

## Excerpts from: "Absolute Individual Responsibility"

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*Definition of "kingdom": the manifestation of the Divine Design, the Design of Being in and for this world.*

.... Here we are, with the responsibility of spiritual government within the scope of our consciousness. That's right, isn't it? We know about it. We know that this is the reason for our presence on earth, even though we may have retained a few distractions heretofore; but we know very well, being honest, that there isn't really any other alternative than to accept and acknowledge this spiritual responsibility of government, the coming of the kingdom. The kingdom of God, the kingdom of heaven, obviously has not yet put in any adequate appearance insofar as human beings are concerned, simply because no one has accepted the responsibility for it. That's the only reason. The usual view is that one is waiting for the Lord to do something. Nonsense! We've been sitting around on our butts, sometimes springing into action but usually to support some human nature view of what would be a good imposition upon other people, which is not the way by which the world is reprovved. The world is reprovved because the proof of the truth is made abundantly evident regardless of what anyone else is doing. There it is, right there. It was in fact abundantly evident through Jesus. It was for this reason that He ran into the difficulties that He did. They weren't difficulties insofar as He was concerned. They didn't prevent Him from fulfilling all that was possible under that particular circumstance. He didn't use any excuses. So likewise with us now. The world is to be reprovved of sin; that is, of the human nature state, because there is another state made evident. There is no reproof until that other state is made evident.

There is the assumption of spiritual government in our own living on earth. That doesn't have to be imposed on anyone else. Others may be forced into making a choice of either liking it or lumping it, but we are aware of our own spiritual responsibility and therefore of what integrity really is: To reprove the world of sin because absolute responsibility is taken for spiritual government, spiritual expression in living, and no longer is the sin of human nature the quality of our experience.

.... To what extent are we in position to participate in spiritual government? To what extent are we in position to reprove the world? Again, we do not see that reproof as telling the world anything but as revealing the quality of the spirit of truth in action in our own living, that's all. We will find that that is something very powerful and very absolute. We may also find that it stirs something up in other people, opposition even! Well that's their business; we don't have to get into a battle about it. They that take the sword shall perish by the sword. We can trust the Law. Let it work, that accepting our position of spiritual government we may reprove the world by reason of what is revealed in our own momentary living.

We have said this for a long time but I don't think too many have recognized what the power of momentary living is in fact, when it is the absolute expression of the spirit of truth. There is a power there of which human beings have known virtually nothing. I think we still have a good deal of confidence in the powers of human nature. It may still be imagined that nothing will really be achieved unless we exert at least some of these powers. It's probably considered that we would be wide open to destruction should we not hedge ourselves about to some extent with the armor of human nature. *Faith* – an interesting word, isn't it? Perhaps we've shied away from it a little, but where is our faith in actual fact? What is our experience, in other words? Our experience may be that we have developed a certain expertise in the realm of human nature and we feel pretty competent in certain ways. Of course we occasionally get out of our depth too. Would it be safe, actually, to relinquish the safeguards of human nature – we all have them still – be absolutely exposed in the expression of the spirit of truth?

... Let the world be reproofed because we accept the absolute responsibility for it individually. Yes, people like to get lost in the crowd: "Oh we'll all do it!" Oh no you won't, not unless you do it as an individual. Let each individual do it and then we all do it. There certainly is something more that happens when there is a collective body; yes that's true; but there isn't any collective body until the individual does it. But individually speaking there have been so many distractions, so many excuses, so many reasons, for following out the human nature ways of doing things; and they look so good sometimes, don't they? They have in every generation, and the world has remained in hell.

So the door of reproof is opened, to the extent that there can be found within the four billion population of the earth just a few who will take individual responsibility and do it. And taking that individual responsibility we do find that we are part of a body; yes that is true. We don't go off in all directions like an atomic explosion of some kind. We find that we are contained, a part of a greater whole. But we only find that out when we have taken individual responsibility; otherwise it is merely a matter of form.

... so we have the spiritual government of the world in our hands. We can either let it slip through our fingers or we can take hold of it in the absolute sense, so that we do not take the attitude that anyone else but oneself has that responsibility. We know there is plenty of room for others to take theirs but that is their business. Our business is to take our own, and taking it we find ourselves included in the overall responsibility that is being taken because of others too. We share this to the glory of God, and it is thus that all things are made new. What that statement means is presently unknown. I don't think most of the implications even have come within the range of the real understanding yet. What is going to happen in the world? We don't particularly need to know, do we? We do not if we assume our responsibility now in the absolute sense for the spiritual government that emerges in our own living: no more sin, no

more subjection to the human nature impulses that arise, no more desire to exhibit any self-righteousness, and certainly no more judgment.

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... There are various services which are rendered by human beings in a general sense in the usual world pattern of things. We have a very fine hospital here in town (100 Mile House, British Columbia, Canada) and many people rendering excellent service there. We have the Red Coach Inn over here and people serving there, also others serving here in our (Attunement) community and doing things, people being helpful to each other, and all the rest. This is looked upon as being service, and it is an aspect of service, but a limited aspect when we recognize the larger situation in the world, which is a very precarious thing. People are inclined to feel a little bit futile observing that out there, where there could be disaster at any time. "What can I do about it?" the person may say. A person can do a lot about it if he/she knows how, if he/she knows the meaning of service. The service which is rendered in relationship to the thing which is close, when it is offered on the right basis, may extend out into the larger world environment. We need to be in position to do this, so that we do not remain in the limited state, imagining that all we have to do is to have the right attitude. Of course we need to have the right attitude and the right spirit, and we need to behave rightly, we need to be helpful and kind and all the rest of it, with respect to the things that are immediately around us, but it is not enough if we never see anything beyond it. When we are functioning in divine identity we begin to see with divine vision, obviously so. Divine vision always relates what is in the immediate environment to what is on beyond, because it is all connected, and divine vision sees that it is connected.

... the individual, whoever he/she is, is divine *now*. That individual divineness may not yet be adequately revealed in the body and the mind and the heart, but how is it going to be revealed? It is going to be revealed as it is expressed through the body and the mind and the heart which the individual now has, not an improved one next year. You do not have that improved one yet, and if you try to improve it, I don't think it would come out right. You are divine! The design, the pattern, everything is there for the divine expression of yourself, but it must be expressed. It must be something that goes out through the equipment that you have, and if it is to go out through the equipment, well the equipment must be willing that it should. You must be mentally willing that it should, you must be emotionally willing that it should, and you must be physically willing that it should. Your mind has a choice in the matter, doesn't it? It may say, "Well I am going to behave like a stinker today," and then proceed to do it, but you needn't do it. You can choose otherwise with your conscious mind. You can choose to let

something of the divine character be expressed, and when you do you begin to accept a divine identity. You begin to be one with God in experience....

.... If we forget about ourselves in a self-centered way and are concerned with serving, then we may begin to express something that has meaning and, incidentally, when we do this we will find that we change and we begin to experience what may be called health in body, mind and heart. We begin to become a balanced person, a person who is at peace inside, who is not all the time in a state of conflict, internal conflict. Letting this occur because we are concerned with expressing what is right, what is divine, what is a blessing, into our immediate environment, because the flow is then moving out through us, the oil of love is flowing freely into the environment, we begin to see and to understand how this service, related to some simple thing right here, has connection with something greater out there. As this is allowed to change here in the right way, that is being influenced to change out there.

It is interesting to note that in the physical body there are very few cells, in actual fact, focalized in consciousness and yet the whole body moves in consequence of these few cells. The same thing is true of the world body of mankind. Once there begins to be a true identity established, something that is being experienced and expressed by people, there begins to be a point of true identity for the whole body of mankind, because, after all, we are all members of the body of mankind. If we can find ourselves focalized in divine consciousness, we can provide the means by which the whole body moves....

How much we see and how much responsibility we take is an individual choice; nothing can be forced on anyone. It is an individual choice. There are some who are more or less satisfied with such vision as they have. They do not want it to go any higher; they do not want to serve any more than they are serving, and that is the way they want to have it. Well that is all right; that is the person's choice.... There is a widespread idea that everybody is equal. As it was put: some people are more equal than others. Everybody is equal in the sense of being divine in true identity, but that true identity is individual, not the same as anyone else....

We are all equal in the sense that we can equally choose what level we will accept for ourselves; but having made the choice, that is what it is. That is not to say that after a while, having made one choice, we cannot make another. It is not as though we fix the thing forever, but on this basis, when an individual assumes responsibility for being divine, for expressing in his/her living what is right, accepting responsibility to do this he/she will naturally fall into a level of function on the basis of that acceptance of responsibility where it is quite acceptable....

.... We do have something we can do now, something that is right and natural for us. When we do that, and when we begin to function correctly, we begin to share divine vision, we begin to understand our place, in that sense, and how we fit in the design as a whole. We stay where we fit on the basis of the responsibility we have accepted. If we wish to change the

responsibility that we accept, we will change the place where we fit. Then we will discover where we fit, having accepted this new responsibility....

As we accept responsibility we begin to see with divine vision and we begin to recognize how what we are doing here where we are has a relatedness to something more out there....

... The divine control must begin to come on earth, and it is going to come through someone or not at all. And who is it going to come through? Human beings have always been willing to think that it is going to come through somebody over there, or someone much more divine over there, but no one is more or less divine than anyone else. The truth of the matter is that divine identity is present with each one. All right, if we begin to see that, if we begin to be moved by a desire to serve, then we do something about it and we accept the responsibility; not in chest-thumping human ego identity, which will achieve nothing, but in accepting the character of rightness, the character of divine being to be expressed, and we would not lower ourselves to express anything else. That choice can be made.... As the truth begins to flow, it cuts its own channel to increase the flow and we begin to serve. This is a service that reaches people everywhere....

Service — that is what it is, and that is what we are here to do. We are here to play our part in the design by which this service is rendered; and we only discover what that design is, we only know our placement in it, to the extent that divine identity is accepted and expressed.