

# JOHNNIE COLEMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## NEW THOUGHT FOR A NEW MILLENNIUM

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### I. INTRODUCTION: TWELVE PATHWAYS TO A NEW MILLENNIUM

- A. The new millennium does not begin January 1, 2000, but exactly one year later – January 1, 2001.
- B. This book is an anthology (a collection of writings) based upon Charles Fillmore's idea of the twelve powers of man. It is about the new millennium as seen through the lens of the twelve powers of mankind.
- C. To understand the twelve powers, you have to know that they are twelve expressions of the One Power, the Christ within each of us.
- D. Charles Fillmore saw the twelve disciples of Jesus as symbolically representing the twelve powers of the Christ. He believed that each disciple represented one aspect of the Christ more perfectly than any other and connected that power to that disciple.

### II. CHAPTER ONE: THE POWER OF LOVE – IF LOVE LED THE WAY

- A. If the gospel of Jesus could be put into one word, that word would be love. The disciple John represents the divine power of love.
- B. Love does not need to be added to us. Love is our nature, and it is to be released from within us. You cannot learn to love and accept others until you learn how to love and accept yourself.
- C. You cannot find love in another until you first find love within yourself.
- D. In the coming century, we will return to the spiritual roots of marriage. Now it is time to explore not marriage and its form, but its purpose and the purpose of loving relationships in general.

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- E. At the heart of every loving relationship is the discovery of the Divine within the one with whom we share our lives. All loving relationships begin with God.

### III. CHAPTER TWO: THE POWER OF FAITH – THE FIRE OF FAITH

- A. Faith is linked to the disciple, Peter, the rock upon which Jesus built his church.
- B. Charles Fillmore defined faith as “the perceiving power of the mind linked with the power to shape and form substance (imagination).”
- C. Jesus said, “According to your faith, be it done unto you.”
- D. Faith is the fount of creativity – the power to do the seemingly impossible.
- E. “Faith and prayer go hand in hand,” said Charles Fillmore. Faith is assumed before we begin to pray.
- F. Myrtle Fillmore said, “Have faith in yourself”

### IV. CHAPTER THREE: THE POWER OF UNDERSTANDING – UNDERSTANDING: ACCELERATION IN SPIRITUAL INFORMATION

- A. We are living in the midst of rapid change and an information explosion.
- B. In the Revealing Word, Charles Fillmore defines “understanding” as, “God is Supreme Knowing... There are two ways of getting understanding. One is by following the guidance of Spirit that dwells within, and the other is to go blindly ahead and learn by hard experience.”
- C. The power of understanding is represented by the disciple Thomas.

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- D. Living in the midst of rapid change and the information explosion challenges us to be guided by Spirit in the use and understanding of the information and the changes.
- E. The Power of understanding keeps us rooted in Spirit and Divine Guidance in the midst of change.

### V. CHAPTER FOUR: THE POWER OF WISDOM – THE AGE OF WISDOM

- A. James of Zebedee, the brother of John, represents the power of wisdom.
- B. In the Revealing Word, Charles Fillmore defines wisdom as intuitive knowing – the voice of God within us as the source of our knowing.
- C. The source of knowledge is external (outside of you). The source of wisdom is God (within you).
- D. There is nowhere to go for wisdom and intuitive leadings. We are in the field of infinite intelligence all of the time.

### VI. CHAPTER FIVE: THE POWER OF IMAGINATION – IMAGINATION: THE WONDEROUS POWER OF CONCEPTION

- A. In the Revealing Word, Charles Fillmore defines imagination as the power to shape and form thought – the ability to think in pictures.
- B. The power of imagination is linked closely with the power of faith. Imagination is the ability to see what you want, and faith gives you the power to keep seeing what you want until you get it.
- C. Thoughts held in **mind** will produce after their own **kind**.

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- D. What we imagine in our hearts today with the power of faith, the next millennium will become.
- E. The disciple, Bartholomew, represents the power of imagination.

### VII. CHAPTER SIX: THE POWER OF ZEAL – ZEAL: A FUEL FOR SPIRITUAL PIONEERING

- A. In the Revealing Word Charles Fillmore defines zeal as enthusiasm, the inward fire of the soul that urges mankind onward.
- B. The force that created us knows what it is doing. The cosmic drama of our life is always showing – at a theatre inside you.
- C. Each frame moves you out of one way of being and into another – fueled by an amazing energy, described by Charles Fillmore as zeal.
- D. Zeal is represented by the disciple Simon.

### VIII. CHAPTER SEVEN: THE POWER OF STRENGTH – FINDING THE STRENGTH IN OUR BROKENNESS

- A. In the Revealing Word, Charles Fillmore defines strength as the energy of God, freedom from weakness, stability in character, power to withstand temptation.
- B. Ernest Hemingway wrote, “The world breaks everyone, and afterward many are strong at the broken places.”
- C. Becoming stronger isn’t about finding easy solutions to every difficulty or cures for every illness. It is about facing difficulties with grace and presence.

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- D. The truly strong give their problems to God. The disciple Andrew represents the power of strength.

### **IX. CHAPTER EIGHT: THE POWER OF WILL – WILL: THE FOUNDATION FACTOR OF THE NEW GLOBAL ORDER**

- A. In the Revealing Word, Charles Fillmore defines will as the directive power of the mind. The will determines character formation.
- B. Personal will (willfulness) is determination that is not guided by Spirit. Divine Will is determination that is guided by Spirit.
- C. The key to raising global consciousness is the surrendering of one's personal will to the universal will of God.
- D. The power of will is represented by the disciple Matthew.

### **X. CHAPTER NINE: THE POWER OF LIFE – TOWARD LIVING THE ABUNDANT LIFE**

- A. In the Revealing Word, Charles Fillmore defines life as an expression of Being that manifests as activity -- as vigor. The source of life is God (Spirit).
- B. Life is the most precious gift of God.
- C. Underneath our differences in race, gender and familial heritage, we are really the same. We all share the Oneness, the Allness that is God. Underneath our various veneers, we are one.

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### **XI. CHAPTER TEN: THE POWER OF POWER – POWER SHIFT: A NEW PARADIGM FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM**

- A. In the Revealing Word, Charles Fillmore defines power as mankind's innate control over his thoughts and feelings.
- B. Philip is the disciple who represents power.
- C. The greatest power that we have is the power to understand and control ourselves.
- D. We express our greatest power by surrendering to the will of God.

### **XII. CHAPTER ELEVEN: THE POWER OF RENUNCIATION – A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH**

- A. In the Revealing Word Charles Fillmore defines renunciation as a letting go of old thoughts in order that new thoughts may find a place in consciousness.
- B. Thaddaeus represents the power of renunciation.
- C. All of our positive and determined efforts to make our lives and the world better cannot succeed until we make the preliminary move of renunciation.
- D. The world will change when we change. When we become consciously connected to our spiritual selves on the inside, we create a new heaven (a new level of awareness), and that new heaven is demonstrated on the outside – a new earth – So Within – So Without!

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**XIII. CHAPTER TWELVE: THE POWER OF ORDER – DISCOVERY OF A NEW ORDERING OF THE FUTURE**

- A. In the Revealing Word Charles Fillmore defines order as a state of mind that is in harmony with Universal Mind. James of Alphaeus represents order.
- B. Order is the first law of the universe. Order involves putting God first in your life. When you put God first in your life, you put those things which are just like God's nature at the top of your list.
- C. When we get our lives in order, we will get the world in order. We will discover a new ordering of the future when we get our lives in order today. **NOW IS THE ACCEPTABLE TIME. DO IT NOW!**