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Joel:

Good evening [class responds], and this is the first evening of the first Holland Closed Class, October, 1955. You who are here evidently have come because something in the message of The Infinite Way, whether it was in what I have said to you or what you have read in the messages or both, you have found something in it that finds a response within you. Something that tells you either “This is it.” or that you want to know more about it. Now, watch those two points very carefully. Either you already know that this is the message so far as you are concerned, we are not saying that this is the only message there is in all the world, we are saying that some of you feel already that this is *the* message so far as you are concerned.

If you have reached that point then you are at the place where you will need to devote several years to the study of these writings and possibly recordings until the principles revealed in this message are clearly understood, probably intellectually at first but spiritually understood now or later. It means a consecration because, while truth is one, so far as you are

concerned, there is only one principle of truth that you can live and demonstrate. You cannot live a spiritual truth and a mental truth and a theological truth all in the same lifetime. Each one has a path. For some the path is the way of the church, the way of ceremonies and rites and forms. There are those who must have that for their religious life. There are others who require a mental science, something that will enable you to think your way through life, something that will enable you to reason your way to God, something that will satisfy your reasoning instincts. Now, if you come under those first two headings you will soon drop away from this because this will not satisfy you. This will not enable you to indulge the emotions of church worship nor will it enable you to satisfy your reasoning mind, not that it isn't reasonable, but that it frankly states you cannot accomplish anything of a spiritual nature through reason. You'll see more about that later.

Now on the spiritual path there are still two ways that could be followed. There is the purely mystical approach in which you do not concern yourself with the letter of truth at all. You just live in an interior contact with God, and virtually live separate and apart from God. That type of mystic usually lives, the women in convents and the men in monasteries, and they live a continuous life of prayer, and they accomplish much good for the world because of their interior prayers and contact with the world, but they are not the mystics of our work. The mystics of our work do live that life probably one half of the time. They do not have to go to monasteries or convents to live it. They stay right in their business or homes or eventually come into the healing work exclusively, as teaching, but this approach is the mystical way of life, that is, it is a life that is lived in conscious communion with God, but it is reached usually through a conscious knowing of the truth, that is, through a knowledge of the letter of truth. Those are the two points that I will explain to

you in these lessons because without them you will have no foundation with which to continue. With them, you will be able to take the writings and, if possible, recordings and between them you will be able to bring about such a development in your own spiritual experience in one year that you'll have a difficult time recognizing yourself as the same person of this year or last year.