

Wednesday Night Study Series

Prayer of Surrender: Spirit of Truth, CARRY ME where you will; BRING TO ME what You will; TAKE FROM ME what You will; AWAKEN IN ME what You will. The Christ MAN is around me. The Christ MIND is in me. The Christ POWER flows through me. And, the Christ MYSTERY exists as me. I believe it. I perceive it. And, now I receive it! I am surrendered. Amen. And, so it is!

Living Life From Within-Out

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It has been said that the starting point in spiritual realization is a right understanding of the One designated as the Almighty. But in a world of such broad diversity, how can we understand unity? How can we discover the One without lapsing into a duality that implies two?

There are many definitions of God, but none quite so insightful as this: God is the sphere whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere. It is not a picture that can be drawn. In fact, it should draw the mind away from the tendency to envision an anthropomorphic being.

A sphere whose center is everywhere? Impossible! But wait: If the center is everywhere, it must be where I am. Could this be the meaning of omnipresence? A point of life and light, present everywhere as each individualized expression?

If this is true, then I am the center of God. It is an audacious thought with a sacrilegious tone. And yet, can a geographical center be otherwise located in a dynamic and expanding universe? Every point in this sphere, where God is, is thus a bubbling forth of the infinite flow of life.

The great Truth taught by the mystics of all ages is: Life is lived from within-out. This means that the whole universe is concentrated at the point where you are. More than this – you are the universe expressing as you. You are its living enterprise. It forever stands behind you with its full resources.

However, the fullness of this universal support comes through you and not just to you. The most profound knowledge that you can attain is that your whole existence flows forth inexorably from a universal process, which is always from within-out.

How widespread and deep-seated is the belief that we are forever in competition with people and in conflict with the world around us. Our fears, resentment, anger, and even grief come because we feel that the instability of life in the world is a threat to our existence in it. Jesus gave the answer, “The kingdom of God is within you” (Luke 17:21) . . . The kingdom within is the realm of all-potentiality, all-substance, all-life, all-love, all-peace.