

KEY TO HEAVEN
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I received in the mail today, this article from a magazine, and the title is; "On Healing By Faith". And it starts with a little verse; "There was a faith healer from Deal, who said although pain isn't real, when I sit on a pin and it punctures my skin, I dislike what I fancy I feel." (*Laughter*) "This limerick finds an echo in the acute and continuing embarrassment of many modern church men, when faced with this phenomenon. In spite of the central role spiritual healing played in the church's early ministry, they view faith healing as a primitive, unsophisticated caricature of religion; an intrusion of the medicine man into Christianity's respectable temples." And then this whole article goes on to show, that in this present age, they are so terribly embarrassed, because in spite of themselves, they have to acknowledge spiritual healing. And so, two discussions have come up; a symposium on spiritual healing, and new concepts of healing, in a new book for the churches. And, even though some modern-minded believers may not like it, they must recognize that a significant revival of spiritual healing is now taking place in practically every Christian denomination.

Now, I bring this to your attention for this reason; first, you must understand that you are pioneers in spiritual healing. Even the fact that we have had spiritual healing now for seventy five years, those students who have only become interested in the last ten years are still pioneers in something that has not received worldwide recognition, and is only commencing now to be suspected and investigated. The churches can not have success with spiritual healing, unless you have success. Unless we have success. And the reason is this; they have no text books. They have no principles on which to heal, or with which to heal. They have no knowledge of how spiritual healing is accomplished. So that, all they can do for the next twenty five years is make blunders. There isn't a church, I'm speaking of the regular denominations, even those who are investigating spiritual healing, who know where to investigate or how. And, at the present time, they are being victimized by every type of mistaken healing principle that has been written.

In other words, there are people in the psychological, psychosomatic, and psychiatric fields, who have written on spiritual healing, and they are as far wrong as white is from black. There isn't even a trace of rightness in any of the principles that they enunciate. And, the reason that they are enunciating, is because they are experimenting. You see, what the world is up against, is this; the original text book of spiritual healing, both mental and spiritual healing, is "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures", by Mrs. Eddy. And up to this date, with the addition now of "The Infinite Way", "Science and Health" is still the only one that's any good. None have ever been added that are worth the paper they're written on. The only one that may be considered to have virtue, is "Lessons in Truth", by Emilie Cady, and that was based on "Science and Health". The rest are not textbooks. The rest are treaties on spiritual healing. The rest are writings on spiritual healing, but no text book.

If you want to know, and find out how spiritual healings are accomplished, you have to go back either to "Science and Health", or Emilie Cady's "Lessons in Truth", or the Infinite Way books now. All these other books that have been written, have merely been writings on a subject, but not text books. And that is why so little is known on the subject of actual spiritual healing. Because, the people have not had the books to work with. You see, the difficulty with "Science and Health", is that unless you become a Christian Scientist, and begin to see what is around

it, you don't really catch the principle from the book itself, although you can. But it's a very difficult thing to live with that book, separate and apart from Christian Scientists. And, everybody doesn't want to be a Christian Scientist. So that, those who leave that book out, have a great difficulty.

Now, all of these people who are beginning in the churches, they naturally won't take the Infinite Way - I mean, they won't take "Science and Health". And, it probably wouldn't do them too much good if they did. But, at least it would be better than anything they're taking now. When they will ever come to the point of taking The Infinite Way, I don't know. For, they haven't even discovered it, with the exception of a few with whom I'm in contact. But otherwise, they have not discovered The Infinite Way. And so, when I'm called as I sometimes am, to some of these people who are starting spiritual healing, I'm shocked to find that they'd be far better off if they'd send their patients to a good doctor, because they're so horribly muddling them with books that combine faith healing, and psychiatry, and psychology, and some of them have even gone so far as to take Dr. Peale's books. And they are about the Nth degree of horrible. They are really horrible.

Now, Dr. Peale is a minister. And evidently didn't find God in his church, and so he looked for it in psychology and psychiatry. And he really came out with a horrible jumble. Well, he's having his day, and some of these people are using those books. And there will come a time when they will awaken. But, if we are not careful, they will lose the progress they've made. Because, when they have nothing left to turn to, they will have to watch the example of those who are either in Christian Science or the Infinite Way, and say; "No no, it can be done. These people are doing it, and it can be found." I know that those others are failing, because I come in contact with them continuously. I'm sent for continuously, and I always bow out of the picture, saying; "While you are dealing with this kind of rubbish, you are not ready for principles. When are you through with it, you will be ready for principles." So you see, you will have to succeed, I will have to succeed, much more, so that we can give these people principles, principles, principles. Those of you who have watched Brother Mangus's work, you perhaps remember how in the beginning, he centered his whole attention on healing the people who came to those meetings. But, when the people left there, they still had nothing. Because they got sick next week again, they had to go back to their doctor. Now you watch Brother Mangus, and in his editorials, and in his writings, he is pounding away at principles, and insisting that the people who get healed, learn those principles, so that if they do get sick next week again, they don't have to go back to their old ways, they can continue through their principles.

Now, that's the secret. Everybody must eventually learn principles of healing, and not just a faith that God is going to do something. Because, God isn't. God isn't going to do anything. God's work was done in the beginning. God isn't inventing telephones, and telegraphs, and televisions, these days. God's work in that direction was done a billion years ago. We, today, are coming into the awareness of those principles that always existed. If we didn't come into awareness of principles that already exist, we couldn't have tape recorders, or televisions, or telephones. Because nobody could create such principles. They are principles which exist, and have always existed, and now men discover them. They don't invent them, they discover them. So it is with this. God isn't going to do anything for us tomorrow, that God didn't do yesterday. Whatever God is going to do for us tomorrow, God did for us billions of years ago. But, we are going to come into contact with God's principles. Now, of course, the very first principle is love. And so, you can see that no healing is really going to take place in anybody who has the

same disposition today that they had yesterday. No, no. There must be a transformation take place within them, that would bring them into harmony with love. For, love is the principle of healing. And, if there is no love in one's consciousness, there's no healing. But, love doesn't mean that emotion or sentiment that you feel for your family. That isn't love. That isn't love. That is sometimes selfishness; personal sense. At its best, it isn't love, because love is impersonal. In other words, love is a quality of God, and when God loves, God loves the saint or the sinner. God loves the right or the wrong, the poor or the rich, the white or the black. When God loves, the love of God is the same in a dandelion as it is in an orchid. We may set a price of a penny on one, and a dollar on the other, but God doesn't.

The love of God is equal in the small and the great. We can know love, by the universal sense that we entertain. In other words, if we can consciously review the wrongs that we have suffered, through individuals or nations, and come to an absolute place of forgiveness, we're experiencing love. Now, I don't mean lip service forgiveness, just saying; "Oh, I forgive you," or "I forgive them." I don't mean that. I mean, coming to an actual feeling in your own heart of complete release, to where you would wish to see no punishment, but full forgiveness given unto all; then you're entertaining love. When you have the same desire for all the children on earth, that you have for your own children, that is a feeling of love. But it can't be lip service, it has to be an actual demonstrated activity of your consciousness. In the same place - in the same way; as you are in your daily meditations, and find occasionally prejudices, biases, bigotries, coming up in your thought, they have to be met. They have to be overcome. Because, certainly there are none in God's thoughts. And so you're not in tune with God's consciousness, while you are entertaining ideas or ideals, other than those which you would attribute to God.

Now, that has been set forth by the Master in a statement which has become a cliché; "Love thy neighbor as thyself". We say that now, as if we are actually doing it. Or, as if by saying it very much, it really makes it so. But it isn't. Loving thy neighbor as thyself, means taking many many periods of meditation, contemplation, and searching one's self, and asking one's self; "Wait a minute. That love thy neighbor business, you know, that's a commandment. Am I reciting it, or am I obeying it?" And then, as you search within yourself, you find out where you have set up some neighbor other than yourself. Some neighbor that is not receiving the full degree of love that you give unto yourself. Then, as love is permitted, an outflow from you, then healing comes into consciousness, and into the soul, into the mind, into the body. Then, the body changes. But, only through the principle of love.

Now, I'm going to tell you of another principle, that is not embodied in any of the metaphysical books or teachings that are being used in these days. And yet, until you and I individually come to some place of recognition of this principle, we will not even be at the beginning of spiritual healing. Now, let me tell it. The principle is known to us in The Infinite Way, by the word "One". Capital O - n - e. And, let me tell you what it means. Since God is law, it would mean, in that connection, that there is only one law. And, of course, God being Spirit, that would be a spiritual law. Well, you say; "Yes yes yes, we've always known that." And now, we're going to ask you if you really have known it. Did you know that that rules out all possibility of there being a material law, or a mental law, or a law of heredity? Did you ever stop to think of that? That if there is only one law, and that one law is spiritual, that there are no laws of matter, no laws of time. Did you know that that makes it impossible to age? Did you know, that makes it impossible to deteriorate, if there are no laws of matter? Did you know, that that makes it

impossible to have an accident, if there are no laws of matter? Oh, but you say, there are such things in this world. Of course there are. Of course there are. That's the world that the world is living in. But that isn't the Kingdom of God. In the Kingdom of God, there is only one law. So that, if you wish to bring the Kingdom of God to Earth, you have to consciously nullify, or realize, the non-existence of material law, heredity, time, space. Do you see that? If you annihilate space, you could be sitting here in the Hague and healing anybody you like in South Africa, California, the North Pole. Because, you will have overcome space. And the healing could take place now, and you will have overcome time. And it could be a very aged person, and you will have overcome age.

Now, these churches, these organizations, that are starting these healing principles, not one of them has this principle. Do you know what mistake they're making? They're trying to influence God to overcome sin and disease. There is no sin and disease, since God is One, and God is Only, and God is Spirit, and God is Infinite. And so, the minute you try to use God to overcome error, the minute you try to use Truth to overcome evil, you're back in old theology again. You are not in Spiritual healing. Spiritual healing doesn't turn to God to heal a person, or to heal a disease, Spiritual healing is the realization that God is individual you and me, God is individual Being, already perfect. Do you see that? You watch all of these people in their work, they are using God, or they are using Truth. You can't use God. You can't use God. You can't use Truth. You can let God use you, or you can let Truth use you, but you couldn't use God. It would be impossible for the Infinite to be used. Well, in our principle of one, we come to the word; "power". We say there is only one power. You've know that ever since you were in metaphysics. But have you known it? Have you accepted it as a principle? If you had, you wouldn't be worried about your diseases. You'd say; "Well so what? What difference do they make? They aren't power. They can't do anything, or be anything. Since, if God is one, and God is power, there is only one power and that's spiritual." There can't be any power in sin. There can't be any power in disease. You know, there can't even be any power in death. So why not die? What difference does it make, if that's what's called for? What difference does it make? Why stand aghast at the idea of death, if death isn't a power? Who knows? We may find it to be a gateway to a greater sense of life. And, we may come to that transition without being forced into it by disease. Because, everybody will make the transition. No one will avoid it. No one will stay on Earth forever. Because, it is no more intended by divine plan, that we should stay on Earth forever, than we should stay twenty years of age forever. If such a thing as living on Earth were divine plan, I'm sure it would include that we all only live for ten years; from twenty to thirty. But that isn't the divine plan.

The divine plan is that we should outgrow our infancy, and our childhood, and our adulthood. We should leave behind our childbearing age, and advance into the age of spiritual realization. And, we should advance beyond spiritual realization, into demonstration. And, who knows what wonderful transformations of body there will be. We have already witnessed ourselves transformed out of that size body, into that size body, now we're in this size body. And, how do we know what new forms await us, if we stop trying to hold on to that 20, 30 year old frame, or that 40, 50 year old frame, and are willing for the spiritual unfoldment to take place, to transform our body in accord with the divine plan. Do you follow that? Now, there's only one way you can do that. And, that is by coming to a realization of One. "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me." "Thou shalt have only one God." That means one power. You can not say that you have one power, if you are putting power in disease. And, if you're trying to get rid of it, you're putting power in it. But, if you would say; "Why, disease, I can't give you power. I just

can't give you power. God alone is power. I can not honor God supremely, and fear disease." Do you see that? Or lack. Or lack. There are people in holy terror because of some lack. Why? Why, why, why? Why not rest and let the divine plan pick us up, and we'll find out there's no lack in the divine plan. But we're putting such a power in it, trying to fight it, that we're making it a power to destroy us. When we give up the struggle; "Agree with thine adversary. Agree with thine adversary. Alright, lack. Limitation. Alright, disease. So, here you are. Now what? What can you do? Thou couldst have no power over me unless it came from the Father. There is but one power; that power is God." But, you see, all of these people are trying to overcome with the power of God. They first accept this sin, or disease, or lack, and then they say; "Now, we're going to get God to do something about it." And, you see, they must ultimately fail. They must ultimately fail. That's why so many of the metaphysical movements have failed. Because, they've all been based on truth over error. And that isn't it. That isn't it.

I listened to Mrs. *indecipherable* here, over and over and over again, with one power, one power, one power, one life; there's only one life. There's only one... Look, in her whole make up, there is never a battle, nor a fight. There is only a peace. A peace. There's always a peace flowing out. A peace, which is an acceptance of God. But, she doesn't go out to do battle with it, but to smile at it; "You have no power." Do you see that? That is the whole secret of these people who have found their peace. It isn't that they have found a weapon to use. There's no weapon, is there? There's no weapon to use. They have found peace, because they have found God to be the only power. And then, they let their fever, and the lumps, and all these things, disappear. But not while you are battling them. While you are battling them, they are a creation of your mind, and you're perpetuating them. You're perpetuating them, and then trying to aim bullets at them, but still holding them there. There's only one way to find your peace; if you can... It's foolish to say; "Find God." 'Cause you never will find God while you've got an opponent. You never will. Nobody is ever going to find God, while they have an enemy to fight. You only find God through love. And if it's necessary, you'll have to love your enemy. And if your present enemy is disease, you'll have to love it too. And say; "God bless you, and I hope God takes good care of you." What harm? I could trust God, even to take care of my diseases. And I'm sure he won't let them do any harm to me.

Well, do you see the world has need, now that it's beginning to open its mind to spiritual healing, it has need of a spiritual healing principle. And, all of these teachings, that say; "Oh well, if you've got rheumatism, it's because you've got evil thoughts in your mind." Or; "If you've got cancer, it's because you hate somebody." No. And that's what most of them are using. They're using that kind of teaching. Psychosomatic medicine. They're always building a physical disease with a mental cause. They might just as well have a physical cause as a mental cause, as long as it's going to be a cause. A cause will always have an effect. But, only when you come to the place where you realize, disease can't have a cause. Why? Because of the word "One". There is only one cause.

If God is one, and God is the creative principle of the universe, can there be two creative principles? Can there be opposing creative principles? No. So, if there's a devil, it really must be a part of God. It really must be a part. Because God could not have within Itself, something opposed to Itself. Could God have within Itself, something opposed to Itself? No. If you had the power to eliminate anything from your consciousness that was opposed to your well-being, wouldn't you oppose it; wouldn't you throw it out? If you had thoughts of lust, envy, jealousy, which you knew were destructive, wouldn't you throw them out if you could? Certainly. Well, if

God is all power, I'm sure God could throw out any power that would ever raise its head in opposition to It. But, there is no such thing. There is no such thing as a power opposed to God. Now, you will come into your peace when you accept this. And, you will be able to teach these other people. As they seek a principle of spiritual healing, you'll be able to teach it to them. But you won't, if you don't learn the lesson of One; One life, One mind, One power, One law, One being, One cause, One creative principle, and then the rest. Do you see? That's what you must learn. That's what you must learn, because otherwise you're just going around chasing this God to get rid of your troubles, when there is none. "My peace I give unto thee, not as the world giveth." Do you see that? The world? Yes, you can take an aspirin, and heal a headache with it. That's the kind of peace the world can give. Do you see that? You can take some pepsin, and stop some indigestion. That's the kind of peace the world can give. But that isn't the kind of peace the Christ gives. The Christ reveals a being and a body of spirit, in which there is nothing opposed to God. You won't find this true, if you examine the body under a microscope, because you'll be judging with the eyes of the world, the mind of the world. You have to have spiritual discernment, in order to behold the things of God, because the things of God are foolishness with man. And the things of man are foolishness with God. So, you can't look through your eyes, or hear with your ears, and try to judge of God's kingdom. God's kingdom is revealed to each one, individually, through the inner listening ear. Do you see that?

Now, we have a couple questions. Will you please explain why Moses, after all the years of struggle, did not enter the promised land. Well, we are told, for one thing, that he tried to use his personal powers to make water come out of a rock. That was the mistake that the Master refused to make, centuries later, when he was hungered, and he was tempted to turn stones into bread. And, he said; "Get thee behind me Satan. Now, I'm not here to demonstrate supply. God is my supply." Every time that we indulge the word "I", we keep ourselves out of Heaven. That's why the Master said; "If I speak of myself, I bear witness to a lie." "I can, of my own self, do nothing." So that, if the Master had said; "Oh, I will produce gold in the fishes mouth; I will multiply loaves and fishes," he would never have entered the Kingdom of Heaven. Had he ever taught that he could demonstrate health or wealth, he would not have gone into Heaven. Why? Because, there would have been a personal sense of *I*. And it can not go into Heaven.

I will illustrate that, from a little gem, which comes down to us out of early forms of mysticism. It is found in Hebrew mysticism, and it is found in Persian mysticism. And, the story is this: A very holy man died, and went to the gates of Heaven and knocked, and God came and said; "Who is there?" And, he said; "It is I." "Go away. Heaven is all filled. There's no room. Come back another time." So then, later, this holy man came back again and knocked. "Who is there?" "It is I." "No, Heaven is still filled. There's no room. Come back another time." But now; now, this holy man really began to meditate. So, when he came back the third time, and God said; "Who is there?" He said; "It is thou." And, God said; "Enter. There never was room here, for me and thee." God is infinite. Do you see that? God is infinite. And so, if I claim that I can demonstrate health or wealth, haven't I set up a selfhood apart from God? Yes. But, if I say; "No, no, there is no health and there is no ill-health. There is no lack, and there's no limitation. There's no sin and there is no disease. God is infinite Being." Now, we have God on the field. Do you see that? There's no I. There's no I that can do good, and there's no I that can be evil. There is only God. And when you have God as One, you can go into Heaven. But if you have a selfhood apart from God, and you condemn yourself because of sin; did you know that in your whole lifetime, you've never sinned? Never. Never, at any time, regardless of what you may have done, you've never sinned. There is, in all human beings, a personal sense, which sins,

which causes us to do things which we know are not right. Paul refers to that, when he says; “I find, in my members, a law of sin. The good that I would, I do not. The evil that I would not, that I do.” Not that I am a sinner. Not that I am evil. But, that I find in my members, an evil presence. Well, have you not done the same thing? Have you not thought some thing, that you knew was wrong? And said; “But, this can’t be me. I - I don’t think that way. But, what is this devil in me, doing this?” Well, you were very nearly right. It wasn’t you at all. It was a world thing, impinging itself upon you. Everybody hated the Germans, so we hated them too. Everybody hated the Russians, so we hated them too. Everybody’s going to hate somebody else, so we’ll hate them too. We didn’t do that. That was impinged upon us, from without. We knew better all the time. We knew that you must love your neighbor as yourself. We knew that you have to love your enemies, even more than your friends. And we wanted to, but this mesmerism, from outside our own being, it temporarily controlled us.

Now, as you realize this, you let that, what Paul called “this law of sin in me”; let it die. Don’t attach the word “I” to it, and it’ll die. It may have been, then, that Moses set up a selfhood apart from God. I wouldn’t know. But, I will tell you one thing that I do know. Moses, for the most part, was not teaching God to the Hebrews. He was teaching the law of cause and effect; what we call Karma. He called it “God”, but it wasn’t God. Because, you see, in God there is no such thing as cause and effect. There is no such thing as karma. There is no such thing as; “As ye sow, so shall ye reap.” Not in God. That is only in our karmic, or Mosaic, experience. And, that is why Scripture later says; “The law came by Moses, but Grace and Truth came by Christ Jesus.” Now, Moses was teaching, that if you obey, if you obey commandments, you’ll be rewarded, but if you disobey commandments you’ll be punished. And he’s right. But that has no relationship to God, or Heaven. That has relationship to you and to me. If you hook up this machine incorrectly, it will not play. But, that has nothing to do with God, that has to do with your error. If you hate, if you bear animosity, if you insist on indulging lust, animality and greed, there will be a penalty in your life. But, God has nothing to do with it. It is your indulgence that has to do with it. And, the only way I can make it clear to you, is through the traffic law. If you obey the traffic law, the traffic officer doesn’t arrest you. And the judge doesn’t fine you. But, if you disobey the law, you get a summons and you get a fine. Well, first place, God had nothing to do with it. That you know. It was your disobedience, that has to do with it. But, neither did the judge do it to you. It was your disobedience. Neither was it the traffic officer. They were only instruments. It was your disobedience that did the punishing. Do you see that? You can forgive all the traffic officers. You can forgive all the judges who fine you. Do you see that? Because, they didn’t do it at all. You did it. Your disobedience brought you under the law. If you hadn’t been disobedient, you’d have been under Grace. Do you see that?

Now, under Moses, you were either being under a law of good, or a law of bad. You were either under reward or punishment. But, under Grace, you’re neither under punishment nor reward. You’re just under the law of divine, spiritual, harmonious being. So that, I would say myself, that Moses could not have entered the promised land with the ten commandments. And, you’ll find in my writings, that I have said, that all of the good people of the world do not get into Heaven. In fact, I suspect that very few do. Because, goodness and obedience to the law, is not the key to Heaven. The key to Heaven, is knowing that God is the only being. That is the only being. That is the meaning of that little illustration that I just gave you. That was a holy man that went and tried to get into Heaven. But he didn’t get in, because he entertained a sense of two, instead of One. And all his holiness couldn’t get him into Heaven. Not all the

good men and all the good women in the world, that ever lived, could ever get into Heaven. Unless they knew. Unless they knew; God is the only Being. And they had given up this sense of a selfhood apart from God, that can either do good or do good evil. Don't you see, that Jesus couldn't do evil? Do you know that? Do you believe that Jesus could do evil? Do you? No. Do you believe he could do good? No! He said he couldn't. He said he couldn't. That's the point I'm trying to make in this "One". He couldn't do good anymore than he could do evil. Only God can do. Huh? * (Comment from the audience) * Yes. Only God can do. You can not do good, and you can not do evil. Even Jesus couldn't do good. And if he'd ever said he could do good, he couldn't have gotten into Heaven. But, over and over and over, he said; "I can, of my own self, do nothing. It is the Father that's doing these works." Oh, and the poor Hebrews just kept looking at him, and worshiping him, saying; "Isn't he modest?" He wasn't being modest. He was telling the truth. You can't be good. You've got to give up the belief that you can be good. "Why callest thou me good? There is but one good; the Father in Heaven". So, if there is ever any virtue finding expression through you, don't take credit for it. Give God the credit. And if, in any moment, you find evil finding expression, don't start condemning yourself. Say; "Aha, that's that fellah that Paul was meeting up with all the time. It isn't me. It's that spirit of evil. "Get out of here. Get thee behind me, Satan." Do you see that? Never claim evil for yourself. But never claim good. Because you won't have One then, you'll have two. There'll be God, and there'll be you. You won't get into Heaven.

(Reads a question) "Would you kindly tell me if the following is correct; when we are meditating, our sole purpose is the communion with God; with your true Being." Yes, that's true. "If you do not receive that flash, that the true sign of communion, will you still get some effect?" Yes. The mere fact of opening consciousness, will admit the realization. The mere emptying of self, to the extent of; "I can of my own self do nothing, I'm letting the Father in," that will bring something, even if we do not get what we think of as a "click", or "flash", or "inner feeling". So, don't be concerned about that.

Now, many people believe that when you are on this path, that you can not lose the way. And they get over-confident. And, I must caution you about that. It is possible to be very advanced on the way, and then lose the way. There are many reasons for that. But, I'm going to read this to you. This is from 2nd Timothy. "For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica." That was Paul, writing. Last year, we were in Thessalonica. The name of Demas, associated with that city, has long intrigued me. Three times, his name appears in Paul's letters. In Galatians, Demas sends greetings, along with Luke, to the brethren. In Philemon, Demas is again mentioned, with Luke and Mark. Just see how far advanced he was. He was up there with the disciples, traveling. Along with the disciples, doing these great Christian works. And then comes the tragedy; "Demas hath forsaken me. Having loved this present world." You wouldn't think, after you got up into discipleship, that a love for this present world could enter in, and that you could miss the mark. But that's what happens.

Here, in three short sentences, we have the biography of a companion of Paul. A co-worker with two of the writers of the Gospel. What happens to Demas? Was the cost of discipleship too great? It must be clear that at one time, that Demas would have grieved, even become indignant, had anyone dared suggest that he would forsake Paul and his fellow Christians. Many are the lures, seeking to entice us from discipleship, in our own present world. In Christ, we have a source of strength, that makes discipleship glorious, even though costly. Now, do you see, it is this that I caution our students about. In their first flush of enthusiasm, this Infinite

Way is a glorious path, and it very quickly bears fruitage in better health, or less fear, or more supply, or greater inner peace. And, we think; "I have found the way." And, we do not realize that there are dangers ahead. And the day may come, when we may lose what we have gained. And so, I caution our students. The thing that causes us to lose the way, if we lose it, is the word "I". We begin to believe, somehow, that we are set apart from other people, and that we are blessed in some special way, by our special knowledge of God. And, that is a form of egotism. And, we have to watch it. The disciples fell into that trap, when they came rushing to the Master, and said; "Even the devils are subject unto us, through thy name." And, you see, that was ego. Why here; "Oh, we're special. Oh, those Hebrews, out there, they've got nothing. But, we've got your name, so we're special." And, then he warned them, don't ever do that. That isn't true. Just rejoice that your names are writ in Heaven. In other words, rejoice that you know of your heirship with God. That's all. Don't claim any special powers. Don't claim any special powers over the devil. Just claim that you realize God to be your true identity. Well, you see, sometimes a prosperity comes with this work, and then people get so fascinated with the prosperity, that they forget the source of the prosperity. Sometimes, health comes, and they get so fascinated with their new health, that they forget the source. And so it is, that it is necessary to warn our students. Whenever good begins to flow into your experience, through your studies, through your meditations, do not get fascinated with the effect, but always go back and remember the cause.

And, you see, that brings me now to a very very important point. We never demonstrate health. We never demonstrate supply. We never demonstrate peace on earth. We demonstrate God. That's all we can ever demonstrate. And, these other things are the effects of demonstrating God. Do you see that? And, that is why you can never take pride in the health that comes, or the supply that comes, or the happiness that comes. You can only take pride in the degree of God that enters your communion. Do you see that? Otherwise, it would be like taking pride in *this*. No. No. Because this comes, and this goes. Do you see? But God goes on forever. There may be a good reason for this coming into our experience today, but there may be an equally good reason for it to go tomorrow. When we're thinking of this as our demonstration, and we lose this, we'll think we lost our demonstration. But, this was never our demonstration. God was our demonstration. And, so it is, as you watch health come and go, or supply come and go, or happiness come and go; don't try and cling to them. Try to cling to the idea of realizing God. And then, you'll find new forms of health appear, new forms of wealth, new forms of harmony, new forms of peace. Do you see that? Always center consciousness on demonstrating God, not the forms in which God appears. When the forms come, rejoice in them, but rejoice in their going and in their coming. Because, no form lasts forever. Even the baby form becomes the big form. Do you see that? And that form will translate one day into still other forms. Glorious forms.

Take no pride in the power to heal. Because, it isn't really a power to heal at all. It's really a power to commune with God. That's all. Nobody has the power to heal. Not even Jesus. You have only a power to commune with God. And, in that communion, the appearance called "disease" goes, and the appearance called "health" comes. Do you see that? Watch it. Otherwise, you'll have two powers. If you have two powers, you can't get into Heaven any more than if you have two beings.

Thank you.