

**“Across the Desk” from Chapter 6: “Dominion over Mind, Body, and Purse”
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Let us stop for a moment and look at the human scene, not because it is so pretty to look at, but because we cannot overcome it without some measure of understanding of its operation.

A human being can never be certain that any given day will not contain for him an accident, an illness, a temptation, or a loss. These things are happening every day to countless numbers of people, and no one knows when one or more of them will come nigh his own dwelling place.

When a person learns the cause of evil and knows why these experiences continue to occur in human life, he learns how to meet the problems of each day and thereby attain freedom, harmony, joy, and peace—and what is even more important, he is equipped to serve his family, his neighbor, community, nation, and world.

In the Infinite Way, the student learns to face each day with the conscious realization of the impersonal nature of evil and of its impotence: he consciously knows that I am is God. Therefore, I am one with God, and the place whereon I stand is heaven. He realizes that where God is, I am; and where I am, God is, for we are inseparably and indivisibly one—“Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.”² This truth is a universal truth.

Evil, regardless of its name or nature or its specific form, is impersonal, and therefore has no person in whom, on whom, or through whom to operate, and not being ordained of God, it has no spiritual law to uphold or enforce it. It is the “arm of flesh”—temporal power, nothingness. To abide in this truth is to be clad in the spiritual robe where none of these things shall come nigh thy dwelling place.

The Infinite Way student is taught that whatever he experiences must come through his own consciousness, and that, therefore, to fill consciousness with an understanding of the nature of God and a knowledge of the impersonal and impotent nature of the cause of evil is to ensure a life of spiritual harmony and service to others. The student who omits this daily, conscious abiding in truth subjects himself to the universal belief in two powers, but the belief in two powers cannot operate in a consciousness that has realized God as omnipotence and omnipresence. Were it not for this acceptance of the belief in two powers, there would be no human existence, and we would all be living in a heaven on earth. Our immunity from material conditions and our freedom from mental laws are attained in proportion to our daily and hourly conscious remembrance of these revelations.

God gave us dominion over every circumstance, but we must exercise that dominion by an active, continuous consciousness of the truth of our oneness with God, and by the conscious and specific knowing of the impersonal and impotent nature of the source of error. To lay the axe at the root of material existence is to understand it as a product of mental suggestion, having no law or authority.

To live the life of grace is to realize consciously that I is God, and I in the midst of me is the meat the world knows not of—the hidden mystery of life eternal, harmonious, and spiritual.

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² Luke 15:31