

**Additional Study Offering for Recording #498A:
“Infinite Way Healing Principles (Specific)”**

Joel’s important 1959 work, which was devoted to the healing principles, included extensive instruction on impersonalization and nothingization, and he said these constitute the “secret of spiritual healing.” Recording #498A addresses impersonalization and nothingization, and the following excerpts from other sources reinforce and expand on this topic.¹

**Excerpt from Recording 351A, 1960 Second London Closed Class:
“Illumination: Its Nature”**

The principle of healing has to do with two things—impersonalization and nothingization. In other words, let’s go back to healing for a minute, because here is where Infinite Way healing differs from every form of metaphysical teaching that is taught upon the earth. Infinite Way healing principles differ from any and every metaphysical teaching in this: Number one—impersonalization. *There is no error in you to be uncovered and never has been. There is no cause of disease in you for which you are responsible.* Whether you are resentful, or you hate your mother-in-law, it is not a cause of disease. ... All evil, regardless of its name or nature, is absolutely impersonal, and it doesn’t belong to any person, or any animal. It is an activity of what we call the carnal mind, or mortal mind, meaning not a mind; meaning a *universal belief* in two powers. ...

So, the very moment that someone asks you for help, even if you know they’re alcoholic, or even if you know they’re a drug addict, even if you know they’re living in adultery, please pay no attention to those things. Above all things, don’t hold them in judgement or criticism or condemnation, for they are in no wise responsible, nor are those things responsible for their diseases. The disease is a product of a universal belief in two powers, and it is always *impersonal* and has nothing whatsoever to do with your patient. Therefore, leave your patient out of any responsibility. Never say to them: “You should be more loving, or you should be more grateful, or you should read twelve pages of my book.” Don’t do that, because then you are giving them a condition and a remedy, and in this work, we have no conditions, and we need no remedy. Ye shall know the truth, and the truth will make you free of any belief in two powers.

So, as you realize the impersonal nature of all evil and know that what is impersonal has no person in whom, on whom, or through whom to operate, you should be doing some good healing work. Impersonalize evil and then nothingize it in the realization that that which is not of

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God has no power. If you are dealing with a belief in two powers, realize that God didn't make two powers, one to destroy another, so the belief in two powers has no ordination or law. If it is true that life eternal is the measure of our life; if it is true that God is too pure to behold iniquity; if it is true that the Master revealed that evil is not a power; then we are safe in realizing that that which is not ordained of God is not power, and any law that is not ordained of God is not a law. And so, material laws, health laws, or mental laws are not laws. These are products of a universal belief in two powers.

Now, the reason that it is difficult to understand this so clearly that you can work with it; the reason that it takes quite a long time before one can really engage in this practice is this: Every phase of your life before you found The Infinite Way was based on two powers, and you've got that all the way back in your theological life for as many thousand years as there has been a theology. In other words, there have been two powers all the way back to when there was a God and a devil. Even with metaphysics, there has been an immortal mind and a mortal mind, and in philosophy, there has always been a good with a capital "G" and an evil with a capital "E". In other words, theologically, philosophically, materially, mentally, and medically, the entire world of man is based on a belief in two powers, and that is so much a part of your makeup and mine that I just wonder if we ever are going to rise to that place where we are completely convinced that God is infinite, and because God is infinite, there can be no other power. But to whatever degree we achieve that, or attain that, to that degree will we heal. Some of our lack of healings is because we haven't risen far enough above this universal belief that there are two powers. We haven't risen high enough in our realization of God as the substance of life.

**Excerpt from *The Foundation of Mysticism*, Chapter 11:
"Three Principles and Their Practice"**

There are three principles in the Infinite Way healing work. The first principle is one which we embody at all times: the realization of one power, of not fighting or trying to overcome negative powers or beliefs or the claims that come before us. The second principle is impersonalization. The moment John Brown asks for help, be sure you put John Brown out of your mind. Don't dwell for one single second on John Brown, and above all, even if you see it, don't believe anything evil about John Brown. Dismiss it instantly. Get it out of your thought as quickly as possible. Get John Brown out of your thought, because your first function in healing work is impersonalization. Remember that word, *impersonalization*. This claim is not a person, not a condition, not a thing. It belongs to nobody. It is an impersonal activity or substance or imposition. We could call it the carnal mind or mortal mind. Use devil or Satan—whatever term you like—but impersonalize it. Take it out of the person. Realize that it isn't a person; it hasn't a person in whom to work. It is an *impersonal* claim of the universal mortal mind, the universal carnal mind.

When you are sure that you have impersonalized it so that you have absolutely no thought of the individual in your mind, then take the third step, which is nothingizing. That means you have to go back to Genesis: "*God made all that was made, and all that God made was good. What God did not make was not made.*"² Therefore, anything God did not make does not exist. And all that God made was good. If God made all that was made and all that God made was good, then God didn't make a carnal mind, or mortal mind, or devil, or Satan. They have no existence except as mental concepts in the human mind.

If you want to know how powerless a human concept is, close your eyes and build the biggest bomb you could possibly build. Build an atomic bomb and combine it with hydrogen and all the forms of nuclear fission you've ever heard of and multiply that by a thousand. Now throw it up here at me to see what it can do. Do you understand that? That's a mental concept. It has no substance; it has no law; it has no entity; it has no being. It only has form as thought. That's why you can see it in your mind, but you can only see it in your mind as a mental image.

Once you begin to understand that all there is to the devil is an entity made in the mind of man (not in the mind of God), and that it has no law of God, no substance of God, no activity of God, no source of God, no avenue, no channel through which to work, you nullify it. You've recognized it for what it is: temporal power, the arm of flesh, nothingness. That's where your healing work begins. Actually, regardless of the name or nature of the problem which confronts you, you can be assured of this: it is nothing but a temptation of the devil, or carnal mind, coming to you for acceptance or rejection, and this devil is neither more nor less than a belief of good and evil in the human mind. Once you have no belief of good and evil, the human mind, the mortal mind, dissolves. Then you operate in and through and with the infinite mind of God. Only as you believe in good and evil do you experience limitation, finiteness, negativity.

Often, when we are working with our friends, our parents, or our relatives, we revert to that human sense of criticism and judgement, or the metaphysical sense of saying to them, "Well, it's your wrong thinking. There's something in your mind that has to be corrected." Of course there is, but it is the belief in two powers. The only belief that has to be corrected in all of us is that God isn't omnipotence, God isn't omniscience, God isn't omnipresence. The whole theory of resentment causing rheumatism, jealousy causing cancer, or sensuality causing tuberculosis is a lot of nonsense. Not only have metaphysical practitioners failed to prove it, but psychosomatic medicine has failed to prove it. They claim, "When you get rid of your resentment, you'll be healed," but that's because they don't know how to get rid of resentment. They don't know how to get rid of the negative qualities of human thought that all of us are heir to.

You do know how: by understanding *they are not personal, they are impersonal*, and they are not power—*they have no law to sustain them*. Because it has never been revealed in our human life that every discord coming to us is mesmeric influence, we do not know how to protect

² See Genesis 1:31

ourselves from the human belief in two powers. In other words, when you are in the midst of an epidemic, you are not necessarily suffering from the disease but from mesmerism, and the mesmerism is enhanced by publicity about the disease. Probably just as many people die from the mesmeric influence of the publicity as from the mesmeric influence of the disease. In the same way, there have been fires in large buildings in which the flames probably took a few lives, but more people were killed by the mesmeric sense of panic, fear, and lust for life. ...

Every treatment has to be built around these principles. It makes no difference whether you're going up in an airplane or down in a submarine; it makes no difference if you're going to war and you're going to be at the front, or whether there will be bombers overhead. It makes no difference what the nature of the human claim is, it has to be consciously dealt with. Every treatment or realization must embody these principles: realization of one power, not a protection from evil power, but the realized truth that God itself is infinite and only God is power; and that every appearance is mesmeric influence, the temptation of the devil coming to our consciousness to be accepted or rejected, and it has to be consciously rejected.

**Excerpt from Recording 383A, 1960 Auckland Closed Class:
"Healing Principles of The Infinite Way"**

Now, our healing work is in two parts, and the first part is called "impersonalization," and the second part is called "nothingization"—in other words, impersonalizing that which is appearing to us as evil; that which is appearing to us as person; and then, through the realization that God didn't make it, nothingize it.

**Excerpt from *The Journey Back to the Father's House*, Chapter 8:
"Special Lesson on Healing Work"**

If we are alert to the message of the Infinite Way, we will not concern ourselves with patients, that is, with the name or identity of the patient or his problem. But when we are called upon, we will instantly lift our eyes and realize, "This is malpractice; this is anti-Christ; this is hypnotism; this is the 'arm of flesh,' or nothingness; this is a belief in a selfhood apart from God, or a law apart from God."

We handle the claim as an impersonal experience. We do not handle it as a person who has to be healed or reformed. It is an impersonal appearance. "*Judge not according to the appearance but judge righteous judgment.*"³ It calls for constant alertness never to take the person or the claim into our thought. We know that since *I* am the only being, any other appearance is a state of hypnotism; any other appearance is a mesmeric suggestion of a selfhood apart from God; it is a universal belief in two powers.

³ John 7:24

Let us not be tempted to go to God to use a power to heal somebody. Let us not be tempted to take a patient up to God; that is duality. Instead, we hold to the truth that since *I* is infinite, incorporeal, spiritual being, this that is appearing to us is just a state of universal malpractice, a universal hypnotism, a nothingness. Then beautiful healings can take place.

Not only did I learn in the very beginning of my work, but I have had thirty years to observe that impersonalization and nothingization constitute the secret of spiritual healing. God is not going to favor you or me because we are sick: there are billions of people sick with whom God is not concerned. God is not going to favor you or me because we are practitioners who obey the Ten Commandments: there are people all over the world doing that. There is no God to do those things. There is God.

The *I* of my being and the *I* of your being, this is God, and God is incorporeal, God is spiritual, God is immortal, and God is eternal. A treatment will not make God that way. Neither will a treatment make us that way, for "I and my Father are one,"⁴ not two. The minute we have God **and**, we are out of a spiritual healing treatment. We have to have God **as** individual you and me and ask, "What about this appearance? What about this sin? What about this disease? What about this unemployment? What about this lack? What about this unhappiness?" Then we receive the answer, "It is a state of hypnotism, mesmeric belief in two powers, the belief of a selfhood apart from God."

**Excerpt from Recording 376B, 1960 Melbourne Closed Class:
"The Virgin Consciousness"**

It is necessary to know, first of all, these two principles as I have just given them to you—impersonalization and nothingization—meaning that the very moment any form of evil touches your consciousness, you instantaneously realize, "This is no part of person; this is the universal belief in two powers," and then you realize, "Since that belief didn't come from God, it has no ordination; it has no law of God, no life of God, no substance of God." It is a nothingness that you need not fear. Then rest in the assurance that God is Omnipotence, Omnipresence and Omniscience.

Excerpt from Recording 525B, 1963 London Work: "Foundation of 1963 Message"

I spent the entire year of 1959 traveling this world, teaching the principle of impersonalization and nothingization—not that it should have been necessary, because every Infinite Way book, every Infinite Way article, every Infinite Way class is based on impersonalization as a major principle of life and of healing. But because it is so difficult for the human mind to grasp this

⁴ John 10:30

principle, I was told by the still small voice in 1958 that I must travel in 1959 and make this principle clear, because without this principle, you will not make progress on the spiritual path, and this means you will not attain harmony of mind, of body, or of human relationships.

Well now, you know that it was Pope John who told his church that although this teaching is not in the Catholic Church, that he found it in a philosophical doctrine—the principle of impersonalization: That you must not ever connect the error that is manifested in any individual with that individual. Never, never connect it with them, because it is not of them. ...

Now you see, this has been the basic healing principle of The Infinite Way, the one that took up all of 1959, because it was a revelation given to me around 1934 or '35, when I began to realize that in the New Thought world, the world of Christian Science, Unity, and the mental sciences, they were basing their healing work on finding the error *in* you, in uncovering the error *in* you, or in finding your wrong thinking and blaming it for whatever the sin or disease or lack may have been. And I received a direct revelation that said every such teaching is incorrect; that error does not have its basis *in* you or me or any individual; that all error is an activity of a universal source, which at the moment did not identify itself, but which later was identified to me as what Paul called "the carnal mind," or what Mrs. Eddy called "mortal mind."

This impersonal source is the source of every evil that touches the life of mankind, and mankind is not responsible for it. It is his ignorance of this that makes him the victim of it. Then later, the nature of the carnal mind or mortal mind was revealed to me, and this you will discover to be the *universal belief in two powers*. In other words, we have Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, and all is harmony and beauty and glory and perfection until we accept the belief in good and evil, two powers. Then we are cast out of the Garden of Eden, and we never again can return to our harmony until the belief in good and evil, two powers, is cast out of our minds.

Therefore, I discovered in my healing work that regardless of the claim brought to me, whether it was one of sin, false appetite, disease, lack, limitation, poverty—regardless of its name or nature—that as long as I could, within myself, realize that there are not two powers; there is not good and evil; there is only God, Spirit, manifesting as spiritual power, manifesting as spiritual grace, manifesting as spiritual law, manifesting as spiritual life, and that all else is illusion, I could have the miraculous healings that I really did have throughout all of my healing practice that resulted in the origin and start of the message of The Infinite Way. And as you know, The Infinite Way could not have become worldwide in seventeen years without promotion, advertising, or any other human thing, except through its healings. ...

Now, in proportion as I can maintain my spiritual integrity, which means that as long as I can sit here and not judge by appearances, not judge who's good or who's bad, or who's sick or who's well, or who's sinful or who's pure; as long as I can sit here and maintain in my consciousness that because God is infinite, good is infinite, and therefore evil must be a nonentity, only a belief held in the mind of man, [healings will occur].