

TRANSCRIPTION OF WRITTEN NOTES (EXCLUDING PRINTED OR TYPED NOTES)

Anne Smith's Oxford Group Notes

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GROUP

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TYPED PAGE: 2. Faith & GENERAL PRINCIPLES

TYPED PAGE: SPIRITUAL DIAGNOSIS

TYPED PAGE: THE FIVE C's

TYPED PAGE: HOW TO INTERVIEW

HAND WRITTEN NOTES FOLLOWING ABOVE:

Priority of:

More concerned about our spiritual life than we are. 1 Epistle of John. [We love him because he first loved us.

Creation of physical universe.

Creation of spirit of man. Made that spirit part of himself. Own spirit in us that we be [su\_idhe] with divine affinity that would ride us till we sough God.

(Spirit, inner life coincide.)

Weathers storms - made man incomplete in his soul so that he never finds such peace and happiness apart from God as he finds in Him.

Prophets helped find God.

His Son in the fullness of time when all else went away. Heaven is [love, here?], not

I John 4:10

that we loved God but that he loves us and sent His son to be propitiation for our sins. God tries to reach down to us and we try to reach Him.

Made us free to choose and respects our freedom.

Projects as much light as we can stand; gives us as much as we can comprehend, reveals all we can grasp.

Let Perfection down in the world, lest it dazzle our sight, and we give blind obedience.

Wrapped it in the body of a baby.

Many of God's approaches, small, still-ourselves.

Jesus human in all parts. Belongs to natural order. Supernatural also. God in his character, humanity aspirant – divinity evident.

In Him humanity approached God and through a perfect High Priest, in him God visited man as through a perfect revealer.

Difference in [mould, mold] made in attitude of prayer. Isn't approach of a child ready to receive. Not about our needs, but taking matters to God and having communion with Him. (Your heavenly Father knows you have needs of all these things.)

More ready to hear than we to pray. Would take \_\_\_\_\_ of prayer – gladness and faith.

Life changing. God most concerned. Dangers Difficulties Self-important Everything on me.

([Please, plans,] etc. found on over [offenses] to do God's will. [I\_\_\_\_\_] not a source. God more concerned than me.

Never works \_\_\_\_\_ than if they don't [include, understand].

[GROUP OF WORDS WRITTEN TO THE SIDE – MOST ARE NOT LEGIBLE:

monogamy,  
in answer  
am a mother of  
him, ("I am the vine and  
you are the branches.  
(Underlined is filled in  
part of quotation.)

[Cures, Crimes,] and [checking]

[Checking] – st. \_\_\_\_\_ indispensable to creative Christian growth.

[Cross, Inner??] – past achievement – self-pity – misunderstanding.

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My inner \_\_\_\_ checking. Love—God & men—self-righteousness, dignity (wounded pride).

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TYPED PAGE: LIST OF 17 QUESTIONS

[LINE UNREADABLE AND MOSTLY MISSING – ENDS ON NEXT LINE WITH:

Find difficult.]

. . . . heard declare we unto you that ye also may have fellowship with us. [QUOTE FROM ST. PAUL, only partially there]

And truly our fellowship is in the father and in His Son Jesus Christ. First fellowship come to me when others witnessed from \_\_\_\_\_ hand changed their lives. They made me want first the joy and release they had.

Then came 2<sup>nd</sup> step-- \_\_\_\_\_ rotten – resentful – [forced?] outflows – hard for me to be honest about myself – the flowers I picked were ones I had in my own life.

3<sup>rd</sup> – fellowship with Christ means [NEXT LINE CUT OFF]

Fellowship is a natural by-product and it is very sweet and nice in the proposition as I give. Read further in John III-2.

Behind I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper in health, even as thy soul prospereth. [QUOTATION]

Verse first a challenge \_\_\_\_\_ room.

Imagine the president speaking over a nationwide hook-up and saying, “My fellow citizens, my best wish for you is that your material prosperity and your physical health may be just in proportion to your spiritual well-being.”

TYPED PAGE: KAGAWA

TYPED PAGE: WHAT SHOULD COME INTO A WITNESS

TYPED PAGE: QUESTION OF THINKING

TYPED PAGE: [INCLUDES ITEMS 8, 9, & 10]

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TYPED PAGE: COST OF SURRENDER

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Give -[Love] God and neighbor, even \_\_\_\_\_ mer.

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TYPED PAGE: Oxford House Party 1933 (Elinor Forde)

NOTES ADDED IN:

2<sup>nd</sup> Para: Conviction, Confusion, surrender, saved for something daily; daily express;

F\_\_\_\_\_ of sin; God's forgiveness.

After Para: Save to being guided to God.

3<sup>rd</sup> Para (at end): Deep conviction

4<sup>th</sup> Para (at side): World revolution for will of God.

5<sup>th</sup> Para (at side): When did you bring your first person to Christ. Explosion of inner unrest. Make a list.

6<sup>th</sup> Para (first line, left side unreadable, and right side): Behold a Man, Rittemer

And If, Isaiah 5:3, received in first person.

End of Page: And Crucified Priest

NEW TYPED PAGE: 2. Have you a Christ

Comments at top and bottom: Surrender particulars kind of religion

NEW TYPED PAGE: Right kind of group

NEW TYPED PAGE: Surrender

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NEW TYPED PAGE: Continued Oxford House Party

NEW TYPED PAGE: NOTES FROM OXFORD ENGLAND HOUSE PARTY

Here because someone shared. Leader humility – self conscious – lazy.

Bible: Christ shared how else would we know temptations – agency. Natural for a leader not to share and all were baptized of him in the Jordan, confessing their sins (Baptist). Then was Jesus led up of Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Gethsemane – Peter, James and John.

“Yet, O my father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me.”

Matt. 27:46, about the 9<sup>th</sup> hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “My god, my god, why has thou forsaken me?”

James 5-16: Confess your faults one to another. [unreadable] and pray one for another that you may be healed.

### List of my sharing

Not costly – fear, worry, small conviction, fear of what people would think;

hadn't faced myself honestly. Absolute honest demands that we no longer wear a mask. Self all good qualities tainted is that love for husband and children.

When I desire and others think better of than the truth about me – I am still hanging on to the old self, helped to [use] – a release.

Our pride, fear of finances kept us from sharing – face humiliation and gave us a victory over pride [without] share to be honest in [END OF TEXT]

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TYPED PAGE: LITTLE SINS

TYPED PAGE: INTRODUCTION; GOOD PEOPLE'S SINS

TYPED PAGE: GOOD PEOPLE'S SINS (CONT.)

TYPED PAGE: STEWARDSHIP

TYPED PAGE: STEWARDSHIP - PAGE 2

TYPED PAGE: REPUTATION

TYPED PAGE: WHAT SURRENDER MEANS

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CONTINUANCE

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(REPEAT OF PREVIOUS PAGE - NEAR BEGINNING)

Sharing – another name for being honest.

Unselfish – living honest

Why I [do or am] best but anger effects reproduced.

Self center of life.

Being honest in another \_\_\_\_\_ humiliation, through this God gives a victory over pride.

Spiritual experience too sacred to share.

Christ shared. How else would we know his temptation and agony unless he shared them?

Sharing a way of to [expand] and of growth.

[four] of most people think

Smitten, misunderstood

Confess your faults one to another

Sharing is having your life at God's disposal.

Do not share to convict; Holy Spirit convicts.

Surrender as much of himself as he knows as much of God as he knows.

Surrender:

Stronger power than own will needed; God provides the power through Christ. Christ gives the power – we appropriate it.

A first decision is the beginning of the discovery that we can be set free for sin each day. See more and more things that need to be surrendered. A small sense of sin means a small sense of Christ.

Release – surrender conversion.

William James – that process gradual or sudden by which a self [discarded, divided, denuded]--inferior, unhappy and consciously wrong – becomes united, superior, happy, and consciously right. Sudden and gradual elements both.

Need

Many Christians trying to \_\_\_\_\_ which they have never definitely begun.

After

When you have sin and problems, you have the means and the cure. End of renunciation in spirit is not renunciation; it is receptability, self \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, self realization.

Surrender

Surrender \_\_\_\_\_ moral issue.

Destroy the thing that lies nearest, then the next step becomes plain.

[Teaches] whole power of Christ to help us do the smallest thing.

[State] that puts man in position to receive the grace of God which alone convicts.

Surrender [since] the will, putting God's will ahead.

Whole thing begins to work.

## PRAYERS

Why not answered? Until we are ready to fulfill the conditions, the deepest wishes of our heart cannot be realized.

Intercessory prayer – pray that Spirit may tell you what to pray for.

Mrs. Worcester and the fog.

A way to find God's will, not to Image [or Imagine] it.

Right orientation of soul toward God, Concerns

God as Father and it is not unnatural to lay before him \_\_\_\_ hopes and needs – interest – fears.

### Petitionary Prayers

Expression of a [good] instinct as long as we do not use to get at an [ill]ing] for a grad\_\_\_\_rd God.

Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ expression of our wants which are deeply – feel – which it would be hypocrisy to pretend we didn't.

These we submit not because we distrust His goodness or desire to bend his Will, but because He is our Friend. Similarly, it would be unnatural not to submit to God the needs of others and our hopes and fears for them.

If then we do not find ourselves desiring to pray for others as we pray for ourselves, we are not traveling in the right direction.

### Intercessory Prayer

Is successful, weighty des \_\_\_\_\_,

1. Each one center of psychosocial activity either harmful or beneficial to others (as person in a \_\_\_\_\_ has effect).
2. Telepathy – God made in through laws of psychology, suggest hypothesis that toward psychological support may be success through which God can effect his purpose. If [because] medical skill--\_\_\_\_\_ to feed hungry, no reason he should not use psychic reader activity to produce a changed heart or stimulate [activity] of sick.

Prayer for others to hold these before God, bring to him to give the things they need but in spiritual concentration finding our personality, humor, or undiscovered explanation or unexplained at His service.

God's prayer a [SYMBOL?] in God – fellow men and myself.

Correct me – direct, promise, aids action.

Thanksgiving - Romans II

God can generate through other people.

Virtues corrected by opposite [picture]. Confirms in higher virtue that contains best of both.

### Virtues

1. Beatitudes:

Poor in Spirit (\_\_\_\_\_) merits the separate attributes. Those who mourn I feel would \_\_\_\_\_.



Synthesis: the meek who inherit the earth. Combination of poor that dares to renounce passion for a \_\_\_\_\_ of others. Those who want nothing for the world and yet are willing to share everything.

Ren\_\_\_\_\_ in spirit gain Kingdom of Heaven.

Mourners gain Kingdom of inner comfort.

Meek gain the earth so would above the world, within the world around, wanting nothing he inherits all the world.

2. Next trinity:

- (1) Hunger & thirst after righteousness – after surrender, not self-righteous
- (2) Are merciful corrects \_\_\_\_\_. Most righteous not merciful to sins of others.
- (3) Mercy and righteousness make pure in heart. Undivided in heart (not only believes in good and evil but believes in virtue the virtue, righteously merciful, mercifully righteous.
- (4) Peacemakers - between man and God will be fe\_\_ended.

Surrender

Handle \_\_\_\_\_ God is de\_\_\_\_\_y person a way lay hold of experience of [confirmation].

First Step – the \_\_\_\_\_ of the will.

Surrender – fears – some – most of all their wills, putting God's will ahead of everything. Then, the whole thing begins to work.

Need of rededication every day.

When Paul gave up trying to be good and surrendered his life, fully to the Lord, there came peace, power, and joy.

### Paul's Advice

Stop trying to be good; sounds dangerous. Really honest person knows he cannot reach goal of goodness God desires. Face the truth. Do not pretend you can go on lifting yourself by your own bootstraps. In all humility to God, "What will thou have me do?" False pride is not admitting defeat, a barrier between ourselves and God. Like a child in making something the wrong way, won't take advice, finally admits defeat and takes suggestions. "I am wrong, Father; you know better than I. You have more wisdom – show me the way."

Gladness comes when you do not the thing the right way. Any righteousness that one seeks to gain by himself is self-righteousness, which is simply to say self is at the center; it is brittle, proud, and enslaving.

### Second Step – To get most relationship with God.

Little boy trying to help mother but predictably, resentfully, refusing any help, must do more than stop trying – he must in love and gratitude accept his mother's help. He must be able to see how gracious and loving she is and even want to offer aid. It was gracious and persistent love of God for Paul who melted Paul's heart. Take your own efforts at self [culture] and stand before the cross with them. Can you be proud? They are so [\_\_\_\_ful] and weak and pride [in all accomplished] is out of place. My \_\_\_\_\_ to stop trying and begin to trust God. Renounce all self's \_\_\_\_\_ of goodness as being full of self and out of place and to see my sin as it really is. Accept God's gift in

Christ in gladness and humility. Then a goodness not my own will spring up in me in amazing strength and power. I will go through the world with a song in my heart, discuss God, \_\_\_\_\_ so don't \_\_\_\_\_ and me.

So-called good things; amiability, [degenerate] to Jewish fellow

Religious prejudice          Normal prejudice          Rationalize to spare them

I Samuel 15:22 [correction: it is 15:18 ff] Destroy all of the Amalekites. What meaneth this bleating of sheep and lowing of oxen? Excuse sacrifice to God.

Acts XXVII, 3, 4, anchors cut, grain thrown overboard.

Family honor – family pride, affection, pride, self-respect, self-love, judgement (deadly sin).

Church membership

Offers only temporary support.

Only when we are miserably destitute does he save us.

Stonewall – bankruptcy

Sense of being first, must preside

Sense of being [scared]

Carlyle Great is bankruptcy

The bad is not the enemy of the best; it is the good, Jesus (cut off right hand).

### Sharing

Mount of Transfiguration \_\_\_\_\_

Out [time, line] [for?] me that \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus after night alive in \_\_\_\_\_ power down to earthly place.

We [naccum riv \_\_\_\_ ] active [be] we are spiritual \_\_\_\_ life. When money in our \_\_\_\_\_, physical impossibility to attracting at a high elevation. [Why or May] but \_\_\_\_\_.

4. vigor Exhausts one to help another. "I am always living in a [sort \_\_\_\_]. Moody said, "You are?" When in anguish borne you (or your) \_\_\_\_\_ of these. Mystical expressions should fit me for \_\_\_\_\_ effective wish among people.

II. (\_\_\_\_\_) by propagating a great experience.

\_\_\_\_\_ we keep it alone.

Giving Christianity away is the best way to keep it.

TYPED PAGE: SURRENDER

NEXT PAGE:

Surrender a precondition to a knowledge of Christ that is path taken by the first men who knew him. They threw in their lot with Christ long before they knew truth about Christ. That is why after resurrection he was able to appear to them only. Had met conditions which made his appearance possible.

So a man today must deliberately throw his lot with Christ before he knows truth about Christ. Then the living Christ appears to him.

TYPED PAGE: INTRODUCTION (possible repeat of previous printed page)

NEXT PAGE:

NOTE FROM DICK B - June 20, 2007

This entire collection involves four acquisitions:

1. At the request of Sue Smith, Windows, 64 numbered pages were provided to Dick B by the Trustees Archives Committee of G.S.B.
2. At Stepping Stones, archivist Paul Lange allowed me to copy from their copy the cover page of Connie's Notes in Bill's stationery.
3. There is a loose page that follows that is unnumbered.
4. These are the pages which follow this note which may be the missing pages about which Sue complained. All were provided first to sue just before her death and then to Smitty at his request shortly before he died. [SIDE NOTE: Probably given me by Grace Snyder, wife of Clarence.]

NEW TYPED PAGE: List of Questions, beginning with Where am I defensive about myself?

NOTES (WRITTEN ON SIDE):

Team, first -to spend \_\_\_\_\_

[under] guidance, -- cut out all moods -- (because or become)

To be [felny] full – keep up with news and current affairs; pray during meetings of being bored, discipline of tongue – no negative remarks, no [licking] shown in idler than \_\_\_\_ every word from platform.

G\_\_\_\_ -- no looking back, regretting, wishing. Be help at all times.

Tell only real experience of Christ. Changes in your own life past or present or other lives you are touching.

Sharing confession of defeat or sin or ones \_\_\_\_ligms difficulties small meetings or two people \_\_\_\_\_ negative, non-Christian for Christ – the cure not yet found.

Stress positive victory, peace and release in life live \_\_\_se with Christ. Witness to challenge new comers. Example – non-technical – not more advanced \_\_\_\_ling on experiences.

Early experience most valuable.

Strictly in story. Not always chronological; shape but around different principles; tell only parts that relate “How we make our choices now.” Good enemy of but around name of Edward, more to lack of courage than faith.

Order:

Reverse order of thinking, in telling experience – since to give birth to principle, Good Samaritan – story fist.

Elimination of non-essentials.

Guidance:

User suggestions (few significant details). Witness in one person in mind (helps sm\_\_\_). Person in mind a newcomer. A\_\_\_ use of guidance—surrender (explain if needed). Well to have a strong, catching last sentence.

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ODD PAGE: Announcement of meetings

Ruth, Katherine, Marnie, Lewis

C. D. Livingston, 226 Alger Avenue, Detroit, MI.

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