposites: health-disease, success-failure, virtue-sin, spiritual-material, good-evil, God-*and* the devil *etc.*, *etc.*

We must live in the present without struggle without limitation, without fear of the past or for the future. The Living Presence is the Eternal Life in you *now*, but we will never know it if we are bound by opposites.

If your mind is taken up with fear and faith, your mind is taken up with health and disease, well these things do not exist in the Presence.

Oh! My God when I see and realise this Truth of the Presence. That the self is free from all of these opposites and I am that Presence and can become aware of the fact. The Power of Reality flows through my whole system. My mind becomes clear, my consciousness aware, my body filled with the Truth and Life. I become free from all these things. There is no longer fear of a past or fear for the future because the Living Presence is always present and is the Eternal Life now! I am that Life!

“I am that Life,” the Master said. What he said—he said for us. What he did—he did for us. What he showed—he showed for us.

He fulfilled the Will of the Father so that everything he did you will see was completely meant to lead the children of God into the Truth of the Everlasting Life. Whatever he did you will see that he neither condemned those who injured him but asked forgiveness. You will see that he never spoke one word of hate but he submitted to everything knowing that there was a Greater Power and he showed this Greater Power. We will see as we follow along in his footsteps and we see all he did was truly the Will of the Father.

Pure thought is only possible when all illusions have been discerned. Then there is no mental effort needed to realize the resident Cosmic Power within our mind and body. *There is when we concentrate on things.* The Cosmic Presence is ever-present and therefore must be the only Reality. “He that cometh to God must know that He is.” It is when we look away from the Living Presence, this Indwelling Intelligence to look upon appearances as reality, we get lost in illusion.

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It is when we look away from the Living Presence—see the Living Presence. I see it in you and you see it in me. There can be nothing else because it is a Living Presence that gives you this Living Presence now, which will be Eternal and is Eternal.

So it is when we look away from the Living Presence, this Indwelling Intelligence to look upon appearance as a reality, we get lost in illusion.

The Presence is complete in Itself and is the Creative Power in you and me. We do not realize the Presence by living only on carrots and turnips, nor *do* we realize it by going round in rags, nor *do* we realize it by sitting on the mountain-top. Only by the discernment of all that is false can this Living Presence, this Creativeness be realized.

The realization of the Living Presence as your own Creative Power is so effective when thoroughly understood, that it removes all fear, craving and limitation from the mind. When the cause of fear, craving and limitation is dissolved through understanding Reality takes its place.

Reality is there always waiting to take its place. It is only the “I” that prevents it. It is the ego-self that is continually holding back this Ever-Presence. The ego-self, the “I”.

Therefore as Jesus said clearly and distinctly, “unless you give up your life you shall lose it, but if you give up your life you shall retain it.” That is to say clearly in modern language and words—is to give up the self and all the self stands for and then you will retain that Self, but from a different point of view. You will retain the Self that is behind the self.

No one can describe the “Indescribable” but you will know if you are burdened with illusions, false beliefs, cravings, which create opposites and prevent understanding. You will readily see that these hindrances are preventing the true expression of the “Indescribable.” It is not what God is but that He is and His Presence must be realized not as separate from oneself but the greater Self and which is behind every other self as well.

This is what the Master saw and did, he knew these words, now you can realise what his words mean “I and the FATHER are ONE.”

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The Presence can, only be understood when we do not compare judge or condemn. The continual renewal of the mind by the Spirit can only be done when there is no birth or death or memory of the past. *Listen to me—if I Live in the Presence of God now, then I know no past, I know no future, because I am Living in Eternity. This must be realised by yourselves, I wish I could give you this realisation in my hand, but even written words will not give it to you. Yes, even Jesus said, “you search the scriptures and you think you find eternal life you make a mistake.” Meaning to say you cannot find Eternal Life in the word or in the scriptures—you can only find it in yourselves.* In comprehending the past there must be no distinction in the present, no disturbance, that prevents renewal of the Spirit—the Ever-present Presence.

If there is a disturbance in your mind reference the past then you will never know the Presence. There is no disturbance in the Presence. The disturbance is in your mind. If your mind is disturbed how can you observe the Presence—that is Eternal, Calm and Peaceful. Even the wind creates the waves on the sea surface, in the depth there is silence and peace. If the mind then is troubled with a past, how can you understand the Ever-present Presence—that is, Eternal and Ever-present.

It is so extraordinary to think and know a few have grasped this great Truth. How many minds are troubled by the past. Can you understand then the Presence of God that is Eternal and All-powerful, Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Omniscience, All-Knowledge, All-Wisdom, All-Power and Ever-present, present Everywhere. Can you understand the very depth of this Great Power that is within you. If you are then ruffled on the surface if your mind caught up in the past, if your mind is troubled—know there is peace only in the stillness of the mind can the Realisation of the Presence in yours or mine.

When the mind is saddled with memory pregnant with scars of experiences the mind is ever giving continuity to its own scars and conditioning the present, this is binding the Self and there can be no renewal until this is discerned. When we live fully, experiences do not leave traces behind, for the present is Eternal, free and unconditioned.

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We will see how clearly this is out-portrayed in the parable that we will cover tonight—the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

How can a mind that is conditioned understand the unconditioned, that is beyond all value, beyond all comparisons. How can a mind that is divided understand that which is not divided? How can a mind caught up in beliefs understand that which has no belief? How can a mind that is caught up in separation, tradition, right and wrong, good and bad, high or low understand that (in) which these things do not exist.

How can you understand that in which these things do not exist if you are caught up in them. Surely this truth is the only Truth. I am putting to you in modern language the Masters teachings

In Luke 14 verse 26 (Eastern text), “he who comes to me and does not put aside his father, and his mother, and his brothers, and his sisters, and his wife, and his children, and even his own life, he cannot be a disciple to me.”

This verse has created a lot of difficulty to many but when we see what Jesus is explaining we see the wonderful truth. Mother, father, sister, brother and the self is limitation and separation. Unless we put aside then this separation which we cling to we can never be disciples of the Christ. To me this is one of the most profound statements of the Master. *Because the Christ is greater than all these. The Christ is that which is in everyone of us.*

Unless we can put everything aside so that we can see the Christ clearly and distinctly without separation, without distinction then we can be no disciples of the Master.

“Salt is good; but if the salt lose its savour, with what can it be salted?” *Jesus meant the Spirit is all, but if we divide it in our minds it has lost its value to us, with what then can you restore its value?*

Nothing. You cannot restore that value unless you comprehend and discern what you are doing and immediately remove the falseness then you will find that Reality is there.

In Luke 15: 1-3 it states, “then the publicans and sinners drew near to him to hear him. And the scribes and Pharisees murmured, saying, he receives even the sinners and eats with them. So Jesus told them this parable,...” the parable of the shepherd and his sheep.

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This parable is better portrayed in fewer words in Matthew 18: 12-14, “tell me if a man has a hundred sheep and one of them strays, will he not leave the ninety-nine sheep on the hills and go in search of the one that has strayed? And if he happens to find it, I tell you he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that a single one of these little ones should be lost.”

Here is a wonderful Truth. Know there is none lost!

This lesson the Master showed here is that the fold is one fold and not one can be lost, even if one is astray the good Shepherd shall find it and take it back into the fold so that the fold may be complete, again Jesus shows that there can be no separation in the Father’s house in which we all live. The only separation is in our own minds and it is this that prevents the Wholeness from manifesting through us.

Now we come to the most beautiful parable of all and we can gather the true meaning of the Master’s words only when we have dissolved away all separation, all hate, envy, self-righteousness or righteous anger, which is an absurdity.

People say, “that I am righteously angry.” There is no such thing as righteous anger. It is a fool that says these things. Anger is a lack of understanding, a lack of wisdom. No matter what kind of anger it may be—it is the same thing. Its only an excuse because you are angry.

Luke 15 verses 11-32 (Moffatt’s translation), “he also said: (12) ‘There was a man who had two sons, and the younger said to his father, “father, give me the share of the Property that falls to me.”’ So he divided his means among them. (13) Not many days later, the younger son sold off everything and went abroad to a distant land, where he squandered his means in loose living. After he had spent his all, a severe famine set in throughout that land, and he began to feel in want; (15) so he went and attached himself to a citizen of that land, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. (16) And he was fain to fill his belly with the pods the swine were eating; no one gave him anything. (17) But when he came to his senses, he said, “how many hired men of my father have more than enough to eat, and here

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am I, perishing of hunger! (18) I will be up and off to my father, and I will say to him, “father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; (19) I don’t deserve to be called your son any more; only make me, like one of your hired men.” (20) So he got up and went off to his father. But when he was still far away, his father saw him and felt pity for him and ran and fell upon his neck and kiss him. (21) The son said to him, “father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I don’t deserve to be called your son any more.” (22) But the father said to his servants, “quick, bring the best robe and put it on him, give him a ring for his hand and sandals for his feet, (23) and bring the fatted calf and kill it, let us eat and be merry; (24) for my son here was dead and *now* he comes to life, he was lost and he is found.” So they began to make merry. (25) Now the elder son was out in the field, and as he came near the house he heard music and dancing; (26) so summoning one of the servants, he asked what this meant. (27) The servant told him, “your brother has arrived, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” (28) This angered him, and he would not go in. His father came out and tried to appease him; (29) but he replied, “look at all the years I have been serving you! I never neglected any of your orders, and yet you (have) never given me so much as a kid, to let me make merry with my friends. (30) But as soon as this son of yours arrives, after wasting your means with harlots you kill the fatted calf for him!” (31) The father said to him, “my son, you and I are always together; all I have is yours. (32) We could not but make merry and rejoice for your brother here was dead and he has *now* come to life again, he was lost but he is found.’ ”

Now verses 11 and 12 show that the father did not hesitate to give his son his share when he asked. Verse 13 shows the son gathering all together and going away to a foreign land. The foreign land is separation and he spends all his inheritance, (*In this state of separation that we are now in at this present time.*) After spending all there is a famine and he feels the want. He feels the pangs of separation. The absolute void of the heart which has sacrificed everything for pleasure and which has left *him* nothing but suffering. Verse 15, and he was sent into the field to feed the swine, this work being the lowest possible

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degradation to a Jew, *was to feed swine*. Verse 16, and his hunger *his* (unsatisfied desire), *because no desire can be satisfied while you are in separation. There is always the inward poverty through lack of understanding of the Ever-Presence. And his hunger and his unsatisfied desire* would make him eat even the swine’s food and nobody cared anything about him, whether he starved or died.

This is the world of the jungle, *that we are in now, this very moment*, no one cares about anyone in a life of separation, it is everyone for himself. *Is that not so?!! Can you tell me that it is any different?*

Yes, it was just as bad now as it was at that time when Jesus spoke these words. And he spoke knowing the conditions just as we are seeing the same conditions today.

Verse 17, he came to himself, came to his senses and returned to a healthy state of mind.

Verse 18, his sin, his life in separation, had not destroyed the relationship to his Father.

That no matter what he did in the world of separation he was still a Living Being because the Spirit of God still lived in him and gave him Life, gave him Consciousness—has given you consciousness and life now. The Father can never be separated from you in anyway whatsoever—it is HE Himself who is Living in you. Therefore his separation, his degradation, his sense of sin never destroyed the relationship between himself and his Father.

Verse 19, repentance complete.¹

He said, “I shall go.” He feels the repentance. He casts the burden. He frees himself from the burden and he begins to return. Begins to see the Truth of the only Living Being.

Verse 20, return to his father, return to his realization of the unlimited state of his father’s house. His father recognised him at once and went to greet him, the father welcomed him before he had time to make his confession, the father knows what is in *your* heart. *If your heart is full of Love then you have entered the Fathers House, As you saw the other night, the robe in which the man was not dressed in, the Robe of Love. ‘How did you get in here my man and the man was speechless.’ So is everyone else speechless if they*

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do not have the Robe of Love! That is the only protecting Robe that there can ever be, because the Father is Love. So here we see the love of the father. The father welcomed him before he had time to make his confession. The father knows what is in his heart so he put his arms around his neck and kissed him. This is the recognition of union. The two together in that kiss of embrace and the two become One—that is Love.

Verse 21, the son said, “I have strayed from thy sight and am not worthy.”

Verse 22, before the son could finish the father said, “bring forth (quickly) at once the best robe and put it on him, a ring on his hand and shoes on his feet”—complete. These three are the three marks of honour (this is also upheld in the higher degrees of masonry today.)

Verse 23, the fatted calf, the one that is kept for a great occasion.

Verse 24, lost in separation, now found in unity dead to the truth now living in the Eternal Ever-present—the Father.

Verses 25-32, these verses rebuke the murmurings of the Pharisees. *“Now the elder brother, son, was out in the field and he came near the house and he heard music and dancing. So summoning one of his servants he asked, ‘what is this meant?’ The servant told him, ‘your brother has arrived and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound!’ This angered him and he would not go in. His father came out and tried to appease him. But he replied, ‘look all these years I have been serving you I’ve never neglected any of your orders and yet you have never given me as much as a kid to let me make merry with my friends, but as soon as this son of yours arrives after wasting your means with harlots, you kill the fatted calf for him.’ The father said to him, ‘my son, you and I are always together, all I have is yours. We could not but make merry, rejoice, for your brother here was dead and he has come to life again. He was lost but he is found.’”*

Is that not what the churches are today, denying! They do not look upon dancing and music as a means of frivolity, that is wrong. But Jesus rebukes the Pharisees for their stupid hypocrisy, their irreligious religion. Is it not the same today that this irreligious religion is

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paramount. Why people look upon things as evil. Don't you see that they are living in separation, that's why they always cry about the devil, because they are living in separation and separation is the devil. And wherever you see separation and wherever you see the devil there is denial of the Absolute God, because if you accept the devil is a reality then you deny the Absolute God. Jesus was rebuking the Pharisees for their stupid irreligious religion.

Verses 25-28, the elder brother who attends to his religious duties is angered by his brother's return to the house, especially when he heard the great merriment and laughter. He would not go in, in fact he could not go in being bound in separation and was even a greater sinner being a hypocrite. But the father treats both sons alike.

The hypocrite and the sinner both alike. One who thought he was spiritual was the hypocrite but the sinner was even more honest because he said, "I shall go back to my father and in my father house I shall find this and that."

Verses 29-31, shows the jealousy of the elder brother. Is it not the same today? Here the father shows his relationship, "son you and I are always together all I have is yours."

Verse 32, shows the true relationship of "**your brother**" here he was dead, now alive, was lost now found. *Your brother.*

This parable I have mentioned many times in different ways, yet only can we grasp its true meaning when we have discerned, our own shortcomings, our jealousy, *our* envy, *our* greed, separation and all that hinders the Father doing his work in us.

In moments of great creativeness are moments of great beauty, in which there is *a* deep undisturbed composure. In these moments there is complete absence of the self, with all its conflicts. In this is the highest form of thought-feeling from the heart-mind that has found peace in Wholeness. Having once experienced this living stillness one must not cling to the memory *of it* for this prevents further experience of Reality. *How many times that we have reached this Stillness and we try to recapture it again. We try to memorise it and hold the memory of it. That is wrong! There are greater vistas. Greater because of the Presence that is Ever-present. It is not the memory of that experience that is necessary but the Realisation of the Presence that is Ever-present. Then these*

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experiences will come more and more into your lives. We must become deeply aware of that which hinders the expression of this Living Stillness only in utter simplicity when all craving has ceased is the Bliss of the Living Presence realized, “unless ye become as a little child ye shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.”

The Kingdom of Heaven is the Kingdom of the Realisation of Truth. The King and his Kingdom. Pilate said to Jesus, “you are a king?” He said, “yes, I was born a king, that is why I was born a King to witness unto the Truth.” Everyone is born a King to witness unto the Truth of the Kingdom. And everyone is a King in their own Kingdom—the Kingdom of Heaven. But only when you become as a little child shall you enter that Kingdom. When you have discerned and put everything away—there is left the Reality that is Real, the only Reality—the Ever-Presence of God in you and me.

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Father-Mother O’Mine, I have learned that all that is Thine is mine.

I perceive Thee in all my joyous activities.

Thy Silent Voice cheers me while I work and play.

While I am awake, sleeping or dreaming Thy Presence is always with me.

In every heart throb, in every breath it is Thy Presence that lives.

Thy beauty is beyond description, Father-Mother O’Mine.

* The recording starts here at this point. The *italic* verbatim text is from the actual sound recording of the Pretoria Lecture given in the Pretoria Women’s Club, 4th floor of the Sanlam Building on Tuesday night of 15th May 1951, at 7.45 pm. (The actual lecture was given during a severe thunderstorm. The 4th floor being the top floor, the rain pelted the metal roof above and this is reflected on the sound recording.) No recording exists of the Johannesburg lecture.

1. In the Lecture Notes the full verse is: “*Verse 19, Repentance complete, casting the burden.*”

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Understanding the great truth of our unity, gives rise to the recognition of an interior power which is beyond our intellect beyond our reason.

When we realise our unity then there is the recognition of an interior Power which is beyond our reason. A Power that is beyond our intellect. A Power that which we talk about but yet do not know. A Power which we speculate about but we do not know what It is.

We can make intellectual statements that clear the way for Its recognition, yet Itself is a Living Power and not a mere statement of such a power. *I am alive and living, my only Reality is my Livingness, nothing else. Nothing else comes.* No statement about a thing is the thing itself and it is this that I want you to see clearly. What is in the mind is relative. Reality is behind the mind.

Therefore we can speculate, we can talk about this thing, we can make intellectual statements in regard to it which will clear the way for its recognition, but the statements we make regarding this thing is not the thing itself. Therefore I may talk about my life, unity, God, and all these things but that is a mere statement and not Reality. If you can begin to grasp this great Truth you will get behind your mind and there you will grasp the great significance of the Unity of God and man.

The Master pointed this out very clearly when he said, “search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have everlasting Life and they are which testify of me. You make a mistake.” He said, in effect you suppose that the reading of a book can in itself confer life. What your Scriptures do is to make statements that which “I am.” Realise what these statements mean and you will see in me the living example of the Living Truth.

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And seeing this we will seek for the same thing in ourselves. The disciple when perfected will be as his Master. Thus we find that the building power of the Universe is the same Spiritual faculty which is (re)produced in the individual and by which the whole creation exists. *Otherwise you could not exist because God is Infinite in nature.*

The very life that is in the body is in no way separated from the totality of all Life in the Universe that is One. Unless we begin to realise these things, these intellectual statements, these statements of Truth clear the way for your Realisation of this Truth. It is only through your Realisation that the Truth can come to you and not by my words. Not by the Bible, not by any book, but through the Living expression of that Livingness that is in you, being your very selves in the recognition of it that it is not separated in any way from the totality of the Whole Universe, God being Infinite in Nature.

That statement is then complete in itself, but yet it is not the Truth, it is not the thing itself—it is a statement about that thing. But if you will seek behind your mind and there find that that IS. There is the glory of the Truth. There lies the magnificent thing that Jesus saw when he became Jesus Christ.

The purpose of our intellectual statements is to remove mental obstacles that hinder true expression, so that this supreme innermost power will work in accordance with the conscious realization on the part of the individual.

It is the same Living Power that is behind all humanity and our Spiritual evolution depends on Its activity in us, which can only result from the conscious realization and intelligent use of the Law pertaining to It.

And that Law is the Law of Love where the self is obliterated, where the self disappears. When Love comes into your mind-heart the self disappears completely and there is nothing but Love that is the true state of the Father in you. You may find spells of it in your own life, then it goes, it comes again, and it goes. But as you actually become aware of It, not aware of it in the sense as something external to yourself but become aware of that which is behind everything the self then disappear into nothingness. That is why if you then Love with your heart truly you will find that the self disappears. The Law

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pertaining to God is that—that the self must be eliminated so that that which is behind the self—the glorious Completeness of the whole Infinite Life may be given expression through that individual who becomes aware.

The recognition of the Innermost Creative Power must be preceded by a purified and enlightened intellect which makes the individual, you and me, the Temple of the Living God. This can only be done when we see that there is no separation except in man’s mind and this ignorance must be destroyed by the Truth seen through an enlightened intellect. Then the realization of the Divine Presence will be a fact, and the individual Divine Presence will also be a fact. Jesus saw that he was the reproduction of all the principles which give rise to the manifested Universe. “I am in the Father and the Father is in me.”¹

Here was the complete Realisation of the totality of all the principles which the Father held in Himself and had given to the Son so that the very Life of the Father was granted to the Son.

So we see then, ‘I am in the Father and the Father is in me.’ But it must not be a platitude, it must not be a mere statement, it must be a Realisation of this Truth. As Jesus said, “you listen to the Word, but listening to the Word is nothing it is being able to act on the Word, able to realise the great Truth behind the Word. So that the Word of God which was in the beginning, that very Word was God, was with God and the same Word was made flesh.”

Thus we see that the Universal Mind can inspire the individual mind and it was through this method that the builders inscribed the Pyramid with correct knowledge of the Universal Law.

The Bible tells us that Moses was inspired to reproduce the Tabernacle, the symbolic representation of the Universal Truths, *the Inner and the outer*. The same truths received a more permanent symbolization in Solomon’s Temple.

What I am going to say now is taken from the Bible. Do not think that I am going to give away any secrets of Masonry. Remember because to me there are no such thing as secrets. But the fact is, that we who are Masons, and I give several lectures in Johannesburg to some of the Masonic Lodges there on the real truth of Masonry. When I talk about

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these things now, I am not giving away any particular secrets of Masonry when I speak of these things. But I am going to let you into the great secret that is behind Masonry. The great secret that most Masons do not know or understand because they have not yet to grasped the inner meaning of what it really means. Most Masonic Lodges are but mouth-pieces that express parrot fashion what they read and yet they do not understand what is behind it all. The tragedy of it to my way of thinking is terrible.

There are two pillars² set up by Solomon at the entrance of the Temple, one on the right hand called Jakin and one on the left called Boaz, 1st Kings 7: 21. What then do they signify? The English “J” stands for the oriental “Y” and the name Jakin is therefore Yakin which is a vigorous expression of the word “Yak” *which means “One.” One whole*, thus signifying the principle of unity as the foundation of all things.

The mathematical elements throughout the Universe are evolved from the “One” and resolved themselves again into “One.” This mathematical element is not the Living Life, but only the recognition of what the Life gives rise to. To balance the mathematical element we need the vital element, therefore the pillar Jakin is balanced by the pillar Boaz which means “Voice”. The Voice is symbolic of the Living Expression of the Creative Power *or the Creator Himself*. The word was *with God and the word was God and the Word was made flesh and there was not anything that came into being except through Him*.

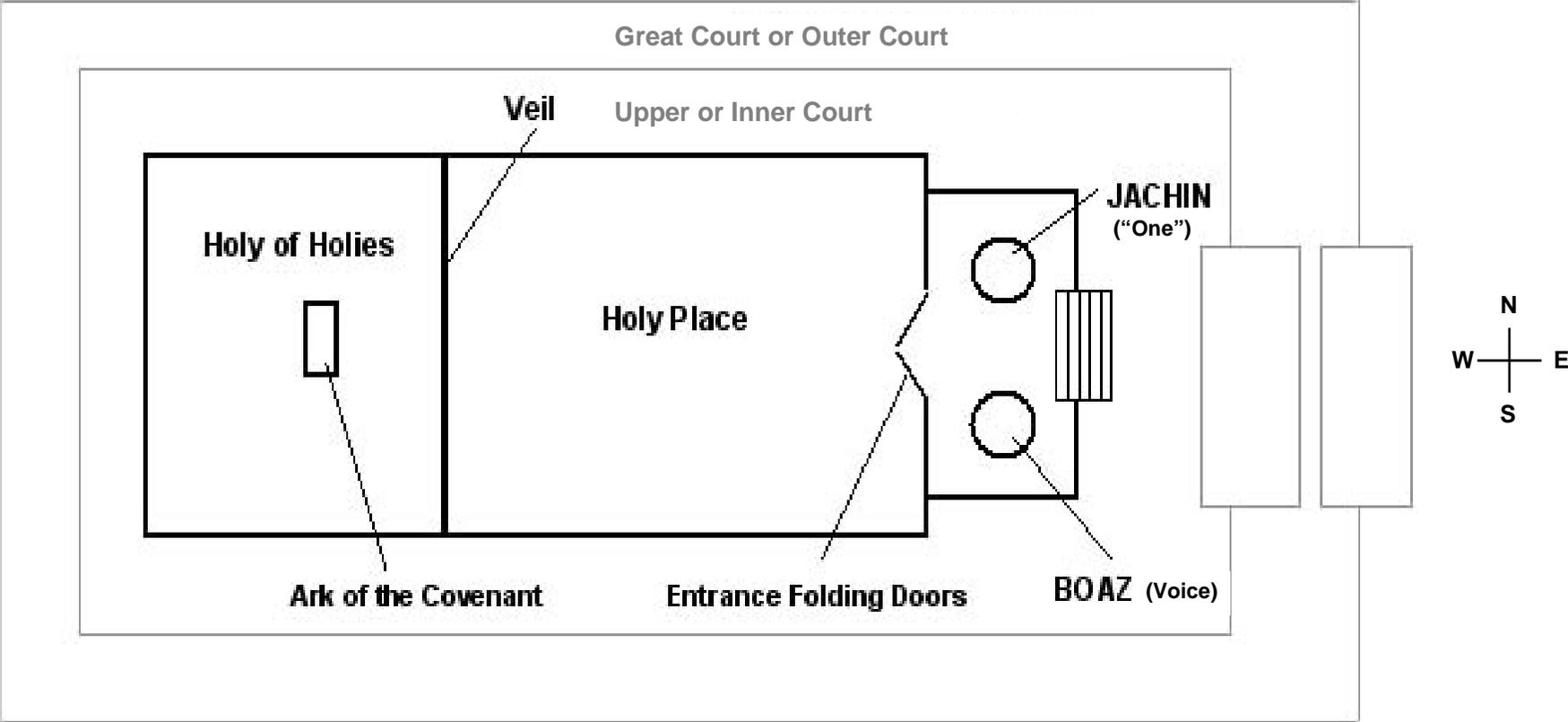
So we see the hidden Truths behind the Pillars of Solomon. One Jakin and the other Boaz. Voice is symbolic of the Living expression of the Creative Power. The Word that was in the beginning and that very Word that was with God and God was that Word. So you see, God was that Word in the beginning which in Itself was the Cause of every created thing. And out of One came all the elements and all these elements dissolve back again into the One. And no-one can pass through into the Temple of the Living God except (those) who truly understand that which is behind the two Pillars of the Temple of Solomon.

The meaning is significant for one can only enter through these two pillars into the Temple, whether it be the temple symbolic of the Cosmos or the individual, the Temple of the Living God.

It was this that Jesus revealed as the Living Temple of God. He said, “destroy this Temple and I will raise it up in three days.” The

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symbolic representation of the "Temple of the Living God"



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Pharisees thought he was talking about the Synagogue but he was talking about this Temple of the Living God which is the only Temple. And the Temple of Solomon was a representation of the Temple of the Living God. And all these things; the Pyramid, and the Tabernacle of Moses, the Temple of Solomon, and all these things were just representation of this Living Temple—the Temple of the Living God. And yet how few understand.

I am amazed to think that my brother Masons are so far behind the real Truth behind Masonry. But the only thing that eventually will come into the world—is the Truth. That Truth that is behind the Temple of Solomon, the Tabernacle of Moses, the Pyramid of Egypt, as representation of the Temple of the Living God.

This is the narrow way that leads us into the building not made with hands, within which all the mysteries will be unfolded before us in a regular order of succession. “He that climbs in some other way is a thief and a robber,” and brings punishment upon himself.

The meaning is clear, the way is not through dogmas or creeds or churches or priests but through *the unity of Life*, which is the Christ within.

And only through the Christ within is the Gateway to the Father, and here is the Living Temple in which the Christ dwells.

The opening of these inner mysteries is not for the gratification of mere curiosity or for material gain as most people desire. It is for the increasing of our Life-giving in Love and Compassion and this can only be done when we have found the secret locked in our own hearts.

Most people are trying in truth to corner the Infinite for their own benefit, so that the Infinite will give them this and that—they are living in separation. It is, ‘seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and the right use of that Kingdom, All things shall be added unto you.’ Because why? Because most truth students today are living in lack. Their mind is full of lack. All the time they want something because they lack something. Is that Truth? That is division, that is living in the mind of opposites where you have one idea battling with another.

The opening up of these inner mysteries is not for the gratification of mere curiosity or for material gain as most people desire. It is for the increasing of our Life-giving in Love and Compassion and this can only be done when we have found the secret locked in our own hearts.

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Find this secret! ‘Then seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and the right use of that Kingdom in the heart and mind, All things shall be added unto you.’ Therefore you do not care because you are Complete. Then there is no lack, there is no wanting.

All the time people are trying to corner the Infinite or corner the Truth because they are wanting something.

I do not know how people are so stupid as to follow that rubbish, but they do. That is why I do not want anybody of that type in here that are searching always wanting the Truth because they want material gain because they are continually lacking something and the Truths going to give them that.

Jesus the Christ was the example. Look to him.

In John 9: 22 it states, “Then came the festival of Dedication at Jerusalem; it was winter, and Jesus used to walk inside the temple, in the portico of Solomon.”

Jesus must have been well versed in the knowledge revealed in Solomon’s Temple, for he was a prophet of the highest degree and all prophets were versed *in* such things. So in John 10: 1-5 he says, “truly, truly I tell you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs up somewhere else, is a thief and a robber; he who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice; he calls his sheep outside, he goes in front of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice; they will not follow a stranger, they will run from him, because they know not the voice of strangers.” *Strangers to the Truth.*

Verse 2, this means the Christ of God is the Shepherd. Verse 3, the gatekeeper is the Father—calls his sheep by name means that each and everyone is known to God. *Because He Himself created you in Himself and He Lives in you. God knows you by name. He is the Only Living Being there IS—there is none other.*

Verse 4, they know his voice, they know the Christ *within*, any other is a stranger which they will not follow. *Only follow the Christ.* They will turn from him, *they* will turn from those who preach separation and they know not this voice of the stranger, *it is the goats that follow separation.* Anyone who lives in separation is a stranger. Jesus was speaking to the Pharisees for they were strangers to the Christ of God, because they taught tradition and rote.

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Is it not the same today? We worship God, at the same time, we support killing the sons and daughters of God. Are all worshippers not hypocritical?

In verse 9 Jesus says, “I am the Gate; whoever enters by me will be saved, he will go in and out and find pasture,” meaning that when the Christ is found all things are possible. *Because there is no separation in the Christ—there is only Completeness.* Verse 10, “the thief only comes to steal, to slay, and destroy: I have come that they may have life and have it *in full.*” This verse denotes the binding of the individual through ritual and dogma which leads man away from the unity of God and man through separation. *But the Christ of God is the fullness of Life in us all. Where do you find the Christ? Not hanging on the Cross! That was the symbol. That same Christ who lives today is alive as He was alive in Jesus so He is alive in you and me. It was this that Jesus came to show us.* Verse 11, “I am the good shepherd; a good shepherd lays down his own life for the sheep.” The Christ gives all. Verses 12 and 13, “the hired men who are not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, deserts them when he sees the wolf coming; runs away leaving the wolf to tear and scatter them, just because he is a hired man and has no interest in the sheep.

Christ is the only one who has the interest really in humanity.

How easy it is for the individual to run (when) danger comes. We do not face up to the Truth. Christ was crucified, Jesus was crucified for the Truth. But that Truth is the only Truth that will set us free.

Jesus was referring to the Pharisees as the hired men who preach the Gospel, he accused them of teaching rote and tradition and not the truth of the Christ of God. *The only Living Principle in humanity.*

Mark 7 verse 6, “yes it was about you hypocrites indeed that Isaiah prophesied!—as it is written, the people honour me with their lips, but their hearts *are* far away from me; vain is their worship of me, for the doctrines they teach are but human precepts.”

That is the Masters words taken from Isaiah because he was a student of the scriptures and understood them.

And In Isaiah 29: 13, “since, this people draw near me with their mouth,” says the Eternal, “honouring me with their lips, while their hearts are far remote; since their religion is a mockery, a mere tradition learned by rote....” This is what Jesus was referring to.

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John 10: 14, “I am the good shepherd, I know my sheep and my sheep know me (just as the Father knows me and I know the Father)”
“I and the Father are one.”

What a tremendous Truth. He had Realised the Great Truth, it was not an intellectual statement, it was the Realisation Itself of the Living Power. Not a mere statement of such a Power. A statement about this Power is not the Power itself. Jesus was giving the Truth so that those who could understand are capable of understanding the Truth could Realise It.

Verse 16, “I have other sheep, too, which do not belong to this fold; I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice; so it will be one flock one shepherd,” this verse is very beautiful it signifies (that) all nations, all peoples will eventually listen to the voice of the Christ within. *So that all be one flock, one shepherd, the Christ of God. Freedom for all mankind.*

Jesus was talking then because the Jewish people at that time thought they were the chosen people and he was talking to his own people—the Jews, when he said, “I have other sheep to which do not belong to this fold, I must bring them also that they will listen to my voice so they will be one flock and one shepherd. All nations, all peoples.

Verse 17, “this is why my Father loves me, because I lay down my life to take it up again.” This means that there is no death and those who believe in the Christ the Son of God have eternal Life now. *They have passed across from death to Life.*

Verse 18, “no one takes it from me, I lay it down of my own accord: I have power to lay it down and also power to take it up again;...” showing that the Life in the Father is in the son and this Life being eternal is manifesting in the Son, therefore the Father and the Son are united in Eternal Life. *Jesus words, how clear, how perfect, how wonderful in there explanation of that which is beyond the mind, which is beyond the mental comprehension. Yes, it is only when you reach that State then there is Realisation of this Truth and by It all is possible.*

In laying down his own life, that is the personal life, he takes it up again universally as Gods Life. And everyone must do the same. It is the self that stands in the way. The ego-self is always going away from the self, it stands in the way of the Realisation of the Greater Self. The Universal Life and the individual Life are one and

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the same. *The life in me is in no way separated from the Life of the Universe. Is in no way separated from the totality of all Life in you, in the angels in Heaven, everywhere.*

The Master was trying to show these Truths. He was trying to make his disciples realise them but they could not completely realise them. There can be no separation for it is the, “One” Life. Verse 30, “I and the Father are one.”

The fulfilment of the Masters words, said previously, he fulfilled them and clinched them in six small words, “I and the Father are One.”

Verse 31, “the Jews again caught up stones to stone him. (32) Jesus replied, “I have let you see many a good deed of the Father; for which of them do you mean to stone me?” The Jews retorted, “we mean to stone you, not for a good deed, but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, make yourself God.” Jesus answered “is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? If the Law said that they *are* gods, to whom the word of God came—the scriptures cannot be broken—do you mean to tell me, whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘you are blaspheming’ because I said, ‘I am God’s Son’?”

Here he was trying to show, that if we could only realise it, that they were all Sons of God. There could be nothing else.

But because they lived in separation their father was a father of lies—the devil. And he told them straight, “Yes, your Father is the devil, because you want to kill. It is only the devil that wants to slay and destroy—The Christ builds up!” The Christ is the Source of Life! The devil is the source of death, but death does not exist in Life. Death is but a myth an illusion in the mind of man. Therefore the devil is a liar from the beginning and he is still a liar now!

This world of illusion still clings to the devil as a power opposing God. You have only to think of the fact that God is Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent and Christ is God’s Son. With those principles as the Father have Life in Himself so He grants the Son to have the same Life. Surely that is clear enough.

So Jesus said, “if I am not doing the deeds of my Father do not believe me; but if I am, then believe the deeds, though you will not believe me—that you may learn and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” How clear this statement is to those who understand and you understand now.

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That the more I make this plain to you through statements it will clear a path in your mind so that you will be able to realise the Truth for yourselves.

The majority of People in this world have lost the feeling for humanity they feel responsible, only to a class or group to which they belong, *or responsible to an individual instead of responsible to God.*

They have lost compassion and Love for the whole. *We see it everyday.* Their ignorance of the indwelling Christ makes them inwardly poor, they look to politicians to priests to some economic planning that will give happiness and prosperity. In these there is no hope.

In each one is the Christ of God which is creative understanding, compassion and Love, without this there can be no good will towards man and man. There can only be right means to bring this about, wrong means brings emptiness and death, not peace, love and joy.

Everywhere we see wrong means being used. Everywhere we see separation. In the minds of most people in the world there is separation. Separation between the Jews and the Gentiles, the Mohammedans, the Hindus. Separation between races and classes. All built up in the minds of man through ignorance which begins to destroy man himself through his ignorance. That is why he says, “You shall die in your ignorance.”

To kill another is the greatest crime ever perpetrated on humanity. War, the deliberate organisation of murder, is the greatest catastrophe that man can bring upon himself for with it comes untold misery destruction corruption and degradation. Once we are engaged in organised murder of others we bring in to our lives a host of other disasters.

This is what we see today, the enlightenment of the masses is as dark as Hades. Even our leaders, in the churches, in the synagogues, in the Temples, in the Mosques, are all urging on man to kill one another to destroy one another for the sake of an ideology, or the sake of class, or the sake of particular of whatever it may be. The world is one world and all are the Children of God—One Family. The world belongs to the people and everyone has a right and share to it in Gods name. Through the Perfected-ness of the Christ and not through any dictatorship or politician, or any ruling class, but through the Christ alone that stands clear of all and above all these things. There is the saving of the race and the world.

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I want you to think of what I am going to say: Each one of us is responsible for war for each one of us has brought about the present conditions, consciously or unconsciously by our attitude towards Life. We give preference to false values and disregard the Eternal values which the Master so ably portrayed. We try to excuse ourselves by saying it is an act of God—God’s purpose is living not killing.

There seems no end to this ever expanding desire for conquest for possessions and for protection of our ideologies. Things are necessary for our existence upon earth but they are secondary to the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven. The mad desire for possessions individually and collectively will ever lead to strife and misery.

John 3: 11, “truly, truly I tell you, we are speaking of what we do understand, we testify to what we have actually seen...”

BENEDICTION

Teach me, O Spirit of Life, to discern all that hinders Thy expression in me.

Teach me to discern not with fear but with Love and the false will disappear without struggle.

Teach me to remember Thee first, then my actions will be acceptable to Thee, O Beloved.

Adorn me with the perfume of Thy happiness so that my inward poverty will disappear.

Teach me to Love with Thy Heart in mine.

I will change all my happiness for Thine.

All my joys I will disown for Thine.

I will be Thine and Thou will be mine. Divine Love of Mine.

* The recording starts here at this point. The *italic* verbatim text is from the actual sound recording of the Pretoria Lecture given in the Pretoria Women’s Club, 4th floor of the Sanlam Building on Tuesday night of 22nd May 1951, at 7.45 pm. No recording exists of the Johannesburg lecture.

1. In the Lecture Notes the next sentence [*So the Temple of the Living God must represent the macrocosm and the microcosm.*] is missing from the recording.
2. *Boaz & Jachin* (Jakin, Joachim). Two copper pillars (other versions of the Bible say brass or bronze), stood in the porch of Solomon’s Temple (the first Temple in Jerusalem). The pillars had a size of nearly 6 feet (1.8 m) thick and were 27 feet (8.2 m) tall. The top of the columns bore brass decorations of lilies (8 foot or 2.4 m high). Boaz stood on the left and Jachin stood on the right.

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**TO DEPEND ON ANY OUTSIDE AGENCY TENDS
TO CONFUSION, SORROW AND FEAR***

“Body and soul may fail but God my strength is mine, my own for ever more.” Psalm 73: 26.

Psalms of David we see clearly how he had the knowledge, had the wisdom of the Truth. Although, mind you, he could see all the things that were external to himself and also he feared some of them. I do not say that David was complete because if I read through his Psalms I only find in many of them the Truth, many of them have no Truth in them at all. Which shows you that David of course feared the external but when he came to his senses he realised that there was no fear in Reality. That when Reality took place, took its stand in the individual or the individual became aware of himself and that which was behind the self then fear disappeared. He knew that there was neither death, nor sacrifice, nor anything else, or affliction of any kind that could affect the Life that was Real within.

Are we not continually perpetuating our illusion behind which we hide while repeating the phrases God is Love, God is Wisdom, God is Truth, God is Life? God can never be a Reality to us while we hide behind our illusions.

These are our illusions, our thoughts, our fears, our beliefs in tradition and we hide behind these things and we think that these things are real when they are not real at all—the only Reality is God! And if we see and we think that these things external are real then we have no power of the Truth within us. It is only when we realise those illusions to be and what they are, then can we discern them properly and dissolve them.

Only by understanding that which is not true can we arrive at that which is true. Are we not the expression of Life Itself, the expression of the Living Presence? Then we must refuse to let tradition, beliefs, creeds, nationalities etc. which are the cause of our separation, limitation, and illusions influence our thinking.

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If your thinking is influenced by the past, the future, by any particular belief or nationality, separation and limitation, and any kind then you are hiding behind an illusion and when you say God is Love, God is Wisdom you do not know what you are saying at all. What you are saying is but words where there is no meaning to them.

If I can get you to see behind all these things you will find that there is no such thing as good and bad in the Infinite Spirit. If you find then that there is sickness in health then it is not in the Infinite Spirit. If you look at the opposites then you will know that you are hiding behind an illusion and the only thing to do is to dispose of the opposites and when you dispose of them you will find there is only a single unity in which no opposite exists—that is the only Reality and then you are not hiding behind your illusions.

It is most difficult for many students to comprehend this Truth because they are always living in the relative but we must discern these things clearly.

We must do our thinking free from tradition, free from beliefs and limitations, free from separation. Jesus knew himself to be one with God the Father, free from all limitation and at the same time discerned the error that kept man in bondage. Thus he came to set man free. But man would not accept this freedom, this free gift from God.

Now this freedom that Jesus was showing was not something in the future but was ever-present now. The future is but an image in the mind and freedom in the future would always be an image and never a reality.

*If you think that by these lessons in the future that you are going to have this freedom, well your freedom will never come because its only an image, an idea, a belief that this freedom will come. But if you discern that this freedom is **now** and ever-present then you will dispose of your opposites, immediately you will discern them that they are a hindrance to the expression of that which is Real and then they pass away, and you will know that this Reality is now and here and ever-present.*

It is not your family, your church, your nationality, your belief, your tradition that keeps your heart beating. You have only to listen to your heart for a few moments to realize that it is Life alone that is pulsating, making you alive, making you a Living Being.

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You may have due regard to your family and all that makes up your individual surroundings, that furnishes you with companionship etc., but do not get your values confused. In my lecture last week I quoted what Jesus said in Luke 14: 26 (Eastern text) “He who comes to me and does not put aside his father, and his mother, and his brothers, and his sisters, and his wife, and his children, and even his own life, he cannot be a disciple to me.”

Here we see then all this separation must be dissolved away and therefore in each and everyone of us the Christ dwells. Jesus was trying to show—get behind this separation and there you will find the Reality, that Reality that is ever-present. Your father and mother they will come and they will go, your children will come and they will go, all these things will pass away but the Christ that is in each and everyone of us cannot pass away—it is the Spirit of God manifesting in humanity.

Therefore, I say do not be caught up in the worship of the external otherwise you will be lost in illusion. We must steadfastly refuse to worship family, nation, tradition, church or any idol or any external representative of the Christhood of any kind whatsoever.

There cannot be any worship of any thing external otherwise you cannot be a disciple to me. Once you worship something, that which you worship destroys you, and you will see how clearly that is—you are living in the world of illusion.

We must worship God in Truth and Reality, the Christ within. If we worship the external we become slaves and are bound.

Awareness, which is freedom, does not come nor can it be induced from the outside making you merely dependent upon some stimulation. *No outside stimulation of any kind can bring this about. It is already here. It is **now**, waiting patiently to take its place in you when you discern all that is hindering It. It is ever-present, It is the only Living Reality, the only Power that is, the only Intelligence that is, and It is everywhere. There is nowhere where It is not. It is patiently waiting now all the time at this very moment, It is **now** waiting to give expression to Itself through you, immediately you make way for It in your own lives, in your own consciousness. All stimulation is similar in effect, whether you take a drink, look at a picture or have ideas, whether you go to a concert or a religious ceremony, or work yourself up over an act however noble or*

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ignoble. Stimulation breeds dependence and stimulation whether worthy or unworthy causes fear and apprehension and leads to illusion and not to *the freedom of the Truth*.

I told you the other night that it was in the Silence, in the deep Silence, that this Truth, this Reality pierced your own consciousness, when your consciousness becomes stilled through discernment.

I showed you how that true discernment could come. I showed you how everything should pass through your mind. All thoughts of every kind. If any thought rising to the surface of your own consciousness becomes an emotional effect upon you then you are controlled by it. If any thought rises to the consciousness and you become afraid of it then you are controlled by it. You can never be free under those circumstances.

But as these thoughts, events, and things, and conditions no matter what they maybe cross your consciousness look at them in an impersonal way neither judging or condemning. Do not halt them in your mind in any way whatsoever but look at them in such away as you are freed from them, they pass away as a flock of birds cross the windless sky. They come, they go, leave no trace. But if you are caught up in the emotion of any thought or any feeling or any act or anything whatsoever then you are controlled and you do not know the Truth—that is freedom Itself. The Truth is freedom. The Truth is not affected by any of these things and when you have the Truth established in you then there is no fear of anything whatsoever.

Jesus showed you clearly on his way to the cross, in all he did and said and in his resurrection, showed definitely that he had no fear of any external thing, but it could not destroy the Truth in him or the Life of God in him which was the only Reality.

Organised religions, politics, cults, nationalities become fetters which bind individuals into groups who become fiendish in their beliefs which create strife and misery—the wolf in sheep's clothing. All this is but a distraction from Reality, thus thought-feeling wanders away from the Truth of the "One" in all and all in "One".

We see today how the two great ideologies that exist. One is democracy and the other is communism. And we see all the nations on one side amalgamated themselves and the other nations have amalgamated themselves on the other side. In one time when we looked back in the (17)45's¹ we saw all the clans fighting one another. These things were simple but

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now it comes to two great divisions of humanity. And what are they built upon? Both are built upon a philosophy and not upon Truth. Therefore that which is not true will destroy itself. It cannot help itself.

Only that which is Truth in Itself can stand forever. And when the human family is built upon Truth there will be no division. There will be no two separate ideologies, there will be nothing built upon a philosophy of any kind. There will be nothing built upon a religion which separates man from man. There will only be one true Absolute Religion which will be that which Jesus showed clearly—the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Anything else is political, philosophical, or ideological, these things must destroy themselves and in their destruction, naturally, many will be destroyed with them.

At the present time we see the carnage of human flesh taking place in Korea.² I will guarantee you this, that the masses who are fighting there know nothing at all about what they are fighting about. You ask the Chinese what he is fighting about? He will rub his shoulder and then he does not know. You ask the American what is he fighting for and he says, “for America of course!” You see, all for a philosophy, therefore he does not know what he is fighting for. Their all fighting because there is differences. A difference either in religion, a difference in philosophy, a difference in ideology. If these things are the cause of humanity being separated and destroyed, the destruction of them must come, there is no other way.

It has become very difficult for many to withdraw from all distractions for the simple reason that most people cannot think purely, they only think with the background of separation, beliefs and limitation, whether they be religious, political or nationalistic. These cause the mind to become warped, narrow and bigoted. So conflict arises which further distracts our thought-feeling.

And immediately conflict arises our thought-feeling is distracted once more and we are lead into the whirlpool of destruction.

It is only through constant awareness that thought-feeling is able to extricate itself from the net of distraction. If we rely on others to give us cheer, hope and courage, however noble they may be, we become lost in dependence. *You can depend on nothing except but the Christ within. If you depend on anything else then you are lost, you are bound—there is no freedom.*

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Nature shows what should be, when a bird lays its eggs, it continually sits upon those eggs until its young is matured. When the young is in the nest birds come and put the material into their mouths and they are fed. But immediately the bird begins to become a part individualised itself, then it is pushed out of the nest and it begins to fly around and gets its own wings and that is what should happen to every individual in the whole Universe. They must find their own wings. Their own wings is the Christ within and no other source whatsoever. We find other groups in opposition to our own and thus endless struggle and pain is of no avail. Cheer and happiness are not ends in themselves. We must search for that which is an end in itself. In this only we will find happiness. The journey towards this end lies within oneself, every other way is a distraction leading to ignorance and illusion.

It is not how to solve conflict and sorrow that must be sought, this leads to frustration. But if we journey on, being constantly aware of what is taking place about us, discerning that which is preventing true expression of the Life that is “One”, then our journey will be a revealing process, an experience which is constantly liberating and creative.

We push aside all these things through discernment and we learn also that as we are doing so there is something that is doing it. But even if we find ourselves separate and distinct from another we have lost ourselves in that distinction. There is and must come an awareness through your discernment, that it leads to the complete realisation of that which in Itself is the only Living Existent thing upon the Whole Universe, existing in you as the Livingness that enables your heart to beat, and that is the Life that gives you consciousness. And without this Life Consciousness you can neither think. But with this Life Consciousness you think good, bad or indifferent. That is the thing you must see, that in this Consciousness Itself is the power to think, to give vent to bad and good, ill-health or health, whatever the case may be. Yet when you go away from it you find yourselves in division, you find yourselves in opposites, but as you re-trace your steps, your journey through the self, through the self you find then the Self, the creator of these things and divisions. And behind the Self you become aware of something, that which is unfathomable, that thing that you cannot discern, that thing that is indescribable, yet is the only Living thing.

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I am aware only, I do not know what It is but I know that IT IS.

Reality comes when the mind-heart is still, what we crave for is not Reality. Reality is that ever-present Presence, and in this Presence all division, all distinctions dissolve away. The question is DO YOU WANT TO BE FREE? *This is the point and a very serious question it is too. The want to be free. No! the majority of people want to depend upon others. They have grown up in this dependence. They do not want to be free from the things that they want that surrounds them. There is always within themselves a sense of lack, that sense of lack is creating frustration and a disturbance in the mind that eventually leads to a breakdown. Don't you see then it is so essential to understand these words of mine. Do you want to be Free? If so, then the ever-present Presence alone is freedom, nothing else—and to be aware of this the mind must be stripped of all illusion, all dependence upon tradition, belief or anything else external to itself. There must be nothing but the Christ—and in the Christ there is all things. Everything is in God. 'All that is Mine is thine, all that is thine is Mine.'* Here there is no lack, there is no dependence because there is awareness of the Life Itself that is giving birth to Itself every moment. Every moment is giving birth to Itself through you in its Wholeness and Completeness.

To experience this freedom we must not depend on any authority, any organisation or any individual, for dependence of any kind creates uncertainty and fear, thus preventing the experiencing of the Real.

In the outer world there is no creative understanding, no hope, there is only separation, conflict and sorrow, bloodshed and confusion. Only through self-knowledge which leads to awareness of that which is beyond the self comes the calm undisturbed serene composure of assurance that is not dependent.

In the Silence you become aware of the events of Life and as you watch you become conscious of the inner, when the inner is understood the outer becomes clear. The outer you will realise has no significance of itself. The inner must be able to stand alone and see the outer with its cunning deceits and withstand its illusiveness, its deceptions, its unrealness in which so many are drowned.

It is common to hear people rebel against the conditions in the world in which they live, but they have never thought that the cause of these conditions arise from within themselves.

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So, ignorant of the cause they accept their condition and public opinion rules their thought-feeling. This is truly ignorance.

So, they follow a particular belief and they look for any thing that may confirm their belief. But if anything arises contrary to their belief they reject it without question. So they squirm and wriggle without thinking, and their ignorance still remains.

Yes, when there is fixed concepts in the mind they are difficult to move. They prevent thinking, they are a barrier to true thinking. Talk to a person who has got fixed ideas, which is truly ignorance, and you will see how they squirm and wriggle and so forth, because their so-called lovely concepts whatever the case may be, are being challenged.

I say, challenge everything no matter what it is, everything! That is the only way you can think. That is the only way that leads to freedom. To accept any thing is of no value to you. Acceptance is imitation. Imitation leads to illusion and confusion. Your mind becomes a pit in which you are drowned.

This brings us to the parable of the Kingdom of Heaven given by the Master in Matthew 20: 1-16. “(1) For the Realm of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard; (2) and after agreeing with the labourers to pay them a shilling a day, he sent them into his vineyard. (3) Then, on going out at nine o’clock, he noticed some other labourers standing in the marketplace doing nothing; to them he said, (4) ‘you go into the vineyard too, and I will give you whatever wage is fair.’ (5) So they went in. Going out again at twelve o’clock and at three o’clock, he did the same thing. (6) And when he went out at five o’clock, he came upon some others who were standing; *and* he said to them, ‘why have you stood doing nothing all the day?’ (7) ‘Because nobody hired us,’ they said. He told them, ‘you go into the vineyard too.’ (8) When evening came the master of the vineyard said to his bailiff, ‘summon the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last and going on to the first.’ (9) *And* when those who had been hired about five o’clock came, they got a shilling each. (10) So when the first labourers came up, they supposed they would get more; but they too got each their shilling. (11) And on getting it they grumbled at the householder. (12) ‘These last,’ they said, have only worked a single hour, and yet you

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have ranked them equal with us who have borne the brunt of the day's work and the heat!' (13) Then he replied to one of them, 'my man, I am not wronging you. Did you not agree with me for a shilling? (14) Take what belongs to you and be off; I choose to give this last man the same as you. (15) Can I not do as I please with what belongs to me? Have you a grudge because I am generous?' (16) So shall the last be first and the first be last."

Here the Master shows again that there is no distinction with those who enter the Kingdom of Heaven, they are all alike, the first and the last and the last and the first, and there can be no separation, *there is therefore no distinction. The Father gives generously even to the last. Because they are all equal in the Kingdom of God. Because it is God Himself who is manifesting Himself in each and everyone of us. Therefore that manifestation is equal and Jesus was showing that which is behind mankind that which is Real and when we know the Truth we can read what he means. And only those who know the Truth can understand the Masters words. Clouded in parables yet behind those parables you know the Truth.* All are in the Kingdom now and even the last to realize it is just as good as the first. They were there all the time, only the majority do not know it. *You are living in the Infinite now. The Infinite being Infinite there can be no outside Him. The Infinite being Infinite there can be no other Life but His. The Infinite being Infinite there can be no other Expression of Life but His Life. The Infinite being Infinite there can be no Substance, Consciousness of any kind except His, therefore you are in the **now**.* So the last and the first are the same. He who realises it now and he who realises it afterwards are both the same. In verse 15, (old version), it says, "is thine eye evil because I am good." How many are envious of another?

In Mark 10: 35 and in Matthew 20: 20 there is a somewhat similar request. In Mark 10: 35 it states that James and John the sons of Zebedee, made the request. In Matthew it says, that the mother of the sons of Zebedee made the request. She was one of the ministering women who helped support Jesus and his disciples. The narrative in Mark is probably the correct one so I will insert it here.

Mark 10: 35-45, "James and John, the sons of Zebedaeus, came up to him saying, 'teacher, we want you to do whatever we ask you.' (36) So he said, 'what do you want me to do for you?' (37) They said

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to him, 'give us seats, one *on* your right hand and one *on* your left hand, in your glory.' (38) Jesus said, you do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup I have to drink, or undergo the baptism I have to undergo?' (39) *And* they said to him, 'we can.' Jesus said, 'you shall drink the cup I have to drink and undergo the baptism I have to undergo; (*Knowing perfectly well that whatever that they asked so shall they receive. But in the great thing that Jesus saw, he could not give them the right and left hand side in his glory. That alone belonged to the Infinite God, who is expressing Himself in each and everyone of us, because there is no separation in God. In our Awareness of the Truth of the Oneness, the Living God, where there is no separation. In this awareness enables you then to become aware more and more—that is a glory.*) (40) but it is not for me to grant seats *on* my right or my left hand—these belong to the men for whom they have been destined.' (41) When the ten heard of this, they burst into indignation at James and John; (42) So Jesus called them and said, 'you know that the so-called rules of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men overbear them; (43) not so with you. Whoever wants to be a great man among you must be your servant, (44) and whosoever of you wants to be first must be the slave of all; (45) for the Son of man himself has not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' ”

Here we see the truth that there can be no personal influence, or earthly regal or (religious) potentate can have an honoured place, the only qualification is Love and *service and* even those who imagine that they may have an honoured place because they may be a king or a queen or a bishop or a pope, we give *these names* on earth; but it is the quality of Love (and) unity, not intellect that is honoured in heaven, where there is no distinction. There is a story of a *man*, who passed into heaven and learned all that could be known, then he was asked, “what more do you want to know?” and he answered, “now I want to know God.” And the great one said, “know nothing and you will know God.”

You cannot find God (through) intellectualism or knowledge of things or knowledge of the external. But immediately the mind ceases to become a battleground of opposites—there is the Truth—God is found!*

So they were indignant because the Master would not promise them the right and left places of honour.

* A break in the sound recording occurs here.

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Then he says, the one who waits upon you, who serves, he is the greater, the servant of all. *Who is the greater within you? Who serves everyone of us? God, Christ. Christ serves everyone of us. He is Service and Love. Christ does not come to be served but to Serve. The Christ in you is Love and Service. Think for a moment. When ever you feel the most blessed feeling in your life, you feel Love rushing through you and a feeling of service, you lose yourself entirely. The self is gone. There is nothing but Love and Service, that is the Greater one that Jesus was thinking about. The Greater One, the Greatest of all was He who did this for us.* The Christ has not come to be served but to serve, even to give his life for many. This does not mean that he would lose his life, but is able to take it up again to show mankind that eternal Life exists in man as it does in God. The Father has Life in Himself so He grants the son to have the same Life in himself. *These are the Master's words.*

What we see in this relative world of ours is a scramble between individuals, between classes, in social life, between nations in the glorious game of murder, a "righteous" war! with the best modern appliances to slaughter people by the thousand in the name of peace and freedom. *"I come in Peace, in Love, to Serve."*

Therefore what prevents man today from "entering into rest" is the same cause that produced the same effect in the time of the Master. "They could not enter in because of their unbelief and they limited the Holy One of Israel." They could not enter in because they could not see that the Holy One *that* was in all and was the only foundation for peace and freedom. Unless this is understood strife *will* remain.

We are still looking at conditions as the cause of our misery, when all the time the cause is in our own mental attitude to those conditions. If we would only look to the First Cause the Creative Power within that is beyond all Creation and acts independent of any conditions, we will see that the Master is leading us into the understanding that we are made in the image and likeness of God.

Therefore this Creative Principle is so wonderful that no matter what any conditions exist now, at this very moment, they are surpassed, left alone, because they are illusions. And into this Creative Principle, irrespective of what conditions exists at this very moment, Jesus said, "yes, you will be as white as snow, this very day you shall be with me in Paradise, in the Kingdom of the Christ."

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Man therefore can never separate himself from the inherent Creative Power and for this reason the Master shows us the limitless goodness of our Heavenly Father, '*be ye perfect as your Father in Heaven is Perfect.*' as the model for our own use, so that we can free ourselves from all strife and misery.

"He maketh the sun to rise on the evil and the good, He sendeth the rain on the just and unjust." In other words, the Father is not concerned with existing or pre-existing conditions created by man, but constantly radiates forth His Creative Love so that good and evil will in themselves dissolve away, being relative terms in the world of man's own creation.

Therefore when we use the same Creative Power in the same manner as the Father Himself we will produce the effects of Life and not of death. We cannot divest ourselves of the Creative Power and the Master shows us the way, it is for us to choose and according to the way we employ our Creative Power so will it be unto us.

As each condition is created from within and not from without we begin to see the force of the Master's invitation "come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

When we realize the true nature of the Divine and the laws pertaining to the Divine, we see in the Master's teachings that the Creative Power within is the power behind any thought *that* we may hold, and according to what is in our mind-heart so will our thought-feeling be the cause and effect which continue through every link of the chain of existing conditions.

So we see that the existing conditions are the result of our own cause. The self is the cause of conditions and unless we discern the way of the self we shall never be free.

Therefore if the originating thought be in accordance with the Divine Law of Love and unity, the Absolute-Goodness-in-Itself of the Intended Creation of the Father will be inherent in the thing immediately created and will also follow in the whole series of results following from it, irrespective of any present condition that may exist.

So if this complete understanding of Love and unity, which is the Intended Creation of the Father and when we become One with It, we will see, that the things created will also follow in a whole series of results following from it, irrespective of any condition that exists at this very moment.

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Therefore I say, clearly and distinctly to you, when we all know the Truth—Love and unity of the One in All—everything becomes well overnight.

Isaiah 35: 1-2 “Let desert and dry land be glad, let steppes rejoice and flower, flowering like narcissus blooms, and ringing with delight, sharing Lebanon’s lavish growth, Sharon³ and Karmel’s⁴ splendour, and seeing thus the Eternal’s living power, the splendour of our God!”

Let everyone therefore take part joyfully in building the Temple of the Living God to the glory of the Father and the Brotherhood of Mankind.

BENEDICTION

Blessed Teacher of all Souls, Thou didst bid us to seek deep in the recess of our being to find the “Pearl of great price.”

Beliefs in which we thought we could find inspiration we found were chaff before the winds of fear and doubt.

But as we spread our Wings of Love beyond these boundaries of separation, Thou didst leap into our hearts with joy.

Still teach us, Blessed Teacher, for we still need the guidance of the Christ within—the Good Shepherd that keeps the fold complete, O Beloved Teacher of Mine.

EPILOGUE

Here we see the Benediction brings us to that Teacher that is always within showing the way. When Jesus said these words. “I of mine own self are nothing. It is the Spirit of the Father within me that doeth the work.” That then leads us to the Teacher within ourselves. Can we then dissolve the self away. Understand its ways and as we begin to understand its ways of selfishness, going away from the Infinite. Self goes out into these barren lands of fear, doubt and lack, because it does not know itself. But when

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it knows that it is the expression of that which is behind it. And that which is behind the self gives rise to our thought and feeling. When we discern all these things then we see the Oneness, the beauty of that which alone is Complete with everything and where there is no lack, no doubt, no fear, no death, is in Itself is Complete from the beginning. 'The Word that was with God, and the Word that was God, and the Word that was made flesh.' That Word that was made flesh is immortal. In this lies the Truth that you find within yourselves, not outside yourselves from any particular form, creed, tradition, or book. 'Search ye the scriptures and you think ye have found Eternal Life—you make a mistake.' From no book can you find It. But as the mind clears a path through the forest of doubt, fear and lack, there it leads to the Light that shines Eternally and as we go towards that Light we find that we eventually become the Light and the Light that shines, the darkness comprehended not. This is the Light of the World.

This is my Peace that I have given to you, my Peace that remains. My blessing will remain with you always. Therefore 'ye know who I am.'
Be at Peace.

* The recording starts here at this point. The *italic* verbatim text is from the actual sound recording of the Pretoria Lecture given in the Pretoria Women's Club, 4th floor of the Sanlam Building on Tuesday night of 29th May 1951, at 7.45 pm. A recording exists of the Johannesburg lecture dated Thursday 15th March 1951. See page 389 for transcript of entire Lecture.

1. 1745-6. The Battle of Culloden (16th April 1746) was the final clash between the Jacobites (under Charles Edward Stuart, supported by the French) and the Hanoverian British Government (under William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland. The younger son of King George II) in 1745 Jacobite Rising. Culloden was a decisive defeat to the Jacobite cause to restore the House of Stuart to the throne of Great Britain. Highland Scots fought on both sides.
2. Korean War. A war between the two States (*Democratic People's Republic of Korea*—Communist North and *Republic of Korea*—South) and their supporters lasted 1950-3.
3. Sharon. The plain was known for its grain-bearing lands and especially for the wild growing of the famed 'Rose of Sharon' *Pancretium maritimum* a crocus which blooms in the late summer just above the high-tide water mark. The Sharon's desolation was taken as a sign of divine displeasure with Israel, and its abundant blossoming symbolizes Israel's return to God's favour.
4. Karmel. (*Al-Karmil, Carmel*). There are three references to al-Karmil in the bible. Carmel is mentioned as a city of Judah, also as the place where Saul erects a monument after the expedition against the Amelek and where Nabal the Carmelite resides. Murdo may be referring to the abandoned synagogue, which still stands in the Palestinian town now known as al-Karmil, is one of the best preserved ancient synagogues in the West Bank.

RIGHT THINKING LEADS TO FREEDOM*

“I tell you truly in so far as you did it to one of these my brothers, even to the least of them, you did it to me.” Matthew 35: 40.

Right thinking can only come when one knows oneself. To know oneself there must be discernment of all that is in the mind, that influences the self. Ideas, desires, beliefs must be recognised and their cause must be understood, otherwise one is caught up in these things and is influenced by them.

Now the thing is, what is the cause of these ideas, beliefs, all these things that is influencing the self—it is the self. The self is the cause because the self does not discern the self and does not understand the self, nor does it understand its ways. It is caught up in these things and then when the self is caught up in them it is bound. The self is lost. There is freedom in Truth that releases the self.

If your thought is moulded to a pattern your understanding will conform to this conditioning. Your thought-feeling will be in accordance with your tradition or belief, your thought shapes itself according to your background. If, while in childhood, you are influenced by religion your adult life will be in accordance with what is held fixed in your mind. Without self-knowledge we build our illusions based upon the background of one belief or another. But to experience the Real there must be infinite pliability of mind, a deep basic stillness where *the* background, tradition, beliefs have been discerned and understood.

And when we look through the world we see so many different patterns. Patterns which children are brought up to discern; Mohammedanism, Hinduism, Catholicism, and the many forms of Christianity. All these are in themselves just a matter of ideas and beliefs. But what is the Truth? It was Jesus himself that revealed them, when he said, “I and the Father are One. When you have seen me, you have seen the Father. Know ye not I am in the Father and the Father is in me.”

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To him these were not ideas but Living Realities. But if your mind is conditioned by beliefs and you are held in the grip of this conditioning, you will never understand the great Truth that the Master showed.

This pliability and tranquillity is not the outcome of conflict, tradition, belief or separation, it comes into being with true understanding, and understanding comes with self-knowledge. You will readily see that without self-knowledge you merely live in a state of contradiction and uncertainty.

Without self-knowledge, what you think-feel has no basis. *It is an illusion.* Without self-knowledge enlightenment is impossible. When you see that you are the world, that your neighbour, your friend, your so-called enemy, is yourself, you will begin to understand yourself.

To understand the complex, the mind-heart must be extremely simple. The truth is distorted by ideas, theories, concepts, creeds, beliefs etc., these limit and confuse the mind. The mind must be freed from these distortions otherwise there is no awareness of the Real which is beyond the mind, which is unlimited and free.

That which is unlimited and free is the only Reality. Anything that is binding is not Reality. Anything that is limited is but an idea, a belief.

Unless the mind is free from these illusions, what you know of the Truth is but an idea, an image of the Truth, and Truth-Reality is none of these, but through self-knowledge comes awareness of the Truth-Reality. Then there is no rushing here nor there, there is no anxiety in case you cannot find It, for It is ever-present now.

Only waiting to come forth when you give it opportunity, that is to say, when you become aware. The mind is the vehicle through which this great and mighty power will manifest Itself. But the mind must be pliable. The mind must be calm as the ocean that is still down in the depths so far. Then there is understanding.

There is nothing more ignorant than a mind that is fixed and rigid. There is nothing more stupid than to ridicule anything you do not understand.

The continuous striving to be something you imagine you should be to ensure Eternal Life and all that goes with it creates a constant struggle. This struggle ceases when you realize that you cannot comprehend that which is beyond your mind, but you can discern that which is hindering Its true expression.

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This true experience can only be a Reality when we free our minds from the past, the future, from preconceived ideas that blunt the mind-heart. The creativeness that is in the mind-heart comes forth into true expression in form from within, therefore transformation comes from within. “I am” (is) the doorway that leads to the Father and this doorway must be kept clear and open, through this doorway the Father comes forth into expression in the individual and you become the Chosen one.

How difficult it is sometimes to get the past out of your mind. How difficult it is to also let the future alone. If you are engaged in the past and the future, how can you ever understand the ever-present. It is impossible.

When the individual is not conditioned by beliefs, tradition, limitation and illusion, the Christ will show forth as the Light of the world. I may talk, you may talk about Reality but what we say and think about Reality is not Reality itself.

But if your mind can be cleared of all these things that prevent Reality from manifesting, then you will become aware of that which is behind the mind. If you have in the mind only an idea an image and a belief, you are caught up in that belief that is not Reality. Reality is a Living Expression of God as you see before you now, as I look before you—there can be no other.

In John 12 verses 44 and 45 Jesus cried aloud, “he who believes in me believes not in me but in Him who sent me, and he who beholds me beholds Him who sent me.” He who beholds me, the Living example of Him who sent me, will find that same livingness in himself. *That is the meaning of the Masters words.*

Verses 49-50, “...for I have not spoken of my own accord—the Father who sent me, He it was who ordered me what to say and what to speak. And I know that His orders mean Eternal Life. *Once you have grasped Eternal Life and the Source of that, and to find that Source within yourselves—you have risen out of beliefs into freedom. In the Bible it says clearly, “take hold of this Tree of Life for it shall be your salvation. Do not eat of this fruit of this Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil otherwise you will die in your ignorance.”* Therefore when I speak, I speak as the Father has told me.”

This was the Christ speaking but note this, God being all there is created us free and unlimited like Himself, *in His own image and likeness.* His Consciousness, Intelligence and Substance moulded into form. Here

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is the great Truth, when the mind is free and unlimited we are inspired by the Father, *who himself is the Living Expression here and now*. The Son knoweth the Father who is speaking through him, only when he is free from all illusion.

“According to your faith so will it be unto you,” but your faith must not be limited or confused with a mind full of opposites, such as fear, faith, good, evil etc. This is why self-knowledge is so essential to the freedom of the Truth.

The greatest hindrance and the greatest unhappiness in the world today, is brought about by the stupidity of most people, who concentrate upon their lack. The things they do not have, instead of counting their blessings one by one.

If you try to comprehend the Truth with a background of ideas, caught up from Christianity with its changing interpretations, when one thing is worn out a new one is created, you will live in the illusion of separation and ignorance.

If your mind is confused with the differing concepts such as Mohammedanism, Buddhism, Theosophy etc., the reaction will be confusion because you try to conform to these ideas and judge everything on what you have accepted whether it be true or not. These beliefs are but ideas, concepts and will remain as such, but Reality is none of these, Reality is greater than all Creation yet is one with Creation. Therefore right thinking alone leads us towards freedom of the Truth.

To say the word “God” does not give you the truth. To say “God is Love” does not give you the truth. Any statement, no matter what it may be, about “God” or “Truth” is not the truth or God.

There must be a cleansing of the mind. A clearing of the forest, a track through which you will see the Light. And that Light will burn greater and grander as you come nearer and nearer to It, through the Realisation of It. Then as you become aware of It, your awareness will be one of splendour; one that is ever widening never contracting. Never again will you be caught up in the world of illusion because you have once found that freedom, that expansion of the Consciousness of God that is indwelling in yourself. The Consciousness of God that envelops all things in the whole Universe are within His own Consciousness. That Consciousness of God being Infinite in nature there can be none other.

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Therefore that Consciousness is my consciousness, your consciousness. But it cannot become an actuality to you or me until such time as we have cleared the mind of the things that hinder it.

As I speak, I am looking, seeing words that I have given to thee. And as I read those words before eyes that are closed, I know that they are Spiritually given. And these messages that I give you, remember, they are for you and of course also for me.

“Truth” “Reality” “God” “the Father” are but names we give to Life, but Life is not a name. All these words are relative and are not truth and all the talking in the world about Truth does not (make)¹ Truth a Reality *to you and me*. We must find this Reality in ourselves as the living expression of Life Itself, this is what Jesus did and what we must do if we are to be like him.

If you pattern your Life after what you have read or heard from others, it will only lead to conflict, sorrow and confusion and your Truth is nothing more than ideas and theories which cover up the Real. So your conception of Truth will be a continual movement from one illusion to another illusion, from one teacher to another, only leading you to further conflict.

You cannot define Reality for there is nothing with which we can compare it *with*. It is beyond mind. But when you free your consciousness from limitation it becomes expansive and awareness of the whole is understood, then the “I myself” loses itself in the Whole and the nature is transformed. But there must be continued awareness of the Whole lest limitation and illusion enter in.

If you crave to be something which will ensure you a place in the Eternal your craving will lead you from one teacher to another, from one system to another and this will lead you away from the ever-present Reality that is within yourselves.

This in the future that you want—will never come, it will always be in the future. It is like the donkey that is chasing after the carrot that is in front of it. And everyone that does these things is just like the donkey. But the ever-present Reality is now, it has never been anything else, but now. This is the Truth that I see. The words that appear before my consciousness is this, “where was thou when I laid the foundation of the World, I was with thee when Thou laid the foundation of the World”

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The majority who are seeking will pause when there is a feeling of satisfaction, they think they have found the Truth. But this only lasts for a short time, then the hunt begins again with renewed effort along the path of illusion, without understanding. So book after book is explored and digested with only one result, the mind becomes more confused; only with understanding and awareness of the Whole will books be of *any* value to you. But there are few who know the freedom of the Truth. Those who write books on Truth are generally those who are themselves seeking the Truth. *Truth is a continuous unfoldment.*

When you found that Source within yourselves, then there is expansion of the consciousness and understanding of the Whole, not till then.

The Master says, “ye search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have everlasting Life. You make a mistake.” The reading of the Bible or any other book does not confer Eternal Life, this must be found within and not without.

The Everlasting Reality can only be understood in the fullness of the present, discerning everything that surrounds you *in the* relative, while aware of the Real within, now, not in some distant future which is but a passing fantasy.

The Real is not something that you can imagine or fancy, what you imagine or fancy is not the Truth-Reality. What you have is but an image in the mind. To understand the whole there must be nonattachment to ideas and beliefs, the past *and* the future, what is Spiritual and what is not Spiritual, for when you pattern your life after these there is fear, limitation and confusion.

But when there is an understanding of the Ever-present God Almighty, the Creator of All things in you and me, the very Life of me and you is the Almighty then there is no image, no limitation, no fear.

I remember, when fear disappeared. It was in the First World War. It was something that I experienced and only I suppose when I came to my mortal senses did I realise what I did. It was in the early morning when there was a raid. It was necessary to get prisoners and we got some. But in coming back again, some of the men, that was under me, were wounded or killed. Now I had a very lovely friend called Jock. And he was one of the boys that never came back. I was an Officer of course and he was just a Private. We came from the same part of the Highlands and we had grown up

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together and we had naturally long before the war made strong attachments. And Jock did not come back. I was disturbed. (And you would know how, those who have been there, no man's land is no man's land.) Machineguns rattling, bullets flying here and there, shells landing all over the place. I forgot all about it. I climbed over the trench and went over to find Jock. And when I looked down I saw another fellow, another one of my fellows. He looked at me, I could not pass him by. I took him up and carried him in. But I was not satisfied with that. (By the by, there was a French Unit beside us, which was on our right, and they also had a number of men in this raid.) I went out again and here I found a Frenchman and I took this Frenchman in. All the time, I do not know, but the bullets must have been flying but not one hit me. I know that there was about five I carried in and then I found Jock. He was dead. But I carried him in all the same. I remember my words to Jock was this, "Jock you are a luckier fellow than I am, you are out of this mess."

At the time I did these things just on the spur of the moment. But I found that I had no fear, I have never had fear since that moment.

Naturally I never expected anything. But when the citation came through, I found that I got the French Victoria Cross and the British Military Cross. I always say that I got it for saving life and not for taking life.

And at these moments that fear disappears, the self (is) completely obliterated. It is the self that fears.

And I have often spoken to Jock since he passed. Dozens and dozens of times. I have spoken to him and he has spoken to me. And upon intimate things that we alone knew and understood. Which shows there is no death. So it is not a distant fantasy. It is not the future which is but a passing fantasy. But the ever-present is the Eternal Life, now.

If you look into your mind-heart you will find inherited theories of right and wrong, the mind-heart may be filled with religions and theories to which you conform and there is no room for wisdom and love.

If you follow a ritual you have no Love. There is no wisdom in following anything in which there is no Love.

What is necessary is that we keep the mind-heart free so that Love and Wisdom can manifest without hindrance.

This we see strongly enough in Jesus himself. In John 12 verse 27, "now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour. . . ." This then is Jesus in his mortal sense, the human sense of the man.

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(In John 12 verse 23), “*then* Jesus answers, ‘the hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. (24) Truly, truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it bears rich fruit. (25) He who loves his life loses it, and he who cares not for his life in this world will preserve it for eternal Life, (26) if anyone serves me, let him follow me, and where I am, there shall my servant also be: If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.’ ”

In verse 23 Jesus said those words when the Gentile’s came to see him. *The story means* the drawing of all men both Jews and Gentiles into the Kingdom of the Christ of God, his Kingdom.²

Verse 24. The grain of wheat shows that Eternal Life cometh out of so-called death of the body. *And is present now, that Eternal Life is in the body now.* Also glory out of self-sacrifice. Verse 25. Serve means to minister unto others and to follow in the Master’s ways, giving of the Christ within, to all, no matter who they are, that is Love and Compassion and Forgiveness. *Truly forgiveness.*

Some people say they have forgiven but in the back of their mind they can never forget—that is not forgiveness.

There must be complete forgiveness, just as the Father Himself put his arm round the son, the Prodigal Son. He did not listen to him saying, “I have sinned against thee, I no longer want to be called thy son.” He said, “bring the best robe, bring a ring and put it on his finger, and sandals on his feet.” How could he do otherwise.

Verse 27. “My soul is now disquieted (troubled). What am I to say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? Nay, it is something else that has brought me to this hour. (28) I will say, ‘Father, glorify Thy name.’ ” Then came a Voice from Heaven ‘I have glorified it and will glorify it again.’ ”

Verse 27—in his soul he held the fullness of his human life and there was the temptation to withdraw from the great task to reveal the Christ to all, Jew and Gentile, alike, and for doing this he knew that his own people would reject him because they thought they were the chosen people. But he says, ‘Father glorify Thy name,’ and a Voice came from Heaven, “I have glorified it and I will glorify it again.” (Verse 32,) Jesus says again, “but I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.”

This indicates through the revealing power of the crucifixion, revealing this Eternal Life of the Christ within, all would be drawn to the

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Christ that lives now as the Light of the World, as the only begotten Son of the Father, showing the Christ as in the unique position of being in the world yet not of the world, not born of flesh and blood but *born of* the Word that flows from the mouth of God, meaning the Life of the Father, the Breath of Life is the Life of God in man and is the Word that was in the beginning with God.

“Call no man your father on earth for one is your Father in Heaven.” This is the most wonderful thing that Jesus saw. All people must be drawn to the Christ—there alone is their freedom.

In verse 44, “Jesus cried aloud, ‘He who believes in me believes not in me but in Him who sent me, and he who beholds me beholds Him who sent me. (45) I have come as Light into the World, THAT NO ONE who believes in me may remain in the dark.’”

Here again he reveals the universality of the Life of the Christ in man. *The universality of the Life in you and me. The Life in me is in no way separated, in no way distinct from the Life of God in the Universe.*

The Life in me, at this moment, is in no way distinct from that Life that is the totality of all Life. It cannot be, God being Infinite in nature, God being Life. This was the Word that was with God, the Word that was God, and was in the beginning.

In verse 44, “Jesus cried aloud, (this is what he sees) these words; ‘he who believes in me believes not in me but in Him who sent me.’” What a wonderful statement.

Verse 47, “if anyone hears my words and does not keep them, (hold them) (*the old version says “and believe not”*), it is not I who judge him; for I have not come to judge the world but to save the world.” (The word I have spoken will judge him.)

Christ cannot judge anyone—being Christ, being Love. Love cannot judge hate, otherwise it becomes hate. Love cannot see hate otherwise it becomes hate.

(49) “...for I have not spoken of my own accord—the Father who sent me, He it was who ordered me what to say and what to speak. (50) And I know that his orders mean Eternal Life. Therefore when I speak I speak as the Father hath told me.”

Verses 44 to 50 describes the summary of the Master’s teachings. *Believe in Christ and to believe in God the Father, therefore his teachings are that we must discern all that hinders the expression of the Christ within.*

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This hindrance is lack of Love for our fellowman a belief in separation. These are the great enemies of the Christ which will eventually be put under his feet. Those two are the causes of all the misery in the world. “In so far as you did it unto one of these **my brethren even to the least of them** you did it unto me.”

So it is taken in both ways. ‘The kindness and the forgiveness you do unto one of these, the very least of them, you do unto me.’ Yes, and in the opposite direction—the injury.

The things you do in hate, in jealousy, and in all these things you do unto one another, so you do unto me. Because there is no separation. ‘Know ye not when you speak ill of one, you speak ill of me.’ When you degrade another you have degraded the Christ—God. Always think first before you speak.

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O Infinite Splendour, in Thy Infinite Creation the Rhythm of Thy Eternal Voice is heard everywhere.

The Infinitude of form arises from within Thy “Heart” which beats with everlasting joy, and it is this that throbs in my soul.

I have heard Thy Voice through the Christ within revealing all as One and One as all.

Now I know the words of the Master are true. “He that beholds me beholds Him Who sent me,” O Glorious “One.”

Let us enter into the Sanctuary of the Silent Healing Power.

* The recording starts here at this point. The *italic* verbatim text is from the actual sound recording of the Pretoria Lecture given in the Pretoria Women’s Club, 4th floor of the Sanlam Building on Tuesday night of 5th June 1951, at 7.45 pm. A recording exists of the Johannesburg lecture dated Thursday 15th March 1951. See page 405 for transcript of entire Lecture.

1. *Meant* is a mis-read by Murdo on the recording. In the Lecture notes the word is ‘make’ which sounds much better.
2. In the Lecture Notes the actual paragraph reads: *In verse 23 Jesus said those words when the Gentile’s came to see him. This glory meant the drawing of all men both Jews and Gentiles into the Kingdom of the Christ of God, his Kingdom.* In the recording Murdo says different.

Lecture 9 (12th June 1951)

**LOVE IS THE FOUNTAIN OF JOY/
IF THE WORLD HATES YOU
(SPECIAL LECTURE)***

Now the first part of this lesson tonight is a special. "Love is the fountain of Joy in human hearts, the Cosmic Mind in human consciousness."

God is Love, therefore Love is not relative. It is a Reality beyond analysis. Immediately you try to analyse Love you have lost It. It defies analysis for the simple reason *that* It is beyond mind. The mind of man can become aware of Love but does not know **what** It is, only knows **that** It is.

Love is that Creative Principle in Life that is eternally functioning in the Spiritual, always expressing itself outwardly in the material.

Therefore we see that Love is not anything that we can analyse nor can we probe into because immediately we do so, we lose it. Love is something that comes into the being when the self dissolves away.

When Love is in full force the self does not exist because Love swallows up the self in Its expression. This is the great Truth we must learn if we are to Love and be loved.

Because Love is the saving of mankind. Without this Love there is no possibility of the world surviving

To be truly loved there is a union in which the self disappears. You should not try to recapture those moments because you then make Love relative, just a memory. *Love is not a memory.* Love is always present and flows into the soul at any time the soul makes way for It. But when the self is in evidence there can be no true Love. *Try it out and see, analyse your own position. Analyse your feelings of Love, that Love that flows into you, the self disappears entirely. The self is swallowed up in Love. But if the self is in evidence and the more evidence of the self can be seen, the less Love there is. But when the self is in evidence there can be no true Love.* If you want to feel the joy of Love you must lose yourself in Love.

* See page 249

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Perhaps you think you love your wife, your husband, your children. The great test is how much self is in your Love.

Do you love your children because of yourself. That you always want to put the self in front. That your children must do this and must do that and so forth and that is your love for your children. If you analyse it you will see it is not Love at all

Do you do things for Love or do you do things because you Love? To truly Love you must become Love Itself.

Most of our troubles today arise from the fact that as a child our natural Love (God's Love), born in us, died because It was never given a chance to express Itself *because of* the ignorance of our parents, who themselves did not know how to Love.

Yes, a wife or a husband may be a dutiful wife or husband and dutiful parents but have they learned the art of true Loving? Most have not, because their parents and their parents' parents did not understand what Love meant.

They thought that to Love God was a virtue but this virtue became a vice because they mostly saw evil in others. There is no Love in this kind of virtue. One may try to do good or try to be virtuous but that is not Love, that is going away from Love. Love is an inward "Unknowable virtue" that takes no cognition of any of these things, for It Itself is free, complete in all its goodness. It is like honey, it lives in its own sweetness.

True Love does not bind another through possessiveness or dependence. Love is the expression of God who loves all irrespective of who and what they are. God's only concern is our happiness, (*the expression of His Happiness, His Divine nature*) and that is why when we seek happiness we can only get it from that which is within and not from without.

You think that because you desire Love that you have love. Let me tell you that is the wrong attitude altogether. You must understand Love to be that which in Itself is the total expression of Life in its greatness. It moves through everything and it is in Its greatness in the Christ which dwells in every human being.

If you love others, all you will be concerned in is their happiness. But how can you help others to find that happiness unless you have first found it yourself?

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Have you hamstrung yourself? Many have, for the simple reason that they, although good, kind and generous, do not know how to open up the flow of the Living Water of Love from within, this can only be done when the self has disappeared. If the self is always present then there can be no true Love.

Search your own minds and hearts and see if you say that you Love. See how much self there is in that Love and you will know how true that Love is.

Physical relationship in itself is not Love, but true Love makes physical relationships beautiful and raises it up to the Divine nature that created us in this way.

And there we must see that behind this human nature there is a greater Nature that is expressing Itself through us. But only through Love can we bring this human nature up to that Divine nature that created us in this human flesh. But we will know that the flesh has no say in the matter, only the Divine nature is lasting.

When you know this Love you are always in Love. Looking at a beautiful sunset, a lovely scene in nature, you can enjoy this as if you were one with each other, there is no need to talk or say a word because the self has disappeared.

You are swallowed up in the Love of beauty, this Love that dissolves the self away.

Love is not a mental or a physical thing, *and there is no use of trying to find out what It is because you are only searching in vain. We do not know what electricity is, no one has ever seen electricity, but we use it, we know that it is. No one has ever seen Life, no one knows what It is, but I am alive and Living and you see the manifestation of Life, as you see the manifestation of electricity. It is the same with Love, it is not a mental thing or a physical thing. Love is Spiritual. And that is why many people make the mistake, they think that it is a mental or a physical thing. That is why one grows naturally in the surroundings of Love. Love is not taking, but giving in such a way that the other grows in the soil of Love in freedom.*

While you are giving you do not bind the person if you Love them. You do not bind them with your gifts or your kindness, that is not Love. You give because you Love. Therefore you see that the person who receives is free, there is no possessiveness.

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How many people give with the idea of creating love. That is not Love, that is a desire. Love is spontaneous in its action. It rises and wells through the being and the being becomes conscious of this flow of this Divine nature. The being does not know what It is but he is swallowed up in It.

It is just piercing the minds of those who have the welfare of children and human beings at heart that Love is the most essential thing in their lives. The cause of most delinquency is the fact that the inherent Love within has been thwarted. The world to these becomes drab indeed. We will bring that inherent beauty to the surface when we begin to Love, for there is little wrong with *the one* who truly loves.

As Love is God, you will find you get nearer to Him through Love than from all your virtues, from all your beliefs, or your trying to be good to gain a place in the sight of God. And if you Love unselfishly with freedom, allowing that Love to become part of your self, you can throw your virtues to the wind because they are of no value to you, they become a vice.

I am taking you deeper than the ordinary thought that comes to most people when they talk of Love, who talk of Love so glibly.

When you are Love itself you are never angry when another does something wrong, there is a friendliness that leads to the human heart, which leads to right thinking. Even the worst offenders will respond to Love and you will find that that inherent beauty within the soul will come to the surface.

To check, to criticize to denounce or punish is a hindrance to the true expression of the Love of God, that is within.

It has been said, "that if you spare the rod you spoil the child." I have never heard such damn foolery in all my life.

What is necessary is to understand the child. Because probably these parents have never understood themselves, so they would never be able to understand a child. But if you Love deep enough, if you have this Love that is God alone in you, then you will understand every breath of the child, every movement, every word.

And you will see that the child is seeking that very Love that is within itself. It is seeking an expression for it. But when this Love is thwarted then there is a drab life, very drab indeed.

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(But) everyone can rise, even if they have lost that particular Love. Perhaps it has been squashed. Think about more and more and think of your oneness with Love, then it will rise to the surface and become the beauty of the soul within where the Christ dwells.

Good citizenship is brought into being by Love and not by harshness, both in the home and in the institution.

The beautiful wife, the clever child, the brilliant husband is excellent and brings approval, but that is not Love, sometimes the ugly duckling is more fortunate.

Love is expressed through the touch of the hand, the tone of the voice, the look in the eye, the smile on the face and the absence of the self. "O Love, where are thou?"

When you see then and hear these words and you ask yourself the question, "O Love, where are art thou?" You will begin to seek deeper than the mental or the physical. Because Love is not physical or mental as some people try to believe.

Some people think they can find out what Love is and find (out) its ingredients as you would look into a plum pudding. It is nothing of the sort. And there is where many of our intellectuals go wrong. They themselves have not found the fountain of Love.

Love is a fountain of joy in human hearts, the Cosmic Mind in the human consciousness.

The way to make children loving is to love them selflessly, respecting them as people, as individual souls, for they may be much older than you are. Let them grow up with individuality. Some people smother their children with everything, doing everything for them, thus destroying their (in-)dependence. *Destroying their confidence and their courage of Life.*

Some parents offer something in return for their obedience or for their good behaviour, thus "buying off" leads to disaster later on. When the child grows up he or she thinks that they can buy themselves out of anything and when this fails there is frustration, disappointment and misery. You must never confuse the issue, **appeasement is not Love.**

When one loves one acts normally, when one does not love they act abnormally. *There can be no true Love except that the self has passed away and two become as one.*

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We must look deeper than the outer self to find peace and love. Some are continually caught up in the net of a guilty conscience, think of the prodigal son, the Father never held anything against him. *But the brother did. Immediately the son came to the father he put his arms around him and brought in the best robe, put a ring on his finger, and sandals on his feet. Killed a fatted calf and all were merry.*

When you begin to realise the Truth you will begin to Love your neighbour and also yourself. If you love your neighbour first you will be better able to love yourself. But if you are always seeing the bad in your neighbour you are sure to see it in yourself. The Master said, “take the plank out of your own eye, you hypocrite, and you may see better how to take the splinter out of your brother’s eye.” (*In fact we see, that this reminds us of our own shortcomings first before we deal with those in our brothers*). Live in Reality more than you would do in the relative and all will be well.

Many illnesses have their root in carrying the burden too long and too far through introspection. Love is the cure—lose yourself in Love. This Love does not mean that you only Love your wife, your husband, (your children) a few friends, there must be the capacity to Love, the capacity for goodwill towards all. This is the only way that the world will change. If we hate people we will be hated, if we dislike we will be disliked, if we love we will be loved. Why not try and follow in the Master’s footsteps and see what will happen, individually and collectively? The world would be made over to Love, and there will be peace and goodwill to all men.

Yes, we repeat the phrases of the Master in parrot fashion. And we think because we can learn a few phrases of what the Master said, that it will be a screen that will hide us. There is no hiding behind any screen. But I say this, no matter what screens there are, learn to Love and the screens will dissolve away into nothingness where they belong. They are mental, not Spiritual.

Paul says, “Love is very patient, very kind, Love knows no jealousy, makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful. Love is never glad when others go wrong, love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient, Love never disappears.”

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It is the Eternal thing, Ever-present. Without Love there can be no Creation of beauty.

The Master says, “I give you a new command, to love one another—as I have loved you, you are to love one another; by this everyone will recognise that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another.”

This is my message to you that you Love one another as I Love you.

*Now we will turn to Lesson 9 just before the Master prepares to wash the feet of the disciples. **

All I can do is to point out the way but each one of you must make your own personal approach, but your sincere desire for Truth will produce a corresponding unfolding of Love and Truth and when the Supreme Truth is reached you will find in your final recognition of the Divine Name “I am” **that God is Love.**

That is why Christ was born to Love, the greatest man on earth because he was Love.

This is well portrayed in the Master’s act of washing the feet of his disciples in John 13: 3. “The Father had put everything into his hands—knowing that he had come from God and was going to God; (4) he rose from the table, laid aside his robe and tied a towel round him, (5) then poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples, wiping them with the towel he had tied round him. (6) He came to Simon Peter. ‘Lord,’ said he ‘you wash my feet!’ (7) Jesus answered him, ‘you do not understand just now what I am doing, but you will understand it later on.’ (8) Said Peter, ‘you will never wash my feet, never!’ ‘Unless I wash you,’ Jesus replied, ‘you will not share my lot.’ (9) ‘Lord’ said Simon Peter, ‘then wash not only my feet but my hands and head.’ ”

In verse 12, “.... Jesus said, ‘do you know what I have been doing to you? (13) You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right: that is what I am. (14) Well, if I (have) washed your feet, I who am Lord and Teacher, You are bound to wash one another’s feet; (15) for I have been setting you an example, that you should do what I have done to you. (16) Truly, truly I tell you, a servant is not greater than his

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master, nor is a messenger greater than he who sent him. (17) If you know all this, blessed are you if you really do it. (20) ...He who receives (any-)one I send receives me, and he who receives me receives Him who sent me.

What a wonderful Truth. 'He who receives me receives Him who sent me.'

These words of Jesus speak for themselves, the example (he) was showing was that, if they considered him supreme and he served them they must also serve one another. In other words, I show you that I love you, you must also love one another.

Could there be anything greater and more beautiful? Than this complete, selfless Love and Expression of the Divine nature.

All his disciples were not faithful to him and this is a lesson for all. Verse 18 "...that this scripture might be fulfilled, he who eats my bread has lifted up his heel against me." Jesus was referring to the Scripture Psalm 41: 7 and 9 (Old Version). "(7) All who hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt. (9) Yes, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my *table* (bread), hath lifted up his heel against me."

Jesus must have been a keen student of the Scriptures and knew what the prophets had voiced before him and also what they said about him. Although there is a personal aspect about this saying there is also the Spiritual.

In the personal sense—who has not experienced so-called friends who lie and speak ill against you while at the same time they eat your bread and sup with you?

Let it enter into your own hearts, these things are all meant for us. We do not need to be ashamed of our shortcomings. What we have got to do is to discern them so we do not perpetuate them. Nor do we have to hide from them and try and shrug our shoulders and get away from them. That does not do any good. It is to silently and quietly observe them and see where we are moving. Are we moving towards the Judas or are we moving towards the Christ? You can soon find out in your own hearts.

But when you Love deeper, then you will find the true nature of the Christ in you. Then I have said before, "cast your virtues to the wind,

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seek that which is Real.” That which in Itself is Reality and Perfection, with no blemish. It cannot be tarnished by any thought or any movement of the outer self. It stands supreme and sublime, I am that Life.

In the ancient script in the Book of Enoch¹ it says, “Know ye not that ye speak ill against the son of man who is by Divine birth the Son of God.”

This is interpreted as the outer self knowing not the Self, speaks ill against the Lord that dwells within. When the outer self is ignorant of its true nature this self being caught up in the outer tries to save itself, but by doing so loses itself. But by giving up *the* self to the greater Self so that the greater Self manifests, the Self retains the self. Only those who have a deeper understanding can fathom this wonderful truth.

Unless ye forsake everything even your own life, you can be no disciple of mine.

Jesus knew Judas still clung to the outer self, thus he was troubled in Spirit and his agony of mind was visible to John who sat next to him. “Truly, truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” The disciples looked at *one another*, each other at a loss to know which one of them he meant. (They were not sure of themselves, their consciousness of innocence they doubted, because of the declaration of the Christ.) Is this not so with everyone even with the disciples? This weakness of the outer self is seen clearly.

There is no one innocent in a human frame, only God. Jesus made it plain when they called him, “good Master.” He said, “do not call me good, there is no one good but God.”

Even the stalwart impetuous Peter said to Jesus, “I will lay down my life for you,” Jesus replies, “lay down your life for me! Truly, truly I tell you before the cock crows you will have disowned me thrice over.”

Look into your own hearts and see if that is not there too.

In this lesson there is a very deep significance, words cannot describe it, even if I did try to describe it I would spoil it for you. The answer is found in your own souls, each one will find it in his own way.

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Infinite Spirit reveal to me the Eternal Nature in which I live forever so that I shall never again be afraid.

Help me to remember that Thy son Jesus, our elder brother, still lives even though his ascension meant a Cross.

Bless me, O Blessed One, with Thy unlimited power, to overcome the weakness of my outer self. Then I shall know whether I am awake, asleep or dreaming, that Thy Eternal Loving Presence is always with me, Thou art with me always and I am with Thee in Christ forever.

I will say with Love for all “Unto Thee I commend my Spirit,” my outer self struggles no longer, O Infinite Father of Mine.

EPILOGUE

Here we see the most magnificent and wonderful Life, shown and portrayed by Jesus, a man born in the flesh—the Christ that is born in every living child. In every babe that is born, then, the Christ is born. Because God is Infinite in nature, there is but one Spirit even the Christ.

In this we learn to Love one another. Without It the world is dark indeed. Not only the world outside but our own lives.

*Therefore think deeply of what I said tonight. He has given us a command, “to Love one another as he Loves us,” **now**.*

*Just as it was 2000 years ago it is just **now**. Because there is no past nor future. There is only the present. And the present is always present. That Presence that is Eternal has no future, no past—It is the Eternal **now**. Just as it was 2000 years ago, so it is this very moment.*

My peace remains with you always. That it has come, it will stay. It has always been there. Yes, the Love of God dwells in each and everyone of you. This is my peace—it is yours also.

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Now, we have come to the end of this series of lectures. But there are better ones later on. And I am sure when I return that there will be an enthusiasm for more of this Real teaching. The mental is alright, the physical is alright, but in themselves they carry nothing. They are but the expression of something that is hidden, greater. Let us find that which is hidden, that which is greater, then we will know better and much more about the mental, the physical.

It is this teaching that we are so utterly devoid of at the present time. The world is in chaos because of it. The lack of it is destroying humanity. A group like this can spread and understand the truth. Jesus had twelve disciples, since then his teaching has spread all over the world. You can carry this message too, in your home, in business perhaps.

Do not think it is a religion or a belief or an idea. Because these things are not Truth. Life does not need a religion to live nor an idea or an image to live. It is not your family tree that keeps your heart beating nor your belief nor your tradition, it is that which is Life Itself.

Let us find more and more of this Life in us so we can give expression to that. And by your going about quietly and judiciously. Take this out of beliefs, out of religions, out of systems, out of the mental, out of the physical, and give it its true place—the Christ in you.

* This special lecture comprises parts of two lectures: *“Love is the Fountain of Joy in human hearts, the Cosmic Mind in human consciousness”* and *“If the world hates you, remember it hated me first. John 15:18.”* (To see the full versions of these two Lectures see pages 373 and 419 in this book). The italic verbatim text is from the actual sound recording of the Pretoria Lecture given in the Pretoria Women’s Club, 4th floor of the Sanlam Building on Tuesday night of 12th June 1951, at 7.45 pm. The same lecture was given two days later in Johannesburg. No recording exists of the Johannesburg lecture. It was the last lecture given in this series, before Murdo, accompanied by his sister Flora, took a 4 month trip back to Britain. This was Murdo’s first trip back to the UK in 13 years. His two sons were grown up and, had by now, both married.

1. *Book of Enoch*. A Hebrew apocryphal book and considered one of the most important works in the pseudepigrapha lexicon. Ascribed to Enoch, Hebrew patriarch, father of Methuselah (Genesis 5:24). While the book today is a non-canonical work in most Christian Churches, it is readily quoted from. Only the Ethiopian Orthodox Church today regards it to be canonical.