

Healing

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At these Wednesday evening meetings we gather for the purpose of realizing more of the healing power of God. We are not supposed to give instructions as to how the healing is done, but to enter into the realization of it at these meetings. These are strictly healing meetings and yet we find you can't realize any truth until you in a measure

understand it. So we have to get a certain understanding of truth.

To faith add understanding. If you get the understanding it will strengthen your faith, but you must have a little faith to begin with. Some people go so far in the understanding that they strain out their faith. They do not get anywhere. You must have faith in things invisible. You must have faith in things you can't see or reason. They just are. That

is all there is to it. We can reason about God, what God is, describe his character; but you must have faith in God. God exists. He acknowledges those who acknowledge him.

In this matter of Christian healing, or mind healing, or metaphysical healing, we find it is necessary that we understand what we are doing in order to become substantial in our work. There are

Christian healers who do their work through faith, not asking for the understanding, but the time always comes in one way or another when we want to know how it is done. We want to know the scientific principles of healing just as we do everything else, and we found our work on understanding. We want to know how we do our healing. There are many people today who are apparently doing good healing work by following the instruc-

tions they get in the scriptures. Those people who heal by laying on the hands are apparently doing good healing work, but I don't think they do the great work which is to give the patient the understanding. There are others who heal with oil as recommended in James, and there are others who pray, pray to God vociferously, pray earnestly, and pray that it be God's will to heal the sick. But they don't get the understanding how

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the healing is done, they just trust some outside power. Now there is a way to do this healing. It is a science. Anything is science that has any law behind it. It would be chaotic unless it had a law behind it, so we must find out about the law. As we run through the gamut we find people getting healed by suggestion. If you suggest long enough and strong enough the idea of health your subconscious will take on the health

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idea and you will get healthier than otherwise. In fact, this is a very good way, but how much better to heal according to the law. The healing law has various sources. It isn't all just faith. It isn't all just imagination; not all blind belief that you are going to be healed; but all has something to do with it. Some people say that faith is all that is necessary. If you have faith in medicine you will be healed by medicine. You will get

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I remember reading in the papers about a lawyer who was subject to severe headaches, so painful that he couldn't go on with his work, and he had procured some medicine from his doctor in the form of little capsules which he would take whenever he had one of these headaches. One day in court he was seized with one of these headaches. He remembered

that he had one of the capsules in his coat pocket so he grabbed it and swallowed it quickly and went on with his case. Afterward he missed the tip of his lead pencil and discovered that instead of the capsule he had swallowed the tip of his lead pencil but it worked all right.

Nine-tenths of all medicinal healing is through faith.

The doctors will tell you that the patient must have faith in them or in the

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medicine. You know the thousands who take all the patent medicine sold every year have faith back of them. You can say your medicine is the best in the world and will heal everything, and a certain number of people will believe it. They have faith in it. They have faith in it. So we find in our work we stimulate in a measure the faith of our patients.

We must have faith ourselves and if we can get a *chain of faith*

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from the great central point within us to our patient it is easy to heal.

But it isn't all faith. There are laws of mind. We are working with those constantly. There are negative laws and there are laws positive, laws of mind working in the real and laws of mind working in the unreal. Jesus Christ used those laws in the highest degree. We are, in our evolution, using them. Medicine is one way of using the law of healing and electricity is

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a better way. Faith is still better, but faith and understanding and realization from first hand in all that is being done is better still. Isn't it? When you really do good healing, you get into the understanding, you understand what you are and what this healing principle is, and how it works in your mind and body. Thus you are a changed creature from what you were before. You find out what God is and what the power of Truth is.

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Healing is secondary in the right understanding of Christianity, so Jesus Christ told his followers who wanted some signs. But you want these outward manifestations. Nine-tenths of the people coming to healers come for the purpose of having some little ailment cured, but if they do not go further than that and really heal the mental attitude that brought the trouble, it will return. You must change your mind. When once you change

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your mind and begin to think along Truth lines, and think constructively you can see that real healing begins. After a time you will not only heal yourself but you will be healing other people. Now Jesus Christ found as his power developed that he could heal people not only by laying his hands on them, but by talking to them. The words healed. Then the centurion stopped him and said, "Why can't you speak the words to these servants of

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yours? Why can't you speak the words just as I do to my soldiers? Why can't you say to your servants, your angels, 'Heal this man?'" And then you won't have to go to my house to heal him." And Jesus stopped and thought the matter over and said: "This man has more faith than the Isrealites. None of them have said this to me." But Jesus caught on. Jesus learned, just as we are learning, to get lessons

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from his patients. Every day every alert metaphysician learns something from his patients. I get lessons here, there and everywhere. Of course there are people who are just walking question marks, but if you watch you can always learn just a little bit more from people in every walk of life.

We find the same law works today that worked in Jesus' time

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Absent treatment is being used here. Thousands of people are being healed every day. This faith, the centralized faith, was the contact. You say: "Oh, Jesus was God in human form," Well, we are all God in human form and when we find this out we will be "perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect"—when we awake to the fact that there is a spiritual democracy. No person has more than anybody else. We all have primarily the same power

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as Jesus, so that when we realize our unity with him in spirit, why, we are growing---we are waking up to our power. Jesus gave several very remarkable cases of absent healing. You remember when the woman came to him who had a daughter of impure spirit? Jesus had been brought up a Jew and he had been taught that the Hebrew religion was for the Israelites alone, but the woman importuned him. He said: "We can't give this valuable bread to the dogs."

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But when he realized the extent of the woman's faith, he said: "Woman, great is thy faith, so be it unto you. Your daughter is healed." Now, there was a case of absent healing through faith. We find that if we have active faith it is an open door to this invisible power that does the work. If we do not have faith we do not get very far. We must have faith. The nobleman's son was healed by Jesus absently, and healing is

being done today just the same way. We bring it about through a realization that there is but one universal spirit, and in that spirit there is no separation. And what we count as separation cannot be estimated. You could not measure the distance the radio travels in a second, and yet we know that the mind travels even farther than that. Think of the radio going seven times around the world in the same time my voice goes across the room.

So we say in reality we are all connected by the invisible medium called ether, unified mind. We separate ourselves by getting out of this unity consciousness. If we all get back in that we are connected. There is no such thing as sending your thoughts out. There is no such thing as getting into this inner consciousness. Does the ether really carry the thoughts or do they step up that wave length until they strike this ether? Radio

people say there is no ether. They do not know what it is. They say you cannot estimate the carrying power of this ether. We metaphysicians say it is God—that is, the substance part of God. Jesus said: "Go into the inner chamber and close the door." Pray to the Father in secret, the center in every one where we make contact with the Universal Mind. There is but one mind. Millions of humans can make contact with that Universal Mind at a

certain point of consciousness. You try that . You try going into the consciousness and realization that there is no separation in Spirit, and also realize the Spirit in you through the power of the Word. Jesus Christ left with you some definite word and that word is this thing is real and sin is unreal, thy sins have been forgiven. In other words, he denied away your sin and affirmed health. We may use all kinds of meta-

physical terms---words innumerable---but these terms and words and arguments seeking Truth lead up to one point of realization and as soon as we get realization we simply know, it is. You have to realize in your faith the Truth that health is the one reality, that we are created by God to be healthy; not created in any of us to be sick. You make a wall and this wall incloses you, but that Spirit within is always active and we find that

if we drop into that spiritual consciousness and affirm our spirituality, our unity with that great universal Spirit and the Christ who came to set free those who were in prison, we will be freed. We bind ourselves. But some people say: "I have been sick for years; I am bound." As long as they stick to it they are bound. When they say: "I am Spirit. This body of mine is moved by Spirit. I am free to feel the thrill of your Word,"

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don't they get it, the thrill of spiritual consciousness, just as you would? That is all there is to these material conditions. We have set up in a three dimension world a dream not real, built to suit our convenience. The moment we let go, think of Spirit as omnipresent, everything will be healed. Everything will be lovely. We are here praying for that great day of the Lord in which we shall all recognize this law, Then

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we will all be healed, we will all be restored, and we will all see Christ, that perfect man. You are all a part of this healing work, and you should be testifying to the power of the healing word.