

Bringing Grace Into Expression
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Good afternoon.

Once more it is our pleasure to be here with Miss Salt and her studio, and we're still enjoying London's wonderful weather. This weather may be part of the prophecy. There is a prophecy to the effect that England will walk in heaven; and the prophecy concerns the immediate future and is part of a wider prophecy, which indicates that the time is not far off when the kingdom of God will be established on earth.

To understand a prophecy of this nature, you have to understand what would make such a prophecy come to pass, what would be necessary before such a prophecy could be fulfilled. It must be clear to every deep, spiritual thinker that it is not going to come because God is going to do something tomorrow that he wasn't doing yesterday. It isn't going to come because God is going to initiate any new enterprise or change in any wise the spiritual laws of life. Certainly has no reference to the fact that any one part of the world will come under God's grace anymore than another through any activity of God. I hope you understand what I just said.

God's grace, the fruitage of God's grace does come to certain parts of the globe even while being absent from others, but this is not because of God's doing. God's grace is infinite and is Omnipresence itself. Therefore, it exists universally. But since this grace can only enter consciousness, but rather can only enter activity and expression through consciousness and as consciousness, it will appear in those places and at those times where consciousness has been prepared for the experience.

I can illustrate that for you in this way. If you will remember that the Magna Carta took place in a certain time and in a certain place, the French Revolution for freedom at a certain time and a certain place, the American Revolution, the Civil War, you will note that these experiences took place always in that place where consciousness was prepared for the experience. It did not take place in the heart of Africa, did not take place at that time in India or China. In other words, *spiritual harmony* can only break through into expression individually and collectively where consciousness is prepared to admit the light. In other words, out of the millions of people in any city or any country only those few receive spiritual light, spiritual healing, spiritual living, spiritual freedom, whose consciousness have been prepared for that experience; and in those same cities, same villages, same hamlets, same countries, millions of others remain in spiritual darkness.

A thousand shall fall at thy left hand and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it will not come nigh thy dwelling place. Therefore, for the experience of individual, spiritual freedom there must be the individual's preparedness and readiness for the experience. In order that spiritual grace may break through into a nation, that nation's consciousness

must be prepared for the experience, not necessarily because every individual in the nation is ready to abide by spiritual law, but because there is in some part of its leadership, in some part of its responsible citizenry, the preparedness and the necessary leadership for the experience.

Now, we as individuals prepare ourselves not for anyone else's benefit, not for anyone else's good—only for our own. We must be truthful with ourselves and acknowledge that I am seeking the light that I may be illumined, that I may receive this divine grace. I'm not seeking for anyone else. I'm only seeking for myself. It seems very selfish, but it isn't. If I do not attain spiritual awareness, I have nothing with which to help anyone else. Therefore, my major concern has to be attaining it myself and attaining it to the highest possible degree and then awaiting any call that may come to bring that light into some active expression. By wanting to save the world, by wanting to help others, we defeat our purpose, because we are not wholly centered on attaining the light ourselves and then waiting for the call that may take us into a specific activity. In other words, unless I myself receive some measure of light, I have not to give. If I attain some measure of spiritual light, the attainment of that light will bring with it a specific work or a mission or message. Then, I'm qualified to go out into that particular activity.

Now, everyone is not given a light for the same purpose. In other words, it is definitely not meant that everyone should be a spiritual healer, or that everyone should be a spiritual teacher, or that everyone should be a spiritual writer; because the grace of God must enter consciousness in infinite ways through infinite avenues, through infinite activities. And, there must be schoolteachers imbued with spiritual light. There must be government leaders governed by spiritual light. There must be businessmen governed by spiritual light. Otherwise, we do not have the light in its infinite form and variety performing the functions of life. If there were only peoples spiritually enlightened in the religious world, they'd have a very difficult time trying to bring the freedom, harmony, equity, justice into government, into industry, into the arts, into education. Therefore, as individuals, it becomes necessary that we seek the highest light, the attainment of the highest possible light, and then let that light give us both our message and our mission.

The Master Christ Jesus voiced his message and his mission very clearly. But, you can readily understand his failure to bring light into the Hebrew hierarchy because of their unpreparedness for the experience, and had there been someone inside that hierarchy spiritually prepared, it might have grown fuller and so would Rome. Had there been someone in Rome with spiritual light, it is possible that the mission and the message of the Master would have had more acceptance in government than it had.

Today, we understand more fully that there can be no liberty, there can be no freedom until spiritual law and spiritual grace, spiritual wisdom that these be made manifest in every activity of human experience. Therefore, it may be given to one of us to fulfill ourselves at that management and labor table, while another fulfills himself in a government office, and still another in the educational field, and so forth.

Now, there is no doubt that our individual, spiritual unfoldment will increase in proportion as we know the Principles that bring this grace into expression, rather than sit around waiting for a spiritual light to hit us somewhat in the nature of a bolt of electricity without our specifically preparing ourselves for the experience. In past centuries, there is nothing for anyone to do except wait for the spirit of God to touch them, wait to be touched by the grace of God, wait to be called. In this present age, we have taken a step forward in spiritual understanding, a step which was not known then. Steinmetz, the great electrical wizard inventor/scientist said before his passing that the greatest advance that would come to the world in the 20th century would be in spiritual understanding. In other words, discoveries would be made in the 20th century, which never before were known, never before had been revealed, never before had been practiced. This is a tremendous thing when you ponder it. It means that although the spiritual wisdom of God has been expressed that it had not all been received in human consciousness or received through human consciousness and that there were facets of spiritual truth yet to come; and according to his prophecy—Steinmetz—the 20th century would see these principles introduced. And, this is one of the reasons that the prophecy has been made that soon England would walk in heaven.

Now, throughout all ages and including the very present century, vast efforts have been made to learn how to bring the power of God into human experience. More than ever in this century, groups are meeting all over the world praying for peace, praying that the power of God may be made manifest on earth in the form of universal peace, universal abundance, universal brotherhood. These efforts haven't been very successful in past centuries, certainly haven't been in the past few decades, and I don't see any reason to believe that they can be any more successful in the future than they have been in the past. The main reason is that they are predicated on an erroneous belief, and that is that the power of God is withheld from the world, and that through some means it is going to be introduced or brought to earth, and when it is it is going to wipe out wars. It should be very easy for you to see the fallacy of that and the fact that you can't wipe out wars until you have changed the consciousness from the material to the spiritual. You couldn't even wipe out wars in this room, as long as material consciousness would control the individuals.

What do I mean by material consciousness? I mean as long as we believe that it is possible to get, that it is possible to take from others, that we can benefit at another's expense, that if we could take everything away from everyone that they possess that we thereby would be enriched or bettered. All this is material consciousness. All of this has been responsible for wars—local, national, international. There is no possibility of stopping a war while we believe that we can benefit at another's expense. War can never disappear off the earth while dollars or pounds represent value or represent supply.

The only hope of bringing a peace on earth would be to bring to individual consciousness a spiritual development in which there would be the recognition that we do not benefit by getting or taking. We benefit by giving or sharing. As a matter of fact, that good isn't external. Good is an inner essence, an inner substance; and abundance is only the outer evidence of that inner grace. Therefore, we can't get supply from someone else. We

can't get anything from anyone else. We first have to attain the spiritual awareness, which reveals that supply is of God, harmony is of God, laws are of God, and then in allowing that truth to flow out from us find that it is met by the same grace flowing through all others.

Now, in waiting for the world to become spiritual, we would be waiting for an impossibility, because if there were any teaching on earth that would spiritualize this generation, the next generation would come along and probably be as material as this one was in the beginning. For one generation does not learn from another, although eventually the younger generation will take on the spiritual nature that is imparted to them from their mother's bosom or their father's teachings.

The way is not waiting for God's power to wipe out wars nor praying for God's powers to wipe out wars, and the way isn't to hope that some spiritual teaching will so spiritualize all mankind that that will end wars. There is another way and while that way begins with an individual very soon it becomes apparent that the influence of that one individual can quickly reach millions. Just as one person spiritually endowed to the point of healing consciousness can heal thousands of people, tens of thousands, if their devotion and dedication is sufficient, so it is that one individual learns the spiritual principles of life can bring about peace, harmony, wholeness not only in entire communities but within a short time in the entire world. And that, too, is the reason that England will walk in heaven without waiting for all Englishmen to become perfect. It will be because consciousness in this nation is prepared for the experience, and there would be a sufficient number here to be the instruments through which the rest of the people will come into their freedom.

And, I'm not localizing this in England. The same is true wherever there are those preparing themselves for the experience, and through these the rest of the world will be encompassed in that peace—and it is not far off. And, it is not far off, because the prediction is true that in the 20th century things would be learned about spiritual power, spiritual consciousness never before known. Since it begins with the individual, let us now forget the world and come down to our own individual experience through which eventually the world will witness its peace.

The secret of peace, as the secret of health and the secret of abundance, does not lie in the word, "power;" and they are not to be attained by introducing something called a spiritual power or the power of God. No, no, there is a spiritual power, and there is a power of God; but it's already functioning, and it's already functioning here where we are. It already fills all space, and no one has to go anywhere for it. It is already closer to you than breathing, nearer than hands and feet. The place whereon I stand is holy ground, because this infinite power of God, this infinite spiritual power that is God's grace is here where I am. It is there where you are. It does fill all space in all lands. Every country has it in its infinity and nothing can be added to it.

What, then, is the secret that makes this presence and power of spiritual grace available to us? First of all, it is knowing the nature of error. This is the biggest; this is the most

important secret. This is the only secret that will make God's grace available on earth. This is the secret that resulted in healing works for years, and years, and years, and years individually and to some extent collectively. This is *the secret of the 20th century*: First, to know the nature of error. Second, to bring that knowledge into conscious, active awareness.

Now, since the grace of God, the spirit of God, and the presence of God is filling you at this very moment, there is only one thing preventing that fullness of that demonstration in your entire life; and that is that you are accepting and I am accepting, we are accepting in some measure—some more, some less—a belief in two powers—good and evil. You didn't invent it. It didn't have its rise in you or me. This is the experience that is responsible for human experience. This is the experience that in scripture is termed "Adam and Eve being thrown out of Eden." Only one thing caused their expulsion from the Garden of Eden and that is eating of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Nothing else. That's the whole secret. And, because of that, we have been born into the belief in the power of good and evil; and it now becomes necessary, since that belief has made us prodigals, has deprived us of our substance of life in the form of help, and supply, and peace. It is necessary that we return to the Father's house. But how? By understanding that this belief in the power of good and evil, which was given the name "devil," which later became carnal mind, which later became mortal mind, that this belief in good and evil, this carnal mind is absolutely impersonal. That it does not belong to man. It does not have its rise in man. It does not belong to man's nature and never has been a part of man's nature.

Let us put it this way, then, in Infinite Way language. Every form of evil, every activity of evil, every law of evil, may be summed up as the activity or substance of carnal mind—entirely separate and apart from man, from the nature of man, and at no part merging into or with man or ever becoming a part of man, or his life, or his being. That it finds expression through us, yes. You can throw a handful of dirt into a pail of clean water and have what appears to be dirty water, but the dirt never becomes a part of the water and is easily removable, leaving behind it the pure water again, the clean water, because dirt is not and never was a part of the nature of water.

So it is that error, regardless of its name or nature, which finds expression through our consciousness, never becomes a part of our consciousness and is easily removed. How easily? Every practitioner who has ever had success in healing knows the answer. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." As a practitioner has been asked for help and that practitioner begins to realize God constitutes individual being—this being that is the life, the mind, the spirit, the soul of individual being. God made all that was made, and all that God made is good. God is the life, the mind, the soul, the spirit of individual being. God is the only life. God is the lawgiver. God is the only lawgiver that is infinite. God is the only lawgiver; therefore, all law must be spiritual. All law must be spiritual. Therefore, there can be no law of discord, no law of inharmony, no law of disease; and any claim of a law apart from God, or a life apart from God, or an activity apart from God is only a claim of this carnal mind, this impersonal belief in two powers, a claim or belief which never had its seat, its origin in God. Never is endowed of God,

never ordained of God, never is upheld, or supported, or sustained by God, and, therefore, has no actual existence, has no real being, has no powers of perpetuation. They have only the arm of flesh.

Now, as you begin to perceive, this is the practitioner I'm speaking about, as the practitioner begins to perceive that the kingdom of God is intact and that whatever is operating in the experience of this patient is only the operation of this belief in two powers, which is no part of that being but operates only as its from its source as carnal mind and a carnal mind without law, substance, or action. The practitioner rises in consciousness to where this becomes so real within that all fear of the condition disappears, all fear of the law of infection or contagion, all fear of poverty, all fear of any condition separate and apart from God evaporates. As soon as that happens in the consciousness of the practitioner, it begins to act as freedom in the mind, and life, and body of the patient—*for one with God is a majority*.

The spiritual practitioner does not mentalize. The spiritual practitioner does not put thoughts orally or silently into the mind of a patient. The spiritual practitioner does not intrude into the mind or consciousness of the patient. The practitioner communes with truth within himself or herself. The practitioner abides in the kingdom of God within himself and there communes with this truth. The truth has to include the realization that we are not seeking the power of God or presence of God, for it is Omnipresence. We are seeking only to realize the unreal nature of that which is claiming to operate as sin, disease, lack, weather, climate, economic conditions, political conditions.

So it is, then, that the patient, unless their interest lies only in their immediate physical freedom, the patient soon becomes a student; and as soon as a student begins to realize that we are not seeking God power to do anything, that we are not seeking God presence to do anything, we are merely seeking God realization, that in that realization error dissipates itself. And why? Because it doesn't exist as power and doesn't have to be overcome or destroyed. It does not need a power to overcome it or destroy it. It needs only God realization. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." It doesn't say at all that it makes freedom, or creates freedom, or establishes freedom. It says where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom, and this is literally true. The moment there is a realization of God there is freedom. The realization of God is not used to destroy evil. It is not used to overcome sin or disease. No, no, no. The kingdom of God is realized, experienced. In that experience, you quickly perceive that you never needed a power. You needed only the presence of God; and in the presence of God, there is fulfillment.

The mistake the entire world is believing is that there is a presence of God and that it can use this presence of God. It can use this presence of God to perform things for it. Now, the presence of God uses us. The presence of God turns us into its obedient servant. The presence of God acts in us and through us and performs *Its* work through us. That we can't use *It*. We can't influence *It*. We can't pray to *It* to do something for us or for the world, for the kingdom of God is intact. The kingdom of God is here and now. *It* needs only to be experienced, but *It* can only be experienced in the consciousness of an individual who is dedicating himself or herself to that.

If I seek for God for a purpose, I will defeat my purpose. If I seek for God for any reason, I will not obtain. God must be sought for God, for the experience, for the realization, and for no purpose. Then, in the experience *It fulfills Itself*. We create a barrier when we go to God for peace. We almost can write an insurance policy guaranteeing that peace won't come. If we go to God for health, we can also take out an insurance for hospitalization or doctor bills, for we are assuring that we have set up a barrier through which help cannot reach us. God cannot be used, and God is not a great power over the power of sin, or disease, or of lack. God is infinite being, infinite power, infinite Omnipresent being, infinite Omnipresent law; and in that realization, we have God's grace, God's presence; and Grace is our sufficiency. The Grace itself is our sufficiency, not the Grace to use it for some purpose, not God's grace to go out and do something for us. The Grace itself is our sufficiency. Therefore, we should seek nothing but God realization, God ordination, God's grace, and we receive it in proportion to our realization of the fact that it has no opposition.

Paul was all wrong when he said the carnal mind is enmity against God. Be assured that it isn't. There is no enmity against God. God has no enemies. God is not fighting with anyone. God is not contending with anyone. God is infinite; therefore, there isn't anyone, and there isn't anything, except our acceptance of the belief in two powers; and that isn't enmity against God. It's enmity against us. The very moment any one of us accepts that the carnal mind is not enmity against God; there is no enmity against God. There are no two powers. We will find that our enemy has disappeared—the belief in two powers—and God will be intact, but that won't do anything for our neighbor. That neighbor will still be battling with what is believed to be God's enemy, until they, too, awaken to the fact that this entire religious warfare of all times has been the very thing that has defeated religion's purpose.

The kingdom of God will never come on earth while the carnal mind is accepted as enmity against God, while the devil is accepted as being in opposition to God or God in opposition to the devil; but in the moment, and you can prove this for yourself, in the moment that you can understand that the devil is an impersonal source of evil in all forms and that the devil is constituted of a belief in two powers; and, therefore, it isn't a power, and it isn't a law, and it has no action. In that degree will you have overcome your enemy, not God's enemy, no, no, your enemy. The belief in two powers is your enemy and mine. The realization of God as one power eliminates your enemy and mine in proportion to the degree of our realization.

So it is when we are working for our patients or students, their only hope of success on our part on their behalf is in the degree that we are not fooled by appearances as they are. They are fooled; that's what makes them patients. They are fooled by appearances, which testify to two powers. All that constitutes the practitioner is a consciousness that has come, in some measure, to realize that there is but one power and that the belief in two powers is all there is to carnal mind or mortal mind; and, therefore, it is the arm of flesh or nothingness. And, we can rest in that word in proportion as the practitioner can rest in their inner being in this word. There is no enmity against God. There is no power

that can operate against God or God's creation. There's no power that can operate in or through God or God's creation. There is no law detrimental to God or God's creation, and the belief in such is the arm of flesh, nothingness.

We have the Lord God almighty, the only power. We have the Lord God almighty, the only might, the all might, the one might, the Omnipresent might, the might that has no enemy to battle, whether in the form of sin, disease, death, lack, or limitation. In the degree that you can prove this for yourself, for your cat, for your dog, for a member of your family, you can gradually develop the depth of your own consciousness to the degree that you can help others who come to you for help and continuing in this wise you come to that place where you can act as practitioner for all those seeking release from the penalty of the belief in two powers.

Then, the day will come and that is the day that some of our students are preparing themselves for when they can utilize this Principle in the wider fields of life, such as industry, education, government, and bring forth harmonies but the world will not yet understand but will someday awaken to.

Out of my whole life of search, there has come the revelation and the conviction that there are not two powers. There is no such thing as God over evil, or God healing disease, or God reforming sinners. There is no such thing as God coming down to earth to establish peace. God is the one infinite power, and in our recognition of that it becomes so unto us. And, in proportion as we are enabled to release ourselves from the belief that we are seeking of God to do something and come to know the real nature of God as Omnipresence, the almighty, the only might there is, the only power there is, in that degree our own thought becomes free of fear, superstition, ignorance. Certainly becomes free of any belief that the carnal mind is a power. Certainly becomes imbued with the realization that it's absolutely ridiculous to think of a continuing power against God, enmity against God. And, in that degree, it is enabled to rest in this word, to abide in this word of Oneness; and if you abide in this word of God's presence and power, if you let this presence and power of God abide in you, you bear fruit richly; and then you will see that all that is necessary for the enjoyment of peace individually is the enjoyment of a realization of God's presence, the enjoyment of communion, inner communion with God, an inner peace be still. You might almost call it that realization that where the Lord is my shepherd so I shall not want and not tempting to use God or to get God's power but to resting in the fact that the very *IS* of God is my sufficiency.

Now, I think that is that for today. One of these days we're going to carry this very, very much further but not until there are students actually demonstrating it in their experience to the extent that they can begin to see some of the discords dissolved in their own lives and then bear witness to it with others.

Thank you.