



Monthly Lesson  
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### **“The Power of Christ”<sup>1</sup>**

When the Spirit of God is upon us, we are ordained to heal the sick, forgive the sinner, and release those who are bound in prison. This power of Love is not something we can use. It is the Light that shines and dispels all error and we have It. When we have made a commitment to the Christ and are born again of the Spirit, there is an awareness of an inner Kingdom and a great sense of inner peace. This is the gift of the Christ: “...*My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.*”<sup>2</sup> When this Peace comes to you, It stays – It does not come and go. If we nourish It in meditation and rededicate and recommit ourselves totally to God to fulfill His plan in His way, all limitations fall away. This gift of God that comes to us is this inner Peace and inner Joy, a Joy that nothing of a material nature could ever give us. This is our “hidden splendor” that the natural man is not aware of and so longs for.

There is nothing we can compare to this Joy. Even as we go through troubled waters, this Joy remains. This gift of the Spirit is inner spiritual Power, a Power that dissolves material sense. An experience comes to my mind of being called to a neighbor’s home when I was a young student. This lady had collapsed and just as it happened,

she asked for me. I was alone and had just gone through daily surrender, dedication and commitment to the Christ. At that time, I had no intention of being a practitioner or a teacher but was working with a practitioner who was teaching me to meditate; she was very gently feeding me the Infinite Way wisdoms and I was working with them.

When I entered my neighbor’s house, I could see that she was lying unconscious. Nothing came to me – no thoughts or truths – but I did feel a great sense of peace. I didn’t know what to do so I just stood still and waited. When I went to the telephone to ask for spiritual support, the line was busy. Again I just stood silently, waiting. Then, the neighbor sat up and said “thank you!” I hadn’t done anything! For years I didn’t understand what had happened. As we go along this Way, we realize that complete mental and physical non-reaction opens the door to the power of the Christ that dissolves material sense. I was just standing and waiting upon the Lord. After the woman returned to consciousness, I made another attempt to call my practitioner even though she said, “Virginia, I’m fine!” But I lacked confidence and persisted. When I finally reached her, the practitioner told me that I had already done the work and now I must abide in the Spirit.

This Power is embodied in us. It is not something we can give or withhold, in fact, It transcends the known. It just *is*. I know another student who had a similar incident when a woman fainted at her tape group meeting. When the patient returned to consciousness, the tape group leader was urged to call me. She said that while the patient was lying there, she looked into her eyes and could see light pouring through. She had an instantaneous healing. The tape group leader did not realize that she had done the work until I assured her that she was a transparency for the Christ. She, too, thought she had not done anything,

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<sup>1</sup> 1986 Asilomar Retreat, Tape 3 (8636), Side 2

<sup>2</sup> John 14:27

but we all embody this silent, invisible Presence and Power and It pours through us in our silent oneness.

So as we work with the Message, and in times of meditation, we realize that there is no karmic law or law of cause and effect to bind man. God is the only law – God is both cause and effect “*I Am All.*” There is no law of as you sow, so shall you reap<sup>3</sup> to bind man because when we live in the NOW, God is the only Sower and Reaper. When we review this truth that *I Am* the law unto myself, we will experience Peace because we have unconditioned our mind that has been conditioned in our ignorance by beliefs that are not power.

We must remember that *I in the midst of every man is the Grace of God, the Law of God, the Substance and Activity of God, and the Peace and the Power of God. That I communicates Itself without words and thoughts. I am a living witness to this truth.* As we keep realizing this truth silently and secretly, we will lift the burden of material sense that has been put on mankind. “...*Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord.*”<sup>4</sup> “*Do not I fill heaven and earth?*”<sup>5</sup>

Also, as we look out at the appearance world and see various degrees of mortality, we consciously exchange those appearances for the truth of Being and realize “no, that is just a picture in the human mentality – there is only one Self, one Being, and that One is God.” When we do this secretly, silently and sacredly, we will find we are building a healing consciousness. We continue to do this under every circumstance whenever we get a ripple – no matter what we see, we realize that the government is on

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<sup>3</sup> See Isaiah 37:30

<sup>4</sup> Isaiah 43:12

<sup>5</sup> Jeremiah 23:24

God’s shoulders.<sup>6</sup> It is not on the shoulders of mortal man – He that is within me is the same Presence that is in every Senator, Congressman, President, and in every man and woman on this globe. This Presence within me is released into human consciousness when I acknowledge the *I* in all my ways. Then “...*the government shall be upon his shoulder.*”<sup>7</sup> If we continually know this truth silently and secretly, we will develop such a healing consciousness that wherever we go, sin, disease and death will disappear. It will flee and we will never need to work on the personal level because truth is universal. *Each has All.* God *Is* where God is realized.

I have tried to work on the personal level and it is very difficult – no one can change himself or herself. The change comes about through prayer; it is the touch of the Spirit that changes individuals. Every time you are impersonally doing this work, you will find that when someone comes to you with a personal problem, all you do is listen and let what they say go up to the Christ, that beloved Self that is always present. There is nothing you can give or withhold from anyone; what *Is, Is* and God is your consciousness and your life. You have all that God *Is.* I have It and you have It. It is a matter of realization, and our realization is demonstration.

So we realize that every appearance we see is a mental projection. When we see an image on our television screen, we don’t try to change it; we know that what is on TV has been filmed with a camera. Every negative appearance in human consciousness is on “film” in the human mind – a misconception through misperception. And that is where the correction is made because we can’t go out and change what is being broadcast on TV; it

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<sup>6</sup> See Isaiah 9:6

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must be changed at the source. We change that disorder that is operating in our mind, and recognize that there is no evil external to ourselves. If there is any evil or lack in our lives, it is in this universal “film” playing in human consciousness, saying “I am a mortal.” This is based on a belief that there is power in human thinking, power in the “*arm of the flesh.*”<sup>8</sup> There is no power in either. We recognize that evil when it comes to us is impersonal nothingness. God did not create evil, so it doesn’t have its rise in God. Can you agree with me that God does not create evil? The Bible says, “*And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good.*”<sup>9</sup> “*...nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it.*”<sup>10</sup> God is too pure to know evil.

There is no evil in God and He is the creative, maintaining and sustaining principle. Scripture says, “*Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity.*”<sup>11</sup> So we must release God from knowing or doing anything to evil. Our prayers are never to influence God, or to move God to do anything to evil. We look into our mind where the film is playing and realize, “This is a mental projection - I’m going to turn off that projecting machine, sit down, and lift the *I* up from the concept of mortality so that I may enter the great Silence, the Holy of Holies. I will turn off all words, thought and pictures.” In our temple, there must be no imagery, because the only image and likeness of God is man. Man (male and female) is God appearing, the image and likeness of God. When we go beyond words and thoughts and have no imagery in our minds, we have turned off the subliminal advertising of this universal belief in two powers. We have turned off the maker of the problem because the

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<sup>8</sup> 2 Chronicles 32:8  
<sup>9</sup> Genesis 1:31  
<sup>10</sup> Ecclesiastes 3:14  
<sup>11</sup> Habakkuk 1:13

maker of the problem is the human thinking. When that human thinking is gone, we have destroyed the film. If we have destroyed the film, there is nothing that can be projected except what God created. Then we have that mind that was also in Christ Jesus.<sup>12</sup>

Do you see the simplicity of healing? This is *spiritual* healing. We never deal with appearances and we never deal with a person. We know that the culprit is the belief that there is power in the world of effect – power in religious laws, medical laws, economic laws, power in the calendar or the weather, power for good or evil. We recognize that “*All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.*”<sup>13</sup> I could condemn and judge someone and eventually, that person might become ill. Or, I could flatter, praise and encourage someone to be happy. The same mind that can “cure” can “kill.” But when we rise above the conditioned level of mind into the realm of Consciousness, spiritual awareness, and turn off the film, allowing nothing to enter the mind “*that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie,*”<sup>14</sup> we are in that purity of inner peace and stillness, and the maker of all problems everywhere in the world is gone!

Daily and hourly, we realize that there is no carnal mind or mortal mind and that human thinking is not power. There is not power in thought or thing; all power is embodied in the silence of Being, the great *I Am*. You are a transparency for God’s grace and “*Ye are the light of the world.*”<sup>15</sup> When you are not thinking human thoughts, have no imagery in your mind, and it is pure, still, quiet

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<sup>12</sup> Philippians 2:5  
<sup>13</sup> Matthew 28:18  
<sup>14</sup> Revelation 21:27  
<sup>15</sup> Matthew 5:14

and alert, then you are in divine Mind, the only Mind there is. Its rightful function is to be an avenue of awareness through which you feel My Peace and My Joy, an avenue of awareness for Truth to unfold, disclose and reveal Itself.

So we realize that there is one Mind but it is not a carnal mind or mortal mind – that is a term for human thinking where we allow projection of both good and evil to take place. An example of this is television; it is a replica of the carnal mind, but it is no “mind.” When we watch it, accept it, and absorb it, we are consuming carnal knowledge and desecrating God’s holy temple. Yes, we can watch the news and reinterpret it, but when we spend a lot of time consuming imaginary problems in the continuing soap opera of television, we are hypnotizing ourselves and contaminating our mentality.

If our mind is God’s holy avenue of awareness, we do not need to keep it occupied at all times with human concerns; we must allow time to just sit and listen. When we close our eyes to meditate, we enter the Infinity of Peace. In this Peace, the physical sense of body disappears from our awareness and our gaze is resting in Eternality. Life animates the body but it is not “in” a body - - that is a false concept of pantheism. We are Life eternal, Infinite Mind, Infinite Consciousness. This Consciousness is the great *I Am*, Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent. We relax in this Presence and let what Is define Itself and It will dissolve all barriers and limitations. True prayer then, is resting in Omnipotence, abiding in Omnipresence, and trusting Omniscience. This true communion leads to conscious union.

*Dear Friend,*

*This lesson will bear rich fruitage as you follow this revelation. Always start your prayers from Oneness, that which Is. “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”<sup>16</sup> It is the Christ in you and me that frees us as we know all power is in the great I Am – Omnipresence. Therefore, there is no power in persons, places, things or the thoughts of man.*

*All power is in the gentle stillness within us that testifies “I and my father are one.”<sup>17</sup> Make this inner peace your dwelling place.*

*Aloha,*

*Virginia*

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<sup>16</sup> John 8:32  
<sup>17</sup> John 10:30