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The late Paul Newman was a great guy. He founded The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp for children with cancer, AIDS, and various blood diseases. One afternoon Paul and his wife stopped by to have lunch with the kids. They didn't do this terribly often, and a counselor having lunch at their table suspected the kids didn't know who they were. They didn't know Paul Newman was a famous actor and movie star. The counselor began to explain to the kids at his table, "That's the man who made this camp possible. Maybe you've seen his picture on his salad dressing bottles?" There were these blank stares so the counselor said, "Well maybe you've seen his face on his lemonade cartons?" Still there were blank stares, and finally one little eight-year-old girl said, "Well how long was he missing?"

That leads me to say, "How long have you been missing?" In a sense all of us at one time or another could've been picked up in lost and found. We've had times where we felt lost, maybe lost in the world, lost in who we were, lost in the circumstances of our lives, but along the way we found ourselves, didn't we? Maybe we've gone to a very real lost and found in various ways within the dynamic of our own journey.

On our journey of spiritual enfoldment, one of the most important ideas we need to embrace is that we all have buried treasure. We all have something inside of us that is absolutely glorious and wonderful of God. The companion truth to that thought is God lives in us all. God lives in us.

We ask the question “Where is God?” If we say, “God is everywhere.” Then God is also within us. God dwells within us. Now we say that all the time, and we don’t realize the magnitude of what’s being said. It’s a holy sacred thing to pause quietly and recognize that God dwells within us. You are the temple of the living God. The one life, the one intelligence, and the one force for all good is at the heart and core of you and to what extent we’re aware and living from that is crucially important.

We must come to the realization that we’re here to access all the power, creativity, love, light and goodness that is God. If God is within us, then all of this is inherent in us. If you really knew who you were, and if you really were in touch with your true identity, the true self hidden within you to be discovered, uncovered and expressed, the self that God knows you to be, the self that God sees you to be, you would have no lack of happiness, joy, love or peace. There would be no lack, but a radiance bursting forth of your true being in a conscious union with the Divine. You would be living from a frequency and a vibration that cannot sustain fear, doubt, separation or lack of any kind. It comes with the realization that in God there is no fear or lack.

There is something foreign that we have allowed in, and we have forgotten who we are. A big part of our life is going back, digging in, and rediscovering that buried treasure. A big part of our spiritual path is matching the vibration of the truth of God. When we are not matching God’s vibration, when another vibration moves through us that is foreign to the nature of God, we feel off center.

Our pattern of thinking and the ideas, beliefs and opinions that we’ve accepted about ourselves stands in our way. Our subconscious sense of loyalty gets thrown into our experience, but it’s important to know that God knows itself as being all there is. God knows itself as being all there is. It knows itself to be truth as opposed to untruth. It knows itself to be unconditional love. It knows itself to be law, which is the law of cause and effect. All of these are the ways in which God works.

We are meant to come in contact with and listen to the hidden self. The hidden self is the Christ self. It’s the part of us that knows itself. The Christ part of you is the Christ meaning the Divinity, the Divine dimension of you, the part that knows itself. It’s not buying into all the aspects and ideas that are foreign to God.

In this way, God's knowledge becomes our knowledge as we connect to this dimension of us. The wisdom and the truth of God go from being just a potential to being a reality actualized in our lives. At the core of our spiritual evolution is the process of this Divine intelligence unfolding in us.

We are all evolving and awakening. It's a process. We have to love ourselves all through the journey. We also have to be committed and dedicated to it. Every day we have the opportunity to grow and to be a disciplined being with a pure intention of becoming all that we are held to be in the mind of God.

All of us want to be a success in life. We certainly want to be a success out there in the world. I think in many ways people have a narrow view of what success is. We tend to think of success in terms of wealth and external achievement. There's nothing wrong with that. It's a part of life, but at the same time, we should realize that success is also the strides you make in your inner world.

More important than anything done on the outside is what happens on the inside. There are people who may not look like they've achieved a lot in the outer world, but they have incredible success with the inner work they have done.

We each have our own dictionary of the mind. It's the dictionary of the mind that you have for you and I have for me. The definitions that I hold about my world, my life, myself, and how I identify all of those things have been put in the dictionary of my mind.

How would you define the world in the dictionary of your mind? Is it a good place or a bad place? Probably most of you would come from a good place, but for some it's a place of pain. It's a place of struggle. It's a place of problems and difficulties. If it's the good place, then they define it as a place full of beauty, friendship, loving relationships, abundance and all of God's goodness.

As we look to the dictionary of our mind what do we find there? What do we find under attitude? What does it say about our outlook? What does it say about our intentions in life? What does it say about our beliefs and dominate thoughts? What are these things in relation to our own individual consciousness as we're living from the dictionary of our mind and defining our world?

In the dictionary of our mind how do we define ourselves? What do you find there? In the dictionary of your mind if you look up martyr or failure or unhappy or fearful or hopeless or

cynical or lonely or unfulfilled do you find your picture there? And if you do, it's only because you put it there. God didn't do it.

When we're lonely, when we're all of these different things in the dictionary of our own mind, we have put our picture there. If we looked into our dictionary of our mind and looked at the word loving, faithful, peaceful, kind, successful, spiritually inclined and spiritually dedicated would we find your picture there? If it isn't there, again, it's because you didn't put it there.

It's your dictionary. You're creating it. It's your life. We're creating definitions of ourselves all along the way. We have to recognize what it is that we identify most with about our world, about our life, about ourselves, and begin to erase what we don't want so that we can make dominant what we do want.

A big part of life is really recognizing and becoming aware of what you identify about your world, your life, and yourself that is not the truth. It is not an energetic vibration match with the truth of God in you. When you realize that, you make the shift. You stand at the door of your mind and begin to make adjustments, and your vibration changes. You become more radiant, and that's what Jesus was talking about when he said, "Become a light in the world." He's talking about living the truth. The more you live the truth, the more a light being you become.

Sometimes we get lost in how long it takes to demonstrate something in our life. We shouldn't get so lost in time because it doesn't take time to demonstrate. It really takes consciousness to demonstrate, and according to one's consciousness that dictates the amount of time that you're really going to get results in any area or aspect of your life. We shouldn't focus so much on time but focus on "Where am I in consciousness?" Where am I in terms of my attitudes, ideas, beliefs, faith, convictions, and intentions?

Divine Intelligence is the medium that surrounds us and flows through us. It's always available, and our thoughts act upon that creative intelligent medium. It is through the law of cause and effect that moves an idea into manifestation and form. All of what surrounds us in our world we have a part to create in because thought is creative. That's been proven. It isn't even arguable anymore, it is so accepted.

Now back to the idea of hidden or buried treasure. The buried treasure in each of us is referred to as the Christ. Buried in each and every one of us is a Christ likeness that is the inherent divine blueprint. I'm not saying we're expressing that yet, but that's what we're called to express. That's really what Jesus' ministry was about too.

Although we've taught this many times, I want to quickly go through the distinction between Jesus and Christ. For those of you who know it fine, but Jesus was a man who walked the Earth in a physical body 2000 years ago. He was human. We talk about the human and the Divine coming together. Jesus was the name of the human man. He put on the nature of God. He put on the Divinity. He put on His divine blueprint. He reflected that to us. He lived it.

He made important His conscious union that He had to work toward within Himself. Christ refers to that nature. It's the universal principle. It's the divine son-ship. It's the divine pattern. It's the divine ideal toward which humanity itself is to evolve. It's inherent in every person whether they seek to pursue it or want to believe it or not believe it. That is the truth.

Sometimes the *Bible* even refers to Jesus as Christ Jesus as opposed to Jesus Christ which is indicative of the distinction being made there. It's referring to the Divinity in Jesus when it's talking about Christ Jesus. It's really making a distinct reference to that.

An example is when Paul says, "Let this mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." Let this mind be in you that was in the Divinity, the Christ that emerged in the man Jesus. Let that same be there in you.

Jesus was a man. He put on the Christ. He put on the Christ consciousness, a total union with God. "The Father and I are one," he was able to say, and out of that he did great things. You have to understand Christ existed. This universal principle of oneness with God, the perfect idea of man in the mind of God existed before Christ came to Earth.

It was created when man was created. When man was created, God created the perfect idea of man in the mind of God. Christ existed all through time, and Jesus was one of those who showed up and demonstrated and reflected the Divine in all its fullness.

It would be silly for us to think that it didn't exist prior to, and that's where all the masters and mystics truly honor Jesus so incredibly because He was a great, great teacher of all time. He was the great example. He was the great model. He was able to teach in such a powerful manner. They recognized that He put on the Divinity of God, which we are all called to do, and they so honored God at work in Him.

Paul states that this idea is inherent in all of us. He said, "This is a secret that has been hidden for ages and generations," which is Christ in you, the hope and glory. People haven't been awakened to the truth that it's in you too. He said, "We are joint heirs with Christ." It's about lifting up an awakened awareness of what it is that we're called to do, or go in the direction of, in this life that

internally is very important. As we seek outer success, it has to be balanced with the inner success we are seeking.

We evolve spiritually. In our dictionary, next to the words “Christ likeness” we want to have our picture. Don’t you want to have your picture there? I do.

It doesn’t mean that we do away with our relationship with Jesus Christ. It actually makes our relationship with Jesus Christ even more important as we come to understand His teachings from a new perspective. We come to gain a new depth of what He was speaking to.

We now understand His ministry more completely than ever. He was talking about lifting us up to an awareness of something that he had and wanted for us. It wasn’t that you have to die first to get there, to experience the kingdom of Heaven. He said, “The kingdom of Heaven is within you.” It’s here. It’s now. Don’t be hoodwinked on that. He said, “I am the light of the world. You are the light of the world so let your light shine as I have.”

He said, “The things that I do, you can do also and even greater things than these if you believe.” He said, “If I bare witness of myself, my witness is not true.” What He was saying is, “If I make this all about me, it’s a lie. It’s not the truth. It’s about God that I have allowed to come into me in full expression.” That union is what you’re seeing, the same union that I want for you that I am reflecting back to you.

Even His parables had to do with this idea that there is something emerging within us that is precious and of value. Two very short parables found in Mathew 13, verse 44, 45, 46. It’s *The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price* and *The Parable of The Hidden Treasure*. It’s about the kingdom of Heaven which is within you as He said and taught. Again, the kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure which is hidden in the field, which a man discovered and hid, and because of his joy, he went and sold everything he had and bought that field. The next one is, again, the kingdom of Heaven is like unto a merchant man seeking goodly pearls who when he had found one pearl of great price went and sold all that he had and bought it.

In both cases, the individual went and sold all that he had to be able to buy this field, recognizing the value of it. He’s talking about being like a merchant, all of us being like a merchant, we have to learn to distinguish the superior from the inferior.

We have to learn to distinguish the lesser from the greater in terms of what it is you’re going to invest in life. We do that out there, but we also have to recognize we have to do that within ourselves. To be good merchants on the inside that means there’s buried treasure in each and

every one of us. There's hidden potential. There are endless possibilities of good for us. We are equipped with all the capacities of God.

In order to have this buried treasure, we have to dig for it. We have to do some work. We have to get to it. As portrayed in the parable, before one is granted the right to dig in the field where buried treasure exists, you have to own it which translates that you have to own your mind. In translation mystically, you have to become conscious as opposed to unconscious. You have to begin to own all of your mind, know what you're feeding your mind, and know what ideas are coming and going.

Owning it is a big part of being able to grasp the treasure that is buried in you. It begins with that ownership, that sense of responsibility. After buying the field, only then do you have the right to dig.

All this requires going through a process. There's some work to do and some people shy away from it. Some people find reasons not to go toward it, delay it, whatever. That's okay. That's their journey. You all have your own individual decisions to make.

I believe this parable is talking about a process whereby we are to enter into change, a transformation of bringing forth that which we truly are, the hidden treasure or the buried treasure. Just as they sold off everything they had, we have to sell off all of our old limiting beliefs and ideas to make way for the new.

It's really about being a merchant of the mind. All of us know what it's like to buy and sell out there. We have to evaluate the physical things of the Earth. All of us have a mind; therefore, all of us are a merchant in the mind. If we are conscious and really want to own the field, we begin to make decisions as to what we value and what we're going to buy and what we're going to sell. That's a big important process where we want to develop wisdom, pearls of wisdom, which is part of the parable itself.

All of you may be aware of the idea of a deep feeling in your heart, a connection when truth came to you. Maybe you were searching and had a lot of questions. Maybe you were lost and needing to be found. You just felt so separate and apart. There was a leap that you made to expose certain truths and ideas. It opened you up and was so enriching. It was a frequency of vibration that just touched you emotionally and made you want to cry. You felt the energy of it.

There's a person who had that happen and kind of shared it. Perhaps many of you have, and I have in my own life had that happen. I asked the question, "Can we not renew that kind of a deep

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level and feeling with the truth that we come to?" It touches us so emotionally because we feel so connected.

I received a beautiful email recently, and I don't want this to be taken as meaning God is more in this church than any other church. Our belief is that God is as much in this church as any church because God is everywhere. When I read this just keep that in mind.

I won't read the name of the person this is from, but it goes, "First let me say that my name is blank, and I am new to Unity. I have not found a spiritual home of any kind since I was a teen until I walked through the doors of this wondrous place. I have been missing this part of my life for a long time and did not know what to believe or where to begin. I am a lover of all people and all faiths and have been put off by traditional worship. I think there are so many answers to life in many places we look and care to venture to. I was feeling very low, empty and down. I give so much of myself in my daily life, and yet I had to find something to sooth my heart and recharge my spirit. A dear friend suggested I give Unity a try, and thus far it has been a beautiful gift into my life and my six-year-old daughter's. We enjoy Sunday services very much. One day I will stop crying when I go to church, right? I guess you all have profoundly touched my heart. This is to you. I guess you all have profoundly touched my heart, my life and thus my child's. My little family thanks each and every one of the enlightened people that have joined our path to show us a new way to spirituality. You have given me hope. You have given me peace. You have given me life again. I am most grateful and humbled by the congregation of Unity. Best regards."

That's my gift to you, and what you have to understand is you don't just come to church. You actually come and open up to an experience at church. You come with an intention, and the intention is not only to receive but also to give because you're bringing in energy. You're bringing a willingness. You're bringing an openness to connect, and there's something very beautiful about that. You don't have to say anything to a person, and a person is going to feel the energies of a group of people that have stepped into that consciousness.

It's beautiful, and the beautiful thing here is she had a lot of powerful affirmations. If you noticed, she said, "I'm a lover of all people." That's a great affirmation. "I'm a lover of all faiths. I think there are so many answers to life. I've been given hope. I've been given peace. I've been given life again. I am most grateful. I am humble." That's beautiful, and then the question, "I will stop crying when I come to church sometime, won't I?"

Well hopefully you all know that is a very common occurrence. I have people telling me as well as emails and letters from many through the years who have told me that they can't stop crying,

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and they think there's something wrong with them. They cry for weeks. They cry sometimes for months just coming to the church. It's a beautiful thing. Don't ever make that wrong. That is so sacred because it's a heart opening that is so profound. It's moving from a sense of separation where you thought God was way out there, and now you've discovered that God actually dwells within you and you feel it. It's not something you know intellectually. You have come to a place where you feel it. You are the temple of the living God and that is sacred. That is something worth crying tears of joy about. We behold that as sacred.

I leave with you the importance of taking time every day to declare that Divine Intelligence is guiding all things in your life, guiding your thoughts, and that you have the intention to really dig for and buy this field. In order to dig this field, you have to own it. You have to be open to it. You have to uncover it and then be it.

The greatest service that anyone can give is to continually think from the highest level within them. It's a gift not only to themselves but to all humanity. To learn how to think is to learn how to live. God bless you all.