## Pathwork Lecture 239: Christmas Lecture 1975

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This lecture is given in an **expanded poetic format**, what I call a *Devotional Format* of the lecture, and in that sense this is **my interpretation** of the **intent** of the lecture. I may have interpreted portions differently from you, and I ask you to ponder the words for your own interpretation. I did this Devotional Format so I can take the words into my heart, phrase by phrase, much as I would in reading poetry – that is, *devotionally*.

The blessings to me in developing this format have been truly profound, and my wish is that this Devotional Format will be a blessing to others. *I invite you to slowly read and ponder this format of the text – with an open heart to experience the Guide's Presence and Love emerging from among the words such that the wisdom comes to LIVE you.* 

*For clarity:* The **original text** is in **bold and** *italicized*. *[My adds of commentary/clarification/interpretation are in brackets, italicized, and <u>not</u> <i>bolded.]* To learn more of my Devotional Format and see the lectures I have done in this way, go to <u>https://www.garyvollbracht.com/pathwork-lectures/pathwork-lectures-devotional-format/</u>

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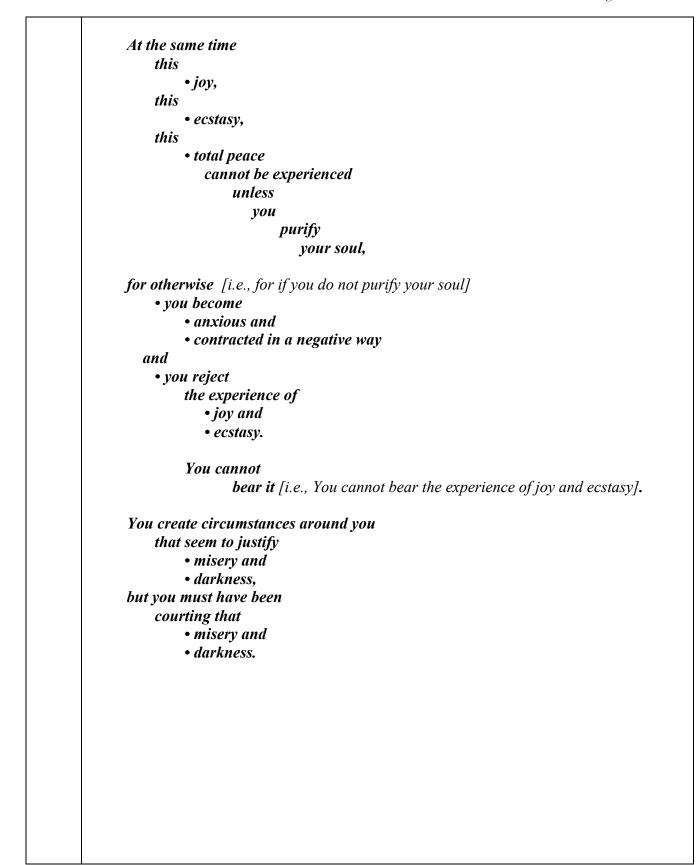
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	Greetings,
	my beloved ones.
	The blessings flow richly
	from
	your innermost being
	into
	the outer world
	and
	from
	the outer world around you
	back into
	your innermost being.

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The birth of
    Christ
         • celebrates and
         • symbolizes
            birth –
                not only birth
                    of
                        • an entity,
                     of
                        • a human being,
                but birth
                    of
                       • new expressions,
                     of
                        • new ways
                           of expressing
                               God in life,
                birth
                    of
                        • new levels of consciousness.
    The celebration of
            • birth
always follows
    the celebration of
         what you experience as
            • death.
It [i.e., Birth following death]
     is
         • an endless chain,
         • a continuum of consciousness,
but
    • each birth
always gives rise to
    • new joy.
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	And • death is nothing else but another form of • birth. It [i.e., Death as another form of birth] simply is
	the reverse side, symbolized in your religious history by Easter,
	where • resurrection follows • death.
04	At one time in your history, birth had to be • celebrated and • symbolized by the appearance of a human being.
	At that time in history human consciousness was still very much on an outer level.
	Everything had to be outward.

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	In the New Age
	• the energy,
	• the impetus,
	• the power
	of the Christ
	has newly risen.
	<i>It</i> [i.e., The energy, impetus, and power of the newly-risen Christ within]
	is not a
	• sentimental,
	• meek
	force
	by any means.
	It [i.e., The energy, impetus, and power of the newly-risen Christ within]
	has
	tremendous power.
	Ite [i.e. Chwist's]
	Its [i.e., Christ's]
	strength
	sweeps your earth sphere,
	and those of you who
	• are ready and • have
	• the courage,
	• the inner courage, to make room
	for
	• joy, for
	• pleasure,
	to make room
	for
	• ecstasy,
	can
	experience
	the Christ within.
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	You can
	give birth to
	the Christ in you.



	To the degree
	you refuse purification,
	[to that degree]
	you lack
	the courage
	to change
	into
	• better ways,
	into
	• new ways,
	into
	• the ways within you
	that come with
	a powerful sweep.
	<i>a powerjui sweep</i> .
	<i>They</i> [i.e., The better and new ways, the ways within you
	that come with a powerful sweep]
	show you
	that life is good.
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07	You can afford
	• generosity.
	generativ
	You can afford
	• to let others be their best.
	You can afford
	• to give up the little self-interests.
	You can afford
	• to be in a state of love.
	You can afford
	• to have the courage
	and risk truth.
	You can afford
	• humility,
	and
	the best
	will flow to you
	because
	you can receive it.
	you can recere u.

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	Your offerings [i.e., Your offerings of generosity, letting others be their best,
	giving up your little self-interests, love, having the
	courage to risk the truth, and humility],
	symbolized in
	<i>the ornaments on your tree</i> [i.e., on your Christmas tree],
	are very real.
	ure very reui.
	<b>These offerings</b> [i.e., These offerings of generosity, letting others be their best, giving up your little self-interests, love, having the courage to risk the truth, and humility]
	must often
	be repeated,
	perhaps
	in your
	• daily meditation,
	in your
	• work sessions,
	in your
	• group experiences,
	in your
	• interaction with one another.
	<b>They</b> [i.e., These offerings of generosity, letting others be their best,
	giving up your little self-interests, love, having the
	courage to risk the truth, and humility]
	can be renewed
	• when one points out to another
	what he or she observes, and
	• when you listen
	more with an ear to
	• what is the truth,
	rather than
	with the attitude
	of being
	• rejected,
	• hurt and
	• misjudged.
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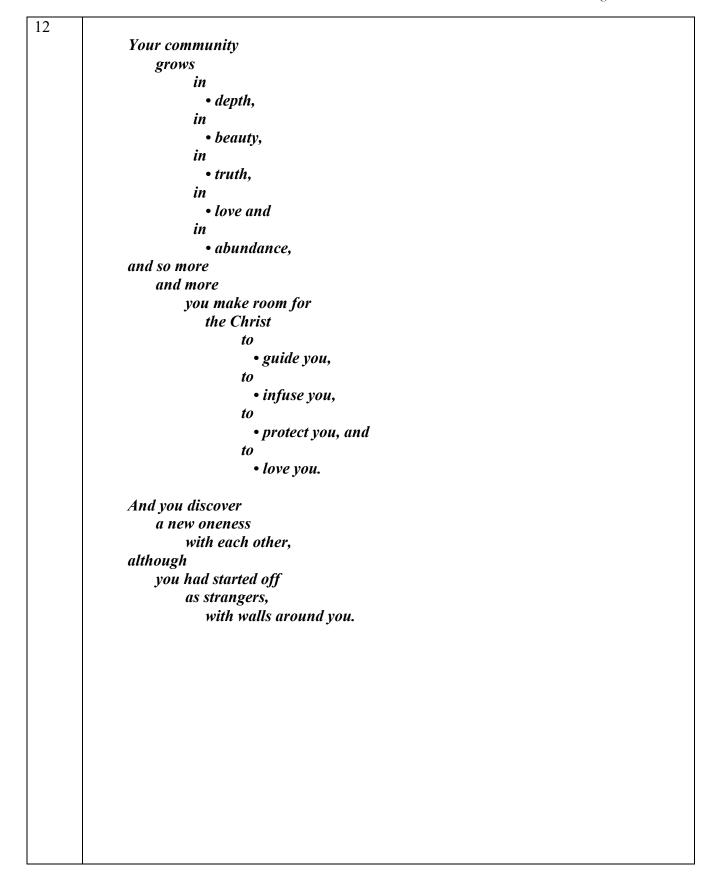
	When you
	listen for
	the truth
	you will
	• find
	the Christ within.
	You will
	• experience
	so much more
	• the greater life,
	• the real life that you are a part of,
	• your greater being,
	• your eternal reality.
	You will
	• know
	there is
	nothing to
	• fear
	and
	nothing to
	• mourn.
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	You, my friends,
	who are
	• carriers and
	• instruments
	in this important historical time
	at this point of evolution,
	actually
	live
	simultaneously
	in two worlds.

in this material world that is very real to you. And it [i.e., And this material world that is very real to you] is indeed important, for it is your task to infuse the world of matter with the greater spiritual reality in which you are much more firmly planted than you realize. Only the separated consciousness manages not to know this [i.e., manages not to know that you are firmly planted in the greater spiritual to but as you progress on your path, slowly but surely your mind • enlarges, your mind • makes a leap, and suddenly you find	irt off believing ly	
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	sudder	nly
another consciousness	•	another consciousness
that is so much more real [i.e.,		that is so much more real [i.e., that
so much more real than you		so much more real than your s
and limited ego consciousn		and limited ego consciousness

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	Perhaps you discover it [i.e., Perhaps you discover the consciousness
	of this greater spiritual reality]
	first by
	creating a channel,
	as you call it.
	Mana
	More
	and more of you
	• begin to
	create a channel
	and thus
	• find out who
	you
	really
	are.
	What greater gift
	could you give to yourself
	than making an effort
	to create a channel
	to that
	in you which is
	the Christ?
	The Church in man
	The Christ in you
	is
	your true identity,
	which
	• knows all
	and
	• fears nothing
	and
	• lives forever.
	It [i.e., The Christ in you, your true identity]
	is
	that
	you
	that is
	• always bathed in light,
	that is
	• a light body,
	• an energy body, • trub indestructible
	• truly indestructible.
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	Your consciousness
	has its feet
	planted in
	both
	<i>these worlds</i> [i.e., planted in both the world that is reality and the world of matter in the outer realms]
	, and that is your task –
	to bring
	• the world that is the reality
	into
	• the outer realms
	and so
	to infuse
	• the light of
	the newly-born Christ
	into
	• matter.
	Christ
	is born
	every
	• minute,
	every
	• second,
	in time.

Every • new realization, every spurt of • new consciousness, every breath of • love, every change of • attitude gives birth to the Christ, until all these many little lights that you light up in • your own souls, spreading into • others' souls, • converge and • emerge into one huge sea of • light, into a sea of • love, into a sea of • intense • joyous awareness.



But these walls begin to crumble, and what was • illusory separation turns out to be what it • always was and • really is, • a oneness of consciousness, • a love between various aspects of God. Each one of you is a beautiful • aspect and • individualization of God. As you learn to discover this [i.e., to discover that each one of you is a beautiful aspect and individualization of God], you learn not • to diminish your personality, but rather • to make • a bridge, • a beautiful golden bridge from • one [i.e., from your divine aspect] to • the other [i.e., to your personality].

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This message,
        my beloved ones,
    will
        • bring you into
           • your inner being
     and perhaps
        • create
           a greater awareness of it [i.e., create a greater awareness of
                                                           your inner being]
               than you have ever had.
You can
    • translate these words
        into
           your own new awareness of
               your true identity
  and
    • discover
        your
           eternal
               • reality,
        your
           eternal
               • love and
               • beauty and
               • safety,
                  for you need not
                       • fear or
                       • guard against
                          • anyone or
                          • anything.
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	QUESTION:
	A group of us who work with children on the path as helpers
	have started what we call
	a children's seminar
	where we discuss the problems of working with children.
	One of the subjects of discussion for our next meeting is
	sexuality in children.
	I wondered if you could
	• address the children tonight
	on this subject and
	• help us
	who work with the children.
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	ANSWER:
	It is of course
	a wonderful thing
	that the old taboos
	are removed.
	The old restrictions
	that make sexuality a
	• dirty,
	• guilty
	secret
	no longer exist.
	It is important
	that a growing human being
	• knows and
	• learns to accept
	this
	• beautiful force,
	this
	• divine force.
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At the same time
    it is of equal importance
         to realize that
            the greater
                a force –
                        whether it be
                           • the force of sexuality
                        or
                           • any other spiritual force –
            the more
                it [i.e., the greater the force the more that spiritual force]
                   requires
                        a tremendous amount of
                           maturity –
                                       and young people
                                          can be
                                              mature –
                               which means
                                  a sense of
                                       • responsibility and
                                       • self-discipline.
Self-discipline
    here
         is not meant
            in the sense of
                • denial of pleasure,
         but
            in the sense of
                • the constant process
                     of
                        • self-purification,
                     of
                        • honesty,
                     of
                        • truthfulness,
                     of
                        • commitment to growing.
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If this • deep • sincere commitment to self-discipline is lacking, the sexual force • cannot be borne and • will turn into destructiveness. It is important to understand this. It is also important to realize that without a loving heart sexuality becomes • shallow, • unfulfilling, • empty, and it [i.e., and without a loving heart, sexuality] will always be • guilt-producing, no matter what the mores of your outer society may be. *The guilt* [i.e., *The guilt produced by experiencing sexuality without a loving heart]* is then an inner guilt for wanting to grab a pleasure in a selfish way without lovingness.

	Only when
	that attitude of lovingness is cultivated
	can
	<ul> <li>guiltlessness exist</li> <li>and therefore [i.e., and therefore can]</li> <li>the full capacity</li> <li>to enjoy</li> </ul>
	all the pleasures,
	including
	sexual pleasure [exist].
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	QUESTION ([from a] Child):
	I want to know why I hurry through life.
	Thurry through the.
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	ANSWER:
	You hurry through life
	because you want to
	shut out
	your
	• anxieties and
	• fears,
	my son.
	And you need not do so [i.e., And you need not shut out your anxieties and fears].
	You have people around you who will help you
	to
	• feel and
	• explore your anxieties.
	your anxieues.
	The anxiety
	you produce
	by denying your anxiety
	is much greater than
	the original anxiety.

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So my suggestion is:
    when you wish
         to rush,
    • hold still
  and
    • allow yourself
        to feel
           your
                • fears,
           your
                • worries,
           your
                • negative thoughts,
  and
    • express them [i.e., express your fears, worries, and negative thoughts]
        to your helper.
Discuss them [i.e., Discuss your fears, worries, and negative thoughts]
    • in your sessions
 and
    • with your path friends
         who have more experience to guide you.
This [i.e., Discussing your fears, worries, and negative thoughts in your helper
                sessions and with your pathwork friends who have more experience]
    will
        free you of the anxieties
            so that you can be calm.
It is wonderful
    that you have asked this question.
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	QUESTION:
	My daughter
	is of very low energy level
	especially in the morning.
	It is very difficult for her to move in the morning.
	I know there is
	a characterological reason for this,
	but I would like to know
	• if there is anything I can do about it
	and
	<ul> <li>what is the deeper meaning of this problem?</li> </ul>
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	ANSWER:
	The meaning is
	that she uses a great deal of energy
	in an artificially stirred up way.
	There is
	a lot of sexual energy there
	• that she does not know how to handle and
	• that creates
	an over-agitation
	that is then pushed into
	an overactivity
	•
	that is not quite
	• organic or
	• harmonious,
	so that then
	• an imbalance is created
	and
	• at certain times
	energy is lacking.
	Now, you may not be able to
	immediately
	do something about this.
	At the same time
	• your understanding,
	• simply your awareness of this,
	may already have an effect
	on another level of reality.

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	QUESTION:
	I find that
	I am filled with
	• distrust and
	• suspicion and
	• fear
	and it [i.e., and this distrust, suspicion, and fear]
	manifests
	in paralyzing my
	• creativity and
	• ability
	• to work and
	<ul> <li>to pull things together economically</li> </ul>
	in my personal life.
	I wonder if you could help me?
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20	ANSWER:
	This first early stage on your path
	is the most difficult struggle.
	is the most adjicuit struggle.
	The further you go
	the easier it becomes.
	But in this first phase
	you find it difficult
	to
	• remove your
	• mask self and
	• look at your
	• lower self
	without losing sight
	that you also have a
	• higher self.
	Yet
	• this higher self
	must not be confused with
	• the mask self
	you have identified with
	for a long time.

You confuse this • mask self with your • higher self. To remove • the mask self is complicated, for if you only focus on • the lower self you despair. At the same time, if you revert to your mask self, you are right back where you started from. Your despair is that • you cannot differentiate between • the mask self [which is a pretense of the higher self, or is the false higher self] and • the real higher self, and that • you believe that if • the mask self is taken from you, you are going to disintegrate into an evil person. Now, • the lower self is there; • *it* [*i.e.*, *the lower self*] is never beautiful; • it *cannot be* [i.e., the lower self cannot be beautiful]; • *it* [*i.e.*, *the lower self*] is a distortion of the beauty.

However, you need to pray for • the courage and • the strength and • the faith to go through it [i.e., the courage, strength, and faith to go through the lower self] so that you will find • the real higher self, not • *the false version of it* [*i.e.*, not the false version of the higher self, the false version of the higher self being the mask self]. In this initial struggle, my suggestion is to make yourself available to all the help here for you; give yourself to every aspect the pathwork offers you and you will come through. You need also the meditational practice to make full commitment to • the courage and • the trust to give birth to the Christ in you as you • go through your lower self and • *do not evade it* [i.e., *do not evade your lower self*] by wishful thinking. Your distrust is an outpicturing of your inner lack of trust that there is a **real** higher self in you.

• you know         deep down         that         your mask self         is not genuine and         • you project         that lack of genuineness         on the world outside [i.e., you consider that others lack genuineness].         For it is         a human being's weakness         to always believe         of others         what they feel about themselves.         One cannot suppose         that others are different.         You can go over these hurdles,         and         if you really want to,         you can make it.         21         QUESTION:         I feel also         that 1 strongly mistrust         my higher self         and even to ask for help from you         is very difficult for me,         because there is a part in me		Your distrust [i.e., Your distrust that there even is a REAL higher self in you]
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wanting to		wanting to
• doubt		• doubt
and not only to		and not only to
• mistrust		• mistrust
but really [wanting to]		but really [wanting to]
• prove		-
the unreality of beauty.		the unreality of beauty.
And I want very much to take the step		· ·
and ask for your help.		and ask for your help.

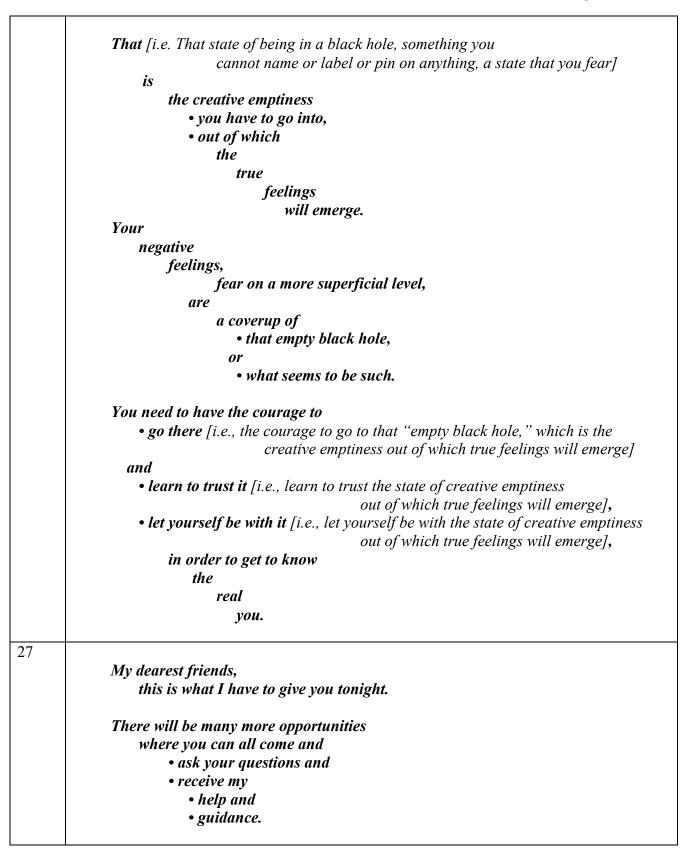
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	ANSWER:
	Open your heart
	and the blessing that is here
	will flow into it.
	Speak the words,
	• "I want to give up
	my negation.
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	• I want to see
	the truth of
	the God within."
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	Say these words.
	So it will be,
	it must be,
	for
	<i>that</i> [ <i>i.e.</i> , for seeing the truth of the God within]
	is
	• your destiny,
	that [i.e., for the God within]
	is
	• your true nature.
	<b>The other</b> [i.e., Your negation in wanting to doubt and mistrust your higher self
	and in wanting to prove the unreality of beauty]
	is but
	a temporary bad dream,
	but
	• a dream
	with a deep
	• purpose and
	• meaning,
	• a dream
	that is a task.
	Your earthly lives
	are
	dreams
	that are
	tasks.

23	
	QUESTION:
	I would like to ask your guidance on
	our crisis intervention program.
	We have tried to follow your suggestions as closely as possible.
	But as far as I am concerned
	there are two kinds of attitudes:
	• one that
	• is overcautious and
	<ul> <li>examines everything and</li> </ul>
	• kills spontaneity,
	and
	• the other, which
	• gives in with
	• a carelessness
	rather than
	• a trust
	in the spontaneous growth.
	I find that when we discuss individual cases
	we get caught in this type of dilemma.
24	
	ANSWER:
	I would make the following
	• comments and
	• suggestions:
	When the person
	who is in crisis
	asks for the help,
	then
	the difficulties will be relatively small.
	When the person
	refuses to acknowledge
	his state of crisis,
	<i>it</i> [ <i>i.e.</i> , <i>help</i> ]
	should
	not
	be forced upon him.

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At the same time
    it would be important
         to tell the person,
         "We think you are in crisis.
         We are willing to give you help,
            if you wish it.
         If you do not wish it,
            it is your responsibility,"
                and let it go at that.
As to the people
    who
         • are open for it [i.e., open for your help]
       and
         • request it,
            you have so far
                always seen
                    that it was [i.e., that your help was]
                        • very helpful and
                        • very effective.
The only thing I might suggest
    is that
         when you get entangled in
            these contradictory currents,
         you immediately
            • let go and
            • flow together
                in your focusing in
                    • to your inner channels,
                    • to the guidance
                        of the will of God,
                           and it [i.e., and the guidance of the will of God]
                                will come.
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You will find the right balance between • giving, • reaching out and • moving, between • spontaneity and • cautiousness. At times discuss the problems with the person who is in need of help, without necessarily making it a helper session. And at other times simply be there with • love and • prayer and • companionship. No rules exist. Only the intuitive connection will be • valid and • reliable. And that [i.e., And the intuitive connection] will come through prayer.

25	
	QUESTION:
	I find myself
	in a state of being very aware of
	how my judgments
	• hurt me and
	• poison my life.
	Yet I can't seem to
	stop these judgments
	from coming up all the time.
	I'm wondering if perhaps you could help me.
26	
	ANSWER:
	When you observe yourself
	in this state,
	just
	• hold still
	and
	• question yourself,
	"What would happen
	if I gave up the judging?"
	<b>Experiment with it</b> [i.e., Experiment with this question].
	[As you experiment with this question of what would happen
	if you gave up the judging]
	You will discover
	various states.
	For example,
	a black hole
	of nothingness
	to begin with,
	which you fear,
	something you cannot
	• name or
	• label or
	• pin on anything.
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28 Let us close with a deep focusing all together on the • One, the one • power that motivates, the one • life that you are an expression of, the one • love that colors everything into radiant beauty, the one • peace that surpasses all understanding, the one • joy that • vibrates and • resonates through the pores of the universe that you are a part of. Continue your tasks of self-purification, thus • spreading this great light and • being carriers of the Christ. The love that • envelops the universe, that • permeates the universe, can be borne by your purified souls. You become acclimatized to do so [i.e., acclimatized to bear the love that permeates the universe]. Let this love surge through you, and be one with it [i.e., and be one with this love]. Be your God. Be the Christ.

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