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**Tape 34, Side 2: "Christ Consciousness, continued"**

**Summary**

Statements, affirmations, or declarations of truth do not play a real part in the healing work. They merely elevate the practitioner's consciousness to a point where the Christ can take over and realization can take place. Christ-consciousness, God-consciousness, or the healing consciousness does the healing work. So the question that comes to mind is: "What is Christ-consciousness? What is spiritual consciousness? What is the healing consciousness?"

If you examine the message and the mission of the Master, you find that in all of his healing work he never judged, criticized, or condemned the case or the person. Always his attitude was, "Neither do I condemn thee;" "Where are thine accusers;" or "Who did sin?" In other words, he always indicated that he had no awareness of sin or disease, and no awareness of any reality to sin or disease. He never considered these things to be powers. He said to the impotent man, "*Pick up thy bed and walk. What did hinder you?*"<sup>1</sup> In other words, he acknowledged no reality, substance, law, or condemnation to any form of sin or disease.

So one element of Christ-consciousness is the ability not to judge, criticize, or condemn the person appearing with a claim, but rather "loosing them and letting them go," freeing them in Christ, and always bringing to bear that consciousness of love that we call forgiveness. To "forgive seventy times seven" means to forgive eternally and infinitely. So every sinner and every form of sin brought to Jesus is met with "It isn't sin; I don't judge you; I don't condemn you; I find no fault with you." He never condemns, never criticizes, and always forgives.

The Master also recognized no power in death. He said, "*The maid only sleepeth.*"<sup>2</sup> He commanded the young boy on the bier, "*Get up.*"<sup>3</sup> He acknowledged no power in sin. He even acknowledged no power in leprosy, although in those days leprosy was considered the most contagious of all diseases. Yet he gave it so little power that he touched the leper.

So to have "*that mind which was also in Christ Jesus,*"<sup>4</sup> or what we call Christ-consciousness, we must first of all never hold any person in condemnation, regardless of the sin. We maintain an attitude of forgiveness, knowing that the sin is no power, has no place in man's being, and produces no effect. "*Neither do I condemn you.*"<sup>5</sup> This attitude represents divine love. Divine love is not the ability to love you because you are good. **Divine love is the ability to behold the spiritual reality of you.** It has no concern about you as a human being and has nothing to do with loving you humanly. It has only to do with divine love, the same love with which God loves Its creation, a love that sees and beholds only the perfection of Its creation.

If someone sees you as a human being and knows you to be partly good and partly bad, that is human love or lack of human love. It is human emotion and has nothing to do with divine love. Someone who loves you with divine love does not consider your human qualities or your character or disposition, but has the inner wisdom to perceive that Christ is your real being; that

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<sup>1</sup> John 5:8

<sup>2</sup> Matthew 9:24; Luke 8:52

<sup>3</sup> Luke 7:14

<sup>4</sup> Philippians 2:5

<sup>5</sup> John 8:11

God is your real Father / Mother; and that you are spiritual. Of course the five senses will not testify to that. If I wanted someone to do healing work for me, I would want someone who would look right through the human appearance and say, "I am only concerned with one thing: God is your Father / Mother, and you are the image and likeness of God, pure spiritual being."

This divine love is a healing quality. There is no healing quality in human love. Just think what wonderful healings would go on if human love had any healing quality! But it hasn't. It's nice to be loving, kind, forgiving, and generous, but that is not divine love. **Divine love is that which does not see a human being.** It enables a practitioner to say, "I know only God in the midst of you, and in that, there is nothing that defileth or maketh for a lie. Neither do I condemn you. Who did sin? I don't see anybody around here except the image and likeness of God." Only an individual who has divine love can refrain from seeing you as a good or bad human being and say with an inner vision, "I judge not after appearances. I know thou art the Holy One, the only son, the Christ." **So divine love is the first essential of Christ consciousness.**

The second essential of Christ consciousness is one that only few achieve, and that is the **realization of God as the only power.** There isn't a religion on the face of the earth that truly accepts God as the only power. Every religion has God and devil, or good and evil, or immortal and mortal, and always the one is trying to overcome or fight the other. Even in metaphysics, there is truth over error. But there isn't any error! The Master says, "I don't condemn you. I can't see any power in paralysis. I don't see any power in sin. I don't see any power in disease."

Never does Christ-consciousness seek to use the power of God to overcome some form of evil. Never does It acknowledge that even the most horrid sin in the world is a power. Never does It acknowledge that any form of disease has power. It doesn't even acknowledge the temporal power of Pilate to be a power. Christ-consciousness just lives in the realization of one power. Even in the case of Lazarus, the Master waited four days to raise him. He was in no hurry. Why? He didn't acknowledge death to be a power.

Christ-consciousness or healing consciousness is not something mysterious. Anyone can attain it with practice and discipline. First, we must learn the correct letter of truth, which reveals first of all that we are spiritual beings. That makes it impossible for us to hate or fear anything or anybody. The correct letter of truth also reveals that God is the only power: "*Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*"<sup>6</sup> Putting power in effect is a form of idolatry. It makes no difference whether that effect is medicine, climate, weather, vitamins, or minerals. Giving power to the effect is idolatry because it is worshipping or putting faith in something other than God.

**Never deviate from the truth that man is wholly spiritual,** even if you only know it intellectually. Never try to make a bad man good or a sick man well. With every claim, hold to the real truth of man's pure spiritual identity, and you will develop divine love, the first essential of Christ-consciousness. Then maintain **God as the only power** in the face of all appearances to the contrary. These appearances exist only because of the **belief** in a power apart from God. When it is understood that there is no power but God, they will no longer be on the earth.

As you practice the correct letter of truth from these two standpoints – divine love and recognizing God as the only power – you are developing Christ-consciousness. When these two are steadfastly maintained in thought, the third essential of Christ consciousness is automatically developed: impersonalization, or the doing away with the personal sense of I. There is no "I" to be a healer any more than there is an "I" to be sinful or sick. There is no "I" to

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<sup>6</sup> Exodus 20:3

criticize or condemn, nor is there an "I" to change or correct or improve. When we have done away with the personal sense of I, all that is left is a vehicle through which or as which the Father can act to reveal harmony here and now.

So when we talk about a person having Christ-consciousness, what we mean is that they have these three essentials. First, they are able to behold people as spiritual beings and not to see or judge them humanly. Second, they realize God as the only power and have lost all fear of any other so-called "power." Third, they have overcome the personal sense of self.

You can watch your own development of Christ consciousness. Are you able to mingle with people with a minimum amount of judgment, criticism, or condemnation, with no concern for their good or bad humanhood, and with the realization of Christ as their true identity? Are you attaining a state of mind that does not fear error in any form whatsoever?

*[Period of silence]*

Last night's class may have left you with the impression that the responsibility for living this life as a Son of God, the man who has his being in Christ, may rest upon your shoulders, and that some effort is involved in achieving or maintaining this divine state of being. Please understand that the government is not on your shoulders, but on His. The Christ will live Itself as you, and the personal sense of you will gradually fade away. The Christ has already established Itself as your being. The "old man" is dying of its own nothingness, and you are being reborn of the Spirit so that the Christ can be fully manifested as your being. The presence of God Itself is working with you. It isn't you working; the Christ is working with you.

You are the divine state of consciousness in which and as which the Christ is revealing Itself. You have not chosen God; God has chosen you. You have not chosen the spiritual path; the spiritual path has chosen you, and it won't let you go. You have come too far and cannot turn back to the mortal or material state of living. So you can relax and realize that the responsibility is not upon your shoulders. When the instinct comes to meditate, meditate. When the call comes to treat, treat. Don't shirk the responsibility. Don't say, "I'll give you the name of my practitioner." When the demand is made upon you, meet it. The demand is not being made upon your limited, finite human understanding. It is being made upon the Christ of your being, and you will never be called upon for more than your understanding will permit you to meet.

Do not judge your spiritual understanding by how much you have read, or how many years you have studied. That is judging by appearances. The Christ is the full measure of your spiritual understanding, and any call that is made upon you is made upon the degree of your unfolded Christ-consciousness. Never condemn yourself or criticize yourself or find fault with yourself, because God is your Selfhood, and to criticize or condemn yourself is to keep alive that illusory sense of self that is a barrier to spiritual harmony.

The Christ, the Son of God, is already risen in you. Give yourself that recognition. Without might or power, but by the Spirit of God, the Son of God lives in you and through you and as your very being. *"I live, yet not I, Christ liveth in me."*<sup>7</sup> If I gave you the impression that you have to do something difficult to realize your Christhood, I did not mean to convey that. Your development and progress from here on is not solely dependent upon what you do or how much you study, but rather on your ability to **relax** and **let** this activity of the Christ fulfill Itself in you.

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<sup>7</sup> Galatians 2:20

We will never announce that we are spiritual or perfect, or that we are God or the Christ. Our divine Sonship will be recognized by the degree to which we attain divine love and behold only spiritual being, and the degree to which we recognize God as the only power. As we demonstrate these essentials of Christ-consciousness, the world will come to us to seek the Father's grace. Give joyously and freely of your Father's grace, knowing that whatever you impart is never of yourself. It is God imparting and revealing Himself through the activity of your consciousness. You are not bringing to light man's health or man's wisdom, but the health or wisdom of the Father, made manifest as the health or wisdom of the Son, of individual being.

Have no concern for your success or failure in this new dimension, Christ. His will is for your good, since it is His will that has established you in Christ. He has brought you to this point of consciousness that you may surrender the personal sense of life and receive His Grace and His Peace. Immortality is of God, and it is only as we surrender our personal sense of life and come into this divine awareness that we understand that we have His peace, grace, and power.

When you sit down to meditate, have only one desire - the realization of God's presence. If you are called upon tomorrow for one hundred dollars that you haven't got, but you forget the hundred dollars and sit in the quiet until "My peace" comes, that peace will appear either as the hundred dollars or as a cancellation of the call for it. The need will be met, but it will be met in only one way, and that is **through your realization of the presence of God**. Regardless of the name or nature of the demonstration you have in mind, do not let it enter your thought. If you do, you have "taken thought for your life," and violated the Master's teaching. The principle is, *"Take no thought, but seek first the kingdom of God."*<sup>8</sup> Seek first the realization of divine presence, and then the things you need will be added unto you – but not if you have taken them into your meditation or prayer. Why? The secret is that there is not God's presence AND anything else. There is only God's presence revealed AS the fullness of all good things. Christ is come that you might be fulfilled. So there cannot be an awareness of Christ AND any form of lack. The Christ awareness is the substance, law, and activity of that which is "out here."

The responsibility for your successful living is not on your shoulders. You have been called to spiritual living, and now there is no further responsibility except to follow the impartations and instructions of the Spirit. So we do not have a lot of hard work before us. We may read to give us the impulse that holds us in this Spirit. We may listen to recordings or go to classes so that we are maintained in high spiritual consciousness and can relax quickly into the presence of God. But Spirit may also stop you from reading, going to a meeting, or what you might consider your duties in your spiritual work. It may keep you at home deep down within your own being where you can catch the absolute depth of your spiritual consciousness. At that particular time, that may be something much finer than going out to a class or reading books. On a spiritual path there are no laws or rules. There is only Divine Grace.

You don't have to read so many pages a day, but if the leading comes to do that, you obey it because the government is on His shoulders to direct you. Pray this way: "Father, interpret the scene for me. Guide, lead, and direct me. I will follow and obey." Then you do not fear that you may not be doing all you should for your spiritual advancement. You will not do any more or any less than is necessary at any given moment, because the divine impulsion is from within.

Remember, *"My peace I give unto you."*<sup>9</sup> When you feel that Christ peace, the prayer is done and the divine Presence is here and now – before you, behind you, and beside you.

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<sup>8</sup> Matthew 6:25, 33

<sup>9</sup> John 14:27