Be a Spiritual Magnet Dr. M.W. Lewis Hollywood, 5-6-56

[Humorously] I'm not going to say anything further about cafes. Enough damage has been done. I've got a message to give you this morning, so you are very welcome to come to Encinitas, and do what you like when you come. We're always happy to have you. I know you know that wherever the Master's blessing is, which is everywhere, we should all want to go.

Now our subject this morning is to "Be a Spiritual Magnet." "Be a Spiritual Magnet."

Well, what is a magnet? "A magnet is a body through which magnetic power flows." "It is a body..." this is a definition I found in the dictionary, we have to start with something concrete. We may change it a little bit, but it says: "a body through which its magnetic power can attract other bodies." Everything attracts something else due to this magnetic power. And so, a magnet is something that has that power, and attracts another body. A Spiritual magnet, naturally, is that body which has Spiritual Magnetism, and thereby attracts others through Spiritual Magnetism.

Now, the Master always used to use, and I will use it, the illustration of the horseshoe magnet, with which you are all familiar. The little horseshoe magnet, with its positive pole, and its negative pole, and the neutral area between. Now, that magnet, you will remember, and I hope you will remember as we discuss this morning, that it has two properties. One property is to attract something. The horseshoe magnet attracts say iron, for instance. It has that power to attract iron filings, or a bar of iron, as you will remember. But it also has another power. And that other power is to transmit to the object, which it attracts, some of its magnetism. You understand?

Realize those two things, now, as we discuss this morning. And a magnet of whatever nature has these two properties; first, to attract another object, and also, to transmute to that other object, or transmit rather, some of its own magnetism, or power. Realize that as we now go on to discuss this being a Spiritual magnet.

Now, it is God's Magnetic Power, realize it, it is God's Magnetic Power that is seeded in, and distributed through, everything. It is His Great Pull that is in everything. It is His Great Pull, the Law of Attraction, is

what holds everything together. All objects are held because of that one Great Power of God – that Great Force of Attraction. We will realize, in creation there are two great Forces. One is the great Repulsion, going out from God, but the other is the great Attraction, which pulls things back together. It is the balance of these two things which keeps creation as it is. The Great Force of Creation produces the object of creation. The Great Power of Attraction is pulling everything back to God.

Now realize, that that Force of Attraction is behind all magnetism. And, of course, Spiritual Magnetism means that you are using directly that Great Power of God's Attraction to pull things back home, to whence they have come. You are using that Power as you are a true Spiritual magnet. The Master has said it nicely when he said, "The force of attraction pulls all things together producing..." pardon me... "This magnetic force," the Master says, "is Spirit's emancipating attractive force." Isn't that wonderful? It is that Power which saves us; that Great Magnetic Pull of God. If we can remove the Forces which keep us tied to the outward creation, we would automatically be drawn back to God. Such is God's Great Power. So the Master has said, "This magnetic force is Spirit's Emancipating, Attractive Force, which constantly tries to call all created objects back to dissolve in unity." Isn't that wonderful?

Now, realize, it is that Power, that Pull of God, which is behind all magnetism – even Animal Magnetism and such things. Now, this Pull of God, this great Pull of God back to Him, is called Universal Magnetism. Now, we have an illustration of this in Solar Magnetism whereby the planets, and the different stars of this solar system, are held together. It is the pull of the sun, which holds them in their right positions, and we see harmony. That's known as Solar Magnetism.

Then we have the case of electrons. You know enough about electrons flying around the neutrons, and the nucleus, and so forth. Those are held in that position by that Power known as Electronic Magnetism. And then we have the atom. You've heard a lot about the splitting of the atom. What is the Force that pulls them together? It is Atomic Magnetism. And then we have Molecular Magnetism. A lot of atoms put together, in simple words, makes a molecule. And a lot of molecules makes, finally, an Element. Now, that force, which holds the molecules together, is known as Molecular Magnetism. And finally, we have Elemental Magnetism, which holds the elements together.

So you see, from this One Great Attractive Force of God we have these various kinds of magnetism, due to God's Great Pulling Power. That's the point I want you to remember. It is God's Great Magnetic Pull which has, is, at the basis of all magnetism; from that which holds the sun, to that which produces and holds together the elements.

Now we have one subject which we must say a word or two about before we take up Spiritual Magnetism, and that is Animal Magnetism. We have so much, hear so much, about Animal Magnetism.

Well, all organisms are held together by magnetism, and, therefore, they have magnetic power. All organisms, realize that. All organisms means that you are an organism. A little animal is an organism; a snake is an organism; and you know that they have magnetic power to hypnotize their prey. And other animals have that magnetic power. Why? Because of Animal Magnetism, that's all.

Now certain human beings use Animal Magnetism. Certain human beings, from a materialistic mind, for instance, they use Animal Magnetism to attract other people of the same mind. And, sometimes, young people, inadvertently, perhaps, unconsciously, use Animal Magnetism to attract the opposite sex, and from that come bad habits, and many things. But realize and watch out for Animal Magnetism. It is not Spiritual Magnetism at all. It has an almost hypnotic power, as we see in the different animals.

And so, realize, unless Spiritual Magnetism is being used on you, so to speak, watch out that it is not Animal Magnetism. Hypnosis is not good. Hypnosis is not good, because it is a passive state. Rather try instead of allowing yourself to be hypnotized by anybody, cultivate Spiritual Magnetism, which is God's Power in you, and everyone else.

Realize this; that Animal Magnetism is a fact. Everybody, every organism, which means you, and me, and all people, have the power to attract another organism. That is known as Animal Magnetism. If you passively submit to it, as in hypnosis, it is not good. It is not good, because then you are simply operating, or being operated on, through your subconscious mind. We must be alert. The Christ Center and all things. If you're going to use any magnetism, use Spiritual Magnetism, not Animal Magnetism. Watch out for it. Realize, it is usually used by people of a materialistic nature, because they are more materialistic, that's all. And Animal Magnetism operates more on the physical plane, you see. So watch out for it, and watch out also for hypnosis.

And one thing, before I forget is this. Realize, that in Animal Magnetism, the stronger personality wins. But, if you have Spiritual Magnetism, that supersedes all Animal Magnetism. That's why the Master said, all the great saints, "Keep your consciousness at the Christ Center alert." If you see the Light of God, which is God's Power in you, you have all the Spiritual Magnetism you need to offset any lesser Force; and Animal Magnetism is a lesser Force than Spiritual Magnetism.

Now one thing, man is not only an animal; he is not only an organism; but he has also, within him, he has morality, intellectuality, and spirituality. Therefore, he has those other kinds of magnetism. "He has intellectual magnetism,..." as the Master says, "moral magnetism, and, finally, Spiritual Magnetism,

because he is not just an animal, he's a moral, intellectual, and spiritual animal." That's why he has these other things. Realize that.

And that brings us to the subject, which is, of which we want to discuss a little more, and that is Spiritual Magnetism. Spiritual Magnetism, that's the thing we're interested in. Let us for a minute realize that the Pulling Power of God Himself, understand this, the Pulling Power of God Himself – not any little vehicle, not any organism – the Pulling Power of God Himself is behind Spiritual Magnetism. Realize that. You want to be a Spiritual Magnetism? What's the answer? Know God. Know God. Realize the Spiritual Power of God Himself is behind all Spiritual Magnetism. It's behind all magnetism. But Spiritual Magnetism is the highest form of this great Law of Attraction, which is pulling everything – planets, the earth, all things – back to God. You see how important it is to know God? You want to be a Spiritual magnet? Help others? Know God.

Now realize, that the Divine Magnet in you, in me, in all of God's children, is what? God Himself. Realize that. Master has said, "God's Omniscience is in each and every one of us." God's Great Pulling Power, the Great Law of Attraction, which pulls all things from this creation of universe upon universe, is behind Spiritual Magnetism. Realize the Great Pulling Power of God. We see, we think, of one little earth. But that's nothing in universe upon universe. That same Pulling Power of God is behind everything that's created. That's behind Spiritual Magnetism. You see what it is to be a Spiritual magnet? It necessitates, it presupposes, that you know God. You want to help others? You want to pull them back home to God? Know Him, and His Great Spiritual Power and Magnetism will flow you, through you, and you will be able to help others.

Now going on just a little bit; let us for a moment – I've got to hurry along a bit – once more refer to the horseshoe magnet. As I have said, it has two powers. One is to attract another object, and the other power – very important – is to transmit to that object some of its own power. Do you understand? That's the illustration of the horseshoe magnetic. Let us now apply that to God, or rather, to man.

How does that fit in to man? Well, it is this. Man has the power to pull other things to him. He has the power, why? Because God is in him. Because God's Great Attractive Force is in man. You understand? That's why, if we can somehow utilize this Great Attractive Power of God, we can draw others to ourselves. And, if we are living with God, we can lift them to God. That comes just a little later. That's the second part, the second part of the horseshoe magnet, to remember is, that not only has it the power to draw objects to it, it has the power to transmit to those objects, some of its own power.

Now you can realize, in applying this to man, that man has the power, first to draw objects to himself, because God's Great Magnetic Power is in him. The Greatest Power in the Universe is in us, but we don't know it, that's all. And on the other hand, man has the power to transmit to others that Great Pulling Power of God, that Great Attractive Force of the Author of the Universe, the Holy Ghost Itself. Now that's what we can do. That's what man can do. And, if he will know God within him, he will have the Spiritual Power of God Himself. He will be a tremendous Spiritual magnet to help others return once more home to God.

Now going on just a bit; in the second part, I have said, that man has the power not only to attract things to himself, that's the first thing, but the second and greatest thing – and please remember this one thing – is to give your power, which you have within you, to others. That's the important thing.

Now, in the first part of this, of the horseshoe magnet, it has the power to draw objects to itself. So we, as God's children, have that same power, due to the fact that God is in us. His Great Pulling power is in us. Now we find that, in St. John, or rather St. John, the 12th Chapter, the 32nd Verse – please write this down and read it – St. John, the 12th Chapter, the 32nd Verse. Remember, each one of us, having God within us, His Great Attractive Pull, has the power to draw things unto us, but we have to know God, as I have said.

Now, it says in this reference. "And I..." which means you, and me, and every one of us – Jesus said these words but he also said, the things I can do, you can

do, and greater things1. Therefore, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me." That's what Jesus said. Why? Because he knew he had the Attractive Pull of God within him.

But, he says, "...if I be lifted up from the earth..." that's the thing. We have to do away with duality of consciousness. We have to do away with attachment to material things. We have to break the bonds that tie us to this worldly existence and living. Then we can lift others up, as Jesus did. Do you understand? That's the first property of the magnet, is to draw others, when you remove the conditions which prevent that Pull of God's Great Attractive Pull.

Now, to the second part, to give to others – this is very important. People read a few books, or they study a few preceptors, then they want to become teachers. It's not as easy as that. You have to know the thing before you can give it to somebody. Now it says just that in the Bible, in St. John, once more; 1st Chapter – write it down – the 33rd Verse. Read it. Realize what it means, and then do it. It says just

there: "...Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remaining [on him,] the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost."

Now, I told you, the Holy Ghost within you, is the Great Magnetic Pull of God – God's Power within you. But you cannot give it to others until you know the Holy Ghost. As it says, "...Upon whom you shall see the Spirit descending and remaining..." That's the point. You can, all at times, hear the Cosmic Sound. Sometimes you see the Cosmic Light. But you have to be in it all the time. You have to be it. Then you can give it to others. That's the attribute of the magnet, not only to draw others, but to give them some of your own power. As Jesus said in St. Luke, I think it is, he said, someone touched his garment; then he said that the Holy Ghost has gone out to those people. That power which he had. That magnetic Pull from God went out of him, and they received the Holy Ghost. It is in Luke, the 8th Chapter, the 46th Verse. This you might read, too, when we read: "[And Jesus said,] Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue hath gone out of me." Virtue's the Holy Ghost, that's all.

And so, if you know God, realize that you are one with Him. Know His Power is with you. Then you can give it to others. Then you can give them something real. Not just words. Not just nice sounding phrases. You can give them a taste of that God in you, as the Holy Vibration.

We have also a like reference in the Bhagavad Gita, which I'd like to give you at this time, that you may also read it. It is in the 18th Discourse, 18th Discourse, 68th through 70th Line: "He who shall declare this supreme secret among my devotees..." That's the important thing. It is not just saying "God is in me, the Holy Ghost is in me." That's not declaring. It's giving them something. But you cannot give it unless you have it. So the real meaning of the Gita is, he who knows God, knows God's Great Attractive Pull within him, and feeling, and knowing the Holy Ghost, if he gives it somebody else, that's the greatest service you can do. It says just that: "He who shall declare this supreme secret among my devotees..."

Why did we love the Master? Because he gave us a little of the Holy Ghost, that's why. No other reason. When you went to see him you were satisfied, because you touched the hem of his garment, and the Holy Ghost went out into you. No other reason but that.

So it says, "He who shall declare this supreme secret among my devotees, having shown the highest devotion to me..." You've got to know God before you can do it. You've got to really know God, and really love Him, before you can give that Holy Ghost. Because you can't get it, unless you prostrate yourself before God, unless you 100 percent, surrender to God, and obey God through the channel He has sent. This is most important. "...Therefore," it says, "he who doeth that, having shown the highest

devotion for me...." What's the highest devotion for God? Is there any mental reservation left there? No. It's full surrender, full sacrifice of everything you ever had, or will have. Then you know that you are one with Him.

Now, if we do that, if we do that, we show the highest devotion for God. Then it goes on to say, "...without doubt, without doubt he shall come to me, nor be you of doubtful mind." It's hard to be of doubtful mind until you know that Light of God. Then you can do it. There'll be some moments when you may slip a little bit, but when you see God, and when you feel His Power, then it's much easier not to doubt. So it says, "...without doubt, he shall come to me."

Now, this is the important thing. You all want to be a Spiritual magnet, I'm sure. You all want to be Spiritual magnets. But realize you've got to work for it. You've got to earn it. You've got to know, and feel, "Thou and I never apart." "Thou and I, O Father, never apart." So, it goes on to say, "Nor is there any among men who performeth dearer service to me, than he. Nor any other shall be more beloved by me on earth than he."

Now, if you want to do the greatest thing on earth, if you want to do the greatest thing for God, what is it? Be a Spiritual magnet. Be it by first knowing God, first knowing that Great Power of God within you, the Great Attractive Pull, the Greatest Magnetic Force there is is God Himself. First know that. Knowing that, give it to others. Give them something real, as the Master gave us. That's why he means so much to us. He didn't give us just words. He gave you a little bit of God, so to speak. The Holy Ghost flowed through him. That's being a Real Spiritual magnet.

And so, finally, realize this. That man is made in the Image of God, without question of a doubt. But man is insulated in space. That's the worst thing. We're insulated from God. We're insulated in space. So we have to do what? We have to remove the insulation. Remove the insulation, which separates us from God.

You have the methods in Self-Realization of doing it. You have the different techniques...I will not go into it, it's getting late. You have the various techniques.

Each one is for a purpose – to help you, and to help me, remove the insulation which prevents us from being one with the Great Magnetic Power of God. There's insulation around us. We have to remove that. And we can remove that, if we follow the techniques which the Master has given, whereby, we not only reflect the Spiritual Light, we receive it. We receive the Fire of the Holy Ghost, that'll burn away the insulation. Nothing else will. But that will do it, because God's Power is Supreme.

And now, if you want to be a Spiritual magnet, realize that first thing is to remove, remove the insulation which separates you from God. Remove those things which prevent you from fully surrendering yourself to God through the channel of the Master. There's no difference between the channel and God Himself, because God doesn't talk. He's quiet. He speaks through the channel. Just as in Jesus and the great ones. It was God in him, who was speaking. So in our own Master, it is God in him who speaks.

So, if you want to be a Spiritual magnet, first, as I have said, remove, remove the insulation which prevents you from knowing that that great Magnetic Power of God is in you. You gotta know it. You can't just say, "I have God's Power." That won't do it. You gotta know it. When you know it, and feel it, then you can give it to others.

And the next thing is, to receive, receive the Spiritual Light – not just reflect it – receive it. Let it come into you, and fill you with the Holy Fire of God's Presence, "On whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining..." It's that "remaining" is the hardest thing. We all get little glimpses of God, His Great Power, His Great Light. But, when you can receive it, fully, that's what changes you. That's what makes you able to give the Holy Ghost to others. Let us do that, and finally, break all the bonds which separate us from God. Break them all. Know God. We must know God. If we know God, then we can give Him to others.

As I have said, you know the method. You have them in Self-Realization Fellowship. But you have to do, and you have to do with full surrender to God, 100 percent. And remember this last quotation; take it with you, if you want to be a Spiritual magnet, a real channel of God, which is saying the same thing. Realize. "...Behold the lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.2" Behold that humbleness within yourself, as was in Nathaniel. Behold that. Be that. And then the Holy Ghost will flow through you, as God Himself.

God's the Sole Doer, flowing through you. Those who come in contact with you will receive that Holy Vibration, that Holy Ghost, that Greatest Magnetic Force in the Universe, God Himself, as the Holy Ghost. And you will remove the delusion of many of your brothers and sisters. "Realize," as the Master has said, "realize your Omniscience is God's Omniscience; your power is God's Power." Now, if you feel that, and know it, then you will truly be a real Spiritual magnet.

1 St. John 14:12,13

2 St. John 1:29