

**MAN IS UNEASY WITHOUT A SENSE OF
COMPLETENESS—THERE CAN ONLY BE FREEDOM
IN THE UNLIMITED AND UNDIVIDED BECAUSE
THERE IS ONLY WHOLENESS IN TRUTH...***

A sense of completeness is the secret of happiness. But that completeness can only come when we discern our thoughts, our emotions, discern our conditioning and what is conditioning us. If you are not aware of what is conditioning you then you will still be conditioned.

And how are you conditioned? You are conditioned because of your reactions to things external to yourself. You are conditioned by your form of belief in any particular ritual, no matter what it may be. You are conditioned by your party, your politics, your education. You are conditioned by your traditions. You are conditioned by all these things unless you discern how you are conditioned. And if you discern how you are conditioned then you can free yourselves from your conditions. But not until such time that you discern the fact that you are conditioned can you free yourselves.

Completeness comes when there is no limitation, when there is no division, when there is Wholeness. What Is, is All, and there can be no division in all.

I told you some time ago that God being Infinite in nature must fill boundless space and there can be nothing outside Him. If there was anything outside Him He could not be Infinite. If He did not fill every atom of space and fill every Living thing and behind every Living thing including the flowers, the trees and the plants He could not be Infinite. Therefore we see that when we look at a flower, a tree or a plant of any kind we will know that it does not grow by its own volition, but behind it is that Infinite Expression in which there is Wholeness and Completeness. Therefore you cannot be outside the Infinite and the Infinite must be Eternally within you because He is the only Living Being there is.

And it is now that you realise and recognise the fact that you are alive and living, and that is being. Not becoming but being. Everyone is trying to become something; through some philosophy,

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through some form of education, through some particular form of psychology or all these particular “ologys,” or you are all trying to become something. And where to you land yourselves, in ignorance and in what we call confusion. The mind of the individual becomes confused and he never reaches what he desires.

But immediately you become aware of this one complete fact of Wholeness. That there can be no outside, and you cannot be outside and God is not relative to you. Even if we talk about God we make Him relative. When you pray to God you make Him relative because you are praying to something external to yourselves. And what are your prayers for; for your wants, something that you need, either your health or your happiness or something that is necessary in your life as you think. But when you have Being and Wholeness and Completeness then man is no longer uneasy, there is a sense of freedom. There is a sense of friendliness and as you approach Reality, you approach Him in friendliness with everything, with everyone else knowing that you cannot be separated from Him and He who is the Creator of all things, is the Benefactor of all things. And He Who lives and moves and has His Being in you, you live and move and have your Being in Him. As the Master said so clearly and distinctly, “know ye not I am in the Father and the Father is in me.” And the foundation of all his teaching was based upon this one truth, “I and the Father are One.”

If you can discern completely and wholly the meaning of that saying, according to his understanding, then you shall be as free as he was.

We do not free ourselves by acquiring comfort or consolation. If you only want satisfaction you live in the illusion of your desire. We must strip the self of all conditioning and the self alone can do this. The self must discern its own ways, must understand them, unless this is done there can be no freedom of the self.

The self is you which feels a sense of separation. And what is it that separates you? It is your conditioning.

(Consciousness, this is a very poor illustration of what consciousness is. I am not trying to tell what consciousness is because I do not know what It is, neither do you. Its like you do not know what electricity is but you see its manifestation.)

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But the fact is that we know that consciousness is functioning in, what we call, the physical. But it has its roots in the Infinite Completeness which is everywhere and runs through everything. But as the consciousness of man reaches the Infinite, so that same consciousness is functioning through the physical. Mans consciousness is now functioning and reacting to the physical nature. What he sees outside he feels himself separate because he is reacting to conditions external to himself. He feels this separation therefore he tries to possess everything for himself. He tries to corner the Infinite for his own benefits.

But immediately man becomes aware of what he is doing, seeing how he is conditioned; by his reactions, by his thoughts, by other peoples thoughts, by other peoples movements, by other peoples desires, by tradition, by education, by his emotions. He begins to see that this 'itself' is nothing at all. The consciousness becomes aware of itself and in the deeper form of consciousness we find there is a functioning going on in your body that you are not conscious of; the digestion of your food, the assimilation of the food, the control of the temperature of your body, winter and summer. All this is going on under consciousness, nevertheless it is the same consciousness that is ruling it all. Deeper down you find greater Spiritual consciousness which is in the higher conscious levels, when we begin to realise this wonderful Truth. Until we begin to become aware; aware of our own consciousness, and aware of our conditioning, aware of the fact that our consciousness is the ruling factor in our lives, that it is the creator of all thought and feeling in your life. If you are not conscious of certain things you will never feel them.

Two men walking down the street. One is blind and the other can see. A tiger comes bounding down the street to both of them. One runs into a corner, the other man stands still. The one reacting to what he sees, he is running away. But the other man is not conscious of what is happening therefore he does not know.

That is what is happening to most of you, you are fearing everything in your life and you are conditioning yourselves. But once you reach the stage where the Master said, "the Father and I are one." He reaches his own Creativeness, that Creativeness that is Eternal and Ever-present. The past and the futures do not exist in the present. The present is Eternal. The past is but a memory. The future is but a hope.

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These things are in your mind but you are a Living Being at the present time. And it is only through Life, the Consciousness in Life, that is Creative in you now that enables you to think and move. And nothing comes into operation by its own volition. It is the Consciousness of the Infinite Himself alone and “I and the Father are one.”

If you have inherited ideas of right and wrong, what is Spiritual and what is not Spiritual, you have only built around you conclusions which you call understanding. These conclusions are a hindrance to understanding. If you rely on compulsion there can be no understanding, through your fear you adhere to a ritual which conditions the self. You can readily see that this is not understanding but stupidity.

And once you discern what is happening to you then you begin to free yourselves.

If you come to the conclusion through intelligence, your conclusions become a wall which you build around yourself. This does not dissolve your difficulties. The self is still imprisoned. In the outer there may be building, destroying, contrasting and modifying, suppressing and renewing. This is but an expansion of the self—*going away from that which is Real. It is your reactions to things and you discern and desire all these things in the relative, not knowing the great and mighty force that is within.* Only through awareness of the functions the self is undergoing can you dissolve your difficulties. Only thus can the self free itself from all illusion.

I know that you realise that this is the highest teaching that is given by the Masters. There is a number of new students here this evening. I want you to pay particular attention because you will not grasp it in one sitting. But as you listen you will reach the stage where you will also become discerners of your own thoughts, your emotions and how you are conditioned. And when you begin to do this you will be able to eliminate all these conditions and you will find a sense of freedom—and that is what you are all seeking.

Conclusions are a hindrance to understanding because they bind the self. There must be the utmost pliability of mind in the discernment of what your conclusions are. They are but fixtures that bind the self, the self is the cause of these conclusions. Therefore we must discern deeply what our conclusions are.

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When you come to a conclusion have you ever tried to discern why you come to this conclusion? What that conclusion is built from? How it has come about?

I will tell you. It has come about because of your training, your education, your reactions, your environment, your conditions, and all these things bring about your conclusions. That is not understanding, that is mere stupidity.

To understand; you must understand the self, how the self is being bound, how the self is being conditioned. Then you will find freedom. A freedom will come, which I cannot give you. Remember I am not your teacher.

There is no such thing as a teacher. Because If I want to teach you or want you to imitate me and think what I think, but I am not a teacher that way. There is no teacher in the world of any value unless he allows you to think for yourselves and put you on that road so that you will think for yourselves and think with understanding.

I am not telling you to do this or do that. I am showing you how you can find freedom.

With conclusions you form your resolutions. For instance a resolution not to be *envious, not to be jealous, no longer to be angry, no longer to be possessive* is not effective, it is stupid. A resolution not to be *envious, not to be jealous, not to be angry and so forth* is to build a wall around yourself and these walls prevent understanding. But if you are “aware” you will discover the ways of *these things, of envy, jealousy, anger and so forth* and any other hindrance that binds the self.

When you continue in interested watchfulness you will find the ramifications of the self at the different layers of consciousness. To be jealous in any layer of consciousness, higher or lower, is to be still bound by jealousy.

Whether you are jealous of the highest things or whether you are jealous of the lowest things, you are still bound. If you are righteously angry, he is an ass or a fool because there is no need to be righteously angry. Righteous does not exist at all. You are either angry or not angry. Therefore it does not matter how your anger comes about. It is the same emotion because you do not understand.

From the merely superficial envy to the most subtle forms in the mental or spiritual is a hindrance to the true expression of the

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creativity within. *And it is this creativity within that you want to free so it can express Itself. But if it is held bound by conditions and conditioning in any form whatsoever. Whether it is through religion or whether it is through anything else, it makes no difference, you are conditioned by it. You can never be free, you are still living in limitation. That limitation is your conditioning. Yet creativity is a state of being that is not the outcome of thinking.*

Creativity is not the outcome of thinking. Creativity is now. It is the very root of your own being, it is the very source of Creative Power in you. It is the Life, it is the Infinite expressing Himself. It is not brought about by thinking, it is brought about by eliminating all that is hindering It and its true expression.

You may speculate about the unknown but you can never think about it. When you are thinking about something you are probing into it. But such thinking does not bring creativity. What is knowable is not Reality. What is known is ever receding into the past, into memory, and what is past and what is memory is not Reality. The Eternal is the ever-present in which there is no memory no past no future.

It is the Ever-present present. It is the Creativity. If you can see clearly what I mean, you will immediately begin to discern all the things that are hindering the expression of this. And you will cast off one burden after another, until such time as you feel the freedom, that freedom arising within your own soul—but then you will know what freedom means. You have not yet tasted the feeling of this freedom.

I remember, I told you before, when I went to the Himalayas. And I met one of the great masters. I thought, of course naturally, that I had taken all the degrees that was possible in philosophy, science, medicine and so forth. That I knew a great deal. And therefore I began to tell him what I knew. For an hour, I think, I discoursed. And after I was finished I thought now you will know that I know something in my own mind. And he put his hand on my shoulder and he said, “my son, it doesn’t matter very much whether it is true or not does it.”

That was the first time I came to realise that all the things I had, I was conditioning this very thing that was created. And as I learned to discard everything and to find that which in Itself was Perfect. Then Itself gives expression to Itself. The words flow naturally. There was

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no effort to speak. There was no need to think out words that I would say. I knew that that word would come at the right moment. Not one moment before, or one moment after. And everything would be in its right place at that time because of the Ever-Presence.

We can look back and we can be aware of our thinking *and that our thinking* is the result of the influences of conditioning of limitation. Are you not influenced by propaganda, influenced by religion, influenced by thoughts and words of others, by leaders in the political, religious, economic fields of exploitation? All these are not the instruments of Truth. If you would discover Truth you must become aware of the subtleties of influence and your response to it. *Do not forget your response to it!*

When the past ceases to influence the present, when all sense of time ceases in the present, *there, there is Creativeness now at this very moment, and the past and the future are disappeared and the Living Presence is now expressing Itself. Can you then say in your own heart this moment that you are not conditioned.* There is creativeness, which can be experienced in the stillness of the mind. *When the mind is still. When all these things that are influencing you from your environment, from your ritual, from the various forms. When your mind is no longer occupied by them. When your mind is no longer influenced by them, then that which is Real will rise to the surface and you shall be as the Christ. He was that. He moved among the people in that way, free. Demonstrating completely his own freedom and the expression of the Creativeness of the Almighty. Everyone is born because of the Christ Principle in them. You did not come into being by yourselves. Nothing comes into being by its own volition. The self will-then understand the Self and realize that which is beyond the self and that which gives rise to the self. Although you cannot know what it is you will know **that it is.***

Just as I know that is light (points to light bulb). I do not know what it is. You can not tell me what it is. Science can not tell us yet what electricity is. You only know that it comes from the atmosphere. It is a form of energy that permeates the whole Universe. And by some unknown way, someone experimenting with two discs flying in the opposite direction, found that they created a form of energy. And from that on they was using electricity, yet we do not know what it is. Yet we know the laws.

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The cause of exploitation is the self. The self seeks for happiness through material, mental or spiritual means. Whenever the self seeks happiness external to itself it becomes the creation of the exploiter. The exploiter does not come into being suddenly, he is not a freak of nature, he is the result of your demands for material, mental, economic and spiritual satisfaction in which there is no freedom, and that which you *seek you* never attain. *Because you are going away from Reality.*

What the individual rebels against is the result of his own action. Some think that by killing they will destroy the evil, they think that by killing or imprisoning a few whom they think are responsible for the evil they will destroy the evil, but they only add to it.

Wrong means cannot establish right action. There can be no peace in the world by murdering those who are murderers. As long as we divide ourselves into groups, nationalities, different religions and ideologies, there will be aggressors and defenders, then the defenders become the aggressors. *Think it out for yourselves and you will see, the cause of all our trouble is this separation. This self is doing all the damage because it does not understand itself and its ways.*¹ Only by understanding the fundamentals of human existence can peace come to the world and thus to man himself.

In all organised Spiritual institutions there is the desire for position and acquisition. Spirituality is all-inclusiveness in which there is no distinctions, no division. *No high, no low. If you think in terms of high or low, then you have conditioned yourself!* To free yourself from the net of ignorance you must remain the controller of your own thoughts and feelings and not become a slave to imitation and tradition and to the authority of the less informed than yourselves.

We find then the secret of our happiness comes not through psychology, not through philosophy, not through education, not through tradition, not through possessiveness, but through freedom. Discerning all that is conditioning you. If you are possessive you are conditioned.

When the disciples asked the Master about the things material. He said, "who clothed the lilies in the field, who feeds the birds of the air, who does all these things. Then are ye not more than that. And will your Heavenly Father not give you what you need. All you must know is to understand that there can be no separation between you and me. And I and the Father are one."

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“I have come in that personal state of that Infinite Father. I am the personal representative of that Infinite Life. And if you can grasp this great freedom that is mine, so shall you have that freedom too. For he who does the Will of my Father is my mother, my sister, my brother.”

At the same time he says, “unless you forsake your father, your mother, your sister, your brother, your wife, your husband and your children, and even your own life, you can be no disciple of mine.”

Unless you can put away all this separateness, this separation, you will never know the power of the Christ. You will never know how to manifest, how to express the Christ from within.

The world’s conception of Life is based on selfishness with all its subtle ramifications, its illusions, its fears and consolations. Man unconsciously acts through fear and becomes irresponsible. This leads to chaos and disaster, this is the result of the lack of clear understanding. **Conscious action through understanding and adjustment leads to pure thinking which leads to pure action, in which there is NO longer selfishness, aggression and murder.** There will be an understanding of the Presence that is not in opposition to Itself at anytime in any individual, in any nation or group of people.

This saying, “One Presence,” Omnipresent in its nature is never in anyway antagonistic to any individual, in any other individual, nation or group.

Then how does all this chaos come about? Through the self being conditioned, not understanding. Psychology will not free you, philosophy does not free you, education does not free you, politics does not free you, religion does not free you. All these things condition you.

What does free you is to discern what is conditioning you. So that your thoughts can be pure, can be based upon the one fact, “I and the Father are one.” And that Father is in every other Living soul.

So you approach Reality with affection, with every other person who is approaching Reality with affection. But what do we find? We find people approaching Reality, in rivalry, in want, in aggression. Do you think that a God who is Complete and Perfect in Himself receives your prayers. Your prayers are hypocrisy, nothing more or nothing less.

To approach Reality, we must approach Him in affection, with every other individual that is approaching Him. Not in rivalry, in division, sectional, but in unity.

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If you will discern deep enough, you will see that good and evil are not entities in themselves. They are simply words which you use to indicate the results of your own actions. Those actions are predetermined by the character of your thinking, and the cause of your thinking is the self, clouded in ignorance. Therefore an understanding of the self is paramount in the elimination of the sorrow and conflict in the world in which we live.

To become aware of that which hinders true expression of the Self is of primary importance to you. How clearly we see this in words of the Master, John 16: 2 and 3, “they will excommunicate you; indeed the time is coming when anyone who kills you will imagine that he is doing God a service. This they will do to you, because they have not known the Father or me.”

Don't you see how wonderful it is. These people were caught up in their fanatical religious sectarianism, in their fanatical beliefs that they were right. They never discerned how these things came about. They were bound in these beliefs.

Is there anything more fanatical than an eastern fanatic. I have lived in the east for many years. I have lived among the Arabs in Arabia. I have travelled through the east in my early life and I know their ways and every possible thing. I saw this fanatical eastern religious fervour that causes them to bleed to death. And if anyone comes in their way during these particular times, they will sweep you aside. You have got to keep within doors. This is a religious sect out to murder, out to kill.

Why it is not very long ago since the Spanish Inquisition. Look at the fanaticism that was there. When people were burnt at the stake.

What do we see in the present time. (Korean War). This mass murder going on. Is it not just the same thing. Fanaticism in a larger scale. How ignorant is the world.

O may the Christ that knew the Truth reveal it to all men's hearts and souls. That is the great thing. And every soul of man will be the burning expression of the Creativeness of the One Infinite Father. All will approach Him in affection for one another. Reaching that particular Fountainhead of Love, understanding what it means.

In the world today is it not so? Those who have killed others think they have done God and the world a service, there is no need for

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me to enlarge on this for it is very plain to you all. The Master was thought to be an evil influence because he revealed their iniquities, *their ignorance of the truth*, so they killed him. They did the same to his disciples. But that did not stop the flood of enthusiasm that ran through the world about the freedom of his teaching. They could not kill that which they could not see *and did not understand*.

They never killed the Christ. The Christ is the Living Expression of the Father. You will never die, it is an utter impossibility. You will leave the body behind when the body is no longer required, but you will still live.

John 16: 4-7, “I have told you all this, so that when the time for it arrives, you may remember what I said to you. I did not tell you about this at the beginning, because I was with you then; but now I am going to Him who sent me. And yet not one of you asks, ‘where are you going?’ No, your heart is full of sorrow at what I have told you. Yet—I am telling you the truth—I am going for your good. If I do not depart, the Helper will not come to you; whereas, if I go, I will send him to you.”

Here was the Christ speaking, the Comforter, that is the Spirit of Understanding.

When you depend on any outside agency, even a Master, you have lost your own independence. If you depend on any outside agency of any kind you have lost your independence!

I heal only because it is the Spirit that heals. It is the Spirit within me that doeth the work. I speak only because of the Spirit.

The Spirit alone has Voice. That which is the Presence now at the very moment is the Presence forever. The Presence alone has Voice, nothing else has voice.

When I speak, then I know that it is the Presence that is speaking. If you can understand that and think deeply within yourselves you will also find that this Presence will speak for you as it spoke for Jesus, as it spoke for any Master that existed in the world.²

John 16: 13-15, “however, when the Spirit of truth comes, he will lead you into all the truth; for he will not speak of his own accord, but he will say what he is told, and he will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify me for he will draw upon what is mine and disclose it to you. All that the Father has is mine; that is why I say, ‘he will draw upon what is mine and disclose it to you.’”

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All that the Father has is mine. *Here is the complete Wholeness. Here is the understanding of that sense of Completeness in which there is no uneasiness.* This is the all-embracing Truth of the Christ that is born in man and is the Light of man, that shines in the darkness but the darkness comprehendeth it not. *Where the Light is, darkness disappears.* The darkness is the mind that is caught up in idolatry and pomp, in outward show, in selfishness, in separation, in antagonism, with the belief that evil is an entity of itself so man sets out to destroy it, yet it is nothing more than the action of man himself, so man is killed to exterminate evil only to create more evil. This is the sin of ignorance in the world, the Prince of the World. The Prince of the World has been judged by the Christ, *has been known, now, to have no more power. Christ is Supreme and when man realises this also—he shall be free.*

You will see also that the Prince of the World has no power of its own, its only power rests in man himself. If man then will look into his own heart-mind there he will find the Prince of the World, in which the self is caught up. So the self, man, perpetuates his own misery because he will not discern and understand the cause *of his misery.* When the cause is understood then Christ in you will also judge the Prince of the World and it will dissolve away because the only power it has is the power you give it by being caught up in the things of the world, in separation, in antagonism.

The world is yours providing you give it up. But as long as you hold on to it through possessiveness it will always destroy you.

The Spirit of Truth is yours. The Life that is Eternal is yours provided you give up your own life in the self, so that you retain Life that is Eternal.

If you can see this clearly you will see there is no mental gymnastics about it. There is no need for affirmations from morning till night that cloud the mind and cause a lot of troubles. There is no need for these stupid affirmations.

To discern what you are doing, how you are thinking, how you are conditioned, frees you and that alone frees you.

(John 16: 16-20,) “ ‘in a little while, you shall behold me no longer; then, after a little, you shall see me.’ So some of his disciples said to one another, ‘what does he mean by telling us, “in a little while, you shall behold me no longer; then, after a little, you shall see me,” and, “I go to the Father”?’ They said, ‘what is the meaning of “In a little”?’ We do

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not understand what he is saying.’ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him; so he said to them, ‘is this what you are discussing together, why I said, “in a little while, you will not see me: then, after a little, you shall see me”?’ Truly, truly I tell you, you will be wailing and lamenting while the world is rejoicing; you will be sorrowful, but then your sorrow will be changed to joy.’ ”

Here was the great wonderful Truth. They did not understand the Eternal Christ.

*The Eternal Christ lives in the body **now**, as it is in you and me. And when the full bloom of that Christ becomes aware, the consciousness becomes aware of Itself as the Christ. Then all things are possible; the walking on the water; the dissolving of the material because the Christ has all power over all things in heaven and on earth.*

Don’t you understand that it is the Infinite that created all things. And this consciousness is in the Infinite and it is the Infinite Consciousness that is in man, so is the Christ.

That is the Christ. And when the consciousness becomes aware of its own power, the Christ Power, it sees that same Christ in every other thing. It lifts everything to safety, lifts everything through Love.....

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Jesus knew that the world had no power over the Christ of God and although he would die he would show himself alive. But his disciples did not understand, for they were still caught up in the power of death which had no power over the Christ in man. He also knew that when he was crucified the world would rejoice—but his disciples would be stricken with sorrow, but that sorrow would turn to joy in his appearance to them later on. For the Christ cannot die, that which is of God is eternal.

How many of you, my disciples, yet fear death and are sorrowful when your loved ones pass from your earthly sight. Yet when you may get a glimpse of their presence you are afraid, you fear because you do not understand. Many of you have witnessed a transfiguration here yet you do not believe.

Yet this is excusable, for Thomas, the disciple of the Master, would not believe until he thrust his hand into the Master’s side and felt his hands and feet. As it is with most ‘I believe, O Lord, help my unbelief.’

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O Divine Truth, I perceive that if I worship Thee, thinking that Thou art one and I another, I do not know.

O Divine Truth I perceive that if I look for anything elsewhere than in myself I am abandoned by everything.

O Divine Truth, I am in Thee and Thou art in me and we are one, O Holy Divinity.

Divine Truth, there is nothing else for man to be but the Truth for man cannot be a portion of the Indivisible, but each one of us is forced, to be the Whole Truth and nothing but the Truth because there is nothing else but Thee, O Holy One.

- * The full name of this lecture is: "*Man is uneasy without a sense of Completeness—there can only be freedom in the unlimited and undivided because there is only Wholeness in Truth—what is, is all and there can be no division in all*" 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 2nd October 1951, at 7.45 pm. No recording exists of the Johannesburg lecture. The actual recording ends abruptly before the full lecture has been given.
1. The next sentence in the lecture notes is missing from the recording. [*An evil cannot be overcome by another evil, by other opposing desires that lead to further aggression.*]
 2. The complete next paragraph in the Lecture Notes is missing from the recording. [*The Master knew that his disciples depended upon him, something outside themselves. That is why his going was good for them. Then the Spirit of Truth would come into them, the Helper at all times, the ever-present Helper; the Christ within.*]

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ONE ANOTHER; AS I HAVE LOVED YOU,
YOU ARE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER*”**

That is the command of the Christ within. The Master spoke from the Wholeness of Life, not from his personal self but from the Wholeness of Life. Therefore he gave his command which was the only command he ever gave to his disciples. And he says, “I give you a new command to love one another as I have loved you, you are to love one another.”

The Christ is always conscious of the unlimited power of the Presence which is Love. To guard against mental and physical chaos we must not accept any opinion without due regard to whether it corresponds with the whole, for there can be no division in Reality, no separation and no distinction.

If you accept any opinion then, without due regard to whether it corresponds with the whole, you are caught up in the false.

You may reason divinely but if you are still caught up in the false, that reasoning is of very little value to you. You may say that you are the Spiritual Essence, but if you are caught up in the false that becomes just an idea and does not release you from the false. Not until such time as you observe that which is false. Then with Divine reasoning, is the double edge sword, it eliminates all these things from the mind. When the mind is caught up with these things then you will find that there is always trouble. The mind is the trouble maker. The body itself does not create anything, it cannot. Life created the body and it is Life that is still creating in the body. It is Life that is still reorganising in the body. Unconsciousness is in Life. But there is no consciousness in the body when it is inert. There is no movement in the body, it does not create anything of itself.

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As we saw the other night, it was consciousness reacting to things external to itself, consciousness aware of this and consciousness aware of that. But there is a period when you can prove that pain will disappear.

I know very well. During the last World War (WWI) was wounded four times and once very severely, when I got a bullet right through the neck. Went right in one side and out the other. Naturally they had to be dressed and there was terrific pain. I could remember, so often in the afternoon, sometimes when I was tired, what I would do I go into a sort of a semi-sleepy state. And I would find the pain fading away from my consciousness still I was conscious. And I used to hang in between that state of sleep and consciousness and become aware of a perfect peace where there was no pain whatsoever, then I would fall off to sleep. Three or four hours afterwards I would wake up. I would still be unaware of pain until such time, I would say to myself, "where's that pain now." And immediately I began to become conscious of it, then it became excruciating.

I knew perfectly well then, that there was a Consciousness that was free from pain. And I know also well, that in the mind there is the consciousness of pain. There is the consciousness of this and the consciousness of that. And reacting to the physical we find that in the mind to a great extent controls a great deal of our emotion, our thoughts, our feelings.

You say that your ear hears and your eye sees. But if the mind did not see and just the eye and ear heard, you would have no understanding of what you saw or heard. Therefore it is the mind that sees, it is the mind that hears. And we must realise that behind the body there is this tremendous power of recognition which is in the consciousness. And it is to observe what is in the mind, observe the false things that are in the mind and then reason divinely.

¹We will see that there can be no Reality in evil *at all* because there is only "One" which must be Eternal and ever-present Reality.

There can be no Reality in separation because there is only One in which there is no division.

There can be no Reality in personality because there is only one Reality which is indivisible.

There can be no Reality in sin because Truth is all there is and there can be no sin in Truth.

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Truth is all there is or can be. Truth is indivisible because there is nothing else to divide it by.

Truth is unchangeable because there is nothing else that can change it.

I am the Eternal Truth as there is nothing else for me to be. All else is illusion. Therefore there cannot be good or evil, for Truth is one and indivisible.

All these things you see, the false conditions are in the mind. It is the mind of man that has brought into operation these illusions. But when you discern the things that are false. Then you will see clearly what the Wholeness means. And you will not accept any opinion, any idea without due regard to whether it corresponds with the Whole. Then you are free.

He who believes in a lie is also a liar. The self is in the error of believing in the false that lies.

It is the self that is separate from the Infinite Self. The self that has gone away from Reality, the self that is trying to expand itself. But immediately the self becomes aware of the One Self which is Real, which is Infinite in Its nature, then that self loses itself in the Infinite. As the Master said, “if you seek to save your life you will lose it, but if you give up your life you shall retain it.

The separate life and distinctive life in the individual as a means of separation is a lie. And he who believes in this lie is also a liar.

The perception of the nothingness of the self destroys the error. “If any man came after me let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

The Presence is Love in which is wisdom and truth. The whole world is looking for the Love that will set it free. *But how can the world be free if the individual is not free? Because the world is the individual, you and I.* Love is the Divine nature in mankind. *These are Truths that you cannot deny.* All there is is Reality. God is all there is and because all is God, God must also be mankind because there is no division no separation anywhere, thus the Christ is God.

So Jesus says to his disciples in John 16: 34-35, he says these words, “I give you a new command, to love one another—as I have loved you, you are to love one another; and by this everyone will recognize that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” This is man made in God’s likeness.

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Now if you look into your own minds, you will readily see that which is false. If you have followed a belief you know that that is a belief. If you know what a belief is then you will discern what it is and it will no longer hold you bound to that belief.

If you are bound to any particular idea or system, you must discern this and know what it is, then you shall not be bound by it. But if you are caught up in these things you shall never know Reality. There will always be the self that is hiding this Reality. And as long as this self is dominant in mankind so we will have trouble. It is an utter impossibility otherwise, for the simple reason is this, that the self is going away from Reality.

Immediately the self recognises its ways and understands what it is doing, that self will dissolve itself into the Whole and there you find everything, that same Self in every other individual. Then there is no craving, there is no trials, there is no tribulations, there is a Peace that passes all understanding. 'The Peace I give you is not the peace that the world gives you.'

John 14 verses 6-7 Jesus says to Thomas, "I am the real and living way: no one comes to the Father except by means of me. If you knew me, you would know my Father too."² *(because 'I and the Father are One.' He was expressing the Father, the self had disappeared. It was completely annihilated through the recognition and realisation of that which was false, and the understanding of that which was Real in Itself being the only Reality indivisible inseparable and therefore could only be One. Therefore he said to Thomas, "if you knew me you would know my Father too.")* Here Jesus was showing that there could be no separation in the Father. The only Livingness was the Father Himself expressing Himself, and Jesus knew that he was the Living expression of the Father Himself. *If you discern then all your ideas, your opinions and see what they are you will get down to the bedrock where you will find Peace. In that Peace then comes the understanding.* Therefore his statement to his disciples "and now you have seen Him!" *Now you have seen the Father.*

John 14: 8-11, "Lord," said Philip, "Let us see the Father that is all we want." *Here now you can see the disciples, they were wanting to see the Father. You see again how clearly they had to discern the whole truth, they were in separation. They saw Jesus as something apart and separate from themselves. But he shows them clearly that it is not true, so here is what he says. So Philip said to him, "let us see the*

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Father, that's all we want.” and Jesus said to him, “Philip, have I been with you all this time, and yet you do not understand me? He who has seen me has seen the Father. What do you mean by saying, ‘let us see the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak of my own accord; it is the Father who remains ever in me, who is performing his own deeds. Believe me, I am in the Father and the Father is in me:—or else, believe because of the deeds themselves.

Jesus was showing his Disciples that his Livingness was God (and) therefore could not be threatened with death nor fear of death, nor yield to death at all. His Life, as ours is God Almighty, the Eternal Living Presence. *Because there can be no division in it, there can be no separation in it. There can only be One and in that One there can be no division. And that which is Eternal cannot be destroyed and the Eternal can destroy a part of Himself—that is an utter impossibility.*

Therefore the whole teachings of Jesus to his disciples was showing them something that was greater than anything else in the whole world. It was the secret of all their power. The secret of the power that would be of any value to them later on.

The basis of his teachings was that there was no division. ‘He who does the will of my Father is my mother, my sister, my brother.’ There was no separation.

Jesus was showing the disciples then, that the Livingness of God was himself, the Christ.

The disciples were looking with the physical eyes but could not understand the Livingness of the Christ that is eternal, which could *not be seen from without, but could only be seen and understood from within.*

And you can find this yourselves. I cannot find for you. But if you discern all the things that are hindering this—then it will come to you as clear as day.

There shall be no longer any fear of death. And the fear of death is the cause of most of our troubles. Because when we have any trouble at all, we fear that we may die, that extenuates our trouble. And the sooner we realise that we can get rid of this fear of death then we can rid ourselves of much of our misery.

His peace was God and therefore his peace could not be threatened with inharmony or fear, inharmony or discord, nor yield to *any* inharmony

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whatsoever. His peace was God Almighty. “Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away,” “My words shall not return unto me void but they shall accomplish that whereto they are sent.”³ *This was the pure thought in the recognition of the Master. His thoughts were pure, they were not caught up in any false belief or tradition of any kind. He had eliminated from his mind everything except that he was Life Itself. And he knew that Life being the Creator of everything in the Universe and this Life was his own Consciousness. His Consciousness was then pure, not affected by fear of death or anything else. Therefore his thought was pure expressed from that centre of Power Itself, the very Almighty God. Therefore his word could not return unto him void but accomplish that which it was sent forth to do.*

Therefore you will see also if you can discern your mind until such time as you also recognise that your words shall not return unto you void. It shall carry out what you have sent it forth to do

How many people have asked for help for sickness, help in many ways? Do you think that I would sit down and say to myself, “well I hope that person shall be well.” Decidedly not. What I know is this, that that person is Life. That person is God Almighty in the expression. And my conscious awareness of that Truth is sufficient to bring that Power individually to that individual. So that the subconscious mind, the mind that is permeating everyone of our minds, that mind in which you are all tied up with me and I am tied up with you, and we are all tied up together in the One mind. That Consciousness that is in you is brought into operation by the absolute purity of thought of the individual who sends forth that word.

*That is why Jesus said, “that at this moment, he is well.” So God being all there is Jesus was showing his disciples this great Truth that God being all he himself (Jesus) must be in the Father and the Father in him, the Christ, because there could be no division no separation between himself and the Father, thus *he is* saying that God is all and there can be nothing else. Jesus says, “in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these so you have done it unto me.” Again showing that there is no separation.*

John 14 verses 12-16, 19-21, “truly, truly I tell you, he who believes in me will do the very deeds I do, and still greater deeds than these. For

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I am going to the Father, and I will do what ever you ask in my name, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; I will do whatever you ask me in my name. If you love me you will keep my commands, *that you love one another*, and I will ask the Father to give you another Helper to be with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth:...” *Here was the recognition, the Realisation of the Wholeness, the Completeness. His disciples were still at six's and seven's because they wondered what was happening to the Master. Here was a little flock of twelve, who he had trained, who he had taught time after time. Yet he knew that they would be scattered because they did not know the Completeness, the Wholeness of Life. There was something lacking in them and it was better that he should go because they were depending upon the outside Christ. They were depending upon the Jesus, the man, instead of the Christ that belongs to the whole of humanity. So his words are perfectly clear as we will see. “A little while longer and the world will see me no more; but you will see me, because I am living and you will be living too. You will understand, on that day, that I am in my Father and you are in me and I am in you. In that day they believed in death. But that only belonged to mans mind who lived in ignorance. And here was saying on that day then, “you will understand, that I am in the Father, that you are in me and I am in you.”* He who possesses my command and obeys *my command* is he who loves me, and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and appear to him.”

In verse 13, Jesus means as acting on his behalf, on behalf of the Christ of God, the creativeness that is ever within us.

Verse 17. Jesus is aware that the world would not receive this Truth because it was bound up in formalities, ritual and tradition in which the world believed. Therefore the world neither sees nor knows *the Christ nor Him* who sent him.⁴ *It is the same today, is the world not caught up in formalities, ritual and tradition?*

If the same thing happened at this very moment as it did 2000 years ago, it would be a one day miracle. The appearance of the Master, everybody would say, “why he appeared?” But they would go on their same stupid way, following formalities, following the ritual and tradition. Carrying on in the same way because they could not think. Because they were caught up in the false, that is why they could not think.

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If you are caught up in the false you cannot think either. You are only imitating. You are only believing what the other person has told you. You have never thought it out for yourselves, therefore you are ignorant of the truth.

Verses 19 and 20 means that when his disciples perceive that Jesus is “Living” and they are also “Living” and yet it is the same Life-God. “You will understand that I am in the Father and you are in me and I am in you.”

And when the disciples left and went out on their mission, they knew perfectly well from that moment that they were still Living and would Live as the Master Lived.

Peter, James and John, taken up to the mountain, when Elijah and Moses appeared. They had been so-called dead 2000 years before. But here the Master was showing them a more Real State of Living. He must have known Moses and Elijah otherwise he would not have known them then.

Verse 21, “he who possesses my commands and obeys them is he who loves me, and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and appear to him.” *This has already been fulfilled. You love me, I love you because you are Love. Because of your love the Master has appeared to you again, and has spoken to you. Yet sometimes you do not know it. You are not aware of the fact that his words have come back to you again.*

There is nothing strange in the sayings of the Master to you now I hope. It is because of your love that he himself, who was crucified for your sake loves you and because the Father loves you he has appeared to you to assure you of eternal Life. “The Life that raised me from the dead will raise you,” *That is what he said clearly, “the Life that raised me from the dead will raise you.”*

And here is the Completeness. You can find this Eternal Life within yourselves. You do not have to look to the cross to find Eternal Life, you have to look within because you cannot find it outside yourselves.

One experiment I was put to was in my training, they said, “now try and imagine yourself dead and keep on imagining yourself dead.” And I could not imagine myself dead, so I tried to, but it was an utter impossibility. And I found it was not true, that death could not exist at all. Anybody can try that experiment if they would to try it long enough. But most people

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are so impatient, they are so filled with the things that are external. Their minds are so filled with the false things that mean nothing, the things that do not matter. And they cannot even for a few moments enter into that peace and quiet within themselves to find the Holy Spirit that is Eternal and Ever-Present.

Is it not in this hour that you have expressed your love for all, realizing the Presence which is Love? Therefore you are blessed. Many are called but few are chosen.

The things that you have seen and heard are not miracles they are the result of your love and help. Some of you have seen his face, some of you have seen the light and some of you have heard music and bells accompanying his presence.

But he assures us that his Life which is God's Life is in us and with us always. Whatever we ask **“knowing”** this to be true it shall be done unto us. *Because we recognise that there is no separation. Whatever we ask “knowing” that there can be no separation. That the Life in you can in no way be separated from the totality of the whole Life in the Universe. That there cannot be two consciousness, there can be only the One Consciousness, the One Life of God.*

Therefore I say to you, when you see that there can be no separation, then you will understand Unity. But there is no use of crying, “unity, unity unity,” while in your minds you are steeped in separation and your minds are filled with falseness.

How can you understand Unity if you are still caught up in the false, caught up in beliefs, caught up in tradition, caught up in the self.

Not since his sojourn on earth have the Scriptures been interpreted as they are to you now this is because of his presence within us. His love, his wisdom is with us here now, because we have cast everything else aside but that which in Itself is Reality, the Love of Christ for you and me which is God's unadulterated *Life and Love*.

In this then is the secret of happiness and in nothing else. Try and find your happiness in anything else and you will find that it is empty.

Verses 22-24, “Lord,” said Judas (not Judas Iscariot), “why is it that you are to appear to us; and not to the world?” Jesus answered “if anyone loves me he will obey my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and take up our abode with him. He who does

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not love me does not obey my word; and what you hear me say is not my word but the word of the Father who sent me.

Surely these words in themselves convince you of the Truth. You are the disciples of the Christ of God because you⁵ *know that there can be no separation between you. Because you love one another as I love you. If you do not love one another then you can be no disciples of the Christ, that is his command. His command is perfectly clear, "I give you a new command to love one another as I have loved you, you are to love one another, and by your love for one another you shall be known as my disciples."* Look into your minds now before it escapes you and see if you do. Is there any criticism there. You cannot criticise and love at the same time. If you Love criticism disappears. Have you ever been really in love, even in the personal sense? A few of you perhaps have but I think very few of you really have. Because when you have that, even in the personal sense, all sense of criticism, all sense of anything disappears except that you love. That is the Love of God, that is the love in human nature. But there is a greater love than that, the Love of Christ which is beyond the capacity of the human mind to understand.

The fulfilment of the act on the cross, the complete elimination of the self upon the cross, was the proof of the Love of Christ. The giving up of everything yet retain everything. It is indeed a wonderful thing that such a band of silent workers like yourselves are banded together like the disciples of old to help mankind to see the Light.

But you are always thinking in terms of the past. You are always thinking in the terms of the disciples of long ago. Think now in the terms of the present this very moment! Because the present is always present and there is no other time. The Presence is present now and no other time. When you are thinking of the past you are thinking of ideas, memories, what you have read that convince you of the truth it is the very moment that you have to realise and not the things of the past nor of the future.

Think in terms of the present that you are now the very disciples of the Christ. Then you can do something. You do not have to wait until some future date or think of something in the past. The something that has got to happen to you before it is possible that you become a disciple of the Christ. You are now his disciple at this very moment and every moment you are that disciple.

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Yet the saying of the Master must be observed, ‘do not cast your pearls before the ignorant lest they turn and rend you.’ Although you are capable of seeing clearly and acting purely the world is still ruled by Barabbas (separation and tradition).

This is my prayer, O Divine Presence, our hearts are united with Thine to express Thy Love for all.

Teach us with Thy Presence to hold our minds free from all illusion.

Let the flame of our Love united in Thee soar triumphantly *to dissolve* the din of social problems and differing creeds, and antagonisms that bring strife and misery to the world.

The Light of Thy Love alone can dissolve all that hinders Thy expression in us all.

At all times may we be reminded of our oneness with Thee, that we may behold Thy Presence in others.

May we always behold Thy unveiled face of peace in the world so that which we ask will come to pass.

That we may behold ourselves in Thee and in others to perceive Thee enthroned in the inmost hearts of all souls.

O Divine Loving Father in Whom we live and have our being, unite our hearts as one with Christ in Thee on the sacred Alter of United Hearts, there to find Thy Omnipresence enthrone forever. Amen.

This, prayer is inspired by the words of the Master himself, “what you hear me say is not my word but the word of the Father who sent me.”

Therefore recognise this truth that I am telling you when I am standing here. When I say to you, “when you have seen me you have seen the Father.” When I see you I recognise the same thing, when I have seen you I have seen the Father. The Father alone Lives. The Father alone is the only Living Expression, you are the Living Expression of the Father Himself. We are not separated in Life, we are United in Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father; Himself. I am in the Father and the Father is in me. ‘No ye not I am in the Father and the Father in me and you are in me and I am in you.’

“I have told you all this while I am still with you, *Jesus said*, but the Helper, the holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and recall to you everything I have said. *This is the Spirit of Truth. And that very Spirit is showing you the very words of the Master;*

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the Truth of them. That very Spirit of Truth is revealing his words to you as the symbol of Truth which you must recognise within yourselves. Peace I leave to you, my peace I give to you; I give it not as the world gives its 'Peace!' Let not your hearts be disquieted or timid. You heard me tell you I am going away and coming back to you; if you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father—for the Father is greater than I am.

“I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that, when it does occur, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the Prince of this world is coming. That is to say, those who wanted to kill him were coming upon him. That was the Prince of the world, tradition, belief, ritual caught up in the falseness, in the world of separation. That was the Prince of the world that was coming and Jesus knew it. But he understood why and therefore he told his disciples these words, “he has no hold on me; his coming will only serve to let the world see that I love the Father and I am acting as the Father ordered. Then he said, let us be going.”

Here we see the Master and his disciples rise from the table in the upper room, where they had the supper. His words to them were his last words when he called them to sup with him, so that he talk with them quietly. And in that hour he revealed to them, the Christ of God. But they did not understand yet, not yet. They were not yet fully conversant of what he was telling them and teaching them. But he knew that the time would come when they would understand all that he told them before. When he appeared to them and spoke to them again then they would understand but not till then.

So Jesus in the very happy mood, recognising completely his Wholeness and Completeness with the Father. That nothing could destroy him, he had no fear of death, he had no fear of anything, he was complete, he was revealing the Truth to all mankind.

So as he rose from the table he said, “let us be going.” Here the Master and his disciples rose from the table, in the upper room, walked towards the Temple to pass through the pathway across the Kedron to the Mount of Olives. And we know we will find out, as we go along, what happened in the Mount of Olives. We will see clearly all about it. And we will follow completely the whole story, so we will see the Completeness of Life, where there is no separation and in this alone is the salvation of the world. In our own minds we can feel as his disciples did each one in his own way; wondering, dismayed, some fearful, some quite not yet understanding,

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some looking forward with slight fear. Fear for themselves perhaps but also because they loved him, they feared for his life that was their mistake. He knew better and eventually they would know and understand. And each disciple thought and felt in his own way as they crossed the Kedron, (the river, small stream with stones,) to the Mount of Olives, that place that each and everyone of us must follow too. That Mount of Olives where then we find our own selves. Not a separate self but find that Self that is in every other self. We will find that Christ within us that was in Jesus. Therefore I would not spoil this for you by saying anymore to you tonight, in your own hearts you will know what is in mine.

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O Divine Beloved, in Thy Presence there is no presence of sin.

O Divine Love, in Thy Presence of Love there is no presence of hate, anger, or antagonism.

O Divine Power, there is no presence of any other power but Thee.

O Divine Consciousness, in Thy Presence there is no presence of evil.

In Thy Presence that is ever-present, Holy One, there is no presence of pride, selfishness, jealousy, envy, malice, cruelty or revenge. None of these are reflected in me, now that I have seen Thee in Christ Jesus.

Thank you, Beloved Father, in Whom I live and have my being, Thy throne is in me forever, one with Christ, My Beloved.

* 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 9th October 1951, at 7.45 pm. No recording exists of the Johannesburg lecture.

1. The preceding sentence in the Lecture Notes is missing from the recording: [*When we reason divinely and observe that which is false it clears the way for Reality.*]
2. The next sentence in the Lecture Notes is missing from the recording: [*You know Him now and you have seen Him.*”]
3. The next three sentences in the Lecture Notes are missing from the recording; [*“My words are Life unto those that find them and health to all their flesh.” “When you have seen me you have seen the Father.” “I do not speak of my own accord it is the Father who ever remains in me who is performing His own deeds.”*]
4. The next sentence in the Lecture Notes is missing from the recording; [*But you know because he remains within you.*]
5. The next sentence in the Lecture Notes is missing from the recording; [*love me and I love you.*]

**THERE IS NO CONTRADICTION
IN TRUTH***

“Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.” Prov. 3: 13.

I have pointed out many times that unless you discern that which is false you will never understand what is Truth. The false is the trap that holds you bound, the Truth sets you free. If do not discern that which is false you will never be free! *How true that is.*

If you have a belief in your mind, is it not a belief, it is not reality. The idea of reality is not Reality. If you are not consciously aware of all the movements in your mind, if you are not consciously aware of your reaction to things external to yourselves, you will be caught up in them continuously.

But if you are aware of your reactions to conditions external to yourselves, you will not be conditioning yourselves because you can free yourself because of the Truth. And the Truth is this: that it cannot be conditioned in any way whatsoever. It never has been conditioned and never will. It is like electricity. Electricity flows continuously no matter whether the globe breaks or not. You cannot destroy electricity in any form whatsoever, neither can you destroy Reality which is Life.

Now, as your consciousness is in Life and your consciousness, that Life which built the body and created the body for its own self-expression including the brain, the nervous system. Therefore your consciousness is continually reacting to things external to itself, through the brain, through the physical instrument. But if you only know these reactions, then you are caught up in them. That is the false, that is how you get

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trouble; your sorrows, your emotional states, conditions, because you have conditioned yourselves through ignorance of not understanding that the consciousness within is the same Consciousness of the Creator Who created the whole Universe because there cannot be two Creator Consciousness, there can only be One. And that One Consciousness is permeating all planes of manifestation, and therefore has its roots in Infinity.

Infinity means then that I AM the Life, that Life is Wholeness and Completeness—nothing can destroy it.

Freedom is complete pliability of mind in which there is no fixation of ideas. If you discern that through education, philosophy, public opinion, tradition and religion you create a limited state of mind in which you are bound, then you can free yourselves, *only when you discern the fact that through these things you are being bound. But if you do not discern the fact that through these things you are bound, you are still bound with them. Discerning the false enables you to destroy the false.* But if you hold fast to your ideas, this is but a belief that binds and there can be no freedom of Truth. Only when you can deny the self and dissolve it can the Truth stand free and unconditioned in you.

That is the self. You condition the self. The self is conditioned by itself. Remember, that it is always the separate self, the individual self that is continually conditioning itself, by itself, through itself, by its reactions, by its ignorance. If you can comprehend that Truth, then you can see the error and by understanding the error, it will dissolve away into nothingness where it belongs. Just as when you find the error in a sum and it is corrected, where does the error go to? It does not go any-where, does it—it just disappears. So does these false conditions in you do the same thing.

Freedom does not come from rebelling against the conditions and miseries we create. Neither can freedom come through trying to escape from them, for there is no escape except through understanding the cause. The self is the cause therefore an understanding of the self is paramount, the Truth then sets us free.

But there is no use in saying, “the truth shall make you free,” that is just a platitude in your mind. It is of no value to you. Has it been of any value to you in the past?

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I ask you to think about the words, “the Truth shall set you free.” You have often said these things haven’t you, but what has it been to you? Just a platitude, an idea. But how can the Truth set you free until such time as you have realised and discerned the fact that you are bound and how you have been bound and the causes behind this binding.

For instance you may seek an escape *through* your self-conditioning by believing in the idea that God and you are one. But you will readily see that this will just be an idea to you which you bring into your conditioning unless you realize the cause of your conditioning. If you are still caught up in your conditioning there can be no freedom through the mere idea that God and you are one.

And is it necessary for you to see this clearly otherwise you will be still caught up in this conditioning.

Truth must become a Reality to you by discerning all that is conditioning you, all that is preventing Truth-Reality from manifesting of Its own free will, which It does when everything else is denied, *everything else is seen as relative*. For Truth is not an idea, It is not a belief, It is not a sensation, It is not a Religion, It is not any of these things. Truth does not need any of these things to make It a Living Reality, It is that now and will always be the same, the Word that was in the beginning.

Therefore, it is perfectly plain to men of sense that an idea of truth is not Truth. It is only in your mind, something that is relative. Anything that is in your mind is relative. But I am consciously aware of something that is not relative. I am consciously aware of a Reality that is Eternal. I am consciously aware of something that ‘Thinks,’ that Creates—that is the Creativeness. Therefore I do not allow that Creativeness to be bound by anything external to the self. I do not allow anything to bind that Creativeness otherwise the Creativeness cannot be Creative.

If you then can dissolve all the movements in your mind and discern them for what they are, they will pass out, your mind will become clear. And in that clearness of the mind there is an awareness of something that is not relative. It is an awareness of something that cannot be analysed. It is awareness of something that cannot be divided. It is awareness of something that is whole in its Completeness. Yet

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you cannot define it, but you know that It Is. Anything you can define is not a Reality, it becomes relative. The very God you pray to becomes relative to you because you are praying to a something outside yourself. And your prayers become hypocritical. Most people are hypocrites because they live in contradiction.

If we become aware of ourselves we will discern that we are in a state of self-contradiction, of believing, of not believing, of loving and hating, of wanting and not wanting. You will note that your thoughts are born of this self-contradiction and no matter how positive you may think your thought is, it contradicts itself.

In your religious training you are taught “thou shalt not kill” but you find yourself supporting or finding a reason for killing when the State demands, and the very religion that teaches you not to kill will bless implements that are devised to kill. Here you see one thought denies the other, this is not thinking at all, it is merely contradiction.

And there is no contradiction in Truth. And anywhere where you find contradiction, there is no truth in it.

In this state of self-contradiction there is only ignorance. So the first thing you have to do is to find out if you **think at all**, or do you merely exist in a state of self-contradiction in which there is no thinking. Yet you will say that you live in the positive action of your belief.

But you have never discerned your belief and how it came about and why you believe that way.

Right through the world today, there is a building up of nationalistic ideas. There is a sense of separation entering into the world. I can see this is the final stage of man’s destruction. And when this separation becomes too great then man will destroy himself. The whys and the reason of it, is because of his belief.

You go to school, you build up nationalistic ideas, in comparison with other nationals and you think then that by doing so, you become patriots. I tell you that patriotism is ignorance and destruction. The only patriotism you must have is this Wholeness and Completeness where there is no division, no sectarianism. Then there will be freedom and only in this recognition of what is taking place in the world today can you eliminate it, because if you are caught up in this conditioning, you can never be free.

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I am pointing this out to you so that you can discern the self and its ways and thereby free the self from its own contradictions which you call your beliefs. Beliefs are not the result of thinking but the result of imitation in which there is no thinking.

If you then look into your mind and see what your belief is, you will find that it is the result of imitation. It is the result of a belief of another individual. It is not the result of your thinking, because if you had the capacity to think clearly, you will discard all these beliefs and allow Completeness and Wholeness to manifest itself.

For instance, if you have a belief which you feel is a limitation based on fear, you seek another belief which you think frees you from such limitation and fear. But you have only substituted one prison for another, you are still not thinking, discerning that which is false.

If you look into your mind you will see that you are living in a state of contradiction. There can be no freedom in a contradictory state of mind. If you are actively desiring peace yet actively creating war, actively longing for happiness while creating sorrow, loving yet hating, if your mind is in contradiction then there can be no thinking in the true sense of the word. There is only one possible approach to understanding and that is in complete denial of everything. Then Truth stands free, unlimited and whole, indivisible. In other words unless you can put away your mother, your father, your sister, your brother, your husband, your wife, and your children and even your own life you cannot be a disciple of mine.

Unless you can put away all sense of separation, and division, you can be no disciple of the Christ.

You look upon them, your relations as near to you. But is not the Life that is in everyone the same?

Jesus was showing his disciples the One Life in every person. Showing that they must give up all separation, all division and only see the Christ that is Complete and Whole, the only Begotten Son of the Father.

And when Jesus spoke in John 17 verses 1-5, he spoke aloud for the benefit of his disciples and as he spoke he lifted his eyes to heaven, "he said: 'Father, now the time has come; glorify Thy Son and Thy Son may glorify Thee, (2) since Thou hast granted him power over all flesh'¹ (Here he is speaking from the Christ, not from the personal Jesus, but from the

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Christ within. He had dealt with the personal Jesus long ago and discarded it. He said, I am the Son of God. The son of man becomes the Son of God, and in that he speaks from the Christ. And if we see in his words when we know the Truth about it, we will see that he is continually speaking from the Christ and seldom from the personal self, the Jesus, because he had dissolved that away. He had found what the self was in his 40 days in the wilderness.) (3) (And this is life eternal, that they know Thee, the only real God, and him whom Thou hast sent, even Jesus Christ.) (4) ‘I have glorified Thee on earth by accomplishing the work Thou gavest me to do; (5) now, Father, glorify me in Thy presence with the Glory which I enjoyed in Thy presence before the world began!’”

Here he shows the Eternal Life that had no beginning, that existed before the world came into existence at all. The world is a relative thing. The Life that created it and manifested in the world, is not a relative thing. It existed before the world began and this the Christ knew.

Here Jesus was revealing the only Reality the Living Christ of God that existed with God, “which I enjoyed in Thy presence before the world began.” *The Word that was with God, and the Word that was God and the Word that manifested in the flesh.* This was the indivisible Truth, the only living Truth² *the indivisible Truth, the Truth that cannot be divided. And the only Living Truth and the only true God. He spoke in relative words because there was no other way he could explain things. But his words convey to me the meaning of what that inner knowing he had. And it conveys to me the very same knowing that I have, therefore I knew that he spoke from the Christ. And no one can read the words of Jesus until they have reached that stage within themselves where there is no separation, no division, and where they have discerned all that is false.*

Even if you live in the world of falseness, even if you live among all the petty things that surround you. Only little people are concerned with little things. Your vision must be great, beyond the horizon. There you will find true being. Therefore it was not a belief but a complete understanding of Reality, in which there is no separation. Therefore I am the Truth the whole Truth in which there is no contradiction for I have discerned all illusion. This is the Christ talking, free from all that hinders the Truth’s expression.

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You may live in illusion but you must understand what it is. If you are not caught up in the illusion, it makes no difference to you. It is when you are caught up in these things, that worry you, your little mind runs around those little things. The little emotions and petty things worry you every day. Why! Because you have not seen that vision that is of value to you—the true vision. The vision beyond those small petty things, and remember what I said to you—little people are concerned with little things. Get your minds out of it into that horizon so that you can reach up and understand that the Christ dwells in every living soul, and that is the only Reality in every living being.

John 17: 6-8, *Jesus said again, “I have made Thy Name known to the men whom, Thou hast given to me from the world, (Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to me), and they have held to Thy word. (7) They know now that whatever Thou hast given me comes from Thee, (So you see here, it shows that he relied completely on God within and no outside source.) (8) for I have given them the words Thou hast given me, and they have received them; they are now sure that I came from Thee, and they believe that Thou didst send me.”*

Here is where the disciples are beginning to realise the wonderful Truth of the Christ, that God Himself is the Christ manifesting in the flesh. I and the Father are one.

And it must have been God otherwise it could not have happened. How did you come into the world? You do not know how you came into the world. It was God who sent you into the world. And the purpose was to bear witness unto the Truth, the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth. But what did you do? You bear witness to all that is false and untrue.

“Thy word” meaning the revelation that the Christ and the Father are one as a whole in which there is no division, no contradiction, no separation. “They now know,” they have now understood. “I have given them the words Thou gavest me.” The separate utterances which Jesus gave to his disciples to make up the full revelation of the wholeness of God the Father and that there is nothing else in Reality.

That during his time he taught them and the various utterances was the Completeness, and we will read back and you will see how complete those words were. Even when Philip did not understand he said, “it is the Father we want to see.”

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He said, "Philip have I been teaching you this long while, and you know not what I say still? Know ye not I am in the Father and the Father is in me."

John 17: 9-11, "I pray for them—not for the world but for those whom Thou hast given me do I pray; for they are Thine (10) (all mine is Thine and Thine is mine), and I am glorified in them. *He was talking about the Christ. Christ was glorified in his disciples.* (11) I am to be in the world no longer, but they are to be in the world; I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep them by the power of Thy Name which Thou hast given me, that they may be one as we are one."

The power of thy name. Completeness, Wholeness, Love, Compassion. The name of God is Love, the Christ is the Love of God manifesting in the flesh.

"All mine is Thine and Thine is mine," the completeness of the All, "I am glorified in Thee" *this is the Christ.* The Love of God to be glorified in Thee. The disciples are the living monuments of the Christ that is no one's son on earth, but the only begotten son of the Father, who was sent into the world to witness unto the Truth of the **only "One"** "the Father." *So that Christ revealed the only One, the Father.*

The personal Jesus dissolved into nothingness. But so many people worship the personal Jesus and lose the Realisation of the Christ within. They are separated in groups, denominations, and struggle against one another. When all the time there rests the power, the only power in man, the Wholeness of the Father, the Christ, the Light of the world that existed before the world began. But the Light it came into the world, and this was the Light of man. It is the only One in which there is no division.

"Holy Father, keep them by the power of Thy name, which Thou hast given me, that they may be one as we are one." The Christ is the Father's son thus revealing God as the only Real Father of the Real Son that is born in every living soul. So Jesus prays that his disciples may be kept in the safe understanding of God, the **only One** and as the only Real "Living" Father of all "living" beings. God alone is Life and Life alone is God.

My voice is the Spirit of God. There can be no other thing. Can you tell me what has voice, can you tell me anything that has voice,

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besides the Spirit of God? And Jesus knew it, that his words was the expression of the Father within him. That was the Christ. There was no separation, no distinction. In this lies the power.

The Master's words are clear when we understand the Truth of the only One and this can only be done when we have discerned the contradictions in the world for what they are. Thus our only dependence must be upon Him who is All and is All without contradiction. Jesus spoke aloud for the benefit of his disciples.

John 17: 20-25, “nor do I pray for them alone, but for all who believe in me *and* by their spoken word;³ *believe in me the Christ as the only begotten Son of the Father. The One and only Life manifesting in humanity. He who does the will of my father, is my mother, my sister, my brother.* (21) As Thou, Father, art in me and I in Thee, so may they be in us—that the world may believe *that* Thou hast sent me. (22) Yea, I have given them the glory Thou gavest me, that they may be one as we are one—(23) I in them and Thou in me—that they may be made perfectly one, so that the world may recognize that Thou hast sent me and hast loved them as Thou hast loved me. (24) Father, it is my will that these, Thy gift to me, may be beside me where I am, to behold my glory which Thou hast given me, because Thou lovest me before the foundation of the world. (*What a Truth. Do not you see that the great Truth behind this thing is this one Wholeness, the Completeness. The Love of God manifesting Himself into the world through the Christ which is His Son.*) (25) O just Father, though the world has not known Thee, I have known Thee, and these have known that Thou hast sent me; so have I declared, so will I declare, Thy Name to them, that the love with which Thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

“May they all be one! For Thou, Father, art in me and I in Thee, so may they be in us.” This means the Oneness of the Father—the Christ, the one Life, the one Being, ‘made Perfectly One,’” meaning to realize that separation was false and was the evil in the world.

And the separation in the world today is the falseness and the evil in the world that man is caught up in. Separate and distinct nationalities, separate and distinct ideologies, separate and distinct religions. All these are false; all beliefs, antagonisms, strife, war and misery! And what brings it about? Just the ignorance of man.

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Separation is the devil in the world and the devil does not exist as a reality, only as an illusion. But mankind is caught up in this illusion, and he destroys himself.

The contradiction that separates man from man and man from God. It is this that we must discern not only in the superficial layer of consciousness but in the deeper layer of consciousness this must be established, so that there can be no contradiction in thought.

Man must attain this perfect state, this completeness, this would enable the world to learn of the only One, the Father, as the only Living Being in all and that "Love" alone was the "Divine Name." "So will I declare Thy name to them that the Love with which Thou hast loved me may be in them and I in them."

What a glorious benediction! Just think of it! When I say these words just think how wonderful they are. "So will I declare thy name to them, that the Love with which thou hast loved me, may be in them, and I in them." The Love of God. So that the disciple would not be separate and distinct from any person, that he would not see one person different from another, that he would see only the Christ, the Life of God manifesting in humanity.

Do you see that? Search in your own minds and you will see how far you are from it.

What a glorious benediction, what words to convey the secret of the Heart of God to man! for there is no contradiction in the Love of God. The Father does not love one and hate another, the parable of the Prodigal Son reveals this great Truth.

Both sons were treated alike, even the son who had strayed away and wasted his life in riotous living. The father did never chastise him, never said, "you're a bad boy," "what have you been doing with what I gave you?" He put his arms around his shoulder, welcomed him home, killed the fatted calf and all were merry. It was only the brother that chastised, even the father. He then was angry because of this person come back and hearing everything was merry, and when he found what had happened, he would not go in.

So the father came out and said, "what ails you son?"

He said, "Why? This rascal has come back home and you've killed the fatted calf and everybody is merry. And here I am, I can't even get a kid to make merry with my friend."

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He said, "my son, all that is mine is thine."

But he could not go in, because he had animosity.

Where there is happiness and joy, and pleasure, there is Truth. Where there is merriment and laughter, there is Truth. Truth is not hidden behind a cloak, walking slowly down the street, thinking, standing. Truth is freedom.

Here Jesus does away with all that separates man. But the world today has not changed much because of the ignorance in the world. Are we not educated in the nationalistic spirit, brought up to love our country in opposition to another and, as regards to people, as superior to others? This false teaching is implanted in childhood and we accept it and live it, at the same time we listen to the words of the Master. We merely take them into our prison to perpetuate our contradictory lives, with the result that we condone the very antithesis of the Master's teachings and still we do not discern the cause of our misery.

When I was home in England there, I saw a certain amount of snobbery. But wherever I saw it, I put my foot on it. It did not catch up with me. I never said, "your Highness this or that," or "your Lady," or "my Lord," I said just "no," and "yes." "Yes, my dear, yes, what can I do for you now."

What is the difference between a human being? There is no difference between one human being and another. And I stand on that, and will remain like that, as long as I live on this earth. If you knew who I saw and spoke to in that way, people would be surprised. Now, supposing that you met the king, and you did not know he was the king, and he was an ordinary person and you came in conversation with him and you talked about everything with him and you were quite happy in conversation and somebody whispered into your ear, "do you know that's the king you're talking to?"

"Oh! Is that so! Oh, your majesty, I'm so sorry!"

You fool, you stupid ass. Is there any difference between talking to a human being and one human being. Do not you see that only the name is nothing—it is a false concern. It is not truth. Freedom of the Truth must be free from all these things. These things are false, belong to the human mind, the mortal mind that is steeped in ignorance.

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When we recognise the Truth of the Christ, we will see then we have real leaders in the world and not leaders that create division among us, but leaders that bring unity to mankind. We will destroy those sectionalists, those divisionists, we will destroy them, we will eliminate them from our ken. We will bring into operation the knowledge and understanding that we do know that it can bring peace and happiness to the joy of every heart in the world whether they are ignorant of the Truth or not.

We worship Christ yet we create division, we create war, misery, starvation and death. Our worship is idolatrous because we deny the Whole. What we must do is to deny everything else but the Whole. Even the denial of our own separate life must be accomplished before Truth can live in our mind-heart.

The denial of human unity breeds endless wars, brutalities, economic and social division and tyranny. We may understand this intellectually but are still caught up in tradition, opinion, fear and separation. *Yes, you may understand that intellectually! But intellectualism and emotionalism belongs to the self. Realisation of the Truth is a Spiritual thing, it belongs to the Christ, the only Living Expression of God in mankind.*

So we are still caught up in tradition, opinion, fear and separation. We must free ourselves from the greatest and most deadly disease in mankind which is separation and contradiction *in thought*.

Only by constant awareness, watching every response to beliefs, separation, race-thought and every stimulation that is a hindrance to the expression of the unity of God and man can each thought be felt and traced to its lair and there dissolved, then and then only will all misery be withered away. Thus the sorrow and the conflict will be wholly and deeply understood and dissolved, and the Christ of God will become a Living Reality in mankind. This is the only truth that sets us “FREE”.

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O Eternal One, Thou art forever present, when we love Thee we love Thy creation for Thou art that because all is Thee.

Let us learn that contradiction is ignorance, but true thinking is the path to freedom.

When once we have truly seen the Christ, Thy only begotten Son, the only One—in all, then we have denied all else but Thee.

O Perfect One, in the bloom of my first Love I lost all sense of self. In this love for Thee, O Blessed One, we are set 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 16th October 1951, at 7.45 pm. No recording exists of the Johannesburg lecture.

1. The next sentence in the Lecture Notes is missing from the recording: [*to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given to him.*]
2. Part of the sentence in the Lecture Notes is missing from the recording. The full sentence read: "This was the indivisible Truth, the only living Truth [*in which there is no contradiction, no belief,*] but a complete understanding of Reality, in which there is no separation."
3. Part of the sentence in the Lecture Notes is missing from the recording. The full sentence read: "nor do I pray for them alone, but for all who believe in me by their spoken word; (21) [*may they all be one;*] As Thou, Father, art in me and I in Thee, so may they be us—that the world may believe Thou hast sent me.

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“Because I live ye shall live also.” John 14: 9.

It is necessary that we should always discern our own thoughts first before condemning others for their deeds. For deeds are but thoughts expressed. Perhaps you have never looked at it from this point of view, yet this is the only way you can become aware of your thoughts so that you can dissolve that which hides the “Presence.”

Presence is that which is always present. Past and the future I have told you before is in the mind. What is in the mind is your own creations. That which is behind the mind is the Creator.

If you are aware then of the Creative Principle being yourself then you will know how you create your thoughts.

Some time ago I said to you, “when energy is encased in its smallest space it is then at its greatest intensity.”

Now point is the smallest of all things, because point is the energy. The greatest potential energy is at point.

We have in the past learned a good deal about atomic energy. And we have found also that atom itself is but a vortex ring. It is not the energy at all, it is secondary in its nature. Even in the nucleus within the atom and the various electrons revolving round its nucleus, is neither the source of energy because energy is and originates at point. And point is everywhere and there is no-where where point is not.

Therefore the expression of the Divine nature and your own thought, your own consciousness—is point. And behind point is the totality of all Energy and Life.

I want you to think over what I have told you to try and find the answer yourselves. But when you find it you will see the power of your own concentration is at point.

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In another way you can see, if I had a block of steel and I had the sharpest point pressing against that block of steel, where would be the greatest potential energy? At point would it not, because the totality of that piece of steel would be pressing against point. Reverse the process and see that the totality of all the Universe and point is everywhere expressing Itself—the Wholeness, and there you will find your own Consciousness.

All humans are full of defects and it is necessary to become aware of them and not merely caught up in them to perpetuate them daily. To merely deny them does not help to eradicate them. To shrug our shoulders and cringe at the sight of our own thoughts and not understand, this is to live in ignorance.

When we realise this great Truth we will find that we will not be caught up in our own thoughts, in our emotions because we can discern them.

What is needed is to discern them quietly without being caught up in them and see the influence they have upon us. When we realize their unreality then the Presence that is ever-present will take Its abode in us, with Its quiet confidence, its Divine nature, to support us in our daily living.

Therefore it makes no difference what a person says or does. If you have that calm interior you will find that it passes and you are just the same as you were before. You cannot change that which is Divine—it is Perfect in Itself. And if you hold to that Divine then you will find that your thoughts, your emotions, and everything that surrounds you will mould itself into that Completeness, the Wholeness of what you are yourself. Therefore you are quiet you are peaceful. If there are storms around you, you do not allow yourself then to be caught up in the storm. But you can calm the storm by the knowing of the Truth, by the Love that dwells within your own soul, by that Love that is beyond anything that man has ever known. That is the Peace that quells the storms in all hearts in the world.

When the Soul sees the illusion and calls in the Divine to liberate you you must rely on the Divine more than on your own strength, then the siege will end and Peace will come and take Its place in you.

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The material world is the result of *our* creative power in action through mind. What is visible is but the representation of the invisible. If you can thoroughly comprehend this you will rise above the effects that trouble you daily, and when you understand these conditions you will no longer be afraid of them because you will know they are the result of your own creative action through mind. You will see your own thoughts transformed into concrete form.

So the thought originates in the inner, it is an invisible thing, but the Substance of the whole Universe is responding to that Power which is Creative. And the Substance of the Universe in itself is invisible.

You have never seen electricity but you see the manifestation of electricity in the form of light, form of power. You have never seen Life but you have seen the manifestation of Life. You have never seen a thought itself because it is invisible. But it does create an activity in the invisible substance of the Universe and brings out to the visible that which you think.

You create. You use a substance which you see is solid, but is that substance solid? The substance you see is not solid, it only vibrates to the vibrations of your sight and feeling. But that substance is atomic in nature and if this substance was raised in vibration then you would not see it because it would be beyond your physical eye.

These things are reduced through the mentality of the individual, through the mind that is behind the individual. Through that One mind in action that is behind every individual so is all this substance reduced in activity. So it becomes the earth as you know it. And out of the earth are all the elements that you use to build and use with your own mind and hands.

Remember this what I am telling you is perhaps difficult to understand in the beginning. But if you realise and recognise what I am saying you will see behind the creation of the earth, is that Mind in which you exist and live because there is nothing outside the Mind of God. You cannot think outside the Mind of God, you cannot create outside the Mind of God because there is no outside it. You must create everything in it. And that Substance is created in the Mind of God and you use it because of that Creative Principle within you.

Think it over quietly and you will see the tremendous power behind the thought of man.

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You see the Truth is that you and I, made in the image and likeness of the Creator, live in a so-called material world in which we have been given dominion over all things. Our creativeness remains paramount, one with the Creator Himself, this world being so constituted that if we use *our creativeness* intelligently It will continue to lift us to a Spiritual state yet unknown.

The intelligent use of our creative power will bring into operation the things that benefit all people because we will be using it in accordance with the Divine plan.

Affirming or denying conditions does not give you power and dominion, this only serves to show that you do not understand.

If you deny something, if you affirm something what are you doing? Are you not only doing it in your mind? Are you not only creating a conflict without understanding? Therefore to deny conditions does not give you dominion over these conditions, it only serves to show that you do not understand.

The realization of your creativeness, inseparable from the Creator, lies in your self-conscious completeness in the aloneness of your own integrity, free from conformity, public opinion, tradition, nationality or creed. Thus you depend upon no outside agency but upon the Spirit that is alone Creative and free. *And that is your Creative Power.*

I am speaking to you in relative terms. But my words must only be a means towards you finding the answer for yourselves.

I cannot give you the answer because if I give the answer it is of no value to you. Each and everyone of us has the same problem and each and everyone of us has to find the answer ourselves, and not through any other agency external to yourselves.

But if my words can point you a way to how you can think, how you can arrive at this answer then my words have fulfilled their purpose.

Therefore no one can solve your problems but yourself. You can be guided but you must think for yourself. Therefore by thinking alone and discerning alone you can dissolve your problems.

Through the consuming fire of conscious awareness you arrive at full responsibility in the recognition of this completeness and in this completeness there is true freedom. *(And only when you have followed out your thought to the end, not halfway, can you free yourself from it.)*

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This is not an escape nor is it a flight from conditions around you. It is a gradual cessation of unconscious action through lack of discernment which leads to misery. By ceasing your unconscious action you become conscious of your action and thought and this leads to pure thought which leads to pure action and this leads to freedom.

In this understanding you will expand your conscious and practical knowledge in your oneness with the Creative Source of all things, and as you acquire this knowledge through practice, you will, by the conscious use of the Creative Law inherent within you, have revealed to you a deeper significance than the mere intrinsic value of material possessions. They will but represent to you the extent of your Spiritual understanding and ability to co-operate with the Creator of all things. This is what the Master knew when he crossed the Kedron into Gethsemane to pray.

And it is this understanding, it is the practical knowledge of your oneness with the Creative Source of all things. And as you acquire this knowledge through practice you will by the conscious use of the Creative Law inherent within you, this will reveal to you a deeper significance than the mere intrinsic value of any material thing. Material things will then represent to you the extent of your Spiritual understanding and ability to co-operate with the Creator of all things.

And if you see the Master's mind and you see how steadfast he was and this was his knowledge—there was no outside God for him. God was not something relative to him. God was that Completeness that was behind his own consciousness. His consciousness being point through which the totality of that manifests.

The whole story about Jesus and his disciples from Good Friday till Easter Sunday noon is told in John Chapters 18 and 19, Mark Chapter 15,* Luke Chapters 22 and 23, and Matthew Chapter 27. To piece the whole story together *it is rather difficult. What I have done, I have written the story and built it up just as it would appear in sequence. Each thing happening as it would and I have written it down here in my own words so we can understand it. By reading the various verses and the various chapters in which these things are recorded does not give you a coherent picture. But as I have written it down you will see clearly what the Master did, what he thought, what his disciples*

* *Murdo says 15* as it is written in error in the Lecture Notes—but actually it is Chapter 14 of Mark.

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thought and did. So to piece the whole story together I will tell it in my own words and feelings of what happened, for I so often feel I was there. Perhaps it is my imagination but the whole story is so real to me that I could live it over in my mind.

When Jesus with his disciples Peter, James and John entered the Garden of Gethsemane they sat beneath the favourite olive tree which they had sat under *many* times before. (*Many times they used to go into the Garden and there was an olive tree not far from the gate and there they sat down. Jesus began to tell them and speak to them of the great things of life. And they listen attentively but they were not quite conversant about the many things that Jesus told them about. And therefore he began this time to tell them about his leaving them, about what was going to happen to him just in a few hours time. And, of course, these three sat with him because he asked them to go with him because he wanted to commune with that inner realm, that Divine nature within himself. And he knew what was to come to pass. He knew what he had to do was for the benefit of the world and especially at that time for the benefit of his disciples.*) And in this favourite spot Jesus spoke to his disciples explaining the Truth to them. His words ran something like this;

God is Eternal and is “One,” manifest and unmanifest. This is God, the Father, God the Mother, God the Son, which is the Christ, all are One.

His words meant this; God is Eternal and One, there is no other one but He, manifest and unmanifest, Everything existing. This is God the Father, God the Mother, God the Son. The Father-Mother God and the Son, is the Father-Mother.

Now we say in our understanding of this that the Consciousness in man is the Creative Principle—that is what we call the Power and the Intelligence is the Mother—is the Active Principle that obeys the Consciousness (that is why when you consciously think there is an Intelligence that out-pictures your thought because you are God manifest. But you do not know it, you have not arrived yet at that great realisation, but you will one day.) The Son then is that Consciousness which we see at point—the Christ. With the whole of the Universe, the Consciousness and the Intelligence—the Father-Mother God behind. The Son then is the

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combination of the Father-Mother God. And whatever the Son says so the Father-Mother will produce for him. That is why Jesus said, "whatever I ask my Father to do so He shall do. And if I ask Him to do for you He shall also do it for you."

This was the great mighty knowledge that Jesus had and he was explaining it to his disciples in such simple language.

When God became manifest the One became the Three yet all are one in which there is no separation, (*Father-Mother-Son—the Christ. These three are One in which there is no separation. It was the Christ then that spoke because He knew that He was the Christ*) I and the Father are one, I am in you and you are in me and we are in the Father.

The Father is Consciousness-Might-Omnipotence. The Mother is Omniscience—all knowledge. *Knowledge of all the ways.* The Son is God's Love in which both the Father and Mother exist as one. Thus there is no division, no separation anywhere. I am the Love of God, I am the expression of the Power, the Wisdom and the Love of God. (*Here was the clear statement. A knowledge so profound it goes back to antiquity, to the Ancients who once knew but now it has been lost to the world. What I am giving to you now is knowledge beyond price.*) I came to make manifest the Love of God to all, and those who believe in me will never die, because I am Eternal Life. *You are Eternal Life, I am Eternal Life.*

As man I have been subject to the trials of the flesh but have overcome the world, what I do all will do, for we are born of the same Father-Mother-God, (*he was showing his disciples, they looked upon him as something separate and distinct from them. But he showed them clearly that it was not so. That we are all born of the same Father-Mother God, having the same Wisdom, the same Omnipotence, Omniscience and Love. For we are all born of the same Father-Mother God,*) that is when I say, call no man your father or mother upon earth for one is your Father who is in heaven. *Again you see the tremendous force of his teaching. So I have gathered all the strings together of his teachings and I have put them to you exactly as I would feel he gave them to his disciples. With this knowledge and understanding we arise out of these conditions we ourselves create and enter into a new, a continuous*

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renewal of the Presence that is Ever-present. But if the past and the future blind you to the present then there is no renewal in the present, there is a continual conflict in the mind. It is the Spirit that has Life, the flesh has none.

I am now about to demonstrate the power of the Son to conquer death, for everyone is God made flesh, for there is no other substance but that of the Father-Mother God.

There is no other substance at all.

Therefore the tenanament of flesh is the temple in which the Father-Mother God expresses himself/herself through the Christ—the Son, made in their own image, having Omnipotence, Omniscience and Omnipresence. Having Power, Wisdom and Love.

I will lay down my life and I will take it up again that you may know the mysteries of Life, of death and of the resurrection of the dead.

I will lay down my life in the flesh and I will *raise it* in Spirit-form with power to manifest myself to you and to mortal eyes that believe in me and in Him who sent me.

Here is the statement, proof of Eternal Life.

So in three days I will show forth the All of Life, the all of death and the meaning of the resurrection of the dead, and what I do all will do for it is the Father that worketh in all, It is He Himself who does all this.

What a statement! 'It is He Himself who does all this.' Not only in Jesus but in you and me. You are not separate.

Thus you three, Peter you are Power, (Because Peter represented the nature of Power) James you are Thought (you are the Intelligence) and John you are Love, representing the Trinity of Infinity. (He knew his disciples, he understood them. And they represented to him these qualities.) Thus I have chosen you. Be not afraid of men for you have been sent forth to do the mighty work that I have told you, for no one can destroy your Life which is eternal.

I will leave you now and go out alone into the darkness and commune with our Father and I leave you here to watch with me.

Here we see the three disciples, wondering, their minds were filled with awe. This teaching was so terrific to them because they had not

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realised the importance of it before. But now they were beginning to be afraid of what was going to happen. So Jesus went out alone into the darkness.

So everyone has to go out alone into the darkness to find the Light. And in the darkness we will find that Light because the Light is always shining and the darkness will disappear. The darkness is that which is in the mind. And when you discern this darkness and know what it is it will dissolve away, and there the Light that shines forever will be seen. It Lights up your mind and your soul.

And Jesus prayed with his soul, in agony he prayed, the strain upon *his* human flesh was so great that his veins burst in his brow and there were beads of blood and sweat upon it, (*you can imagine the terrific power of the Christ praying in such a way. The very shattering power upon the flesh was so great and so it is. You know that you gradually build up a source, a form which will take charge of Life and allow Life to flow through the body so that everyone can feel that Life. And when you do that, it comes gradually through practice, and the body and soul takes up then the Power begins to flow. Vibrations flow forth through the ethereal passing into your bodies creating that same mighty Power. And with the concentrated Consciousness of the Christ, all is possible. Well the mind that is disturbed, the heart that is moved, the thoughts that irritate and conflict, then the Christ has Peace. The Peace I give you, my Peace not as the world gives it peace.*) at the end of his prayer he called out, “not my will but Thine.”

When he went back to his disciples he found them asleep and said to Simon Peter, “could you not watch with me a single hour? Unless you watch and pray, your temptation may be too strong for you to bear. I know the Spirit is strong and willing but the flesh is weak.”

Power and weakness are in the mind. The Spirit alone that never sleepeth is Power. But the mind sleepeth. Peter yet did not come to that realisation of this tremendous source of Power, therefore he was asleep.

Jesus giving his words was showing distinctly that in the mind the idea of power and weakness are equally in the mind. Therefore it is a conflict, it has no existence in Reality, it is but an idea of power where weakness exists beside it. But in the Spirit there is no such thing as double—power or weakness, it is complete.

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Then he went out again to pray. This time, reconciled to what he had to do, "I shall drink this bitter cup for Thy will must be done and not mine, O Father-God." *And* when he went back to his disciples they were again sleeping. He said to James this time, "you sleep while I wrestle with the foe of man."

Man's thought reacts to things external to himself. The higher things and the lower things both are of the mind you can think of them both the same. And this was the great foe of man where the conflict of good and evil exists. And this was what he was showing his disciples. Again the mind sleepeth because of the conflict of good and evil.

Then he went out again and prayed, this time sure and firm, "O Father of mine, I yield, Thy will be done." When he returned he found his disciples asleep again. He said to John this time, "with all the Love you have for me could you not watch with me for one hour?"

This was the Love of God that never sleepeth. But the love of man sleepeth. And if you look into your own mind you will see, does your love go to sleep because of certain conditions? Or do you still have that Love of God that never sleepeth, and under no circumstances, no conditions you are the same. That you will Love continuously irrespective of what conditions surround you, what people say or do about you, you will still Love with that which never sleepeth, that never tireth, that is never affected by anything outside. Jesus was showing his disciples the true nature of the Christ that they must have to be disciples of Jesus.

Here we see that neither the power of man nor the thought of man nor the Love of man was sufficient, unless the Spirit was active these three were weak and sleepeth. Only when we are consciously aware of the creativeness within can the weakness of the flesh be transcended.

Jesus knowing all things that should come upon him went forth to those in search of him and said, "whom seek ye?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth," and as soon as he said unto them, "I am he," they went awkward and fell to the ground.

Here was the Power of the Christ.

I AM HE. His words had a double meaning, meaning "I am Jesus of Nazareth, *but also* I am God," *and* they fell backwards in fear and awe.

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Jesus the Christ could have saved himself if he had thought fit to do so, but that his work must be fulfilled he had to drink the bitter cup otherwise his disciples would not understand. His coming to them after his crucifixion was proof of Eternal Life and the core of his teaching.

And it is this core of his teaching that we have today. And it is the only teaching that will bring the world out of its difficulties into the Light. But not the teachings you will hear in the Synagogue or in the temples or in the Cathedrals. But the teaching of that Christ that is from within, that is the only authority, there is no other authority. If you follow an authority external to yourselves you will doubt and fear and you will fall.

Only that authority that comes from within the Self, the knowing and understanding of the Christ, there alone will you understand the words of Jesus himself—Jesus the Christ, the saviour of mankind.

Judas betrayed the Master with a kiss, the kiss was the customary salutation offered to a Master or Rabbi. In Luke 22: 48, Jesus says to Judas, “Betraying the Son of man with a kiss?” Do we not daily through our lip service betray the Christ with a kiss? Our mind-heart is pregnant with antagonisms and separation. *And still say we preach the Christ.*

How can you preach Christ when your mind-heart is pregnant with antagonism and separation, intolerance and ignorance?

Simon Peter having a sword drew it and smote the servant of the High Priest. Then Jesus said to Peter, “sheathe your sword. The cup my Father hath given me shall I not drink it?” And Jesus touched the ear and healed the Servant. This was the last miracle Jesus did before his crucifixion, which was to undo the harm done by the inconsiderate zeal of his disciple.

Jesus then said to the Chief Priests, the Captains of the Temple and the Elders, “have you sallied forth to seize me like a robber with swords and cudgels? Day after day I was beside you in the Temple and you never stretched a hand against me. But this is your hour.” This is your hour, meaning the hour allowed by God. *Because Jesus had to fulfil this mission he had to complete the whole thing.* (In Mark 14: 49,) “However it is to let the Scriptures be fulfilled.”

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In Mark 14: 50*, “and they all forsook him when he was about to submit. *The disciples thought and they thought, ‘now we will see the Christ using his Power; he will scatter them.’ But Jesus did not use that Power. He submitted.* But two, Peter and John, recovered themselves and followed at a safe distance.”

Remember the words; ‘at a safe distance.’ They followed him, not exactly behind his heels, but at a safe distance. Will every disciple do that?

John 18: 15, “and Simon Peter followed Jesus and so did another disciple: that disciple was known to the high priest,” this was John.

The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teachings. Jesus answered, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in the Synagogue and in the Temple. I have said nothing in secret. Why ask me? Ask my hearers what I have said to them. They know what I have said.”

And as he said this, one of the attendants who stood by gave him a blow saying, “is that how you answer the high priest?” (Just imagine the high priest who is steeped in idolatry and here the Christ, the Wisdom and Truth of God.) “If I have said anything wrong,” replied Jesus, “prove it. If I have said what is true why strike me?”

Is it not the same today. Look around in the world today. If you speak the Truth someone is sure to slap you down. Look at poor old Galileo when he said, “the world is round and not flat.” The fathers of the church put him in prison and made him recant his statement. “If I said anything wrong,” replied Jesus, “prove it.” That is the thing that must be in the world, “prove it!” Not condemn, but prove it! And, “if I said what is true, why strike me?”

This is so clear a statement of the Master. “If I have said anything wrong prove it. If I have said what is true, why strike me.” Let us apply this to our present time and see how it repeats itself daily.

John 18 verses 24: 15-18 and 25-27, “Annas had him bound and sent him to Caiaphas the high priest. (15) Simon Peter followed Jesus along with another disciple; as this disciple was an acquaintance of the high priests he passed into the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus, (16) while Peter stood outside at the door. Then this other disciple, (*which was John*) who was an acquaintance of the high priest, came out and

* Murdo says Mark 15: 50. But it is really Mark 14: 50 as so stated in the original Lecture Notes.

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told the woman at the door to admit Peter. (17) Whereupon the maidservant at the door said to Peter, 'Are you not one of his *followers*?' He said, 'no.' (18) Now the servants and the attendants were standing and warming themselves at a charcoal fire which they had lit (for it was cold), and Peter also stood beside them and warmed himself. (25) They asked him, 'are you not one of his disciples?' (26) He denied it, saying, 'no.' Said one of the high priest's servants, a kinsman of the man whose ear had been cut off by Peter, 'did I not see you with him in the orchard?' (27) And Peter denied it *again*. And at that very moment the cock crowed."

That was the time that brought Peter to his senses. The human fear, the mind was full of fear and doubt. Peter had not reached yet that state of Consciousness that would enable him to combat all conditions external to himself and still stand firm and true. Apply the same things to yourselves.

These lessons are not only for the disciples but for each and everyone of us. Are we not his disciples too?

And they all left him when he gave himself up. Only two of his disciples came on behind at a safe distance. Peter denied him three times. The trial came to Peter when he was not prepared for it. When the cock crowed Peter called to mind what the Master had said and he wept bitterly. This is human nature, human nature must be fortified by the Christ within to withstand any trial expected or unexpected.

Human nature cannot stand those trials alone. The Christ only can stand the trials that come upon the individual expected or unexpected.

"I live by the Father so he who feeds on me will also live by me." John 6: 57.

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O Infinite Parent, I have come from Thee into the world to tarry awhile.

May I learn the highest wisdom during my stay.

Thou hast given me an example to follow, to invest my Love in humanity.

May my heart feel the joy and sorrow of all hearts and may my soul unite with all souls.

Invest me with Thy Wisdom to lead others into the Light that lighteth the world,

Make my country the whole world. Make my nationality include all humanity.

Make my religion only one with Thee, O Infinite Parent.

* 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 23rd October 1951, at 7.45 pm. No recording exists of the Johannesburg lecture.

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THE PATH OF LIFE. THOU WILT FILL
ME WITH DELIGHT IN THY PRESENCE”
ACTS 2: 28***

Most people act unconsciously, that is, they act without the true element of thought. The action of thought is dynamic, and many who have developed concentration find themselves in greater difficulties than before. The reason is that although people may acquire the art of concentration they still do not understand the action of thought nor do they think with understanding, so they fear their *own* thoughts.

So when they fear their own thoughts, they create in themselves just what they fear. Fear becomes the active blazing fire that produces a lot of conditions that would otherwise be removed by understanding.

And it is that we act unconsciously because we are caught up in the things external to ourselves. We are caught up in our thoughts, our emotions, our beliefs and being caught up in these then we think and act unconsciously. We say things that we believe to be true when they are not true at all. We fill our minds with envies and jealousies because we are caught up in our beliefs. We are caught up in the self and the self is the cause of all these things. We must recognise what the self is. The self: is a bundle of wants, a bundle of hates, a bundle of joys, a bundle of desires, a bundle of emotions. The self is caught up in craving, consequently it goes away from Reality.

*If you crave for anything, even for Spiritual knowledge or crave for material things, the craving is the same thing because it is craving. It takes you away from Being, because Being is **now**. The Ever-present Life is the Living Life that is Eternal and has no beginning and will have no ending.*

* See page 321

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The proof of this is the consciousness that is now working and expressing itself through the physical. And if that consciousness does not understand itself then it will react to the conditions external to itself and be caught up in its reactions. These thought-feeling reactions will cause devastation in the individual.

But immediately the individual becomes aware of these things and what they are, his beliefs. If he knows that his belief is just a belief then he will know how the belief has come about.

A fellow came into the office the other day and he told me that he was a catholic once. And now of course he is a Jehovah Witness. And I said, "now, you mean to say that you left the Catholic religion to become a Jehovah Witness?"

He said, "yes."

I said, "now you had one belief before and you now have another belief. You don't know what the truth is because you had but one belief and now you have another belief. Shortly you'll soon have another belief, so where are you?"

You are caught up in your belief. If you know what your belief is and how it comes about then it will not affect you. But if you are all caught up in your beliefs, you are sure to have rows with one another, because you will only quarrel over your belief, you will not quarrel over the Truth.

So we see then, that thought itself is a great power. But even as people practice concentration and are able to concentrate their thought, but if they do not understand how thought comes about and they do not understand themselves then they will create difficulties in themselves.

When we understand the action of thought we become aware, so we put upon the power of thought a greater value in regard to the kind of thoughts we think. If we are ignorant of the law of thought we place little or no value upon *our* thoughts and when affected by the result of their action we naturally rebel against the conditions and in all probability place the cause at every other source except the right one, *that is ourselves*. Only through true discernment of the cause does the effect disappear.

If you can discern your own thoughts, your emotions, your thought-feeling reactions and the cause of them they would no longer trouble you because they will just dissolve away. But if you are caught up in your thought-feeling and your reactions, then you create a disturbance in the

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mind. The mind is caught up in these things and naturally you either rebel against them or try to deny them. But rebelling or denying them does not affect the cure. The cure lies in becoming aware of your own thought-feelings and reactions and the cause behind them. What is it that makes you react in such a way? What is it that gives you these thought-feelings?

Life Itself is Perfect in Itself.

Life Itself and your Realisation of Life as the Reality, but you cannot realise this Reality until such time as you discern everything that is relative that is preventing this Reality from manifesting in your life. The time comes when you realise this Life as the totality of all things and where there is no reaction, then you become free. Free here just as well, you will be free after you leave the physical body. Because it is the same Consciousness that is working in the deeper strata's of the Substance of the Universe as it is working now through your physical consciousness. There is no other source of Power because it is the Infinite expressing Himself, the Infinite Life. Life alone has Consciousness. God being Infinite in nature there can be nothing outside Him. If there was anything outside Him, you and I existed outside Him—He could not be Infinite. And if He did not exist in me and you He could not be Infinite either because there would be somewhere where He was not and that would defy Infinity.

Rebelling against these effects or denying them, we only increase their intensity without gaining any understanding or relief. The greatest battle today is individual against individual, comparing, condemning, denying, accusing, jealousy, envy, hatred, all this is but a battle within the individual. Yet in every group, every individual there is a “conception” of Reality, an idea of Reality which, they call God. But this idea of Reality is not God because God is neither an idea or a conception, or a belief. God is the Living Expression now in me and you. I only know God because I am alive and living. I only know God in you because you are also alive and living. A belief does not interest me in the slightest because everybody's quarrelling over their beliefs. The Hindus, Mohammedans, the Christians and all the rest of them are having a fight over their beliefs. Yet it is the same God manifesting in each and everyone of us, we pass by the Real thing and we are caught up in our own beliefs.

You believe something a person tells you, you are caught up in your own belief. Don't you see what a fool you are. Immediately you realise

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what you are doing then you will no longer be caught up in what anybody tells you. What their belief may be is not for you, that is a belief. If you cannot think for yourselves then you will never know the Truth.

So you see what happens. They have a conception of this Reality they call God and all their energies, their prayers, directed towards this Reality (their God) is dissipated. It is hypocritical and of little or no value.

So if you pray to a God outside yourselves then you are praying to an illusion. Anything that ever happened to you in your life, if you believed in any outside agency, it is of no value to you whatsoever. Because the only Living Power is centred in yourselves.

Look at the world today, instead of individuals helping each other they become barriers to each other, because most people do not approach Reality with affection, but only as a means of getting something for themselves. The principle of "Love your neighbour as yourself" does not enter in, only the self must be satisfied. This is the error that causes all the strife and misery in the world. We worship Christ as an idol but in his footsteps we never tread.

So, we do not approach this Reality with affection, we approach Him with rivalry. We try to con the Infinite for our own good, irrespective of the other individual, not knowing that the other individual is just as much Infinity as you are.

Only when we recognise these words, "love your neighbour as yourself," can you only apply the Law that enables you and everyone to live successfully.

If you look into your minds you will see that you are not approaching Reality with affection but with "want", you would like to corner everything for yourself, and this is the teaching that is rampant today. A teaching in which opposites exist, but with opposites there is no understanding. Most people indulge in petitionary prayers which cultivate opposites, strengthen separation and duality.

So if your mind is full of opposites; health, ill-health, success, failure, good and evil, God and the devil, you are caught up in the illusion of your mind in the opposites and you never know the Truth. The Truth is not relative, these are relative terms. They are relative because they belong to your own mind. You created them in your own mind, they are but ideas. But the Truth is not an idea or a belief or a sensation. "I am the Truth.

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I am the Life.” Not until such time as you can say that with conviction, understanding all that is relative, all that is not truth, can Truth be of any value to you.

Your answer may be according to your demand but it will not be Real. The answer to a desire is the desire itself. In this there is no Reality. When you ask out of greed, out of fear, out of want you will have an answer according to the thought-desire. Jesus taught his disciples how to pray. “Believe you have received and you shall have.” Therefore to indulge in prayer without self-knowledge, without understanding, will result in the negative.

That is why nobody’s prayers seemed to be answered at all. As they come very often and say, “I pray to God, but I never have an answer.” I know why you never have an answer because you are concentrated in your trouble. You are living in your mind. If you could only realise the fact that God is Life and you are Life. And in Divine Mind there is no error; there is no reaction. Divine Mind is Eternal and Perfect and Ever-present. All exists in Divine Mind there is nothing else. Everything else is an illusion. Think it out and you will see how much an illusion it is to you.

The personal mind, the mortal mind is caught up in these things. Makes them a belief, makes them a reality when they are no Reality at all.

The outcome of self-knowledge is to become aware of our thought-feeling, and with meditative awareness duality ceases. (Meditative awareness means that you become aware of your thought-feeling. That you meditate on your thought-feeling to see and know what it is and not to be caught up in it.) The dual process of prayer is eliminated. The thinker and his thought must cease to be separate and the thinker must also become aware of the Whole then the Eternal is realized and all things are possible. This was the state of the Master’s mind.

Is it not so, that most people cannot get beyond themselves? They become imprisoned, caught up in their own delusions. Thought-feeling must transcend the created or the result in order to realize that which is behind the created, that which is not created, that which, is not made up.¹ *That which is created is relative, that which is not created is Reality. It is the abstract that is Real, that which is visible is not a reality. It is the actual reverse of what people think today. They think this is a reality, ‘it is a chair.’ I say, “how do you know it was a chair?”*

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“Well it is a chair, all I know it is a chair.”

“But how to do know it is a chair?”

“Well a chair is a thing you sit on.”

“Yes, but how do you know it is a chair? I’ll tell you how you know it is a chair. Because you have seen another chair before this time. That’s why. And when you see this you say that is a chair. The image of the chair is in your mind, that’s all.” Well I’ll say, *“what is it, what is it made of?”*

You will say, “well it’s made of wood.”

I’ll say, “what is wood?”

“Well, it’s a tree.”

I’ll say, “and what is a tree?”

“A tree is a tree!”

But I say, “that is not an answer at all.”

“The tree grows out of the ground.”

“But how does it grow out of the ground, what makes it a tree?”

Just the same thing. As you sow a seed in the ground, so it will produce its kind. So as you sow a thought in your mind it will also produce its kind.

The tree comes into operation because of the Intelligence that is behind all Creation. Producing exact according to the design within. There is a design within you and me and that design is the blueprint held in the Divine Mind, that is produced by the Intelligence; that is behind the seed of corn, the thought in your mind, the tree, and everything that exists. The Intelligence is a flawless Energy out-picturing what the Consciousness is aware of. When the Divine Consciousness is aware of anything that is produced in the Divine Himself, you and I are these Divine Creations complete without a blemish. Everything in Divine Mind is Perfect. How does our imperfections come about? By our thought-feeling reactions. We have been given the power to create by the Creative Principle within ourselves. And we sow seeds and produce their kind; through fear and ignorance, lack of understanding. Therefore your thought, even through concentration, you may learn how to concentrate your thought and you maybe a master of concentration, but if you do not understand your thought will destroy it.

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It is difficult sometimes for thought-feeling to wholly free itself from its *own* chattering, its own creations, yet only when it is so freed can duality cease, then the Immeasurable is realized. This is true prayer, all that is mine is Thine and all that is Thine is mine.

When this is understood there is affection for all who are approaching Reality with you. But what do we find with most? People approach Reality but they are in opposition to each other. *How can you approach Reality in opposition to each other when Reality Itself is one Whole? How can all religious denominations and creeds be of any value to anyone? Don't you see that they are a creation of mans own mind, becomes a belief and is caught up in his belief.*

Moses wrote the ten commandments and then he said that God wrote them. But when he found out that he wrote them himself he broke them.

There is only one commandment that exists as a Reality that is the commandment the Master gave to his disciples; “love ye one another as I have loved you. And as you love one another as I have loved you, you will be known as my disciples.”

So when this is understood there is an affection for all who are approaching Reality with you. But what do we find with most people approaching Reality but they are in opposition to each other. They are not trying to understand, they are mostly desiring the expansion of the self in some way or another, spiritually or materially. Thus they live in opposites which lead to misery and strife.

Misery and strife today is caused by opposites because people will not understand the Divine Truth that Jesus taught, would free man from all these conditions.

Philosophies have been written around Reality with the result that most people have only a Philosophy which is in the mind. But Life is not a philosophy, *Life is not* a religion. Reality is beyond mind, the realization of Reality can only be established when you have eliminated all concepts about Reality from the mind. Reality is Real and Living, It is neither a concept nor an idea in mind. “I am Reality” “I am Life” but to say this without understanding is like a parrot chattering in its cage.

And how many parrots do we have chattering in their cages repeating the sayings of the Master without even understanding them. You go on

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repeating mantrams, one after another, and by doing so you think that you have eliminated your trouble. You have only quietly and soothingly hypnotised yourselves.

Self-hypnotism is of no value to anyone, understanding alone will cure you.

If you look into your minds you will see that you have been discussing Reality as something outside yourselves. In nearly all literature on Truth this same stupid mistake is made. The writers discuss God as some separate Being distinct from themselves. In the light of what we understand we see how stupid it all is.

God is not a relative thing. Even when we talk about God we make Him relative. And my words are relative, only relative, because I want you to seek within yourselves and find that which is Real.

Reality is our Life, "Our Living," the foundation of our Being, and we can never be separated from It. Neither can we look upon It as something separate from ourselves.² The Master said, "I am the Life", "I and the Father are one." But this was not just an idea to him, he knew himself to be the true living expression of the Father, *the Son of God*.

You must not be lost in philosophy in questioning that which can only be realized by yourself. *If you try to find yourself in this book or in this philosophy you will never do so.*

Jesus said, "you search the Scriptures and you think you have Eternal Life, you make a mistake." Showing definitely that by reading the Scriptures that you cannot find Eternal Life. Therefore you must not be lost in philosophy in questioning that which can only be realized by yourself. It is by your own awareness you realize Life as your Real self, then all conduct will lead to right thought-feeling. Thus you will live Reality in your daily conduct. As the Master says, "what I see the Father do I do likewise." Love was the secret that revealed the Father to the Son and held the Son to the Father.

That was the great thing. If Jesus Christ did not Love completely he could have never held himself so strongly and powerfully to the Fathers Will. "Thy Will be done not mine."

Healing is not obtained by trying to escape from conditions but by understanding them. Healing is not obtained through a time or space factor but through understanding that Life is one whole in which there is no

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time or space, being omnipresent now. Therefore at every moment all Life is concentrated at any point in Its Omnipresence that you may choose to fix your consciousness upon. *Now let your consciousness be directed to any part of your being and realise that Life is Complete there, now, in its Omnipresence, in its Omnipotence, in its Omniscience, in its All-Knowing, in its All-Power and its total Presence everywhere. Therefore there is no portion of your anatomy where Life is not in its Completeness. There is no space anywhere where Life does not exist in its own, because it is Whole it does not divide Itself.* If you can realize this all becomes possible because Life is freed from all hindrances by your discernment of *all* that which is false.

It is only when there is inward poverty through lack of understanding that we discuss Reality to no practical purpose. Thus we are only discussing Reality and not translating Reality into your daily living.

Think what you are doing now. You are only discussing Reality, but are you translating Reality into your daily living by discussing it only?

If I would philosophise on the wonders of Reality you would only build up an idea about It. All these talks we have, are directed to help your own awareness. For it is only through your own awareness can you realise “Life”, “Pure Being.” It is not what It is, but how we can live Reality every moment of time. Then we will live in the timeless, the ever-present, then the past or the future will not disturb us because *we* will discern it in the present and dissolve it.

If the past and the future influence the Presence you will never know what the Presence is. If the past and the future influence the Living Presence now, I cannot be created because I am living in a past that is a memory, the future but an idea or a hope. But in the Ever-present I am created, it is the only time you will ever be created—is the Ever-present.

Jesus was not disturbed before Pilate or Herod, he was fortified by the Living Reality of which he was the expression. The story of Jesus, before related, is recorded in Matthew 27, Luke 23, John chapters 18 and 19,³ *all spread all over the book. But I have taken the whole of this and have written it into the story which I am going to give you another chapter of the story of Jesus, again tonight. But as a prelude I have brought into operation in your own minds discerning the mind of Jesus. Unless you can understand what I have told you, you will not understand what I am going to tell*

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you now. But if you can understand what I have told you this evening, you will see the mind of a Master.

In the early morning Jesus was taken by the Jews to the Palace Court and Pilate met them there and asked, “what charge do you bring against this man?” (*As we saw in our last lesson how he was taken prisoner by the guards.*) They retorted, “If he had not been a criminal we would not have handed him over to you.” Then Pilate said, “take him yourselves and sentence him according to your own law.” The Jews said, “we have no right to put anyone to death.” *Now this is a very important point.* (This was that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled by which he had indicated the kind of death he was to die. *As he told his disciples these things; all was there as a means to enlighten man of the great Truth of the Eternal Life. And we will see as we go through here, how ignorant the Jews were of this truth that Jesus knew.*) Pilate went back inside the Court and called Jesus, saying, “then you are the King of the Jews.” Jesus replied, “are you saying this of your own accord or did other people tell you about me, I am a Jew.” Said Pilate, “your own nation and the high priest have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus replied, “my realm lies elsewhere. *I am not concerned with this existing life of yours; in your judgements and your courts, and your Jews and your religions, and your dogmas and your creeds. We have nothing to do with them. In other words my realm lies in the Infinite God—the Father.*” “So you are a King,” said Pilate, “you!” “Certainly,” said Jesus, “I am a King, this is why I was born, this is why I came into the world to bear testimony to the truth, Everyone who belongs to the Truth listens to my voice. But carnal men cannot see my Kingdom. It is the Kingdom of God within. God is my witness and my words and deeds bear witness to the Truth.”

The Power of the Truth. God alone sees the Power of His own Truth, His own Creation. But everyone that is born into this world is born just the same way—a King. And the Kingdom of God is within and they are the King in that Kingdom.

Jesus was not saying something about himself. That same something about all people who were born into this world. Knowing that the Christ was born in every soul. And that Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father. Not separated but One. But the ignorance of mankind has divided man in his creeds and dogmas. But Jesus came to show the whole Truth and

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nothing but the Truth. Therefore he did not in anyway stumble nor was he afraid or fearful of death.

“Truth!” said Pilate, “what does Truth mean?” With these words he went out again to the Jews and told them, “I cannot find any wrong about him. But it is your custom I should release a prisoner for you at the passover. It is your will I release you the King of the Jews.” Again they yelled, “not him, Barabbas,” who was a robber.

Barabbas of course, represents the world. Represents the world that we know it today as it was then, the same world. Barabbas means separation, strife, a robber, a thief.

Pilate went into the inner room and sat in silent thought. His wife, Claudia Procula, came to him and said, “I had a dream. Beware what you do to this man. He is holy. If you scourge this man you scourge the son of God for I saw it all in a vision. I saw this man walking upon the water of the sea, I heard him speak and calm the angry storm. I saw him fly with the wings of light. I saw the veil before the sun, the day as dark as night and the earth was shaken like a reed. Pilate,” she said, “do not bathe your hands in this man’s blood.” Then she left and Pilate wept.

Pilate was caught up in his own laws, in his own world, the laws of the Jews, the laws of the Romans. He was tied hand and foot, he could do nothing else because he was not strong enough. He was not a Christ, he could not break the bonds, he was afraid. Dismayed, confused, he wept.

(But Jesus after his crucifixion appeared to Pilate to show that he still lived, but this comes in another part of the story.)

Pilate went out to the Jews again and said to them, “I find in him no fault,” this was an acknowledgment of *his* helplessness. The Jews were now more fierce in their sayings against him, “He stirred up the people, teaching throughout the Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.”

Jesus interfered with their narrow bigoted beliefs, their creeds, their dogmas. If your religion is just a belief, a belief is not Reality. So here was showing what Reality was, interfering with their stupid beliefs, caught up in tradition and rot.

When Pilate heard of Galilee he asked whether this man was a Galilean. And as soon as he knew that he belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction he sent him to Herod who was at this time in Jerusalem.

So Pilate wanted to wash his hands of it. “I want to get rid of this man.” So knowing that he was a Galilean he sent him on to Herod.

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When Herod saw Jesus he was exceedingly glad because he had heard many things of him and he hoped to have some miracle done by him. Then Herod questioned Jesus but Jesus did not answer Herod because he was not in earnest. (*Herod was not in earnest, he did not want the Truth, he wanted to see something—a miracle that would please him. And are not people just the same, they want to see a miracle that would please them. But a miracle does not give them a sense of Reality. Then Herod questioned Jesus but Jesus did not answer Herod because he was not in earnest.*) The chief priests and scribes stood by and *fiercely* accused Jesus, Herod was annoyed because Jesus would not answer him, so with his men of war they set him at nought and mocked him arrayed him in a purple robe and sent him back to Pilate. (*The purple robe, they unconsciously put upon him the highest degree, this is the highest vibration of colour visible on the physical eye.*) That day Pilate and Herod were made friends for before there was enmity between them.

Here was then two men at enmity but even the scourging of Jesus made them friends.

Then Pilate called together the chief priests and rulers and said to them, “you have brought this man as inciter to rebellion among the people. I have examined him before you and have found nothing criminal about him for all your accusations against him. No, nor has Herod. This man has done nothing that calls for death, so I shall release him with a whipping.”

Pilate tried to satisfy the malice of the chief priests by offering to scourge Jesus and release him, and Pilate called in the crowd as well as their leaders hoping *them* to get a more favourable audience. For he knew quite well that Jesus was delivered up *by them* because of their envy of him.

We can see Pilate trying his utmost to get rid of this man. He was not concerned really with the life of Jesus, he was concerned more with himself.

But Jesus knew clearly and distinctly what he had to go through so that all would know the Truth of the Everlasting Life.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged and the soldiers twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on his head (*the crown of thorns representing the mental agony that man goes through before he reaches that stage of Christendom within himself*) so they twisted some thorns

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into a crown and put it on his head and arraigned him in a purple robe. Pilate went forth again and said, “behold, I bring him forth that you may know I find no fault in him.” Then Jesus came forth wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate marched up to him and called out, “hail, King of the Jews.”

This indignity did not alter the Truth that was his. Neither could it alter the Christ within. “My realm is not of this world.”

When you realise this Truth too you will see that the consciousness is caught up in reactions to the things surrounding the physical, then that is the world in which you live. But if your consciousness is aware of a deeper significance having its roots in the Infinite Complete and Perfect Being, then you will say, “my realm is of another world, I am not of this world.”

When high priests and officers saw him they cried out, “crucify him, crucify him! Pilate said, “take him and crucify him yourselves, I find nothing wrong with him.” They answered back, “we have a law and by our law he is bound to die because he has made himself out to be God’s son.”

Here is the ignorance of the Truth of the people who are steeped in idolatry, in belief, in worship of something external to themselves.

But Jesus knew that he was God’s son. Just as you and I know that we are God’s sons and daughters.

Living alone Living because that Livingness proves that we are His children. Because He Himself alone Lives there is no other Living Being.

Now, when Pilate heard this he was still more afraid and went inside and said to Jesus, “where do you come from?” and Jesus made no reply. Then Pilate said, “will you not speak to me? Do you know that it is in my power to release you or crucify you?” Jesus answered, “you would have no power over me unless it *was* granted to you from above. So you are less guilty than he who betrayed me to you.” This made Pilate anxious to release him. But the chief priests and officers again yelled, “if you release him you are no friend of Caesar’s, anyone who makes himself a king is against Caesar.”

Again you see the ignorance of the Truth. Here was the King of the Kingdom within. Caesar was the world that was caught up, Barabbas, in separation, in destruction.

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And it is the same world today as it was 2000 years ago but it has become more subtle in its nature, more destructive in its subtleness, more ignorant because of its diabolical philosophies. More subtle because of its psychological instincts. More subtle because the opposites seem more dominant. More subtle because of the many religions that exist. More subtle because man is ignorant of the Truth. Where mans intelligence has advanced his Spiritual understanding has stood still. Unless Spiritual understanding marches along with the advancement of mans intelligence then man shall destroy himself.

It was this that Jesus came to show. And if they follow in his footsteps the world would be free today. What do we see?

On hearing this Pilate again sat him on the judgment seat in a place called the mosaic pavement. This was on the day of preparation for the Passover, about noon. "There is your King," he said to them, then they yelled, "off with him! Crucify him, crucify him!" "Crucify your king," replied Pilate. The high priests retorted, "we have no king but Caesar." *Another stupid ignorant thing to say.*

When Pilate saw that instead of doing any good a riot was rising he took water and washed his hands in the presence of the crowd. "I am innocent of this good man's blood. It is your affair."

To this all the people replied, "his blood be on us and on our children." *(These words were the most diabolical words they could ever speak. Brought upon themselves the very thing, the word that was spoken became a rod for their backs. Not until they come to the Truth of the true Understanding of the Living Christ that dwells in every Living soul, and that the things of the world mean nothing. And that Life which is Life alone is of any value, then we have true values we will see that we will rise out of those conditions, and we will love our neighbour as ourselves. Only by loving our neighbours as ourselves will Peace come to the world.)* Then he released Barabbas and had Jesus scourged again. This was the second time Jesus was scourged as a prelude to his crucifixion. Then he handed Jesus over to be crucified.

The soldiers took him into the common hall and got the regiment around him, they stripped him and put on a scarlet robe and put a crown of thorns on his head, and a reed in his right hand. They bowed the knee before him and mocked him saying, "hail, King of the Jews." They spat

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on his face and made fun of him, then they took the robe off him and put on his own clothes and took him off to be crucified on Calvary.

We will continue this wonderful story next week.

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O Divine Brother of Mine, Lover of all Souls,
Thy victory of Life over death,
Thy Victory of Love over hatred,
Thy Victory of soul over the flesh,
Thy Victory of wisdom over ignorance has shown us the way to
live.

Teach us to pour out thy sweetness when harshness surrounds us.

Give us the calmness of thy presence when accused and persecuted
without cause.

Help us to return Love for hate so that we may become thy
disciples, O Divine Brother 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 30th October 1951, at 7.45 pm. No recording exists of the Johannesburg lecture.

1. The next sentence in the Lecture Notes is missing from the recording: [*Thought-feeling must cease to be distracted by the created.*]
2. The next part of the sentence in the lecture Notes is missing from the recording. The full sentence should read: “Neither can we look upon It as something separate from ourselves, [*this is the great illusion.*]
3. The next two sentences in the Lecture Notes are missing from the recording: [*as in my last talk I will continue in my own words this greatest story in the world. A story that affects the whole world and it is fresh every time we read it.*]

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NEVER LET THEM GO, KEEP THEM—THEY
ARE LIFE TO YOU.” Proverbs 4: 13**

Pure Being, Life or Spirit, whatever name we like to call It—It is not a name nor an idea in mind for this is relative, nevertheless It must be realized as that which in Itself is everything including you and me. If we speak about this Living Essence we are only thinking about It, in the relative, we cannot think about something that we do not know what It is, yet we know that It is.

If you are really concerned in finding this Reality, It will be found in the stillness of your own Being when mind has ceased to think, then comes the realization of that which is beyond mind that which is the core of the mind-heart, that which alone can think and feel. Therefore Reality is not a thought, It is not anything that can be observed by the self for It is beyond self, yet the self comes into being through It and by It.

Life-Reality exists eternally whether in a corporeal body or in any other form. This Being must exist in all forms whether Angelic, mental or physical for there is no other source of Being.

It is the Ego-self that prevents the Life Reality from expressing Itself freely through you. It is always the “I” that stands in the way. Only when the “I” knows Itself does it give way for the Reality which is behind it.

The Ego-self surrounds itself with all sorts of things and becomes dependent upon them, therefore putting dependence upon things that are temporary and transient.

It is the Ego-self that prevents the translation of Reality, because it has not yet realized Reality and Its Eternal nature. Is it not so, that most people try to corner the Infinite Being for their own welfare?

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Thus they become antagonistic to others, and only when there is affection towards Reality is there friendship for those who are also approaching Reality, no matter from what direction.

It is opening up inwardly so that Life, that is the ever-present Reality, becomes a Reality to you. This is not looking towards something that is external to the self but finding the self in that Reality which is behind every other self.

In my last talk to you I tried to show you that if you examine your mind deeply you will see that you are seeking Reality separately, and individually, as separate entities, each elbowing each other out. Is this not the cause of the contradictory spirit in the world today? It is this that sets up antagonisms between religious groups and individuals who are all approaching the same Reality. Instead of affection for all who are trying to realize and approach Reality there is rivalry.

Therefore to understand, to reach out to Reality, there must be affection not possession or competition as to who is to understand or who is to understand less. Reality must become the dominant factor and not the individual.

Take the nations of the world who have cornered world products for themselves, whether it is gold, silver or iron, butter or wool, they will find that the law of distribution is the source of Life. Therefore these nations must begin to give away what they cornered to exist themselves, without equilateral distribution world economy will eventually break down. If one unit is solvent while the other is insolvent then chaos must reign.

Reality is Love and to love your neighbour as yourself then you must act. For only action counts, talking about it does not help. Jesus says it is the acting on the word that counts not the listening to the word.

Reality is the Spring of Living Water which is eternal in all of us and it is the outward flow of this Living Water in our daily conduct that leads to happiness. Therefore this Reality must become a living tangible enthusiastic realization of Itself in activity, in conduct. In this way you will not lose yourselves in theories, beliefs or philosophies but you are all the time highly concentrated on translating your understanding into daily action, into daily conduct.

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So your conduct does not need the backing of a highly complicated philosophy or a ritual to which you have to conform. True living is self-realized through affection and understanding and not based upon any philosophy or religion. Hence your living is the translation of that which in Itself is complete, where there is no separation no antagonism.

Jesus said to his disciples, in other words, you must love one another for with your love for one another you will be known as my disciples. You are not judged by your philosophy nor by your belief but by the manner in which you treat others, the manner of your friendship and love for each other. If you are loving and kind to all, antagonistic to none, then you are translating Reality into action.

Nearly **all** the prayers that are made today are hypocritical because they only ask a blessing upon a section in opposition to another section, or the safety of one system against another system, or the success of their arms against the arms of another. In real words it means a prayer to destroy and not to create. Now Reality cannot take sides against any group or nation or people because Reality is everywhere in every nation and group.

The Presence of God is the only Reality in every living being no matter whether he be a Jew, a Christian, a Mohammedan, a Hindu, a Chinamen, an American, British or Dutch or any other nationality, Reality cannot be antagonistic to Itself in any group or individual, nor can It take action against another no matter who they may be. It is all in man's mind where there is a deplorable lack of understanding, an inward poverty. Even with your most intellectual philosophy you have only the shadow of Reality, not Reality Itself. Reality has to be realized by the self alone, free from any philosophy, religion or any other form of worship. Reality is all-inclusive and we must approach it in this way.

Many terms are used to convey to man's mind the Idea of Reality, terms such as Absolute, Infinite, Universal Mind, God, Divine Mind, Essence, Life, etc. etc. these are often misleading. But if you are conscious of the Whole, the oneness of everything, then these terms can be understood when speaking in-relative terms of what you are inwardly conscious of.

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The manifestation is never separate from the un-manifest for they are One. That which is seen is never separate from the unseen. That is why Jesus knew that he and the Father were one. He knew that he could never be separated from the un-manifested Whole which was the Eternal Presence, unseen yet the only reality.

When we begin to understand the Master we get a better understanding of Reality in action through the Manifestation. Therefore we get a better understanding of ourselves and Reality which is behind and within us.

When we use the terms Reality, Absolute, Divine Mind, the Father etc. etc. these relative terms do not convey to our minds an understanding of that Reality including all that we call consciousness, individualized or otherwise, all that which is known and unknown, all that can be touched, seen and handled or sensed, all that can be comprehended and all that which is beyond comprehension.

All is both manifest and un-manifest and there is no division, no separation. It was this that Jesus was conveying to his disciples when he said, “when you have seen me you have seen the Father.”

The manifestation can be comprehended by the mind but un-manifested cannot be comprehended. Yet both are one and the same in which there is no vision or separation. With this understanding you will become “aware” of Reality, not in the relative sense in which we understand things in the sense of Its Presence as a Reality that is the foundation of our Being and everything else created.

It is this awareness that the Master had in realizing the Ineffable, the Indescribable Pure Being that remains within Its own creation, yet always transcending it. It is this Reality that we must approach with affection, and as we realise it more and more so do we translate Reality into our daily actions. For It is **this** that is behind our own thought-feeling.

These words of mine are relative in trying to explain the unexplainable, but it is the only way we have of clearing the mind of all that hinders Its true expression.

It was to show the Father at work that Jesus accepted the only way possible to him to accomplish the Father’s will and here we continue the story where we left off last week.

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Now, Judas who betrayed his Lord was with the mob, but all the time he thought that Jesus would assert his power and demonstrate the power of God and strike to earth the fiendish multitude and free himself. But when he saw his Master condemned, submitting to the tortures bleeding from a score of wounds, he said, “O God, what have I done! I have betrayed the Son of God,” and he turned and ran in haste to the Temple door. When he found the priests who gave him the thirty pieces of silver he said to them, “I have sinned, I have betrayed innocent blood.” They said, “what is it to us, that is your affair.” He then cast down the pieces of silver and went away and hanged himself on a tree beyond the city’s walls.

The chief priests took the silver pieces and said, “it is not lawful to put them in the Treasury because it is the price of blood.” So they bought with them a potter’s field where they buried those who had no right to the sacred burial grounds, and to this day this field is called the field of blood.

This was the fulfilment of the prophecy of Jeremiah who said, “and they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they the children of Israel, did not value and gave them for the potter’s field as the Lord appointed me.” The words are actually from Zech. 11: 13. This was no doubt a slip by those who recorded the saying of the prophet from memory. In some ancient versions the substitution of Jeremiah for Zechariah is a copyist’s error. Nevertheless the prophecy is fulfilled.

None of the traditional stations of the Cross between the condemnation and the arrival at Calvary are mentioned except these two—the carrying of the Cross by Simon and the address to the weeping woman of Jerusalem. But in the ancient version it states that Jesus took farewell of his mother and that he fell more than once from the loss of blood. It is also mentioned that the mob stoned him and spat on his face, and a man of God stood forth and said to the crowd, “Isaiah said, ‘He shall be bruised for our transgressions and by his stripes we shall be healed.’”

Beside the city’s gate lay the cross of Barabbas and the mob cried out, “let him be crucified on Barabbas’ cross.” The Roman soldiers lifted Jesus from the ground and called upon Simon a

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Cyrenian to bear the Cross for Jesus for he was so weak from loss of blood from his wounds and bruises and Simon carried the Cross, following in the footsteps of the Master.

There was a great company of people following on, and many wept and beat their breasts and lamented, but Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me but for yourselves and for your children for there are days coming when the cry will be, blessed are the barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled. Then will the people say to the mountains, "fall on us," and to the hills, "cover us." For if this is what they do when the wood is green, what will they do when the wood is dry?" Meaning that if an innocent man be treated like this, how would others be treated.

The two criminals, who were to be executed by means of the cross were also led out with Jesus, to be crucified at the place called the Skull. The two criminals were bound to the cross but they laid Jesus on the Cross and nailed his hands and feet to it, they then lifted it up into the pit dug for it and they offered him a drink of wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused.

On the right of him and on the left of him hung the two malefactors, then Jesus looked to the right and the left and cried out, "Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing."

Pilate had written a title which was put on the Cross of Jesus, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." This title was written in Hebrew, Greek and Latin. The chief priests were angry and said to Pilate, "do not write 'King of the Jews;' write, 'he said, I am the King of the Jews.'" Pilate replied, "what I have written I have written."

Those who passed by scoffed at Jesus, nodding at him in derision and crying, "you were to destroy the temple and build it in three days." "Save yourself if you are God's son come down from the Cross." So too the high priests made fun of him with the scribes and elders of the people, "he saved others," they said, "but he cannot save himself, he the King of Israel! Let him come down from the Cross then we will believe in him. His trust is in God: Let Him deliver him now if he comes from Him. He said he was the Son of God!"

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The Jewish guards and Roman soldiers also mocked him, one of the thieves on the cross also joined in the mockery, saying, “are you not the Christ? Save us and yourself as well.” But the other checked him saying, “have you no fear even of God? You are suffering the same punishment as he and we suffer justly, we are getting what we deserve for our deed but he has done no harm.” And he turned to Jesus and said, “do not forget me when you come to reign.” “I tell you truly,” said Jesus, “You will be in paradise with me this very day.”

Now beside the Cross stood Mary his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala, so when Jesus saw his mother and his favourite disciple standing near he said to his mother, “woman, there is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “and there is your mother” and from that hour the disciple took her to his home.

After that Jesus knew that everything was now finished and fulfilled. To fulfil the Scriptures he said, “I am thirsty,” a jug of vinegar was lying there so they put a sponge full of vinegar on a spear and held it to his lips and when Jesus took the vinegar he said, “it is finished” bowed his head and gave up his Spirit, and as he did so he cried in a loud voice, “Father, I trust my spirit in Thy hands.”

When the army captain saw what happened he glorified God saying, “this man was truly innocent.” When the crowd saw what had happened they also turned away beating their breasts lamenting, knowing well that an innocent man died for the Truth.

The soldiers cast lots for his clothes, his vesture was made without a seam, woven from the tip to the bottom throughout, that the Scriptures be fulfilled which says, “they parted my raiment among them and for my vesture they did cast lots.”

The great significance attached to the robber’s appeal to Jesus is that he was granted more than he expected, his prayer was answered today “with me” with the Christ in his glory.

The stages of the Cross are also significant for us. Jesus first prays for his enemies, forgive them for they know not what they do. He pardons those who believe in him “The Christ,” the robber is given the sanctity of the Christ’s benediction, then he cares for his own nearest and dearest.

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At the moment Jesus passed from the physical to the Spiritual the veil of the temple was rent from top to bottom. This was the veil that partitioned off the most holy places in the Temple and it is said this accounted for the conversion of many priests. The earth quivered and shook, the sun's face was darkened by the eclipse, the people hurried away from Calvary and the priests, scribes and Pharisees were filled with fear, they sought cover in their synagogues and homes and said, "behold the wrath of God." The Roman soldiers who watched the body of Jesus exclaimed, "this truly was the Son of God!"

John 19: 31-42, "as it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies remaining on the cross during the sabbath (for that sabbath-day was a great day), the Jews asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies removed. (32) so the soldiers went and broke the legs of the first man and of the other man who had been crucified along with him; (33) but when they came to Jesus and saw he was dead already, they did not break his legs; (34) only, one of the soldiers pricked his side with a lance, and out came blood and water in a moment. (35) He who saw it has borne witness (his witness is true; God knows he is telling the truth), that you may believe. (36) For this took place that the scripture might be fulfilled, not a bone of him will be broken. (37) And another scripture also says, They shall look on him whom they impaled."

Here the Blood is the symbol of natural Life sacrificed, and the water is the symbol of Spiritual Life everlasting.

"(38) After this, Joseph of Arimathaea, a disciple of Jesus but a secret disciple—for fear of the Jews—asked Pilate for permission to remove the body of Jesus, (39) And Pilate allowed him. So he went and removed the body, accompanied by Nicodemus (he who had first come to Jesus by night) who brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds of it; (40) they took and wrapped up the body of Jesus in the spices and in bandages, according to the Jewish custom of burial, (41) Now at the spot where he had been crucified there was an orchard, and in the orchard a new tomb where no one had yet been laid; (42) so they put Jesus there, it being the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close by."

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Matthew 27: 62-66; next day (that is, on the day after the Preparation) the high priests and Pharisees gathered round Pilate and said, (63) “We remember, sir, that when this impostor was alive, he said, ‘I will rise after three days.’ (64) Now then, give orders for the tomb to be kept secure till the third day, in case his disciples go and steal him and then tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead.’ The end of the fraud will then be worse than the beginning of it.” (65) Pilate said to them, “take a guard of soldiers, go and make it as secure as you can,” So off they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the boulder and setting the guard.

Next week we will continue the story of the resurrection.

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O Divine One, my Spirit soul and body is Thine.

This is what Thy Son Jesus showed to me.

May my Life be his Life, my Love his Love, my desires his desires.

May my eyes behold what he beholds and my mind be one with his mind.

Then find myself one with Thee in everyone, O Divine One.

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“I will come again, and receive you unto myself; *and* where I am, there ye maybe also.” John 14: 3.

Our realization that God alone lives makes it clear that it is He who lives in you and me, guides our actions, leads us where He would have us go. *And when we reason this to the logical and final conclusion we see it must be so.* Then let the result be what it will, *knowing* that it is what the Divine Mind would have for the present, even if that is the exact opposite to what you have planned. This is the translation of Reality into action your Silent Partner, who is never separated from you, “I am with you even unto the end of the world.”

This was the Truth that Jesus knew. It was by this wonderful Power of the Divine Presence manifesting in and through him, that he was the man who the world has looked upon as a guiding light for humanity.

We note that Life is an invisible thing. We note that electricity is the invisible power in the dynamo. We see the dynamo working, driving machinery but there is the invisible power that is doing it. The dynamo is dead when that invisible power is switched on. Life is that same invisible Power in mankind. And according to the quality of mind of realisation so does this invisible Life Power, work through that mind.

Therefore we see, that Jesus was the complete Perfect man, where this Life was manifesting through in its totality. And when he said, “it is so,” it would be so. So we see that he was the expression of this Life as an example to all mankind. Because we have never seen that

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Life, just we have never seen electricity, although we see the dynamo in action. And although we see man in action yet we do not know what this invisible Power is, we only know that It is.

But seeing Jesus at work and listening to his words, we see clearly, that he was the expression of that Life for mankind. “When you have seen me, you have seen the Father.” And these words also, “what I see my Father do, I do likewise.”

If you can comprehend this you will get beyond your mind into a state where you realise that that same Life that was in Jesus—is in you. Because there cannot be two Lives, there can only be One Life. And that Life is Eternal and Ever-present. In this recognition, you see clearly, it is the awareness of this Truth that enables the Life to manifest through the individual who is aware.

This takes away all struggle which is frustration, all fear which is separation and chaos, removes that inward poverty that makes for craving and unhappiness.

Yes we may be rich outside but we maybe inwardly poor. And no matter what we accumulate we will still have that inward poverty. We will still crave for something that can never fill that vacuum. It cannot be filled from outside, it can only be filled with the Truth.

Where there is inward poverty there is craving to cover up with external things which never satisfies craving. Not until this constant struggle is understood can there be peace, and only when there is peace can the Real be realized and inward poverty be removed.

Inward peace. Have you ever thought about it? I have often. And what is it that gives you inward peace? Certainly it is not things that come from the outside because these things are always agitating you. You are either craving for them or you are ambitious for them or you are jealous for them or you are fearful for them. There is always a craving that is never fulfilled.

Inward peace comes from that realisation that Reality itself is all and there is nothing but Reality. There is nothing outside it, it is in everything. It is the Creative Power, it is that silent Power that drives the dynamo that drives mankind through to understanding. That is the wonderful peace that there can be no separation anywhere.

Most people are chasing after “Truth” only to get something out of It, they crave and are never filled. Only through the cessation of

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struggle does freedom come and with it comes all things because God is all things and is ever-present now.

Is it not so the teaching today generally is that you use the “Truth” to obtain everything you possibly can. I want a house—I use the “Truth” for that, I want a car—I will use the “Truth” for that, I want a bicycle—I will use the “Truth” for that, I want this and I want that and you use the “Truth” for it. You only want the “Truth” because it enables you to get something. But that is not “Truth” that is an illusion. You have not got the Truth and there is no such thing as Truth in those things at all—that is desire. And your desire is fulfilled by desire but it is not Truth.

There is much confusion today about the human mind, this is obvious because it is the realm of opposites and our awareness through the senses is associated with the outer, the relative world, and reacts to conditions of the personal environment which is extremely limited *and often illusionary*. Through it we take into consideration time and space, events etc., we are influenced by them. Thus when we are caught up in the relative we are limited, and reason from the individual *or relative* point of view.

It is quite clear is it not when you are thinking. You must discern how your thinking comes about. Is your thinking the result of some external thing? Is your thinking the result of some emotion, some external reaction, something a person says or does? Something about the world, something about the conditions and circumstances? Is your thinking then arise from these conditions external to yourself? If it is so, then don't you see that it becomes confusion.

But if your thinking is direct, that you become aware of how your thinking arises and discern it, it will drop away from you. Then you will see, that thinking purely comes from your own consciousness—I am Life. I am alive and Living, I am the only thing that can think.

If I am caught up in these external things to myself I think from the bases of these things, therefore my thinking is illusionary. But if I know myself and I know I am Life, then I can create thought with understanding, knowing that my word shall not return unto me void but accomplish that which it was sent forth to do.

There is no use of saying, “my word shall accomplish that which it is sent forth to do.” Because it never will, unless you understand, that

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there is no opposition to it. But if the mind is filled with confusion and is based upon the relative, then you will know that your word means nothing, your prayers are illusionary, your thinking is chaos. You are only bringing more misery upon yourself and others.

Think clearly, then these words of mine are true, they make you think deeply, contemplatively.

We draw conclusions from supposed facts and effects which are seen on the surface, yet the real cause is hidden in the inner which we have not yet realized, only a part is seen, while the whole is not *realised*. Yet what we have is but an opinion of what is seen on the surface being unaware of that which is unseen, which is the cause.

Fear, doubt, apprehension is caused by assuming what we see to be a Reality instead of an effect. Effects can never embarrass one who *knows*. When the consciousness becomes aware of cause, Reality, there is a perception that reveals *what* is false-untrue, or that which is only revealed on the surface. With this understanding there is a questioning of that which is seen on the surface and this leads to reflection and discernment. It was this that the Master knew when he prayed for the forgiveness of those who did not know what they were doing.

They did not know what they were doing. They were caught up in this belief, that they were doing God a service by killing him, because of their belief. And yet they were religious people but they would kill their brother.

And we have the same thing today. Its not very long ago since the Spanish Inquisition. Where the Church allowed people to be destroyed and burnt at the stake and they were religious people too. That's belief, that's religion.

But that is not the religion that the Master had. The religion that the Master had was, "love your neighbour as yourself," and then you will love God in a practical way.

(False) beliefs lead to separation and chaos, antagonisms and cruelty. *And we see this in our every day life.* If you conform to the ideas and beliefs of others you imitate, imitation is not understanding. *Therefore create much trouble for ourselves and others.*

Is it not so that beliefs bring trouble. We do not quarrel over the Truth, we quarrel over our beliefs. Look at the Middle East today, they

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are religious people, the Mohammedans. They want to destroy and drive the Christians out of the country. They are torturing their own people who are Christians because they have turned from the Moslem religion to the Christian religion. And they are religious people. They have got religious leaders who are fanatics, that cannot think, they are as dead as this table. And there is many more the same in this country too and in every other country.

When you become a thinker you turn towards Reality which develops a sense of perception to know that which is false and that which is true and by your reflection and questioning you dissolve away that which is false. We would have no politicians if all knew the Truth, for the Truth would set us free. We would have no differing creeds, no economic problems, no conformity to ideas of those who do not understand.

But because we do not know the Truth we are exploited. In your belief in death, you exploit it because of your belief in death. Your belief in sacrifice, you exploit it because of your belief in sacrifice. And those who ask you to sacrifice, benefit from your sacrifice, and then they exploit you further. It is a wonderful world isn't it. But it only requires you to think a little while and discern what you are doing.

A person asked me the other day, if he would tithe. I said, “why do you want to tithe for?”

He said, “you know, if you tithe you are suppose to get this and get that.”

I said, “are you dependent upon your tithing to get this and that? Don't you see that you are depending on something outside yourself and all this is an illusion.”

You must depend upon that which is Real Itself in you, that is the only thing you can depend upon. The other is an illusion, the other is exploitation. Give by all means if you want to give. But do not be a fool, a sucker, to be caught up in that sort of thing. Because don't you see, you are exploited every moment because of your belief in this thing and you are caught up in it. Give by all means, but do not give to get. If you want to create, know your own creative power and creativeness is within you. Creativeness is not in tithing. Creativeness is not in giving. Creativeness is in knowing, understanding.

Without Truth as a guide, what is seen in the outer is believed in the inner and there is an exact reproduction of what is seen through the

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senses, faithfully and logically, with all the details accurately produced whether the facts are true or not. Thus the mob rules, the sheep are led to the slaughter *and* the innocent are slain. War and all the misery thereof that man suffers because, he does not know. You are what you believe you are. *The world is what you are.*

When we see Jesus at work and he knows all this, he sees how people are suffering, his heart bleeds for them. He does not condemn, oh no, he only sees that they are caught up in this ignorance, creating misery for themselves and others.

Many are still incapable of thinking but as the Truth of Reality becomes known, more and more will begin to think. But this is what your leaders do not want you to do, *is to think, only to imitate and believe. If they can get you to believe and imitate, then everything is alright.* When you begin to think for yourself you are persecuted because you will refuse to follow a pattern laid down for you to follow. *(But if you ever follow a pattern then you are lost. You who are students of the highest Truth can never follow a pattern. You must rely entirely upon that Creative Principle, that invisible Divine Power that created you for Its own purpose. When you know that then you will be lead by that Divine Angel.)* We kill for no reason and our misery is increased. Do the masses fighting today really know what they are fighting for?

Ask the thousands and millions of Chinese if they know what they are fighting for? See the ignorant mass fighting for what they do not know. Ignorance personified.

When the Truth of your Being is realized the Eternal will ever rejuvenate your mind, *and body*, and the Presence of the Eternal then becomes your Silent Partner and leads you into green pastures. "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children." Isaiah 54: 13. *(The Lord is within, and Isaiah understood.)* "Ye shall be my people and I will be your God." Jer. 30: 22. "I will be their God. and they shall be my people." 2 Cor. 6: 16. "I will be to them a God and they shall be to me a people." Heb. 8: 10. "I will walk among you and will be your God and *you* shall be my people." Lev. 26: 12.

"Fear not for I am with thee, be not dismayed. for I am thy God." Isaiah 41: 10. Here we see the prophets tell us of the good things when we realize the truth of the only "One," whose name is Love.

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“Love the Lord Thy God with all thy strength, with all thy mind, with all thy heart and love thy neighbour as thy self.”

But when the mind is *full* of false beliefs you become antagonistic to others, this creates inharmony and misery. This is a state of consciousness which is unaware of Reality. This is a consciousness that reacts to effects seen on the surface, not knowing the Truth about them. Only when the ever-present Intelligence is realised as the fundamental factor in human existence does separation and antagonism disappear and affection takes their place.

And when the consciousness is not aware of what it is doing, caught up, and there suffers because its creative. You create the world you live in because of ignorance.

If you will look into your mind you will see how you are caught up in the outer, causing sorrow and conflict. This creates in you a feeling of limitation, *inward poverty*, a feeling of insecurity, while your craving to be rid of this only leads you away from that which alone can free you. *So your craving to free yourself from limitation does not free you, it only leads you away from that which can free you—that is understanding. You pray for freedom but do you get freedom? Of course you do not, you can pray till doomsday. You must understand yourself and by understanding yourself you will see clearly what the self is doing. And when you see what the self is doing you will understand the self. Then when all the false things that are hindering the expression of that which is Whole, and dissolved away, no longer to be remembered against you because nothing is. Immediately you discern anything completely and clearly in your mind then it falls away from you. You are no longer held against you because the Spirit is free.* But if you become aware of your inward poverty and the cause of this inward poverty you will immediately begin to understand, and understanding leads to freedom and to “that” which is in Itself complete, where there is nothing wanting.

To truly reach that which is in Itself complete you must think in the absolute and not in the relative which is but a restrictive state of consciousness. To do this you must take your thinking out of the relative where it is surrounded by false beliefs and opinions which you have accepted from others, and dissolve them in the absolute Reality which

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is not limited by beliefs or opinions. Then you will understand that your beliefs and opinions are but the limited state of your own consciousness, and a hindrance to the expression of Reality.

To have no belief that can separate me from my fellow man, is the most joyous feeling you could ever have in Life, because there is no separation between you. It is a wonderful feeling.

In your work in the world of trade and commerce, in your association with others.*¹ Life if it had been followed the world today would not be what it is. And this is because the world did not understand him! And those who profess to teach his words do not understand him either otherwise there would be *fewer beliefs* and only one religion—the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

But that is lip-service. We hear it spouted all over the place. But the words are not understood yet they carry on with their same antagonisms towards others.

The world today is in confusion. Look at it. You will see the east and the west is divided and partly on religious beliefs, and next on ideologies.

When we look at the world today and see that we have only made an image of *Jesus* in our minds as a means of worship, at the same time carrying on with our destructive reactions to conditions, *we ourselves create*, instead of applying his teachings in our lives.

We condemn instead of blessing, hating instead of loving, accusing instead of forgiving, and unkindness instead of being kind.

The reason is that we have failed to realize that there is only one Life existing in every living Soul, and the only Reality is that Life. When Jesus said, “I am the Life” he was pronouncing the greatest scientific fact ever known to man. Yes, he was the greatest of all the prophets and the prophets rejoiced to see his day, because he fulfilled the final act of appearing after *so-called* death to prove that Life in the flesh cannot be separated from the Life of God. *The same Life is Ever-present now. It is the same Life now, as then, Living Eternally Ever-present in you and me.* The Father having Life in Himself has granted the Son to have the same Life in himself and we will see this clearly through the resurrection of *Jesus*—the *Master of Life*.

*1. A break occurs here in the original wire recording. See page 345

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It was Monday morning at early dawn, Mary of Magdala and Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and Salome brought with them to the tomb where Jesus was laid, sweet spices for the purpose of anointing him. While on their way they said, “who will pull away the boulder for us to open the tomb?” for it was a very large boulder.

But when they reached the tomb they saw the boulder had been rolled away. When they entered the tomb they found the body of Jesus was not there, they were bewildered and perplexed. Then two men in shining raiment appeared and they were much afraid and bowed their faces to the earth. But the man said to them, “why search among the dead for him who is alive.”

He was the great example. He was the proof of this Life. And we search among the dead for the dead. But he said, “let the dead bury the dead.” For those who believed in death were dead already.

“Why search ye among the dead for him who is alive.”

“He is not here, he has risen, remember how he told you when he was still in Galilee that the son of man had to be betrayed into the hands of sinful men (*and who were the sinful men, was it not the high priests?*) and to be crucified and rise on the third day,” Then they remembered what he said, “go and tell his disciples and Peter that he precedes you to Galilee as he told you. You shall see him there.” (*The mention of, “go and tell his disciples and Peter,” is very significant. Because Peter was the stalwart, the strong disciple, yet in his strength he denied his Master. Is it not so, that where there is strength, the strongest physical character, there is a weakness. No matter how strong that physical character may be, from a physical point of view or from a mental point of view, there is a weakness always there. Because its the mind, its human nature. But in the Spirit it is entirely different. Jesus was completely expressing the Spirit and there was no weakness of any kind. But Peter did not yet understand as we will see.*) They fled from the tomb in terror and went and reported all this to the eleven and all the others. But their story to them sounded like nonsense and they could not believe it.

Isn't that true. The same thing would happen today. They still believed in death even after all the Master had taught them. They did not know.

But Peter and John got up and ran to the tomb. John ran ahead faster than Peter and got to the tomb first, he glanced in and saw the

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bandages lying on the ground but did not go inside. Then Simon Peter came after him and went inside the tomb and saw that the bandages were lying on the ground, but the napkin which had been folded around his head like a turban had rolled a bit to one side when the pressure of the Master's head was removed.

The body of the Master had simply vanished though the hundred pounds of spices and the clothing which he wore was left there as if they had dropped from him. This was the dematerialization of the physical body into the substance from which it came. The resurrection body remained intact. The Spirit is master of *all* things manifest and can at will take any form. So Jesus the Christ came to his disciples in his familiar form as we will see shortly.

The disciples did not yet understand when the Master told them that he would rise from the dead, so the disciples in their bewilderment returned home. But Mary of Magdala, commonly called Mary Magdalene, started sobbing beside the tomb, and as she again looked into the tomb she saw two angels in white sitting *there* where the body had lain, one at the head and one at the foot.

“Woman,” said they, “why are you sobbing?” (*You can imagine why she was sobbing, her love for the Master was so great, it was so abounding and complete. He was like herself, they were two as it were, and he also recognised her.*) She replied, “Because they have taken away my Master and I do not know where they have put him.” With those words she turned round and noticed someone standing there, she did not know that it was Jesus and he said to her, “Woman, why are you sobbing?” (*This is the point now, Jesus stood there yet she did not know him. Through her tears perhaps she did not see the face clearly. Or perhaps Jesus did not feel inclined to reveal himself completely to her for the moment.*) She thought it was the gardener. “O, sir,” she said, “if you have carried him away tell me where you have put him.” (*Still realising that the Christ was in the body, no, they had not realised the wonderful Truth yet. Even his disciples, those surrounding him all the time, yet did not know or yet understand his words to them. Do you understand his words, either? Do you really comprehend the fullness of his message?*) “Mary,” said Jesus. *In his familiar voice. That voice that she always loved to hear. The voice that carried love and compassion.* She started round and said, “Rabboni” (meaning master in Hebrew).

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She clung to him in her love and joy of seeing the Master alive. This experience was the greatest thing that *could* happen to Mary, she was privileged because of her love for the Master. Then Jesus said to her, “cease clinging to me, Mary, I have not yet ascended to my Father, but go to my brothers (his disciples) and tell them I am ascending to my Father and yours, to my God and yours.”² *We can well imagine what was in her mind. Human nature is much the same in all. The excitement, the bewilderment, the complete awareness that he was alive and living, was too much for Mary. And I can see how she was telling the disciples. The disciples looking at her in a sort of amazement, “I don’t believe it,” yet they were his disciples.*

When we pass from the earthly state, there is a period when we *often* show ourselves to our loved ones before we have ascended to our state of Being in the inner. It is only when we appear *afterwards* can we touch and be touched freely. This is borne out in many cases on scientific investigation into the psychic realms.

Now the soldiers who were on guard were amazed at what they saw and were terrified. (*Now this was a record of what they saw as they were gathered around the tomb. Watching that no one could come there and open the tomb, and take Jesus away.*) But to flee meant death for cowardice, so they stood and watched. This was just before sunrise on Monday morning. They saw a blazing light and saw a form descending and they heard the words, “Adon Mashich cumi” which means “Holy one, arise.” Then the figure in radiant splendour trampled upon the Roman seal and tore it into shreds. (*What would a mere Roman seal mean to the Spiritual people, to the Reality.*) He took the mighty stone as though it were a pebble from the brook and cast it aside.

Jesus was then transformed, arose and his body dematerialized.

The young soldiers fell *on* the ground and the older ones stood and watched the change from mortal to the immortal and then the disappearance, and a voice from somewhere cried *out*, “Peace on earth and goodwill towards all men.”

The great significance of this story, this Ever-lasting Life, belongs to you and me. Belongs to every human soul on earth. Here was the greatest revelation the world had ever known. And with it came, “peace on earth, goodwill towards all men.”

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They looked into the tomb and saw it was empty and exclaimed, “The Nazarene has risen as he said he would!” So they hastened to Jerusalem and to the high priests and said, “behold, the Nazarene has risen as he said,” and they told *them* about the wonders of the night.

The high priests and elders then held counsel and said, “This news must not go forth among the people that Jesus has arisen from the dead, then all will say he is the son of God and our testimonies will be proven false.” So they gave a large sum of money unto the soldiers to say, “that his disciples came by night and took the body away while they slept,” saying, “we will make it right with Pilate for breaking the Roman seal and the soldiers did what they were paid to do,” and this story has been disseminated among the Jews even to this day.

In the next lesson we will see how Jesus appeared to his disciples.

“I will come again and receive you into myself and where I am there ye may be also.”

This is the Eternal Christ, “ye shall be with me this very day in Paradise.” All is forgotten. There is only Spirit. Nothing can exist in the Christ but the pure Expression of God. That invisible wonderful Power, that Intelligence that built the body, the brain and nervous system. That invisible Force that still inhabits it. That invisible Force that is now speaking. That invisible Force is the Spirit. “Spirit alone has Voice.” It uses the brain, the nervous system and the mechanism to speak the Word. If you can see behind my words you will see the Truth of the Everlasting Life that is present now. The same in the beginning is now. “I Am Alpha and Omega.”

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O Beloved Brother, I open my soul to thine so that all the fragrant perfume of thy love will scent the atmosphere that surrounds me and I shall say in my heart, “I shall be thy disciple.”

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I will laugh at death for I will hold the Presence of the Father *as* my constant awareness of thee.

In thy blessed light I will dissolve all shadows and fears, that appear, and in thy Blessed “Truth” I shall remain alive forever.

May thy love be expressed in my devotion to Him who sent you into the world to witness unto the Truth of the only “One.”

Help me to awaken this Truth and Love in all hearts, Beloved Brother of Mine.

Let us enter into the Sanctuary of the Silent Healing Power. To know that our word goes forth not to return void but to accomplish that which it is sent forth to do. This is the realisation we have in the Sanctuary.

(Two minutes silence)

May these words resound throughout the world. “Peace and goodwill towards all men.” “My Peace I leave with you.”

* 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 13th November 1951, at 7.45 pm. No recording exists of the Johannesburg lecture.

1. A break in the original wire recording occurs here, which results in a part of the original speech being destroyed. Therefore the full paragraph is as follows: “In your work in the world of trade and commerce, in your association with others [*you must not confuse the issue. You are in the world but not of it, your roots are elsewhere, as the Master showed us. He gave to the world a way of*] life if it had been followed the world today would not be what it is. And this is because the world did not understand him! And those who profess to teach his words do not understand him either otherwise there would be *fewer beliefs* and only one religion—the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.”
2. The next sentence in the Lecture Notes is missing from the recording: [*Away went Mary of Magdala to the disciples with the news, and exclaimed in her breathless excitement, “I have seen the Master,” and telling them what he had said to her.*]

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NOT SEEN YET HAVE BELIEVED”
John 20: 29 (Old version)***

Moses showed the great Infinite Life, the Oneness of All. But Jesus showed to us the “One” Infinite Life individualised in mankind, and that *the* Infinite Eternal Life of God was the same Life in man, *and* this Life which is the Life in you and me is eternal, and that death cannot touch It, no trial or affliction or any outside force could ever affect It. I am in the Father and the Father is in me.

This is the tremendous Truth we have to realise. When we realise this our narrowness, our pettiness disappears. There are many people who live on pettiness, the small little things that do not count. These are the things that affect their minds. Well their minds are small, limited.

When you see the great vista of Life. When you understand the great Universe itself is one Whole. When you look to the great myriad of stars in the heavens, where we are told there are 2000 million millions of them visible to the physical eye, and that is but a fraction of the manifested Universe. And even all the manifested Universe is but a fraction within the Infinite Mind that fills boundless space.

But when we also think that the same Substance, the same Life, the same Energy that is in the furthest star, the same Creativeness that created it is within us, as the only One Creativeness behind all Creation.

We take in the larger view, the small pettiness of the self, the small petty thoughts dissolve away. And it is only when the individual sees the pettiness in their own minds and recognise the vastness of the Universe in which we live (which is one Whole); then we lose that stupidity, these antagonisms, these different creeds and dogmas that create separation between man and man. To live in the Father is freedom, to live in the self is confusion and misery.

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It was the mind of man not aware of the Eternal Life that feared violence and death, yet Jesus found that man may think what he likes but with all this thinking and fearing he could not change the Life or alter Its course in the individual, for It is the Father Himself who remains ever the same, and there *can* be no separation in the Life in man from the Father who is Life Himself. Thus man can only live and think because of the Life of God that is within him. So we see a wonderful Truth here, “I am in the Father and the Father is in me.”

Here was a complete picture of a Consciousness, an awareness, totally different to the masses. Because the masses could not understand him nor can the masses understand even the words that we are saying at this moment. But you can understand, even with the modicum of understanding, it grows and grows and develops. So that more and more awareness of your own Reality of God, of that Life which is never seen, yet it is the only power that makes the body move. Like electricity is the power that makes the dynamo fly and all the machinery moves. Switch off the electricity and there is no movement.

*Life is that invisible unknowable thing yet It is the thing that enables me to speak. It enables me to think, I think by It, I speak by It. The voice that you hear is created by It. How wonderful is this Truth but how few can understand. Therefore to think of it we make it relative, to know that **It** is makes It a Reality to you and me. But you have to find it out yourselves.*

It is difficult to comprehend the great significance in this Truth, but when you do become more and more aware of this Immanent Divine Presence you cease *then* to react to conditions in the outer. *Immediately you become aware of your outer reactions and discern them for what they are, then you will begin to Realise the Presence. And immediately you become aware of that Divine Presence you cease to react to conditions in the outer, your thoughts become pure. But can you enter into your own mind and examine your minds and see, if you are reacting to things external to yourself or are you finding that which is Real within yourself? Is your mind caught up in all the relative and small petty things? It is for you to discern that for yourselves.* You do not fear these things as before, you are no longer living in ignorance, reacting to ignorance. You stand firmly in the Omnipresence with the

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presence of the Omnipotence within *you* expressing the great Omniscience, *the great Intelligence*, of the only “One.” Thus the surface movements do not affect you because you are “aware” of *your own being*.

I am trying to show you in a few minutes a mind like the Master. Not that we can ever grasp the great significance of his mind, the mightiness of his mind and the greatness of his understanding, but we can get a glimpse of that mind and by getting a glimpse of that mind then we can say, “my brother.”

With this understanding you will see that all the frills and titles that man seeks after is the great illusion and is the cause of craving, and craving is the cause of all our troubles.

The world is trying to right itself through some form of government, by economic *and* other means, but this must also fail. Not until the world will accept *the* fundamental Reality and translate It into daily living can there ever be the peace and security which we seek.

There is no system in the world that will do it. There is no system that can be invented that will do it. There is no government that will do it. There is no group that will do it. Because immediately you have a group try to run the country you will find other groups up against them.

The present time you have United Nations, I say myself, that United nations will fail eventually because it is a fundamental law. There is no understanding of the fundamental unity of human nature, of the human family. Therefore there can be no unity, where there is no understanding of unity, where there can be no realisation of the hazards of separation. Where they cannot see that they are all separated from one another by their ideas, their images, their beliefs. How can there ever be unity?

Is it not so that every nation, every group, financial or otherwise, are antagonistic to each other? We see two great ideologies in the world today, one democracy and the other communism. Various nations have amalgamated themselves on one side while other nations have amalgamated themselves on the other side. Both are based upon a philosophy and not the truth of the only “One,” which is the fundamental unity of all peoples.

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I hope that you can see this clearly. If you do not see this clearly then you will be in confusion and in conflict in your own minds.

Eventually there must be a great clash, yes, that which is contrary to the Truth must destroy itself.

But the Truth can never be destroyed, then the Life can never be destroyed nor the human family will not be destroyed because that has its eternal roots in the Almighty. But we can destroy the world. We are the world. We have conditioned the world, we have conditioned ourselves. And not until we see this clearly, that you have conditioned yourselves, and by conditioning yourselves you have conditioned the world.

Then how are you to free yourselves and free the world? Only by understanding what you are doing.

Jesus made a total dedication of his life to the aspiration of the discovery and embodiment of the Divine Truth and nothing else. He did not divide his life between the Divine and some outside aim or activity that had nothing to do with the search of the Divine Truth. He said, "I am not of this world" "this world finds nothing in me." No possessiveness, no hate, no aggression, no death, so he pronounced *that* the devil, the father of lies, having no "Truth" in him.

The devil does not oppose God as some stupid people tell you. How could the devil oppose God, I would like to know, when God is Infinite, Omniscience, Omnipotent and Omnipresent.

In one breath they will say something and with the other breath they will deny it because they are ignorant of the Truth. They are but imitators, they believe what the other person says. I do not want you to believe what I say, I want you to think and by thinking you will free yourselves.

O to be Infinite, God must be all there Is. Therefore the only thing that makes up the devil is the non-existence of the devil. And that non-existence of the devil becomes in the mind of the individual, a reality. The non-existence of the devil becomes a reality in human mind, and then he believes that there is some power opposing God.

The whole Universe is moving forward and upward, under a great and mighty Mind. The Cosmic Mind that rules the very stars, that rules the insects on the ground, rules the farthest Sun that rules this earth which is but a grain of sand on the seashore of a panorama

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of worlds. This Cosmic Intelligence is the Active Principle in every thing. Moving all in one direction at the one time perfectly in unison and in unity. Man has thoughts but his thoughts reel in comparison, to this mighty thing that we see before us, the great Cosmic Creation in which we are playing that part. And the very Creativeness that is in the heart of the Universe is in your heart and in mine. And the very voice you hear speaking to you now is the cause of that Creativeness, that Cosmic Reality. Can there be anything greater?

Then you will say, in your mind, that there is a devil, then you become stupid, narrow and bigoted. Get the greater view of the mightiness, of that invisible Power, that we look upon as electricity in fact, is but a minor manifestation of It. No one has ever seen It. But electricity is not destroyed because the globe is broken. The electricity does not in anyway be affected if the dynamo goes wrong. But this electricity is everywhere in the atmosphere. No one has ever seen it. By mere chance a scientist is working with two particular discs, one flying in one direction and one in the other. And he found by doing so there was a form of energy created. And from that time electricity was brought to us, now we have it in light and in power. We found the laws if electricity and how it works. And within you and me is the Law of Life of how It works. “I am the Life.”—that is the healing power in you and me.¹

He showed that, firstly, we were all human beings having one Father “Our Father in heaven,” our Divine Sonship being the immanent Divine Principle within each one, mostly hidden and deeply covered by beliefs, creeds and separation. Yet this Divine Presence remains always ready to come forth when we discard all that is false and a hindrance to Its true expression making us one family, Divine in nature.

Jesus saw that he could not attach himself to any particular group because he was unlimited and universal. He saw that he was the son of God, the only “One,” and all were his brethren and he rebuked anything that caused separation among them.

When we search in our own minds we will see if there is any antagonism anything that separates us one from another, then we can dissolve it through his wisdom and power. *Which becomes ours through understanding.*

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Separation is the destroyer of *Brotherly Love*, to love one another is the proof of our oneness, our unity. *To hate is proof of our stupidity, our ignorance of this Truth. It is when you see the Beloved in your brother that Beloved in yourself then you found it—unity.* This is the Divine Will and not a personal choice or the preference of the ego-self. Jesus was aware that no mental theories had any fundamental importance (*mental theories meant nothing to him*), neither had beliefs or creeds nor the imitation of another. For he knew that the mind forms and accepts theories that support the ego-self, steeped in ignorance, superstition and separation.

And you will find this yourselves. Any theory that will support the ego-self will be received with open arms. But any theory that dissolves the self away will be rejected and that is why they rejected the Master Jesus. Because the ego-self was the foundation of religion and separation. It was the foundation of dogmas and creeds therefore he discarded them from the beginning.

But most people are blind, because they were blind from the beginning, and never saw from the time they were born because they were caught up in the religions of their parents and the beliefs of their parents. And not until such time as they stepped out of this imitation into freedom, to think for themselves, could they grasp that which was unity. The Wholeness, the Completeness of everything.

He realised that we are born in ignorance, born in separation the great sin, born into a family that follows a certain religion antagonistic to others.

The child's mind being plastic accepts without thought and builds antagonisms throughout life, until he begins to think for himself.

And here is the great thing. Get the child when he is young, when the mind is plastic, then plant in that mind the belief, plant in that mind the theory, plant in that mind an antagonism against another nationality. Build them up in the belief that they are a super nation, a super person, a super people, and then you are building the edifice of your own destruction. It has never been otherwise, search back in history and you will see, that all this is a Truth, that immediately you set up some division with a fundamental lie and based upon a lie of superiority then as sure as you are alive, you will crumble to the dust. For it is no

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accordance to that great mighty wonderful Cosmic Plan that we see in the heavens. We look beyond ourselves and we find that it in ourselves here, is the very Law, that is taking place in the furthest planet. The very Creativeness that is whirling Suns and Moons and stars in their orbit, is the very Creativeness within me and you. And we are moving forward in this great Cosmic Plan as one Whole, and do not forget it! That is the fundamental Law upon which security and peace will be founded and upon nothing else.

Religion is fundamentally rooted in the human family and that is why it has such a strong hold on people throughout the world. It is only when we grasp the one fundamental religion of the Love of the “One” united in the whole are we set free from antagonism, fear, strife and misery. Then **Love is the cure** for all conditions.

It was the Love of God that Jesus portrayed in his words and actions while on earth and his resurrection proved that the same Eternal Love of the Father was in the Son, showing the way we all will go. “Fear not for I am with you always.”

On the evening of the resurrection day two disciples of Jesus, Zachus and Cleopas of the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, were on the way home and they walked and talked about the things that had occurred.

Jesus himself overtook them and walked beside them, but they did not recognise him. He said to them, “what is all this you are debating on your walk.” They stopped and looked downcast. Cleopas answered him saying, “are you a lone stranger in Jerusalem and know not what has happened there?” “What is that?” he said to them. *And they replied, “all about Jesus of Nazareth.”*

You can imagine their minds, steeped in the things that had passed, the things that they heard. The last week or so was a tremendous week for many people. This was a world event, it was part of the great Cosmic Plan, for the simple reason that here was the expression of the Almighty showing the unlimited state of that Life inherent in man, showing that Life did not end in the grave. But that that Life that grew in mankind, that formed the body, the brain, the nervous system through which it could think and act, was Life Eternal. And although it had created the instrument for the time being, it was still the same Life, the same

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Consciousness that was manifesting in there was still conscious and this was revealed to man through the Master. No other man has ever did what he did.

I am showing you things that by knowing them in yourselves you will find the Truth in yourself.

To God and all the people he was a prophet strong in action and in utterance, but the high priests and our rulers delivered him to be sentenced to death and had him crucified.”

“Our own hope would be that he would be a Redeemer of Israel and he is dead, (*in other words our own people, because these were Jews, looked upon him as their Redeemer, our only hope but now he is dead. What a blow, yet he was alive. The mind not understanding the Truth, being limited in not knowing the Truth, could not hold onto that Life that is Eternal. But only the seeming flitting part of the human life upon earth, that is all the mind could grasp.*) and that is three days ago, *they said*, though some women of our number gave us a surprise. They were at the tomb early in the morning and could not find his body, but they came to tell us *that* they had actually seen a vision of Angels and declared that he was alive. Two of our company did go to the tomb and found things exactly as the women had said, but they did not see him.”

Jesus said to them, “O foolish men, with hearts so slow to believe after all the prophets had declared. Had not the Christ to suffer thus and enter his glory.” Then he began with Moses and the prophets and interpreted to them the passages referring to himself throughout the Scriptures.

Now, they approached the village to which they were going. Jesus made as if he were going further on, but they pressed him to stay with them and as he lay at the table with them he took the loaf and blessed it and broke it and handed it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, but he vanished from their sight.

Here is quite a common thing that is known, in the East, in the Himalayas. I could detail numbers of cases, where people have appeared and talked, and then vanished. I remember going to a cave in the Himalayas, one special night, a number of the Himalayan masters who arranged this meeting. And as the moon began to rise figures came in all directions and they sat down, spoke and then disappeared.

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One could believe somehow that they were mesmerized or feeling that they were seeing visions of some kind. But on some occasions I looked at my watch, I looked around and felt myself to assure that I was really perfectly conscious. But these things did happen. And it has convinced more than ever and I know it is true that Jesus appeared to his disciples. That this story is true.

Then they said to one another, “did not our hearts glow within us when he was talking on the road, opening up the Scriptures for us.” So they got up and returned at that very hour to Jerusalem, where they found the eleven and their friends all gathered, who told them that the Lord had really risen and that he appeared to Simon.

Then they related their own experiences on the road and how they had recognised him when he broke the loaf first, as they were speaking Jesus stood among them and said to them, “peace be unto you.” *(It is so great and so wonderful when you know the Truth, to know that it is true, beyond the comprehension of the petty things of the human existence. If I can raise your minds away from the petty things of the ordinary life, into the realisation of the Truth that I am explaining to you now, you will never turn back. You will never allow your minds then to be caught up in the things that are worthless, in the petty little things that enter into your mind, you will discard them. Even if they do come into your mind you will know them for what they are.)* “Peace be unto you.” They were terrified, imagining that it was a ghost they saw, but he said to them, “why are you upset, why do doubts invade your mind? Look at my hands and feet. It is I! Feel and see; a ghost has not flesh and bones as you see I have.” With these words he showed them his hands and feet. Even yet they could not believe it for sheer joy they were lost in wonder.

He said to them, “have you any food here?” and when they handed him a piece of broiled fish he took and ate it in their presence.

Now Mary, Martha, Ruth and Lazarus were in their home and they heard that Jesus had risen from the dead. Martha said, “it cannot be for such a thing has never happened since the world began.” *(She had never heard about it, it had never happened. And it is the same with most of you. You never had, never heard about it, so it never happened. Is that not so? Of course it is. You want to see too before*

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you believe.) Mary said, “but did not the Master bring (back) our brother from the dead, and surely he could bring himself to life again,” and as they talked the Master stood in their midst and said, “I am risen from the dead. The *Christ Life does not die.*”

Then Martha ran and brought the chair in which Jesus had loved to sit and Jesus sat on the chair. For a long *while* they talked, then Jesus said, “fear not, I will be your boon² companion all the way,” and then disappeared.

What a comforting thought, of course you know the human mind, you know your own mind. How often would you seek to have that said to you in your times of doubt, in your times of fear. In your times when you think that you would lose something but it is only with you for a while but now it is going to pass, it is going to go away from me I am going to lose it in a few minutes, and you get depressed. How wonderful would it be if you would hear the silent voice quietly saying to you, “I will be your boon companion all the way,” and then he disappears.

It is said in the ancient Script that Jesus also appeared to the Eastern sages, he also appeared to the Scribes and Pharisees in the Temple in Jerusalem, in a fisherman’s garb, and asked, “what has become of Jesus who is called the Christ? Is he not teaching in the Temple now?” They replied, “that man was crucified a week ago, his body buried in a tomb, but his followers came by night and stole the body.” Jesus said, “I will testify that his body was not stolen from the tomb. The man from Galilee has risen from the dead *as he said he would.*”

Then the priests and scribes rushed to seize the man but instantly he became a radiant *power* of light and the priests, scribes and Pharisees fell back in deadly fear. They saw the Man from Galilee. (*The man with Power only through deep and complete understanding of his Oneness. “I am in the Father and the Father is in me.” “And when you have seen me you have seen the Father.” “The deeds that I do are the deeds of the Father Who ever remaineth within me. It is He Who is performing His own deeds.” The self had disappeared and the God had taken Its place. As soon as the self in you shall disappear also, so shall the God take Its place.*) Jesus looked upon these frightened men and said, “I am he whom you stoned at the city’s gate and crucified on Calvary. Behold my hands

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and feet and see the wounds the soldier made. I came to earth to demonstrate the resurrection of the dead, the transmutation from the human to the Divine.” Then Jesus raised his hands in the familiar sign of the thumb and two forefingers and said, “peace to every one of you, goodwill to all men,” and then *he* disappeared.

How astounding, still how true.

Now, Thomas had not seen the Lord since he had risen from the dead and when the ten said they had seen him and talked with him Thomas said, “until I see the nail prints in his hands and feet, the spear wound in his side and talked with him as I have talked with him before, I will not believe that he has risen from the dead.”

It was in Simon’s house in Bethany the disciples met, it was the evening of the first day of the week just eight days from the time Jesus rose from the dead and on the morrow all the disciples would turn their faces towards their homes in Galilee.

As we will see in the following Epistle. As Jesus had told them then to go to Galilee and there he would meet them before his ascension. First of all, we see Jesus in all the particular stages; condemned, scourged, crucified, arisen from the dead, and the ascension. All the same things that take place in you and me except in a minor form.

The eleven Apostles were there, the door was closed and barred for fear of the Jews. Then Jesus passed through the closed door and appeared in their midst, and he said, “peace be with you.” And he said to Thomas, “look at my hands, put your finger here and put your hand into my side and talk with me as you have often talked with me.” Thomas answered and said, “my Lord, my God.” *He recognised the Truth then.* Jesus said to him, “you believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe though they have never seen me.” The disciples were now established in their faith of the Living Christ. *Here was a handful of men, the disciples. They were all sixes and sevens. One believing, one half-believing, others disbelieving. But the whole story shows the completeness of that wonderful thing bringing together the disciples so that they would have the complete faith in the Living Christ, that is born in every human soul, that is the Creativeness within you and me. That Christ is not yesterday or tomorrow. We do not think of him then as in the past or think that we might meet him in the future but think of him now as the*

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Ever-present Life, the Eternal Son of God, not separated from us in anyway whatsoever. So therefore we know that at this very moment Christ Lives amongst us. Jesus showed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias and we will see in our next lesson.

All the Truth. The wonderful words he gave to them of Love. That is the secret of it all, “a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

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BENEDICTION

O Dearly Beloved, thy Spirit lightens my heart, thy presence an eternal joy.

Thou art alive forever.

Thou art just behind my prayer.

Thy presence pierces the veil of my thought, yet at times thou seem so far away.

I want to hear thee speak to me in that Silent Voice I know so well.

Thou art my boon companion all the way, O dearly Beloved.

* 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 20th November 1951, at 7.45 pm. No recording exists of the Johannesburg lecture.

1. The following complete paragraph in the Lecture Notes is missing from the recording: [*Jesus became aware of his “oneness” with that which was the Creator of All in heaven and on earth. Hence his words, “all power has been given unto me in heaven and on earth.” Therefore he gave to the power within; election, selection, choice, priority, advantage, and precedence. He put away all separation. He did not cling to family or country nor any interest or attachment or religion that was built upon separation. If he had done so he could not have done what he did for humanity.*]
2. *Boon.* Jolly, jovial, convivial, congenial. *Boon companion.*

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WITH SPIRITUAL FOOD, I WAS THIRSTY AND
THOU DIDST OPEN THE WELL OF ETERNAL LIFE***

Ignorance is at its height when a person will say it is rubbish because he cannot understand. It also shows that the mind is full of fixed ideas and there is nothing more ignorant than a mind that is rigid. A clear mind is one that is pliable, without pliability there can be no understanding or realization of *the* Truth, (because Truth) is always unfolding always expanding the consciousness of man.

¹*There is nothing more ignorant then, as you will see, is a mind that is filled with rigid fixed ideas. And all their thoughts are built up from those rigid ideas. It is only the mind that is pliable, a mind that is free, able to think clearly, to accept and reject, at the same time to be able to think clearly to the end.*

Unless you can think clearly to the end of a problem then you have never thought the problem out. But the majority of people will not take the time to think a problem to its end.

Therefore anything that is fixed in the mind is binding and a prison of one's own making. To free oneself there must be true discernment of what is in the mind. *If you then discern that which your thoughts are built from, whether it is circumstances, conditions, or environment, or friends, or anything external to the self. If you can discern how your thoughts arise and what is the bases of your thought then you will begin to understand yourself. And you will begin to understand your ideas, your images and your beliefs. If you know what a belief is, if you discern what it is, then it will not affect you, it will not bind you. But if you do not know what a belief is and you are caught up in that*

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belief then you are bound by it. It is so essential to see this so that you can cleanse your mind through discernment. That is the only way you can do so. To control the mind is contraction. Controlling your thoughts is not understanding, it never has been and never will be. To control the mind is always limitation. It is to examine the mind and see what is in the mind and by doing so you will understand what your ideas, your images, and your beliefs are. And you will see that they are not Truth-freedom. What is important to us is the call from the deepest within ourselves.

This is why Jesus became the greatest man on earth. He knew that there was a Supreme Existence, a consciousness of Bliss which was not merely a negative theory, neither was it a featureless Absolute, but dynamic and complete in Itself and that he could not be in any way separated from It.

He knew himself to be that Life complete in Itself, creator of the temple in which he lived, “the temple of the **Living** God.” He said, in other words, God is not *the* Father of the dead people but of the Living.

Therefore you will see his meaning was this: that there was really no dead people at all, they were all Living. Even whether they lived in the body or out of it, they were all Living.

Now the whole story of the self. It is the self that causes most of our troubles. The self is always continually desiring to expand itself. And by doing so it goes away from Reality. It wants to perpetuate its own existence in this world. It wants through its ambitions. It desires through its ambitions. It is desire for continuation of itself not only in this world but in the next.

Now the great secret of this wonderful Truth that I am showing to you, is not the continuation of the self in all its stupidity, but the realisation of that which is behind the self, so that the self can be disposed of and that which is Real can take its place. If you look into your own mind you will see that it is the self that is the cause of all your worrying, all your troubles, everything.

Consciousness is the Eternal perceiving organising power in Life and becoming aware of this Life-Consciousness Jesus knew that he was the embodiment of all the principles inherent in that Life, *when he said, “I am the Life.”*

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In the recognition of this Truth when he said, “I am the Life,” it was the totality of Life he was talking about, it was the Completeness of that Life that he knew he was because there could be no separation. In fact, you will realise there is but One Body, One Mind, One Spirit, there cannot be two. Being Infinite there can be only Infinite Body. Being Infinite there can only be Infinite Mind. Being Infinite there can only be Infinite Spirit and that is all—Spirit, Mind, and Body.

Therefore that is the Trinity out of which everything is created, your bodies, your minds. The Spirit in us is exactly the same, therefore there is no separation anywhere in Infinity.

If you truly realise what I am telling you, then you will see that there can be no absolute separation at all. But the Completeness of this thing comes when the consciousness becomes aware of itself as the creator of its own thoughts, conditions. And when the consciousness becomes aware of its own conditioning it knows that it itself is the cause of all that which troubles man. Whenever consciousness becomes aware of that fact and the noise of these creations quieten down and silencing through the awareness of the consciousness, knowing that these things have no power except that the consciousness have given them power, then they are gradually slowed down then there is peace. In that peace comes the great revelation of that which is behind all Creation, then there is truly peace. And not until the outside is quietened down can there be any realisation of this great and mighty thing that Jesus knew.

Jesus was aware of this consciousness not only beyond, but here on earth, and the fulfilment of this Life here was his aim, and what he did became possible for all to do because there was no separation. He did not have to wait until he left the physical to become aware of this Life, but understood that It existed here and now, *and* must be that Life and there could be no separation in *this* Life here *from* the totality of all Life *in the Universe*.

Therefore he saw clearly, that his own life could not be separated from the totality of all Life in the Universe. And when he said, “I am the Life,” he knew this to be true. And he knew that he had this from the very beginning. As John said, “and the Word was with God and the Word was God and the Word became flesh.

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Well now, we see clearly that that is true. The Word is a Spirit. In the beginning was the moving upon all things, through the Mind. And the Mind then was the vehicle through which the consolidation of all Substance and Matter took place. Therefore we found the Spirit, Mind and Body are the Trinity but one not separate. Trinity—IS-RA-EL.

Life for instance, EL, is the foundation upon which the word Allah 'ELAH' has been formed, the old Israel name of God.² RA means the physical body and IS means the breath or the soul. Therefore it is Spirit, Soul, and Body. The Spirit being the foundation of All. And here we see the whole Truth built up through the prophets and Jesus understood not only, that from reading and understanding, but he knew it from his own self through experience. And that is what is the great thing, experience, in the realisation of this Truth.

His understanding was not a mere mental theory although it could be supported mentally by any other. It was not transitory, but through experience he knew that greater experiences *were* sure to follow. Like all other prophets he held that no distinctions *or separations* existed in Reality.

You cannot say that there is any distinction in Life. That Life itself cannot be divided. There is no distinction in electricity itself. The only distinctions we take into consideration is the formation or the expression of this electricity in various forms; such as through light, power, heat. But these are the expressions of the one thing that itself has no distinctions. But we place distinctions upon it not knowing the source. And the same as you do today, you put distinctions on different people, different groups, high and low, King and tramp, General and soldier. Not realising the Source that created these people in the image and likeness of the One, and One only.

Therefore distinctions exist in the mind and separation then follows.

He was the greatest of all the Jewish prophets because he *showed* the world that the Life in all was the one Living Life, with no interruption through the event of death, and all would experience the same as he did.

Therefore being one of the greatest prophets, and the greatest, he did more than Moses, he did more than Abraham, he did more than Samuel,

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and more than any of the other prophets, like Isaiah, that came before him. Because he completed the act; of coming in, showing himself, going out and showing himself again. "I am he who is alive, died, and I now Live forever."

This was the basis of his teachings that all, no matter who or what they were, good, bad or indifferent, could come to this blessed realization of the immanence of the Divine Presence of the Divine Truth, and all that was false would be discerned and dissolved away. His parable of the Prodigal Son was the evidence of this fact. (*We have dealt with the Prodigal Son so often and I am sure you that are familiar with it. Showing that he was always the Son, he was never anything else but the Son and it made no difference, not to the Father. The only difference came from his brother but not from the Father. The Father being Perfect in Himself could not recognise any imperfection. Immediately the Son realised this Truth of no separation he saw that he must be of the Father; therefore he entered the Father's House, and in entering the Father's House there was great enjoyment. The brother of course, being naturally jealous, did not go in he stayed out. But he could not go in if he wanted to because inside there was harmony, outside there was inharmony. So inharmony could not go into harmony. Inharmony would first have to become harmony before it could harmonise with harmony. Therefore he could not enter into harmony. But immediately the Father showed him that there was no difference between him and his brother and showed also that it was the self in him that was all the trouble because he desired everything. He said, "I cannot ever get a kid to make merry with my friends." But you see in Jesus explaining this parable, he said, "the Father said to him, 'Son all that is Mine is Thine.'" Showing again that there was no separation. I wish the consciousness of man would grasp this Truth of the great wonderful parable of the Prodigal Son, then I say this world would have peace and progress.*) He also knew that the ways of the Divine Mind were not like the ways of the human mind steeped in ignorance and separation.

It is impossible for the human mind to judge others or lay down what one should do or not do, for the Divine knows better, and to admit the Divine at all, both true reason and devotion seems to be at one in attaining that implicit faith and surrender to the Divine Everlasting Presence.

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And it is true reason with this devotion to the realisation of that which is Whole and not separated. Therefore true reason is the foundation upon which you shall build the Temple. On one side is the Pillar of Love and on the other side is the Pillar of Wisdom. These were the two pillars in the Temple of Solomon and you had to pass through those pillars before you entered into the temple.

*It showed that before you could enter even into that Reality, the Temple of the Living God or recognise It completely, you have to have on one side **Love** and the other side **Wisdom**. And by passing through these then you entered into the Temple of the **Living God**.*

Symbolical in its nature but never-the-less a Truth when we examine it

Jesus did not impose his Mind and will on the Divine but opened himself up to the Divine Will, and following It was the true attitude of the adept. "Thy will be done not mine."

Is it not so, that most people try to impose their will upon the Divine. As people say, "demand this and demand that" as your right to demand this and demand that, you are imposing your will upon the Divine. But if you recognise the fact, by doing so you have separated yourself from the Divine, because you cannot impose yourself on something that is indistinctly the same as yourself. You are separating yourself and making the Divine a relative thing.

When you pray you do the same thing, you pray to a God you know not of. You pray to something you do not know what it is. And with your minds filled with all the rubbish, with antagonisms, with this and with that, with hates, with jealousies and so forth, and then you pray to this thing that is Perfect in Itself and you think then you have got to have an answer. But your prayers are hypocritical from beginning to end.

The way to pray to God is to discern that which is hindering the expression of God in you, then that dissolves away, and Reality expresses Itself Perfectly. You entered into the Father's House and there as the Prodigal Son entered in, he feasted on everything, it is the same with us who understand.

Jesus did not impose his will then on the Divine but opened himself up to the Divine Will, and following It was the true attitude of the adept. "Thy Will be done, not mine."

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He did not say this is **my** right, **my** want, **my** claim, **my** need, **my** requirements and why *don't you give me the things I want?* He gave himself up to surrender to receive with joy whatever the Divine gave, not grieving nor revolting. (Then what you receive will be the right thing for you as it was for him.)

I am convinced that his work was the complete thing, showing that which was necessary, a pathway for all humanity. And by his suffering he did not go against the Will of the Infinite, it was for him to show clearly what the Infinite meant to humanity. That that Life that came into this world, to play its part for a time, that same Life would leave this world in a greater and more wonderful aspect of Life. Yet the same Life expands in the Consciousness of the Infinite that rules the whole Universe, and this was his work. And I am certain that he came to do it and fulfilled it completely and absolutely because of that one thing, "Thy Will be done not mine."

He showed that *dependence* in God alone was necessary and indispensable. *And he placed no reliance whatsoever on any other thing, on any other person, on any dogma, or any creed, or any authority outside himself.* He also showed that *dependence* in God was no excuse for indolence, weakness and surrender to every whim of the mind. But it must move along with untiring aspiration and persistent discernment, *and dissolving of all that comes in the way of the Divine Truth of the only One.*

And by doing so, he discerned clearly his thoughts. Even we see it as we pass through the time he went into the desert. When in his mind all these things rose up, that he could be Master of the world if he wanted to, he could do this and he could do that. He could have the whole world at his feet if he wanted to but it was not the Will of the Father. He could discern his own thought and he recognised himself. And he discerned that the self was the cause and behind all this and the self was the Satan. The self was the Satan that was always in front of him trying to lead him away astray and he said, "get ye behind me Satan!"

But are we not all dividing ourselves together in duality, the me and the mine, the me and the not me, the mine and the not mine, the me and the not me.

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Jesus saw clearly that there was only One. And this self was but a bogus thing, was an illusion of the mind, of the consciousness and therefore he said, “ get ye behind me Satan!” And by forming through he saw the Spirit of the Almighty, the Complete thing, and he knew his work, he knew what had to be done. He also knew perfectly because Moses and Elijah were with him. In nearly everything he did they were by his side. When he went up the mountain and there he spoke to them they also told him of certain things. But they were the Messengers of the Hierarchy. The Hierarchy that was in itself, was the Spirit of God in a greater form, in a more advanced state, yet it was the Hierarchy that desired this great and wonderful thing to take place upon the earth. So that all men all women who ever enter this world afterwards would know the way and complete it as he did and then be free and complete.

He also saw that the surrender to the Divine must not be turned into an excuse for the surrender to one's own desires, to one's ego-self, that puts on a false appearance of the Divine. Nor does it mean that one can become idle, waiting for the Lord to act for them. The individual is the channel through which action must come. “I must be about my Father's business.”

There is the secret of it all, “I must be about my Fathers business.” Active in the understanding that there was no separation.

This is the attitude you will see that does away with all world worries and frustration. It is not that we should cut out desire but see desire for what it is. In desire there is always lack, when you ignorantly desire you feel the lack of what you desire. But with the true experience of the Divine there is no such thing as lack.

It is only in the mind that is dual, the mind that is double, where there is then success and failure, health, illhealth, good and evil. These things belong to the mind they do not belong to Spirit.

Spirit Itself, like electricity, will show you there is no good and evil in electricity. In itself it knows neither good and evil it just expresses itself. But you take hold of the wire and put two wires together, and you do not understand the law, and then you put the charge of electricity through you—your body will be burnt. But the electricity does not know that your body is being burnt,

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it is you that is not understanding the fundamental principles of electricity.

But if you direct it and understand it, it will flow through the various channels that you have created for it, and will give you light, power and everything. In itself there is neither good nor evil it is perfect in itself. And so is Life, so is this great mighty thing that is Truth. Therefore It is single and expressing Itself through you, you begin to understand the Laws upon which it works. And Jesus was the one that showed us the way; humility, peace, understanding.

Love was the foundation of his work. But there is no love in dominance, there is no love in possessiveness, these things do not exist at all in Love. You come and dominate one person and then say that you love that person. You cannot possess that person and say that you love that person. Love is an expression of sympathy, an expression of peace and joy. Love is a feeling of comradeship, a oneness.

But do not think that Love itself is but a few moments of enjoyment when you make contact in the physical or that the physical can give you this so-called feeling of oneness for a few moments. This Love is continuous. It is a continuous feeling that has no beginning and no ending.

And if you can grasp this Truth that I am telling you now you will enter into your own mind and discard these things that are hindering this kind of true and perfect Love that Jesus knew. And that we who know Love also know clearly that it is this, truly.

It is always better to be lied about than lie against another. Because it is an error of judgement, to react against one who lies against you. Because sure as the sun rises in the morning, the individual has to cope with these things in their own minds. Unless you can discern what is in your mind, how in the devil can you understand yourself. It is impossible.

Discernment of what is in the mind is the most important thing in your lives, yet it is passed by everyday. You are caught up in your emotions, you are caught up in your thinking and then the self creates all the difficulties.

I am trying to show you Jesus at work. I am trying to show you clearly, the power he used. "I must be about my Father's business,"

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and his Father's business was that he was fulfilling the Divine *Will* no matter at what place or time, it was always the right place and time for him and that which he did was always right because it was the Divine Will.

Show me one thing that he did wrong. I defy you.

In our own work if we take up this attitude we will find that our desires become the will of God and nothing can prevent them coming to pass. As we increase in experience so we become better channels through which the Divine will manifest.

If our minds are filled with social inaccuracies, platitudes, beliefs, conforming to rituals, then there is no possibility of us following this great man. It is only possible for anyone of us to become a Jesus through understanding his mind, and seeing how he acted. By following in his footsteps we will see this mighty power comes into action without struggle.

But you are always troubling for this. You are meditating on God. You say, "God give me this power, I do want this power," the desire of the self again. Clear the mind of the noise that is hindering this power. And in the quietness of the mind, then it will know, 'my peace begins with you.' Is there any struggle—there is no struggle, there is just IT IS. You do not create IT—IT IS.

After Jesus showed himself to Thomas, the disciples made their way back to Galilee. Simon Peter, Thomas (who was called the twin), Nathaniel from Cana in Galilee, the two sons of Zebedias and *the other two* disciples were all together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going to fish." They said, "we are coming too."

Off they went and embarked in the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Now, at break of day Jesus was standing on the beach (though his disciples did not know it was Jesus). "Lads," said Jesus, "have you got anything?" (*Is it not natural that he would say such a thing, now he had passed from an earthy body, as it were. He had taken on a body of course which was naturally a substance but of a finer nature. But he was the same Jesus and he said these words, "Lads," quite naturally, "have you caught anything?"*) "No," they answered, so he told them, "throw your net on the right of the boat and you will have a take." At this they threw their net and *now* they could not haul it in for the mass of fish.

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John the disciple who was Jesus' favourite, said to Peter, "it is the Lord." Hearing it was the Lord, Simon Peter then put on his blouse (as he was stripped for work) and jumped into the water, swam ashore while the rest of the disciples came ashore in the punt. (*Always impetuous Peter. Always rushing into anything no matter what it was. Peter—the strong man.*) They were not far from land (only about a hundred yards) dragging their net full of fish.

When they got to the land they saw a charcoal fire burning with fish cooking on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "bring some of the fish you have caught." So Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them, but for all the number the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "come and breakfast" (not one of the disciples dared to ask him who he was, *although they knew he was the Lord.*)

They were afraid to ask him. That they knew naturally that it was he. Because he had appeared to them before.

Jesus went and took the bread and gave it to them, also the fish. This was the third time now that Jesus appeared to his disciples after rising from the dead. This was at the Sea of Tiberias, otherwise known as the Sea of Galilee, Tiberias is on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

The significance we gather from this is that Jesus stood on the firm shore, *while* the disciples on the restless sea. The fire is the Spirit in action, *and* the food already cooked was the Spiritual food which is always ready to be taken, waiting for man to receive. Hence Jesus offered his disciples this food. Cast on the right side of the boat means to hold on to the Truth. The number "153" shows the secret in numbers; "1" stands for the only "One," (*because upon it everything is built, everything is a series of "ones"*) "5" stands for Love and *for* the five senses, and "3" *stands* for the Trinity, $1 + 5 = 6$ *which* stands for perfect balance of the Spiritual and material and "3" *alone* stands for Spirit, soul and body, $1 + 5 + 3 = 9$ stands for the highest mental power on earth. "10" follows "9" back into the only "one" again, "10" ($1 + 0 = 1$), the Spirit which is One.

Planetary vibrations: "1" stands for the Sun the ruler of all, "5" stands for *the planet* Venus the symbol of Love, *and* "3" stands for

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Jupiter the great benefactor (represents the “One”). These things are known only to adepts who could read the message, there is the symbolic side as well as the historical side all through the Bible if one can read and understand.

And so grand is the understanding to look in and see all these things and begin to see the meaning of that symbolic truth behind everything the Master did. We stand for that symbolic truth on every action the Master performed. From the beginning of his life on earth, passing through the earth fulfilling the Will of the Divine, and leaving the earth complete. And then showing himself as still the same going on completely in one Whole never separated from the Infinite but as the expression of the Infinite, the Whole being expressed through the One. “I am the Life.” And in the Life then he talked about was all the Principles of Creation. He expressed them through his own consciousness. He became Life Itself through the Realisation and complete understanding that there was no separation whatsoever between himself and the Father. “For I and the Father are One.”

Then after breakfast Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than the others do?” “Why, Lord,” he said, “you know I love you.” “Then feed my lambs,” then Jesus again asked him, for the second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” “Why, Lord,” he said, “you know I love you.” “Then be a shepherd to my sheep,” said Jesus. For the third time he asked him, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Now Peter was vexed at being asked a third time, “do you love me?” “Lord,” he said, “you know everything, you can see that I love you.” Jesus said, “then feed my sheep. Truly, truly I tell you, you put on your *own* girdle and went wherever you chose, when you were young; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands for something to gird you, and you will be taken where you have no wish to go,” (he said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God); then he said, “follow me.” Peter turned round and saw that the favourite disciple of Jesus was following, the disciple who leant on his breast at the supper and put the question, “Lord, who is to betray you?” So, on catching sight of him, Peter said to Jesus, “and what about him, Lord?” And Jesus replied, “if I choose that he should survive till I come

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back, what does that matter to you? Follow me yourself.” This started the report among the brotherhood that the said disciple was not to die. *But* Jesus, however, did not say he was not to die; what he said was, “if I choose that he should survive till I come back, what does it matter to you?”

Nothing matters to the individual. The self was the thing that was causing Peter a lot of trouble.

Then Jesus taught his disciples parallel with what he taught the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, opening up the Scriptures to what was written by Moses and the prophets, and he said to them, “this is what I told you when I was still with you, whatever is written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled. It is written that the Christ has to suffer and rise from the dead and that repentance and the remission of sins must be preached in his name to all nations beginning from Jerusalem. To this you must bear testimony and I will send down on you what my Father has promised.

“All power in heaven and on earth is given unto me. (*That is all Power in the Inner and the Outer. And the same thing with us, we created the inner and the outer; the same power which we understand if we can cleanse the mind of all that that is hindering it. And it was then, to preach this repentance and remission of sins, must be preached in his name, to all nations beginning from Jerusalem.*) You will go (out) to all the world and preach the gospel of the Christ, the unity of God and man, the resurrection of the dead and Eternal Life and those who believe will rise in the newness of the Christ and you will give them the power I gave to you.”

That was his instruction: “you will give them the power I give to you.” And I give you the power that is given to me in the same way. Then you will then understand this: the unity of God and man, the resurrection of the dead and Eternal Life and those who believe will rise in the newness of the Christ, the Eternal Immortal Son of God, and you will give them the power I give to you.”

BENEDICTION

O Beloved, when I was hungry thou didst give me thy Spiritual food that satisfies forever.

When I was thirsty thou didst give me the well of living water that leads to Eternal Life.

When I bathed in thy *eternal* clear pool of understanding I felt the refreshing power of thy wisdom.

When I looked into thy face I felt the warmth of thy Love.

Thy eternal welcome made me glad and I knew I was home,
O Beloved.

* 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 27th November 1951, at 7.45 pm. No recording exists of the Johannesburg lecture.

1. A break in the actual wire recording occurs here. Because Murdo's statement here was then rendered incoherent, the damaged portion has been removed to avoid confusion and speculation on what was said.
2. "ELAH" is another name for God, used about 70 times in the Old Testament. "EL" shows about 200 times in the Old Testament. *EL* is the simple form arising from *Elohim*. "ELOHIM" (or *Elohay*) is the first name for God found in the Bible, and is used throughout the Old Testament over 2,300 times. *Elohim* comes from the Hebrew root word meaning "strength" or "power," and has the unusual characteristic of being plural in form. But the word that appears in Old Testament approximately 7,000 times, more than any other word, is "YHVH." *YHVH* is the Hebrew verb "to be" and also translates as "LORD." Although it is pronounced as "Jehovah" or "Yaweh," scholars really don't know the proper pronunciation. *YHVH* is also referred to as the "*Tetragrammaton*," meaning the "Four Letters"

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IN HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS***

The Cosmic Mind is the great Wisdom of the Infinite. That Creative Principle that creates all things in heaven and on earth, in the inner and the outer. It is this Cosmic Law that is based upon Perfection and this Perfection is Love.

Now you will say often, “do you love God?” and you will say, “yes I love God.”

Now I ask you a question, “can you love something you have never seen, something you do not know what it is?” Then your love is not Love at all. It maybe an idea but it is not really Love. To Love God you must Love your fellow man. And only by doing so can the Love of God flow through you because God is Love. That is the only way you can Love God. But to love God in your mind, as it were, something you know nothing at all about and the majority of people anyway have only got an idea of God, an image, a belief, but that is not God, that is not Life.

The past and the future are in the mind. But the Ever-present Life is the only thing that gives you consciousness, it gives you a power to think. This is Cosmic in its nature because there is no division in it.

Therefore God is Love. So I will try and show you what the love of man is. And by knowing the love of man we will get nearer to an understanding of the Love of God.

God is Love, therefore Love is not relative. It is a Reality beyond analysis. *You cannot analysis Love.* Immediately you try to analyse Love you have lost It. It defies analysis for the simple reason 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.

When Love is in full force the self does not exist because Love swallows up the self in Its expression. *When Love truly exists the self does*

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not exist because the self is an illusion. The self is that self that seeks and craves and desires but Love does not seek nor crave nor desire. Love is continually expressing Itself because It is the nature of God. This is the great Truth we must learn if we are to Love and be loved.

To be truly loved there is a union in which the self disappears. You should not try to recapture these moments because you make Love relative, just a memory. *Love is not an idea, it is not a memory. What you have of Love as a memory is not Love at all, it is an experience. But Love is continually expressing Itself because Life is Ever-present. And it is this Ever-present Life, in Itself, being Complete and Whole. And when we recognise and realise this Truth, not as something relative, not as something in the mind, not an idea of Life, but the actual expression and knowing of Life. Am I not alive. Is it not Life that gives power for me to speak and to think. It is this Life that is behind all Creation exists in me and you.* 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. If you want to feel the joy of Love you must lose yourself in Love.

The self must disappear before Love can give expression to Itself in its true nature.

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

Do you do things for Love or do you do things because you Love? To truly Love you must become Love Itself. You must become the expression of Love. And where there can be no hate, no jealousy, no antagonisms, no desires, no cravings for Love, you must become Love. O could I tell you the magnificence of Love, you must find this out for yourselves.

¹Most of our troubles today arise from the fact that as a child our natural Love (God's Love), *which is the Christ born in every human soul*, born in us, died because It was never given a chance to express Itself through 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 *may have not learned the art of true Loving? (Most people are ignorant of this wonderful Truth. If it is possible for us to realise the great power of this Love, because It is behind the Creation of*

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all things, within Itself it has the Wisdom and the Power because Love is the Creative Principle behind everything—It is Cosmic in its nature. Without It there could be no perfection whatsoever.) 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 *and* this virtue became a vice because they mostly saw evil in others. *(If they could not love their neighbour they could not Love God. If you could not love that which you see, how could you Love something that you did not see. When Jesus said these words, “when you have seen me you have seen the Father.” He was giving expression to that Love of God. So therefore he became the most Loved person in the world. Although at times people hated him, for the simple reason, they hated him for this purpose because; he was revealing their ignorance, revealing their selfishness, revealing their stupidity, revealing the self that was bound up in dogma and creed. So he came to destroy the bonds that bound man through those who created them. That is why he was hated. But those who know freedom, have found in him that, who was once man,—Immortality.)* There is no Love in this kind of virtue. One may try to *be* 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.

Most people are ignorantly and innocently pretending to be virtuous. While their minds are filled with ill-will, antagonisms and these so-called sins which they try to hide within themselves. While their whole mind is reeling with this so-called sin. They try to repress it, hold it back. They are filled with ill-will and antagonisms. Their whole mind is, what I call, a suppressed plot of ideas and conflicts. And you say that is virtue? That is what most people think virtue is but I can assure you it is nothing of the sort.

Without self-knowledge mere sincerity is narrowness and gullibility. To become aware of escapes, distortions, hindrances will lead to order and clarity. And as long as you do not discern your own distortions, your own hindrances, your desires for escape, you will never have order or clarity in your mind.

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To be candid with ourselves we will reveal our hidden dishonesty in contradiction. When the mind is searched without fear, unafraid to find itself out, then there is virtue. Without self-knowledge virtue is ignorant confusion and self contradiction.

Unless we can look at our thoughts freely, without fear, withholding judgement upon others, there cannot be clear thinking. You cannot judge another without judging yourself. It is quite true when Jesus said, "condemn not lest ye be condemned." That is one of the truest sayings the Master ever said.

You cannot see evil in another and then accept that evil as in yourself. If you were totally innocent you would not know what evil was but because you are not innocent yourselves you see the evil in others.

If you can reason clearly then your mind can become clear and free. But if you are caught up in this so-called virtue, then I say, "you are a liar from the beginning to the end." Because there is no virtue in that which is so-called virtue when there is contradiction and confusion, ill-will, antagonisms within the individual.

It is said that Love is the greatest thing in the world. But without becoming aware of the source of conflict and craving, love brings pain. There is no escape from Love. Yet without understanding there is torture. So the foolish blame love without understanding the cause of pain.

Love never causes pain. Love expresses Itself and frees pain in everything and in every way. The cause of pain is not Love but craving and possessiveness.

There is sorrow in Love when the mind is caught up in duality. We all know that when we love there is sorrow in the loss of that love, sorrow in the loss of the object of our affection. If there is hate in love, if there is fear in love, if there is resentment in love, then there is no escape from its torture. But this is craving and not Love which creates this dependence on all the sorrowful issues that arise from it.

What is it that gives rise to uncertainty? Is it not desire for Love? But Love Itself is continually expressing Itself. It is a Reality. It is a Living expression of that Infinite Life that must be. The proof that I am standing here is proof of that Life. But if I am caught up in craving, if I am caught up in jealousy, if I am caught up in fear I cannot give expression to that Love, that is a hindrance to It. This uncertainty breeds

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possessiveness, jealousy and fear. In possessiveness there is an inward fear and suspicion. This is not Love but inward emptiness, need for dependence. But dependence breeds fear and not Love. So if you depend on others for Love you are surely going to fear.

It is Love Itself that frees you from fear and gives you that Wisdom, that understanding and the Cosmic flow of Divine Creation because Love is the Divine Creation behind everything. You are that Divine Creation. I am that Divine Creation. And that is what makes us immortal.

Without understanding craving, there is domination, oppression taking the form of love. You dominate—you oppress and you think it is Love. Having the seed of uncertainty and contradiction within oneself, how can there be Love? Love is beyond and above all these. Love Itself is Eternal and therefore not dependent. It is not a result of outer stimulation which nourishes a temporary feeling of well-being. An embrace, a kiss, appearing for the moment of well-being between two people—that is not Love. I tell you Love is something that is Eternal and not temporary. Love will give rise to these things but it is not Love Itself. Love is behind true expression. In Love there is generosity, forgiveness, compassion. With true Love, humility and gentleness comes into being, without Love they have no existence.

In Love then we know what Jesus said to his disciples, “unless ye love one another as I have loved you, you cannot be my disciples. But if you Love one another as I Loved you, you will be known as my disciples.”

To understand this you must begin to understand your thought-feelings and actions. If your actions are the result of your ideas, your beliefs, your fears, your desires there is no Love. Love is not built out of these. Love is the Eternal Essence waiting to express Itself when all this conflict and contradiction has ceased to be. Only then do we become the image and likeness of Him Who created us.

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

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Happiness is the greatest thing in the world. But most people are looking for it outside.

If you love others, all you will be concerned with is their happiness. But how can you help others to find that happiness unless you have first found it yourself?²

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

We find that we are created now, it is the Word that was made flesh.

When you know this Love you are always in Love. Looking at a beautiful sunset, a lovely scene in nature (etc.,) 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.

Love is not a mental or a physical thing, Love is Spiritual. 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, *not dependent but independent. If you are dependent then you cannot Love.*

“listen to the music for a few minutes we can’t do two things at the same time”

(The recording is stopped while the brass band passes by in the street below the hall)

³.....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 those who truly love.

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.

That Love that is born in the human soul will come to the surface. It is only when it is thwarted, when its held back, when these hindrances,

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and in every trouble in the world today with man we find it is a distortion of his mind. Here man is sick. Therefore this sickness should be attended to. And it can only be attended to by those who truly understand the mind and man. To truly understand the mechanism of the mind and how the thoughts arise. How do your thoughts arise? Your thoughts arise very often from your circumstances your conditions, from your reaction to people and things.

Is it not often you think, "if I had a knife I would drive it into that persons heart. I would kill him, I would tramp on him." And often you have these thoughts in your mind. And what do you do, you repress them, "oh no I mustn't think that." And then because you pray to God then you say that you are virtuous because you say you Love God.

Now that is not virtue at all. Virtue is to discern every thought. Not to be afraid of these thoughts. Because you will recognise their reaction to things external to yourself. They are brought about by craving, by desire, by the self. Therefore if you discern the self you do away with all these things and the natural Love of God shall manifest Itself.

The sick in mind are people who do crime everyday; people who hate, who steal, who do all these things, people who drink to excess. People who do everything like that are sick in nature because they do not understand.

When you are Love then you are Love Itself.

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

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

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

I had a boy see me the other day, last Friday. So much Love was bestowed upon that boy. Yet he could not walk, he could not speak. He is improving and coming along because of the faith of the mother. And because of the Spiritual help that he is getting from the Spiritual Forces that are anxious that he should walk and he is improving everyday. Where it is thought that he would be completely immobile all his life. He is now getting on his feet and walking. It is extraordinary when you think how these things come about.

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How often have you asked me for help for someone that you love. And that help has been given at once. And the life of that person has been restored. That life has been given back for a little longer in this world. So it is with this great Spiritual Force, this Love is God's Love.

I am the Love of God. I am the Life. I cannot be anything else. I cannot be outside God. I cannot think outside Him because He Is Infinite in nature. This must be His Substance because there cannot be any other Substance because He is Infinite in nature. Therefore I am the Love of God. Truly I am the Love of God when I allow Him complete control and activity through my mind and body.

Love expresses 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?"

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. Let them grow up with individuality. Some people smother their children with everything, doing everything for them, thus destroying their independence.

When a child's independence is destroyed by doing too much for them that is not Love. Love is to learn them how to Love. And Love is Wisdom, Understanding—not foolishness.

I know a man, in my own home, who was a poor boy one time. He grew up to be a great industrialist. And he had children. But he did not want his children to go through the same difficulties that he went through, so he plastered them with everything, and they became nothing. If they had passed through the same as he did they would have been something. But the plastering them with everything destroyed them completely, destroyed their independence. And so it is with everyone else.

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 *remember* never confuse the issue, **appeasement is not Love.**⁴

You 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.

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Only the brother who lacked Love did that. When the father saw his son a great way off he went to meet him. He never chastised him, he never asked him what he did with his goods or his share. But brought him home and he entered into that house with Love. But you remember the other son could not go in because he did not Love and therefore he stood outside. He was the only person that criticised the other son, the father did not. Because the father was Love, expressed that Love of Perfection. And you cannot criticise or denounce anybody either if you are Love.

When you begin to realise the Truth you will begin to Love your neighbour *as 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 *find* it in yourself *also*. 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.” 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 or too far through introspection. Love is the cure—lose yourself in Love *and Love yourself with Love*. This Love does not mean that you Love *only* your wife, your husband, your children and a few friends, there must be a capacity to Love, the capacity for goodwill towards all. This is the only way 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 the Master’s footsteps and see what will happen, individually and collectively? The world will be made over to Love, and there will be peace and goodwill towards all men.

Paul says, “Love is very patient, 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. *Love is always slow to express ill-will, always slow to expose another*; always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient, Love never disappears.” *It is Eternal. All other things pass away but Love remains Eternal.*

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.”

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This is the message of the Master who was Love Itself, the blessed son of the Loving Father in whom we all live and have our being, and who lives in all of us, always waiting patiently for us to open to His love and beauty so that the Christ will be made manifest upon earth.

That was the Master's words. He was free from fear, free from doubt, free from jealousy, free from ill-will, free from antagonisms. In fact in the last moments he said on the cross, "forgive them for they know not what they do."

And it was in Jerusalem, *after his resurrection*, that Jesus told his disciples to meet him in a spacious room they had chosen by his command.

Now this is his last appearance to his disciples.

Jesus talked long with his disciples, for it is said that Jesus did and said much, that if it were written down the world itself could not hold the written records.

Jesus then instructed his disciples to go to a mountain he had appointed and he would meet them there. When they saw him they worshipped him, yet even *then* some were *still* in doubt. Jesus said to them, "full authority has been given unto me in heaven and on earth. (*Here was the great and mighty Truth. The recognition of the one Cosmic Law, the recognition of the one Cosmic Life in which there was no division. The highest realisation of this Life Itself was the Infinite Life Itself expressed in the individual. Therefore Jesus saw clearly that he and the Father were One and it was impossible for him to be separated. Therefore the highest and complete Realisation of his Truth was the height of the great and immortal Son of God, in which is born in every human soul. Therefore I say clearly and distinctly Jesus was the greatest man that ever trod the earth.*) This is his words to his disciples, "go and make disciples of all nations." Baptise them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and teach them to obey all the commands I have laid on you that ye love one another, and at all times I will be with you to the very end of the world."⁵

Here is his most striking words that I see clearly and distinctly. "I have laid on you that ye love one another. All nations, all peoples, that ye shall love one another." This is the Love of God. The saving of the world and there is no other way.

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Ideas, ideologies, conferences, and all these things will fall to pieces. The only thing that can stand is that Eternal thing that never disappears—the Love of God born in man.

Not until man discerns his thoughts, his cravings, his desires, his ill-will, and all the nasty stupid things that take hold of him because of his craving—the self. Not until that is discerned, not until he understands these things that hinder the expression of this Love can there be freedom.

“Those who believe in the Christ and the Love of God shall heal the sick and will cause the blind to see and the deaf to hear and the lame to walk, and shall not be harmed even should they tread on deadly serpents, nor burned should they pass through flames.”

“You now know the sacred word, the word of Power.”

“The secret things that I have told you may now be told to the world, you shall make them known to the faithful, who will *then* reveal them unto others until the time will come when all the world *will* hear and comprehend the words of the Truth and power of the Love of God, *and* the Christ made manifest.”

That was his message. That is your message too. That is my message to you in his message to you.

The great and mighty Truth. Oh how simple it is, but how complicated you have made it. How simple is the Love of God in the little child. The innocent child that knows no evil, sees no evil, it does not know evil. It does not denounce you or condemn you. Unless you be as a little child you shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

I want to show you something clearly to feel the Love of God. It is stupid for one to counteract or to rebel against anything that is said against them. It is better to be lied about than to lie against another. And therefore you see all these words add up to this great Truth—the Love of God.

The Love of God cannot be known to you; if you are possessive, if you crave, if you depend, if you are jealous, if you hate, if there is ill-will. All these things must be discerned by yourself, to recognise them, so that you can dissolve them away. You are sick if you have these things. You are sick in mind and heart. You are tortured! And who tortures you?—Yourself!

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“I am now about to ascend as you and all the world will follow. (*The Gateway. We all pass through the same gate. We are here for a little while, and let us do what we can for others. It is said that we will not pass this way again. Perhaps some of us will. Because of the desire to help humanity there are souls who have come to the earth to do this work, to help in the great and wonderful Truth, to reveal the Love of God. How can you reveal the Love of God—only by becoming Love yourself, that is all, there is no other way. Then search your mind diligently unafraid to find yourself out. Because these things that are hindering you are deeper in your mind than you think.*) “I am now about to ascend as you and all the world will follow. For the Spirit that raised me from the dead will raise you also.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany.

These words are so significant that the majority of people pass them by. “For the Spirit that raised me from the dead will raise you also.” Spirit shall never die.

His disciples followed him to a place not far from Bethany. He met the Mary’s and Salome, met Martha, Ruth and Miriam, met Lazarus and a host of others who had come from Galilee.

Jesus then stood apart on the top of the hill and raised his hands in blessing and said, “the Benediction of the Holy Ones of the Almighty God and the Holy Breath of the Christ, the Love of God made manifest, rest upon you all till you rise and sit with me upon the throne of power.”

As they watched they saw a wreath encircling him and saw him rise upon *the* wings of light, they watched him ascend and disappear. Still they watched peering into the sky, when two men in white robes appeared and said, “lo he will come again.”

Here was the eagerness searching the sky’s, looking up. Yes it is for us too to look up, it is symbolic of the truth, it is always upwards and onwards.

Then the disciples and others returned to Jerusalem with great joy and *they* were constantly in prayer and *in* holy thought for the coming of the promised power from on high, the illumination of the soul *of* the Holy Spirit from within.

The news spread far and wide that Jesus had risen from the dead and this was not denied by many rulers of the Jews of which Nicodemus

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was one. It is also said that the Master appeared to Pilate as he was in deep contemplation about what Jesus had said, he also believed secretly in his resurrection and this is why Pilate gave an order that the followers of the Nazarene must not be molested in their worship in any part *of* his domain.

Now when the day of Pentecost came Jerusalem was filled with pious Jews. As the disciples *sat in* silent prayer a brilliant light appeared encircling them, they then became Apostles of Christ. Each Apostle spoke in the seven dialects of earth, the learned were amazed, they said, “are these not *the* men who only spoke Jewish, how is it *then* that they speak all the languages of earth!” Peter stood forth and said, “Peace to all mankind.”

This was the Love of God.

The prophet Joel said, “your sons and daughters will stand forth and prophesy, your young men will be seers, your old men will dream dreams and I will show forth the wonders of heaven above *the* marvellous signs on earth, and it shall come to pass that they who call the name of God in faith shall be redeemed.”

This is the Christ Power, the Love of God *made manifest*, goodwill to all men.

That is the glory of the Truth. Now find It in yourselves. You have It, It is there, you are alive and living. You cannot be alive and living except in the Ever-present Life that is Cosmic in nature, that is Love Itself, is Living in you and expressing Itself through you.

Seek not the past nor the future but live in that Ever-present Life. Never looking one way or another but keeping straight on.

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Father, Son and *the* Holy Spirit, who remains *beyond* time and space Invisible *yet visible*.

Thy Son came and tore away the veil that hid Eternal Life and appeared in Thy Holy Temple not made with hands.

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When I close my eyes and seek to grasp Infinity my brain cannot fathom Thy Infinitude.

But when I open my eyes and gaze upon the Eternal Christ I behold *thy Eternal Cosmic Temple in freedom.*

And as I hear the throb of the one Heart and feel the one Love and see the one Life in all lives I know now he came to give love and to serve all. He appeared as Immortal Life to destroy death.

He came as a babe to unite parents in *a* greater unselfish Divine Love, born in the child.

He was the Fountain of Joy in human hearts, he showed the Cosmic Mind in human consciousness and as he passed beyond the Creation of time and space I found immortality in him who was once man.

The word that was God made flesh, remains immortal, "I am the Life."

Let us now enter into the Silence of the Silent Healing Power. Yes Cosmic in its nature.

(One minutes silence)

Peace and goodwill to all men. May the Love of God be made manifest in each and everyone. I am that Love. I have come to bless you with this Love. My Peace will remain with you.

* 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 4th December 1951, at 7.45 pm. No recording exists of the Johannesburg lecture.

1. The preceding short paragraph in the Lecture Notes is missing from the recording: [*Do you do things for Love or do you do things because you Love? To truly Love you must become Love Itself.*]
2. The following complete paragraph in the Lecture Notes is missing from the recording: [*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 in evidence then there can be no true Love.*]
3. When the wire-recording is restarted a small piece of the dialogue, that is contained in the Lecture Notes, is missing from the recording. The full sentence is as follows: [*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.*
4. The following short paragraph in the Lecture Notes is missing from the recording: [*When one loves one acts normally, when one does not love one acts abnormally.*]
5. The following short paragraph in the Lecture Notes is missing from the recording: [*Baptism necessarily follows acceptance of the Truth of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*]

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL
(Johannesburg Series)

Lecture 7 (15th March 1951)
(Johannesburg: 2nd recorded version of Lecture)

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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.

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.

If we then have accepted ideas, concrete beliefs, a mind that is not pliable; where illusions become solid, where there is no move ability whatsoever in the mind, then how can God be a Reality? The fact is, that what is behind the mind is Real, not what is in the mind. The mind itself is but a vehicle of expression. A vehicle through which we think and create. But that which creates is Itself Reality behind the mind and therefore our illusions are held in the mind and if we then hide behind them, they make a screen in front of us, we will never know what Reality means.

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 *in themselves* the cause of our separateness, limitation, and illusions influencing our thinking.

If there is anything in your mind that is influencing your thinking, one way or another, then there is no Pure Thought. Pure Thought must be free from all conditions, all beliefs, all pre-conceived ideas. Pure Thought is thought that originated in the Self that is not tarnished with anything whatsoever external to Itself, but must think purely from Itself, knowing Itself to be. Knowing Itself to be the Creator of all things, knowing Itself to be the Self that is in every

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other self and unless this is known, this awareness is yours, then there is no Pure Thinking. Awareness means; that you are aware that you are the thinker, aware that you are the creator, aware that you are the Self behind every other self, aware that you are the Living Presence that is Eternal and Ever-Present.

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.

You see then, that it is the Son of God who is able to recognise the Father, to know the Father, and also to know anything that is preventing the Father from manifesting in him. Therefore Jesus knew the error that existed in man's mind. He came not to heal the body but to heal the mind of man and if he healed the mind he healed the body as well. This was the great work that he came to do and the more we see and read of his words the clearer we see what his work was and we see decidedly that he knew the error in man's mind that prevented him from being the Son of God, now, at this very moment. Because if the mind was then filled with tradition, filled with rote, filled with beliefs that held man in bondage, he could not be free therefore could not think freely. Man to be free must think freely and purely, free from all limitations. These lessons are very deep but I want you as students to know that they are for you to learn this great significance of that which lies behind your mind, the great mighty Power that exists now at this very moment.

It is not in the future then that you become Children of God. If in your mind you think that in the future you are going to be Children of God, the Sons and Daughters of God, it will be always be an image in your mind. It will always be tomorrow and it will never be at all because it will just be an image in your mind. If then you recognise this now. "Now!," the Master said, "is the time!" Now is the time.

Now this freedom that Jesus was showing man 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.

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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.

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 week¹ 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.”

A very stern and wonderful thing and yet it is not so stern and so terrible when we recognise the Truth behind it. He was showing you distinctly that there can be no separation, that there can be no distinction. In your own family there is separation in your brothers, in your sisters, your wife, your husband, your children. The great Truth then is that there can be no separation between man and God—to be the Son of God. When he said, “I and the Father are One,” he meant distinctly that all the Principles of Creation of the Father was in himself, otherwise the Father and he could not be One. And his statement also, “know ye not I am in the Father and the Father is in me,” is a Truth exactly for you, for it brings into your consciousness the exact awareness of your relationship to the Father Himself, knowing that He created you in Him with all His Principles, all the Mighty Power of His Life which was manifested in the Master himself. In that recognition then, when the mind is clear and free from all that hinders the expression of this Father in you, then you shall do as he did. For did he not say, “yes, these things I do, greater things shall you do if you will but believe.”

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.

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

Many would want you to worship these external things so that they get you bound, held in the grip and their grasp, and through fear

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the whole human subjection. But the Christ came and told you that you were free, born free, and were free now.

Awareness, which is freedom, does not come nor can it be induced from the outside making you merely dependent on some stimulation. (*Awareness comes only, as I have told you, when you have discerned everything that is hindering the expression of this awareness of your own Reality—One with the Father. If your thinking then is carnal, is conditioned by any of those things, you can never be aware. There is only awareness in the Christ and that Christ is Freedom, Power, the Son of God. ‘Know ye not that ye are the sons of God?’*) All stimulation is similar in effect, whether you take a drink, look at a picture, have ideas, whether you go to a concert or a religious ceremony, or work yourself up over an act however noble or ignoble. Stimulation breeds dependence and stimulation whether worthy or unworthy causes fear and apprehension which leads to illusion and not to freedom and Truth.

So if you then can be stimulated by any outside agency, then there is no awareness, you are caught up in that stimulation. There is only knowing that comes from within, that which in Itself is the Creativeness, and the Love of God and the Perfectiveness of the Father.

“Be ye perfect as the Father in Heaven is Perfect.” That means this, first of all, to mind your own business. Do not interfere in any other persons affairs, that’s theirs not yours. Have compassion and love for your fellow man, and a regard for everything that lives, and above all, awareness that you are the creator of every condition that exists in your own life.

If your reactions to other people, of what they say or do, causes certain anxieties in yourselves, then I say, you are the sufferer, you are the cause not the other individual. It is your ignorance of the Truth that makes these conditions in yourselves that causes acid formations in your body through your anxieties, through your resistance. If you then are aware there is none of these things happening to you because you know the Truth—you are the Son of God. And nothing on the world can ever upset you, nothing can touch you. Anything that touches you, touches your personality, all that is false, your beliefs, your ideas, your images, your traditions, your illusions, that’s what it touches. And

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if you are hiding behind these things you will never be aware of that which is Real in Itself, that is not touched by anything external to the self. If you can grasp this Truth then you have found 'the pearl of great price'.

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".

It has become very difficult for many to withdraw from all *these* distractions for the simple reason that most people cannot think purely, they only think with a background of separation, beliefs, limitation, whether they be religious, political or nationalistic. These cause the mind to become warped, narrow and bigoted. So conflict arises which further distracts their thought-feeling. *And they are further distracted again from awareness of the Truth because they are caught up in these things.*

I want you to look at the masses to see their minds, as Jesus saw the minds of the masses of those that were before him, he saw the error in their mind that was holding them back to the recognition of their own Sonship. He saw so clearly before him a mass of people that were the Children of God and yet were not aware of it; because they were bound with their beliefs, their traditions, they were bound by their antagonisms, their nationalities, and all that hindered the true expression of the One that knows no nationality, that knows no limitation, that knows no belief. That which is Free in Itself. I cannot tell you what it is, I cannot give you the secret—in your own heart you will know It, where you shall find It. And It is there waiting for recognition. It leaps forth with Joy when you uncover It, takes Its place in your daily living.

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. *Are you then to be dependent on some outside agency or are you to become aware of the fact that you are the son and daughter of God? In that awareness comes the Truth, the Freedom, the Life.* We find other groups in opposition to our own

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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. (*Any happiness and cheer that comes from outside is temporary, limited, comes and it passes, it disappears and it no longer remains with you. It is this that has the end in Itself, that It is the beginning and the end, then there is happiness and peace.*) 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 *the* true expression of Life that is “One”, then our journey will be a revealing process, an experience which is constantly liberating and creative.

This then your journey will be constantly liberating and creative. Liberating you from the bondage of things external to the self. Liberating you from the relative, because you will become aware of that which in Itself is Perfect, in Itself is All Power, in Itself is the Living Presence that is Eternal and Ever-Present. It is then discerning, becoming aware of everything that is surrounding us. (It is not that you have got to go to sleep). Some people think they shall find Reality by going into a dead sleep of meditation and there they can find Reality. Whatever they find there they take into their own prison. Not until you can discern the bars and doors of your own prison—these illusions, can you ever know what Reality means. You can meditate till doomsday if you like. And then what are you mediating upon anyway? And some say, “I am meditating upon God”. I am meditating on God as something external to yourselves, a God that you have made an idol of in your mind and you think you have got to find Him in your mind. What you find in your mind is but illusions, images, and beliefs, and your meditation goes for nothing. But if you are wide awake every moment of your life, discerning your surroundings, discerning that which is unreal, discerning the things that are hindering the progress (of) that Creative Principle that is animating through your whole being. That Principle that is revealing and creative in your daily living.

Reality comes when the mind-heart is still.

What we crave for is not Reality.

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How funny it is when people will say, “I am craving for Reality,” “I crave for God,” and God is so near. You are not craving for God at all! You are craving for something in your mind, something external to yourself that is going to fill the place of God, that is going to make this reality of yours, an image, a belief, that becomes a hindrance to the expression of Reality itself.

If I could only take you in to the secret chamber of my heart and there feel as I feel and see all the things that are relative. To discern all these things that are hindering the progress of this revealing nature of God and there you shall find the pearl of great price.

Everything must be found within by the individual themselves. I want you to think about. I am not telling you to think a certain way, but I am telling you to eliminate from your mind that which will hinder your thinking. I am not your teacher. God is your Teacher. Your Teacher is within you. I am but the instrument, the mouth-piece of the Spirit. As I give myself over to the Spirit, so shall the Spirit speak as it feels, you then shall listen. You shall feel in your own heart the feeling and that Feeling will arouse in you the awareness of something that is beyond your life—there you shall find the Truth.

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? (*Yes, I ask you that question and you have to answer it yourselves, a very pertinent question. And if you will see the true meaning of these words of mine and you ask yourselves the question, “do you want to be free?” There are some things in your mind you want to cling to, well, if you want to cling to anything in your mind you do not want this freedom because you will be bound. I put that in big letters because I wanted it to sink in.*) 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.

To experience this freedom we must not be dependent 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.

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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 *still* Silence you become aware of the events of Life and as you watch you become conscious of the inner. *You become conscious of that which is watching the outer taking place. There is an awareness. We 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 *to withstand its illusiveness, its deceptions, its un-reality in which so many are drowned.*

So you must stand alone and clear and see the relative world, even your thoughts. Even your highest thoughts must be discerned as something that is external to that Self. Even your thoughts of love, your thoughts of peace and harmony, even the highest thoughts you can ever think in your mind must be discerned also as that which is external to inner self, that Itself stands alone and clear and is the Self that is in every other self. That is the Father, that is the Creativeness, that is the Power and there is no other.

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 arises from within themselves.²

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

How many people do that today. Anything that may confirm their belief that they read in a book, they will jump to it, and instead of freeing them it makes them further bound. It binds them further and further.

Don't you see what I am driving at. You must discern everything that is external to yourself. I said the highest thought that is ever possible to enter into your mind, you must discern it as something that is un-real, that is not a reality in itself, It is that which is behind thought. That which is behind thought is the Creativeness. I have found this to be true. I know.

I told you before I had passed through many schools. I have taken honours and degrees in various universities with reference to various

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philosophies and things like that. I have studied all eastern philosophy. I have studied, as you know, ancient literature and was conversant with nearly all the various religions in the world and I could talk about everything. My mind was full of all those things.

And when I went to the Himalayas I met the Master who came to me to be my guide and director. And I thought I might impress him with my knowledge. So I began to speak and tell him of the wonderful things about the universe. All these things were rising up in my mind, one thing after another, and we talked for an hour. And I thought now he will know that I am a worldly student. He turned round to me and said to me, "my son it doesn't matter very much whether it is true or not does it?" Now you could imagine how I was stripped of all the illusions to be in the heights of good feeling of ecstasy. That height of ecstasy where you feel that you have put yourself right on top of the world, and then the whole thing can be taken from you and you fall down flop on your face. Well it was the biggest lesson that I ever had in my life and it is the lesson that everyone must learn too. All these things mean nothing.

The story of the man, the great intellectual, who passed over. And as he went over, he was welcomed by all the intellectuals everywhere, surrounding him, they thought him a great man, written many books and knew a great many things. A great scientist, great philosopher, and so forth. And after he passed through many stages one after another he came to a door.

And the 'Shining One' came to the door and he said to him, "What is it you want to know now?"

And this great philosopher and great scientist said, "I want to know God."

"Well," said the 'Shining One,' "Know nothing and you will know God."

He could not find it in his intellectualism. He could not find it in his thinking and his thoughts he could not find it there. He could only find it when he became as a little child and then you shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

This brings me to the parable of the Kingdom of Heaven given by the Master in Matthew 20: 1-16.

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“(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 *the* 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 *then* 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 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 have ranked them equal to us who have borne the brunt of the day’s work and the heat!’ (13) Then he replied to 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 *against me* because I am generous?’ (16) So shall the last be first and the first be last.”

Now this is a very difficult parable to understand but it is quite simple when you understand the underlying Truth of the Master.

Here the Master shows 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, for there can be no separation, therefore no distinction. The Father gives generously even to the last. All are in the Kingdom now and even the last to *recognise* it is just as good as the first. They were there all the time, only the majority *did* not know it. In verse 15, (old version), it says, “Is thine eye evil because I am good.” How many are envious of others?

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Here you see then that when you are working, you work not for anything, but for giving service. And by giving service you are then given freedom because service is freedom. The Master said, "I did not come to be served but to serve and even to give my life for the many."

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.

*In Mark 10: 35-45 it says, "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 to him, 'give us seats, one at your right hand and one at your left hand, in your glory.' (38) Jesus said, 'you do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup *that* I have to drink, or undergo the baptism I have to undergo?' (39) They said to him, 'we can.' Jesus said, 'you shall drink the cup *that* I have to drink and undergo the baptism I have to undergo; (40) but it is not for me to grant seats at my right *hand* or my left hand—these belong to the men for whom they have been destined.' (*These belong to God, the Father. In the old version it says "That the Father alone is the One who gives."* And that is when the Father gives, He gives free to all, and it is not when one wants a thing. If then you do anything in this world for the purpose of gaining a seat in heaven that seat is not for you. The one who serves in Love is the one who gets his place in Heaven. He who Loves most, he who serves most, he who understands unity most, there then, is the one who is Loved in the Kingdom of Heaven.) (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 over them, and their great men overbear them; (43) not so with you. Whoever wants to be the great man among you must be *the* servant, (44) and whoever 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 *the* many.' "*

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Here we see in Jesus in his mind, he recognises himself first of all—the Son of Man and then he recognises himself—as a Son of God. The Son of Man, you and I, have not come to be served but to serve and to give our life for the ransom of the many.

Here we see the truth that there can be no personal influence, no earthly regal or religious potentate can have any honoured place, the only qualification is Love and even those who imagine that they have an honoured place because they may be a king or a queen or a bishop or a pope, these are but names man-made we give on earth; but it is the quality of Love and unity not intellect that is honoured in heaven, where there is no distinction. (*We read where the Master tells of the parable also where the poor man was sitting by the roadside. No one took any notice of him. The dogs came and licked his wounds and so forth. So when he dies, of course passes over to the other-side, sees in his glory and he looks and sees the wonderful position that he holds. And then he cries, “Oh send someone to my brethren on earth and tell them the state that I am in. So Jesus said, “Do you think that if they would not listen to one on earth they would believe an Angel if he came from heaven?”*) There is the story of one 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.”

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

Then he says, *that* the one who waits upon you, who serves, he is the greater, the servant of all. 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 *the* eternal Life exists in man as it does in God. The Father has Life in Himself and He grants the son to have the same Life in himself.

What we see in this relative world of ours is a scramble between individuals, between classes, in social life, and between nations in the glorious game of murder, a “righteous” war! with the best modern appliances to slaughter people by the thousands in the name of peace and freedom.

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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 the Holy One was in all and was the only foundation for peace and freedom. Unless this is understood strife remains.

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 these 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.

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 continually 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.

And you say this is good and this is evil. And you are told in your church to pray for victory, that your brothers may be destroyed by fire. This is good because you pray to God that this shall take place. If there ever was any blasphemy, at any time, that is blasphemy.

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 chose and according to the way we employ our Creative Power so *shall* it be unto us.

This is the Masters words showing us exactly. Therefore I am showing you, in modern language what the Master meant.

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.”

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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 *us* is the power behind any thought we may hold, and according to what is in our mind-heart so will our thought-feeling be the cause and effect which continues through every link of the chain of existing conditions.

I want you to study this carefully and read these words, so that it will take you some time to absorb them, and see behind them the great meaning that I am driving at.

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.

*Now I say, this is what the meaning is and if you can see it clearly now at this time, at this moment, the Ever-Presence is here. It is Eternal and Ever-Present. If we accept this **now** all conditions, irrespective of what they are, will fall away from us and we shall be free.*

Then I ask you again, "do you want to be free?" Is there something in your mind you want to hold onto?

You know the Master must have had a wonderful sense of humour when the rich man came up to him and when he said, "what can I do to enter the Kingdom of Heaven?"

So the Master said, "do this and do that."

And he said, "I have done all that!"

"Well," he said, "sell all that you have and give to the poor and come and follow me." And he saw the face of man change and he said to his disciples, "how hard it is for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven." Because he could see how this man was hanging onto those things. It did not mean that you have got to throw everything away and give everything away. That would not give you the Kingdom of Heaven any how. Because the Kingdom of Heaven can only come through awareness. But he was showing his disciples how these things held the man in bondage, he was hiding behind his delusion, and he could not free himself from them. Therefore he could not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. I could see the smile on the Masters face when he said those words to him and you know he (the Man) walked away.

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How wonderful it is to understand the Master. He was not the sissy as most people think he was. Gentle Jesus, meek and mild. He is a man of strength with courage. He was necessary gentle, but he was also courageous because he knew that nothing in the world could affect him, even the last moments of his life, he knew that he would still live. "The Spirit that raises me shall also raise you!"

Isaiah 35: 1-2 "Let desert and dry land be glad, let steppes rejoice and flowers, flowering like narcissus blooms, and ringing with delight, sharing Lebanon's lavish growth, Sharon and Karmel's 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 Man.

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

* The recording starts here at this point. The *italic* verbatim text is from the actual sound recording of the Johannesburg Lecture given in the Auditorium at Escom House on Thursday night 15th March 1951, at 7.45 pm.

1. Murdo was referring to Lecture #6 "Spirit is the Power that Knows Itself" see page 203
2. The following complete paragraph in the Lecture Notes is missing from the recording: [*So, ignorant of the cause they accept their condition and public opinion rules their thought-feeling. This is truly ignorance.*]

Lecture 8 (22nd March 1951)
(Johannesburg: 2nd recorded version of Lecture)

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“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.

The self being influenced by ideas, beliefs, tradition, whatever the case may be, when the self is then influenced, the Reality cannot express Itself but this influence is being expressed.

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 fixed in the 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 background, tradition, beliefs have been discerned and understood.

What a wonderful Truth we see here. When the mind is conditioned by beliefs your thinking will be in accordance with these beliefs that are fixed in the mind. Your background, your training, your living are all being expressed and are hiding the Reality that is Itself free. Therefore to free Reality from all these things, they must be discerned and understood.

The cause of the influencing and conditioning of the self must be understood. If this is not understood there is no right thinking. Therefore right thinking leads to freedom. And to know oneself there must be

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discernment of all that is in the mind that influences the self. Anything that influences the self must be discerned and understood then you can see the Mind of Christ, you can see the mind of the Master; you can see the freedom of the Christ that is the only begotten Son of the Father, who in Himself is complete and is in every other self. And unless this Self eliminates from the mind all that influences it, all that conditions it, all that creates separation in it, there can be no understanding of Reality that is in every other self. If the self then is caught up in these things, the Self that is in every other self cannot be understood.

Therefore, that is why Jesus said these words, "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."

Therefore, there must be infinite pliability of mind. The mind must be so pliable that no matter what comes it can be discerned and understood. But if there is a fixed idea in your mind new ideas will never enter in and besides we know that ideas and beliefs are not the Truth. What I say to you is not the Truth. A statement of a thing is not the thing itself. I may talk about the Truth and I talk about life continuously to you but what I am saying is not Life. And if you will see that is the deep understanding that you must acquire yourself through eliminating everything that is in the mind that hinders the true expression of life itself as known to the Master Jesus when he said, "I and the Father are One."

This pliability and tranquillity is not the outcome of conflict, tradition, 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.

If you then do not understand yourselves how can you ever understand anyone else. If your thought-feeling is caught up in these things which create separation, which causes you to be antagonistic to another, while the Life in you and the Life in another is never antagonistic to Itself. How then can you reconcile your antagonisms? Only through your beliefs, your traditions, your ideas, these concepts you hold in the mind which are influencing and conditioning you.

Without self-knowledge, what you think-feel has no basis. 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.

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To understand the complex, the mind-heart must be extremely simple. *The mind-heart cannot be conditioned, it must be simple and free.* 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 mind, which is unlimited and free.

How can you understand that which is unlimited and free when your mind is caught up and conditioned. When there is concepts that are concrete which are influencing you all the time and your thought-feeling is the expression of these things and not the expression of Reality which is Love and Wisdom. How can you ever then become aware of that which is freedom itself when you are caught up in these things. Don't you see this is the great Truth that I am teaching you, I am showing you the way. I cannot tell you what Truth is. If any body says that they can tell you what Truth is you will know that they know nothing at all about it. Truth is beyond mind. Truth is Reality. Truth is Life. We can become aware of It only when the mind is free from these concepts and conditions, then there is an awareness of Reality. Not what It is but that It is. And in this you can say. "I and the Father are One."

When the consciousness then becomes free from the influences of these things, then it becomes the vehicle through which the Consciousness of God manifests Itself freely. Then there is freedom from fear, freedom from everything, because there is no conditioning of the mind preventing that freedom.

Unless the mind is freed 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 or there, there is no anxiety in case you cannot find It, for It is ever-present now.

The Realisation of the Presence that is Ever-Present becomes a Reality to you when you do not look for this outside yourselves. When any outside agency has no longer any effect upon you, then I say, you will find that Reality that is within yourselves and is free. And is the Power of God that has been given to man from the beginning. The Word that was with God that Word was God and that Word was made flesh.

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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 the mind, but you can discern that which is hindering Its true expression.

Some will say that they can tell what God is. Do not heed those kind of people. And all the time they are preaching to you something about which is truth but all the time it is the relative, it is something outside yourself. And you have to look outside yourself for this God and what does this God become to you—an idol, an image. What is an idol and an image of any value to any individual, then it becomes concrete concepts, which hinders the true expression of that Reality that is within you.

This true experience can only be a Reality when we free our mind 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 *and not from without*. “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 true that is. In the beginning, we read Moses saw this clearly, when he explained the burning bush in Exodus. When he says he saw a bush fire and the bush was not consumed. And from within the bush the words spoke, “I AM, go and tell my people, I AM is my name for all time.”

The bush that was afire was the soul and body. The Life within it, was the fire, was giving expression. Yet the bush was not consumed. But the Life is within the body and the body is the bush that is not consumed with the Fire of Life. Life then spoke the words, “I AM, go and tell my people I AM is my name for all time.”

Here was the story then—that I AM in man. When you recognise it completely freed from all these influences that bear upon it, that come from outside, then the I AM shall be clear and there will the Christ manifest in you as it did in Jesus. He even said these words, “these things I do greater things you will do if you will but follow me. Remember the word ‘follow’ is a different thing to ‘talk about me’.

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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.

Any statement I make about Reality is not Reality Itself. Reality is the Livingness within you.

Jesus said clearly, “you accept the scriptures and you think you have found Eternal Life, you make a mistake!”

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.” *Here he was showing this great Truth. That he who beholds in me the Living example of Him who sent me will find that same livingness in himself.*

That is the Truth that I want you to see. But I cannot give it to you—you must find it yourself.

In 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. Therefore when I speak, I speak as the Father has told me.”

Here is the Consciousness of one that is freed from all limitation. Here is a Consciousness that is freed from all imitation. Here is a Consciousness that is freed from everything that everyone has said about anything. Here is a Consciousness that is free from all creeds, dogmas, and beliefs. Here is a Consciousness that gives expression to that which Is behind it. That is why he said these words, “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. 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, (*Meaning we are Created in His Likeness, in Himself by Himself*) His Consciousness, Intelligence and Substance moulded into form. Here is a great Truth, when the mind is freed and unlimited we are inspired by the Father. The Son knoweth the Father who is speaking through him, only when he is freed from all illusion.

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Take this in please!

“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, *health, ill-health, success, failure, God and the devil, and all these opposites that confuse the mind. Faith is always limited by fear when there is no understanding. Only when there is understanding is faith freed from fear, then becomes the weapon of creation in man. The Creativeness in man comes forth as the manifestation of the Consciousness of God, manifesting Himself through his own creation and there is no other way.* This is why self-knowledge is so essential to freedom of the Truth.

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.

You will live in these ideas, you will be expressing those ideas, you will know nothing about Reality. Because what you have of Reality is but an idea, at least Reality is not that. And you will live in separation which is the most destructive conditioning of the self because it creates antagonisms—our destruction.

If your mind is confused with the differing concepts such as Buddhism, Mohammedanism, Theosophy etc., the reaction will be confusion because you try to conform to these ideas and *you* judge everything on what you have accepted whether it *is* 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 all Creation. Therefore right thinking alone leads us towards freedom of the Truth.

How many minds you see they talk such nonsense. I know perfectly well I was not blameworthy from this either. My mind was also confused at one time.

I told you so often when I went to the Himalayas that the master who met me there and I began to tell him all about what I knew. I thought I really knew a lot. But you will recognise clearly what I am saying now, the most important thing is this, that what I was telling him, he said to me in these words, “my son, it doesn’t matter very much

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wither it is true or not, does it?” Therefore all my learning, all my philosophy, everything that I had learned from the past had to be discarded because of the fact I was conditioning my mind. My thought-feeling was in accordance with what I had learned. My thought-feeling was nothing else but the expression of these ideas, it was not the expression of Reality. And when I caught on to the Truth of what he told me it fell away from me. All these things fell away from me and I knew that I had to discern everything that was influencing me. That was preventing the true expression of that which is Real in Itself. And that is what you have to do to.

And I say to you to, everyone of you, it makes no difference who you are; “it does not matter very much wither it is true or not, any concept, any belief, any idea you have—it does not matter wither it is true or not.”

“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. All the talking in the world about Truth does not make Truth a Reality to you. 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.

And how did he do this? I can see him going away into the desert. Forty days and forty nights. There he wrestled with himself. He wrestled with the self; all the beliefs, all the ideas and concepts that ever entered into his mind. All these things he wrestled with and he cleansed himself completely of it. And he even cleansed himself of the self too.

But you will see how clearly he makes it plain. “He who seeks to retain his life will lose it. But he who gives up his life will save It.” That is the saying; that he who seeks to hold the self to be the self and let the self rule—he will lose. But he who gives up the self into the greater Self—then he will find that Self.

We must find this Reality in ourselves as the Living Expression of Life Itself, as this is what Jesus did. We must do the same if we are to be like him.

If you pattern your Life after what you have read or learned from others, this will only lead you to conflict, sorrow and confusion (you will be only imitating, you will not be thinking. True thinking only comes when you begin to discern what is in your mind), and your Truth is

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nothing more *but* ideas and theories which cover up the Real. So your conception of Truth *is but* a continual movement from one illusion to another, from one teacher to another, while only leading you into further conflict.

And when you are then filled with illusion and you are caught up in this illusion you are in a prison, a prison of your own making. And any idea of God or anything whatsoever about Christ you take it into this prison and you (are) just the same as you were before.

Freedom only comes when you discern the fact that you are imprisoned and you discern the cause of this prison. You begin to see the walls and the doors, and the windows of this prison. Beginning to understand what it means to be in prison.

But if your prison is irksome, you do not want freedom? No! You do not want freedom, you want to hang onto something. Therefore you still remain in prison but you want a more comfortable one. One with a sofa and bed so you can lie on it. Instead of lying on a stone floor or wooden bench and so forth, your prison is still a prison. And that is what people are doing today.

All these teachers you have in your midst around the world today, I say this to you, they write books upon books. But those who write books on truth are generally only searching for truth themselves and expressing their own ideas and you try to imitate them. You will never find Truth in a book, neither will you find it in the Scriptures, you can only find It in yourself.

You cannot define Reality for there is nothing with which we can compare it. It is beyond our mind. 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.

How often there has been a spark of this freedom in your own consciousness and you all decided to block it out again. Its lost. It comes again, its lost. And you try to hang onto that little spark, little memory, of this tremendous flood of realisation and freedom. I tell you, do not die to hold onto that, otherwise you are not having Reality you are only caught up in its experience—and an experience is not Reality.

* Two wire breaks in the original recording occurred here.

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You are only hindering the expression of that which is Real. Therefore you have to discern it, let it go for new experiences to come. And Reality will continue to give you experiences as long as you hold that awareness. If you try to cling onto to these experiences then you will prevent further experiences that which you really need and want.

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 yourself. *And instead of leading you to this which is Real it leads you away from it.*

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 value to you. But there are few who know the freedom of Truth. Those who write books on Truth are generally those who are themselves seeking the Truth.

How wonderfully true this is.

Unless you with an understanding, an awareness of the Whole, go to the book, then you will see perhaps an inspired passage there that will be of value to you. But in the majority of people you will note, that what the person is writing about, they know very little about at all. And when you know the Truth you go and read one of those books and you will see how true it is. When the Wholeness is understood you will see how surely that person does not know the Wholeness and awareness of it. So I say be careful. Do not allow your minds to be caught up in ideas from books, discern what is in your own mind. If you see an inspired passage think about it, reject it until such time as you have time to think clearly about it, in accordance with what you know through your own self-knowledge and understanding.

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.

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The Everlasting Reality can only be understood in the fullness of the present, discerning every thing that surrounds you as relative, while aware of the Real within *you*, 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 non-attachment to ideas and beliefs, the past or the future, what is Spiritual *or* what is not Spiritual, for when you pattern your life after these there is fear, limitation and confusion.

And most people who think they are spiritual will always talk about what is Spiritual and what is not Spiritual. And what is their mind caught up in—images, ideas. Do they know Reality? No, their mind is away from it.

When the Consciousness becomes aware that Itself is the world, your neighbour, your friend, your enemy. When you yourself know these to be yourself, then I say, you will learn something about yourself.

How can you help another if you do not understand yourself? How is it possible for you to lift another out of these fogs that are in the mind, if your own mind is in the fog? How can you take a mind out of confusion if your own mind is confused?

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

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

It was this we see strongly enough in Jesus himself. In John 12 verse 27, “now my soul *is* troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour. . .”

(In John 12 verse 23,) “Jesus answered, ‘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, (*Here is the clearness of what the Master saw.* “*Unless a*

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grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies it remains a single grain.” Here is the self again. The Self that holds itself separate to any other self is deceived. But it must die in whole, there the self will preserve Itself in the Whole and shall be the Whole and the Whole shall be It. It then bears rich fruit; “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, (think those words over, they are most important. They are not just mere words you have got to realise the meaning of them.) and where I am, there shall my servant also be: If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.’” He is speaking from the Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father.

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.

(Verse 24.) The grain of wheat shows that Eternal Life *that* cometh out of so-called death of the body.¹ *(The death of the self so that you see the glory of the self-sacrifice of the self. So that when this glory of self-sacrifice and completeness, giving up to the Christ, to God Himself. The self then takes on a new transformation. This transformation comes from within and not from without. That is the Ever-present now.)* 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.

And in those particular words of his in Matthew 35-40, “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.” That reads both ways. Wither you did a kindness or an unkindness. But I will tell you this, you are not a kind person if you are kind to one and unkind to another! You are not a loving person if you love one and hate another!

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.’” (I am). 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 (*as every other person does, you and me*) and there was the temptation

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to withdraw from his 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."

All men! Showing when the Christ lifted up and in these words, as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up. And this is the great wonderful Truth in each and every one of us, it had to happen. The Son of man has to be lifted up.

This indicates through the revealing power of the crucifixion, revealing this Eternal Life of the Christ within, all would be drawn to the Christ that lives now as the Light *in* the World, as the only begotten Son of the Father, showing *that* the Christ as in the unique position of being in the world yet not of the world, not born of flesh and blood but by 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.

This then is the great revealing Power of the Christ. Unique. Being in the world but not of the world. Born, not of flesh and blood, "call no man your father on earth for one is your Father who is in heaven."

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.

Verse 47, "if anyone hears my words and does not keep them, (hold them) (*the old version says "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.)

The word I have spoken will judge you. Because you will see it in yourself. And it is when the word becomes Real in yourselves then that word will judge you.

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(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.”

These verses 44 to 50 describes the summary of the Master’s teachings. Belief in *the* Christ is to believe in God the Father, therefore His teachings are that we must discern all that hinders the expression of the Christ within.

This hindrance is lack of Love for our fellowman belief in separation. These are the great enemies of the Christ which will eventually be put under his feet. These two are the cause 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.”

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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 within my soul.

I 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.”

* The recording starts here at this point. The *italic* verbatim text is from the actual sound recording of the Johannesburg Lecture given in the Auditorium at Escom House on Thursday night 22nd March 1951, at 7.45 pm.

1. The following sentence in the Lecture Notes is missing from the recording: [*Also glory out of self-sacrifice.*]

Lecture 9 (29th March 1951)
(Johannesburg)

**IF THE WORLD HATES YOU, REMEMBER
IT HATED ME FIRST. (John 15: 18)**

When you, an advanced body of disciple-students, can see how to think clearly, you will know this is the only way civilization can free itself.

I ask you this question: Why are there so many groups of people of all kinds, in religion, in society, in nations, in opposition to each other? Even in families this opposition exists. Because they do not discern the falseness of their beliefs. They cannot think beyond their own prejudices, their limitation, their tradition, their group, their class and public opinion. The masses are ruled by public opinion and are caught up in the stream of ignorance.

Most people do not think for themselves, they follow the crowd, what the crowd thinks they think, mass psychology rules them, they are caught up in imitation. Their conception of progress is but a continual movement from one object to another which leads to frustration.

In the material world there is craving to possess a material object. There is striving until it is obtained, but the moment it loses its attraction; so craving goes on to the more subtle things, such as popularity, fame, power; so the struggle goes on incessantly with no satisfaction, for in these there is only disillusionment.

Then comes the craving for Truth, a bigger and more subtle form of craving is established. Book after book is read in an endeavour to find peace and freedom, what you find is but the ideas of others, who are themselves confused through conforming to ideas of others, so you follow suit.

Now peace and freedom cannot be found outside oneself but within oneself for the simple reason that most people are caught up in beliefs. Human beings can live happily together without beliefs. Immediately there are differing beliefs, strife and separation begins. A Mohammedan, a Jew, a Christian, a Buddhist, may live happily together as long as their beliefs are not questioned.

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Underlying all human beings is the one Life, the Presence of God and is equally established in all. Yet separation and beliefs blind them to this great Power that is ever-present. Even if people should believe in this great Power yet still maintain their separate beliefs, they cannot be free, not until they understand that their beliefs are only beliefs and they are separated by them. The causes of separation therefore are false.

The Presence in each is never antagonistic to Itself, “Our Father Who art in heaven” is the conscious state we must be aware of. If this consciousness takes the place of belief then there is the path that leads to freedom.

Throughout the whole world there is not one who is not seeking a happiness that endures. But such happiness is not to be obtained in craving for the material, mental or spiritual, for craving has no finality.

The world is living on imitation. Imitation begins in childhood through education, society, external circumstances. Thoughts and feelings are moulded to correspond with tradition, public opinion, religions, ideas and systems.

If you consider any philosophy, religion or system you will find it is a method laid down for you to follow, so all you do is to imitate to force your thinking into a particular mould of the philosophy religion or system to which you must conform. So you become mere cogs in a social or religious machine of which there are many different kinds.

Before a child goes to school it thinks for itself. But immediately it goes to school it is taught what to think. So the child conforms to whatever is laid down for it to follow. The child is trained according to the group to which it belongs.

It is thus easily seen how strife and antagonism arise between these various groups of society, political, religious and nationalistic, there is no fundamental principle involved. Therefore the teaching is false and it takes some time before a mind caught up in any system can discern the falseness of it. It is not until this understanding comes through discernment can there be freedom.

Few are the teachers and leaders, religious or political, who are aware of the Truth. Immediately they open their mouths they show their ignorance. Political parties, religions, creeds, and systems, with their antagonisms, are built upon prejudices and not upon Truth. Their

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whole foundation is based upon lies, innuendos and suggestions, a net in which the unsuspecting mind is caught. The appeal is to the senses and not to Reality, fear being the motive behind all of them.

When you wave a flag and shout hurrah!, you are not thinking, you are merely caught up in suggestion. If the world could think clearly for one hour a change would come over civilization overnight. But unfortunately that change cannot come until the individual begins to think purely.

If you look into your own thoughts you will see that the whole structure of modern civilization is based entirely on public opinion and conformity. The authority is public opinion or spiritual ritual. This authority results in the suffocation of the individual thinker, so the desire to solve one's own problems is sought through a miracle.

Public opinion condones and urges mass murder in the glorious cause of war, but murder in the street means a hangman's rope; there is no difference, murder is murder and mass murder is more diabolical because you do not know who you are killing. You just kill because you are told to kill in the cause of freedom. What is freedom? Is man not more bound than before by creating further antagonisms which lead to further strife and war. Have the last two wars led us into freedom? They have only led us into further strife and misery.

Through the centuries a system of competition has been set up through selfishness, at the same time innumerable authorities, teachers, gods etc., have been set up for you to worship. You are taught to become lambs, but, working for a living, you become like as many wolves.

The remedy does not lie in setting up another system or the worship of another God outside oneself but to go to the root of the whole problem. You listen, but you do not think. Out of one prison you are enticed into another.

The only way to freedom is to discern the falseness of these things that hinder you and control you. The intentions of the Presence that is ever-present becomes more clear to you as you eliminate the false conditions, beliefs and ideas that bind you. Anything that creates strife between man and man is false when we understand that the Divine Presence is in all.

The present civilization based upon false values cannot last, it has no intrinsic value. In fact we see our civilization crumbling before us now.

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The world did not listen to the man of Galilee with the result that the world today is what man created.

The Bible and the words of the Master show that the Word was the highest expression of the Divine Wisdom, Power and Love and by Its expression the world was created and all that is on and in it. The crowning result in the manifestation of the Word was “man made in God’s likeness.”

Man is first ignorant of his Divine origin but nevertheless contains all the principles of creation, and when recognition comes through the discernment of all that is false he rises and returns to the Father. And in this discovery of his true relationship to the Divine Mind finds that he is the child of the Almighty and can speak the “Word” that was in the beginning, the Word that was with God and the Word that was God.

It is thus we become fellow-workers with God, as we are invited to work in the vineyard of the Father. And we learn that our function is to carry on the work that was begun in the Universal. In the Master’s words “My Father worketh hitherto and I work.”

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 the 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.**

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 to 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:

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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 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 anyone I send receives me, and 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.

But 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) Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my 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?

In the ancient script in the Book of Enoch 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 this 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.

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Jesus knew that 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 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 disciples? The weakness of the outer self is seen clearly.

Even the stalwart impetuous Peter says 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.”

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, that 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.

Lecture 10 (5th April 1951)
(Johannesburg)

**THE ONLY IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE
ARE THE FUNDAMENTALS OF HUMAN
EXISTENCE**

“I am the real Vine, and my Father is the vine-dresser.”
John 15: 1.

Let us truly understand this: the individual creates the civilization which dominates him. It is man's outer self that causes all the misery in the world. When the inner self that is in every other self rules, civilization will be ruled by the Christ through man. Man will then be the mouthpiece of the Lord just as Jesus was the mouthpiece of the Father.

It is the outer self that has ambition to attract social distinction and accumulation of power. This outer self—the individual—has set up his own social distinctions which result in ruthless competition in every way of Life.

You will readily see that this ruthless selfishness must eventually break down. It is just merely a matter of time. For selfishness eats itself away, it begins to rot in itself and die and we see the writing on the wall today.

There is no difference between one human being and another made in the image and likeness of the Creator with the same Life, the same consciousness, the same mode of action. But man divides civilization into groups with social standards which only bring sorrow and conflict without understanding, and so the rot sets in.

As long as we retain our conception of individuality, which is selfish and greedy, no civilization no structure built on it can last. The individual is an integral part of that civilization which the individual

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creates. That is why we see clearly the writing on the wall, when civilization is built on the false foundation of division and separation, it cannot last, it must decay and pass away.

We have seen similar civilizations come and go and ours is sure to follow in the same way, it is only a matter of time. It is only when there is a sure foundation shall civilization last. This same rule applies to nations and groups of people caught up in division and separation.

Up till now we have been slaves spiritually, we have followed, imitated, set up authorities, and tradition has bound the mind. In thought and emotion the individual has merely conformed, while in the world of action the individual has built for himself he is selfishly pursuing his own security with the result that he has no security.

In order to supply our needs individuals must co-operate, plan and work together. That is, we must get rid of the idea of nationality, flags and frontiers. In this way we will solve our economic problems because all will be working from a human point of view, and not through separate national prejudices.

At present is not the heart of everyone kept burning with hatreds and prejudices between one nation and another, between one people and another, between one group and another, between one political party and another, between one religion and another? With the result that the human element is entirely lost in hatreds and separation. Is there any hope for civilization under these circumstances with this struggle going on in separation?

The Master came to solve this problem but man would not have him, they took Barabbas instead, Barabbas the destroyer of all civilizations, and we as disciples of the Master see this so clearly. There is no use hiding our faces in shame for we have denied the Christ many times. Peter denies Jesus thrice within a few minutes, can we say that we are any better?

In John 15 verse (1) Jesus says, "I am the real Vine and my Father is the Vine-dresser; (2) He cuts away any branch on me which is not bearing fruit, and cleans every branch which does bear fruit, to make it bear richer fruit. (3) You are already clean, by the word I have spoken to you (4) Remain in me, as I remain in you: just as a branch cannot bear fruit by itself, without remaining on the vine,

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neither can you, unless you remain in me. (5) I am the vine, you are the branches. He who remains in me, as I in him bears rich fruit (because apart from me you can do nothing).”

Here we see what Jesus means, only upon the true foundation of the Christ, the One Life, can we bear rich fruit. “I am the true vine” not only does one nation hang upon the vine, but all branches, all nations, all humans draw their life from It. Nothing can exist separate from Christ “I am the Life”, all existence comes from the one Tree of Life.

Therefore we can see that when society is built on selfishness, on ruthless competition where one fights against another for his security, then the structure of our present civilization must eventually collapse. The world we cling to is based upon a structure of continual want. All our achievements are but empty heights in which we find no happiness. It is inevitable that this structure shall crumble because it has no lasting foundation.

John 15: verse (6) “If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers up; then the branches are gathered and thrown into the fire to be burned. (7) If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then ask whatever you like and you shall have it. (8) As you bear rich fruit and prove yourselves my disciples, my Father is glorified.”

Here we see the Master tells us in his own words that there is no world panacea. But as we see individually and collectively the basic cause, and individually and collectively step out of the cause we will give expression to that Life that is the whole of humanity without distinction, without separation. “So far as you did it to one of these my brothers even to the least of them you did it to me.”

In the world of action, man has become ruthless, aggressive in his desire for possessions. He used his power for the gratification of his individual desire, and much of the teaching you get today as Truth is built upon the gratification of the individual desires.

When this teaching is given to you and represented as Truth (the gratification of your individual desires) you will realize it is not Truth, but falsehood. Yet you are told religiously that it is the teaching of the Master. Nothing is farther from the Truth! Even should you

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gratify your desire you will still live in an illusion which one day will burst like a bubble before your eyes.

John 15: 9 the Master says, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; (10) remain within my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain within my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain within His Love. (11) I have told you this, that my joy may be within you and your joy complete. (12) This is my command: you are to love one another as I have loved you."

How can we love one another if we live in separation in perpetuating our religious and nationalistic ideas which create separation, strife and misery through antagonisms?

The individual must be able to think for himself free from all imitation, tradition, public opinion in thought and feeling. In this alone will there be true co-operation in the world for the benefit of all.

We must find that which is eternal within ourselves, that is the power of Love, the Christ of God in man. Then and then only can we all work collectively, based on human needs and not on human greed and exploitation.

When the individual breaks down the narrowness of organised religion, patriotism, nationality, flag-waving and war, and when the individual ceases to exploit through selfish cleverness, there will come peace and understanding which all are now groping for in vain.

The individual must become conscious of all that is false, all that is dividing the people of the world, which is causing war, strife and misery. The individual must also become conscious of the Presence of God everywhere and realize that It is not in opposition to Itself in an individual or group. When the individual finds in his own heart that which is true, he will see that same Truth exists in each and everyone else.

Those who have been caught up in race, thought, nationalities, creeds, politics, disease, ignorance and death, have permitted these things to rule them, they are no longer able to think for themselves. They merely imitate, they follow and thus they are led to destruction and not to freedom.

While you are still surrounded by your struggles, your sorrows, your pleasures, your pains you may perceive a glimpse of the ecstasy of Life. It seems far away and you long to escape to it. Yet there is

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no escape, only through discerning the cause and understanding this conflict is there ecstasy and freedom and not in escape.

We cannot escape but all the time we desire to escape, so we pray for relief. If you would pray rather for wisdom to discern and understand the cause of the conflict then you would be led to freedom. Some imagine that they can escape to God, but God is ever-present with you. God is the Eternal Ever-present Life that is in all and in you now.

Through the true discernment, the cause of the conflict is revealed, and in the realisation of the ever-present Presence there is freedom. But if you still maintain your ignorance of the cause you only bring your realisation into the prison you have created for yourself and there is no freedom. If you are merely reacting to conditions external to the self, which the self has created, you are reacting without understanding, without discernment, thereby perpetuating the misery.

What applies to the individual applies to civilization, you cannot separate one from the other for they are one and the same. What is needed by the individual is clear thinking from cause to effect. Not vain attempts to solve problems **without understanding the fundamentals of human existence**. If you hold to your old mental habits of imitation there can be no understanding and therefore no freedom.

In John 15: 13, Jesus tells his disciples, “To lay life down for his friends, man has no greater love than that. (14) You are my friends.” Jesus knew that he would be killed because of the Truth of the only “One”. Many have distorted the meaning of this saying, making it as those who have died in a glorious war. This is entirely wrong. The Master knew that his disciples would also be killed because of the same Truth he himself revealed.

“If the world hates you remember it hated me first.”

John 15: 15 “I call you friends, because I have imparted to you all that I have learned from my Father. (16) You have not chosen me, it is I who have chosen you, appointing you to go and bear fruit, fruit that lasts, so that the Father may grant you whatever you ask in my name. (17) That is what I command you, to love one another.”

This is the foundation of the Master’s teachings, to love one another. “Grapes do not grow on a thornbush,” therefore we must discern the thornbush upon which our civilization exists.

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Love does not flourish where there is the thorn of antagonism, the thorns of selfishness and separation, Love flourishes where there is unity and service.

Verse 18, “If the world hates you, remember it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, the world would love what it owned; it is because you do not belong to the world, because I have chosen you from the world, that the world hates you. (20) Remember what I told you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me they will persecute you; if they hold to my word, they will hold to yours. (21) They will do all this to you on account of my name, because they know not Him who sent me. (23) He who hates me hates my Father also. (24)...And they have hated—both me and my Father.” (They hated me for no cause).

Jesus was showing his disciples what the world loved, It loved possessions, pomp and position—the tinsel robe.

Verse 26, “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will bear witness to me; (27) and you too are witnesses, for you have been with me from the very beginning.”

Jesus was showing his disciples the difference between Truth of the Christ and the world in which we still live. Is not the world still pinning its faith to the power of things seen, remaining blind to the cause within?

To understand the Master, our habits of thought must be studied, understood and corrected, not until then can we satisfy the longing in the human heart.

Our minds have been built up and maintained under the influence of limited ideas, desire for material things. But the only true foundation upon which to build our happiness is upon the Presence that is eternal and ever-present, which the Master spoke of as the Father; and not upon imitation and conformity and tradition which is perpetuating the misery of our civilization.

“Let not your hearts be disquieted; you believe—believe in God, and also in me.” John 14: 1.

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O Divine Christ of God, thou art my Star that holds me to my course upon the storm-tossed sea of prejudiced minds.

Thy Love still held against the hatred of the world, may thy magic words hold me fast also to the heart of God. "Forgive them for they know not what they do."

Thou didst know the Father of Love to be your Father and mine and the Father of all. May I do as thou didst. Love my enemies as myself.

Thy Cross is now my symbol of wisdom over ignorance.

O Divine Christ of God, there are many wandering hearts seeking thy fold but their hatreds have blinded the way to Thee.

Stir in their souls the wisdom thou hast placed there from thee beginning, so that they can see through the fog of ignorance that surrounds them, O Divine Brother of Mine.

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