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‘ACTIVITY OF TRUTH IN CONSCIOUSNESS’

Tape 116
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“Good morning. (Class responds)

In the Ten Commandments – ‘Thou shalt not steal;’ ‘thou shalt not commit adultery;’ thou shalt not do this or that – why are these sins? What is there sinful about stealing, about lying or committing adultery or killing? What constitutes the sin? Anybody got an answer for that? Yes, completely. That’s the only sin there is. It hasn’t anything to do with money; it hasn’t anything to do with sex relations. It hasn’t anything to do with taking somebody else’s life. None of those things constitutes the sin. Those are the effects of the sin.

The sin is accepting a selfhood apart from God or an activity apart from God. That’s the whole sin. That’s the whole sin there is in life. That’s the
only sin that the Master recognized in his first and second great commandments: ‘Thou shalt have no other gods, no other power; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.’ How can you steal from your neighbor without stealing from yourself? How can you kill your neighbor without killing yourself – if there is only one Self?” ~Joel

Eph 4:4-6
4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

(Any time we accept the perception of twoness, or the possibility of an existence apart from God, we are accepting the fact that man of his own self can do something on his own, without God. We are thinking that we know something that God is not aware of and not a part of. If we are aware of the Principal of the Omnipresence of God, the acceptance of anything other than God is in error. God can’t be everywhere and be absent from someplace, can He? ~Al)
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“And so it is that while the world is trying to hack away at preventing people from stealing or murdering, or committing adultery, the root of the evil keeps on growing every time there is a new baby born. Every new baby that comes into this world comes in with the roots of the same old sin – a selfhood apart from God – and therefore, somebody else to rob, somebody else to cheat, somebody else to lie to, somebody else to murder, somebody else to defraud. And as long as there is any belief of a selfhood apart from God, that is the sin. The form that the sin takes is only important insofar as the world’s estimate is concerned. In other words, we can dishonor our mother and our father and the world doesn’t think too badly about it because most of the world is doing the same thing.

We could even do a little bit of stealing because most of the world is doing the same thing in one way or another. It doesn’t quite like the idea of killing because if you kill somebody else, you might get around to killing me. That would be bad. Now and in these days, of course, adultery isn’t considered a terrible sin, unless you get caught at it too deliberately. But you see that is only the world’s opinion. In the eyes of God, in cosmic law, there is no difference between dishonoring the mother and the father or committing murder. They are all included in the same Ten Commandments, and they are all included in the same two major Commandments of the Master – ‘love thy neighbor as thyself.’ And so accepting anywhere in consciousness a selfhood apart from God is a violation of spiritual law, which is a violation
of cosmic law, and in violating cosmic law we bring a penalty upon ourselves, even if we’re never caught by the public.” ~Joel

John 15:4-7
4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.
6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.
7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

(Abide in Oneness. Stay in Oneness. Live in Oneness. ~Al)
I don’t know why this stuck out as such an important thing this morning.

Well, yesterday I spoke about the fact that in this work, as we’re doing it now, you will continually find yourself faced with what appears as contradictions, which aren’t. They merely represent the different states and stages of consciousness through which we go, and here is one of those seeming contradictions. A great deal of our work is based on Luke 12: 22 - 32 – ‘take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink or wherewithal ye shall be clothed.’ Take no thought for your life. Seek only the kingdom of God, the realization of God, and let these other things be added unto you. Ah, but here comes what appears like a tremendous contradiction.

No good is ever going to be achieved by you except through your conscious awareness, and that would seem an awful lot like ‘taking thought’ because actually it is. It is. We’re going to take a lot of thought. But we are not going to take thought for things or persons. We’re not going to take thought in the sense of any anxious thought or concerned thought, or doubtful thought, or fearful thought. The ‘taking thought’ that we’re going to do consists of an activity of truth in consciousness.” ~Joel

28 ¶ And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.
29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering.
30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:
31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.
32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.
33 And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said.
34 While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud.
35 And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.
36 And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

(In this story, Jesus lifts his students Peter, James and John to a higher state of conscious awareness. It was not possible for them to behold the Christ when they were asleep. But they were Awakened into an active Experience of Truth that was beyond the words and thoughts of this-world. This Experience of these “younger” students would be kept close, and not shared until they were led from Within to do so as a further activity of Christ. ~Al)
“Now let me show you how that works. From the moment that we were conceived as human beings, we have been under the law of matter and of mind. We have been governed by material law and mental law. We have been governed by laws of food, weather, climate. Certainly we’ve been governed by the laws of time and space. It’s because two objects can’t occupy the same place at the same time that we have accidents.

Always as human beings we are under the law. The law came by Moses, and we’re always under that law, whether it’s a Mosaic law or whether it’s any law of materia medica, matter or theology. And those so-called laws, which aren’t really laws – they are more or less universal beliefs – but they act as law in our experience until some conscious activity takes place within us.”  ~Joel

II Cor 3:15-17 (to .)
15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.
16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.
17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

(Unconditional Love dissolves the fear that distracts us from our true identity.  ~Al)
“You undoubtedly have noticed that there are not many truth students, certainly not many in the Christian Science approach, who are subject as much as others to colds, grippe, flu, or (I don’t even know the names of these things any more – I’m trying hard to think; they’ve gone so far out) digestive disorders, bowel disorders. You find very little of that in those who have been students of Christian Science for any length of time. Rarely do you find any of these home remedies in their homes because they are very quickly outgrown. How true that is in other metaphysical movements I don’t know because I know the others are not as strict about the observance of spiritual healing. But I do know in particular about that movement, and 16 years’ experience with the church memberships in many parts of the country has shown me that that’s pretty universal.

Now there is a reason for it. As human beings, every one of us have been under the laws of foods, the laws of diet, the laws of climate, the laws of water, laws of infection, laws of contagion. But from that moment in which you recognize yourself to be spiritual identity, whether you call yourself the child of God or whether you call yourself the offspring of God, or whether you say of yourself that you are spiritual, or whether you say of yourself that you are Spirit, the terminology has very little to do with it. The fact is that, at some point in your metaphysical career, you have awakened to the realization that you are not a mortal, material being, conceived in sin, brought forth in iniquity. You have learned that your true identity is consciousness, Spirit, Soul and that, therefore, you are not subject to the laws of matter.” ~Joel
Rom 8:9
9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

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“Now if this realization were of great enough depth, we would automatically rule out of our experience all physical discords. But because, in most cases, the degree of realization isn’t deep enough and because we more or less accept these deep truths of spiritual government, more by acceptance unconsciously than by a conscious activity of thought, of mind, they do not have the same degree of effectualness, effectivenes, in our experience. But now, in our work – and we have several tapes on this subject – there must come a point in your experience where everything takes place as a conscious activity of mind until such time as it is rooted and grounded and no longer requires conscious thought, and the explanation is this.

Since we have been subject to material laws – laws of time and space, laws of infection and contagion, laws of food and climate and others – now by a specific act of consciousness,

I declare and realize that Spirit is my true identity, and that I have now come out and become separate, and am no longer of the world, even though in it – not of it. And, therefore, not subject to the world’s laws – material or mental. No longer subject to theological beliefs about heaven and hell, about sin and punishment or any other form of belief in suffering from not having communion, or suffering from not having baptism or being in hell because of not confessing. None of these human beliefs – theological or medical, superstitious or natural – none of these laws are binding upon the child of
God, the offspring of Spirit, which I am and which I recognize myself to be.

God is the source of my being. God is the activity and the law of my being, and I consciously accept that. I just don’t sit back in a corner somewhere and say, ‘oh God,’ but actually, consciously, I accept within myself that as spiritual being, I am subject to spiritual law. I’m not subject to law; I’m subject to Grace. I’m no longer under the law of man, under the law of matter, no longer under the law of theology, no longer under the law of materia medica. I am under Grace. ‘Thy Grace is my sufficiency in all things.’ I consciously realize that; I consciously declare that; I consciously accept that within myself.” ~Joel

John 10:24-38
24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.
25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father’s name, they bear witness of me.
26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.
27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:
28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.
29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand.
30 I and my Father are one.
31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.
32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?
33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.
34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?
35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;
36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?
37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.
38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

(Either you accept Omnipresence or you don’t… ~Al)

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“In the same way, business is subject to laws of economy and laws of politics, sometimes called political economy. But you see business isn’t. Business is an activity of God. God is the source of business. God is the activity of business, and the activity of God is omnipresent; and it is spiritual. It is not material; it is spiritual. But I am operating under a physical law of business, a political law, an economic law, an industrial law until such time as I consciously bring myself out from under and realize, ‘why, my business isn’t material; my business was conceived in the mind of God, nurtured in the mind of God, maintained and sustained in the mind of God. And, therefore, it is not subject to outside conditions or the will and whim of persons.’ Business is not subject to persons. Persons may be subject to business because they are subject to the law of God, and no person can violate the law of God, but the law of God can take care of persons who get in Its way.” ~Joel

Rom 8:27,28
27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

(A little fun with words today – an example of how I decode, or feel, a passage of scripture:
* hearts = consciousness
Now. While this is true, it is not true so far as you and I are concerned, except in proportion as we accept this truth as an activity in our consciousness. In other words, the light may be shining for everybody in the world, but we are left in darkness, except as we open our eyes and our ears. Everybody in this world may be blessed, except us. Their being blessed will not be a benefit to us, except insofar as we accept our blessing; and that must be done consciously through an activity of truth in our consciousness. There is the formula – activity of truth in our consciousness. There are no set formulas for the acceptance of it, such as made-up statements of truth or prayers or treatments. But, there is something that everyone must consciously experience, and that is an activity of truth in consciousness on every subject that concerns their lives.

For instance, we speak of safety, and we speak of security. Those are two of the important topics of the world. Every human being is at this moment in danger to a lack of peace and insecurity – a lack of safety and insecurity because of things outside, that is, outside of our selves. Watch this point. Is there anything out here that can act upon me? Or is the law of God, the Grace of God within me acting out from the center of my being on to my body and my affairs?” ~Joel

John 5:1-9 (to :)
1 After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.
3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.
4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.
5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.
6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?
7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.
8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.
9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked:

(Wilt thou be made whole? Are we lying around or waiting for a sign, angel or someone to move the waters of our consciousness for us? We must rise up and recognize the activity of the Christ as Oneness, Wholeness, Infinite Law and walk in and as the Activity as it flows from the center of our Being. ~Al)
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“Now, as human beings, everything out here acts upon us favorably or unfavorably. But under the law of God, since the kingdom of God is within me, all good unfolds from within my being, and there is no evil. Ah yes, but none of this happens until I consciously make the transition from being a human being subject to the laws of matter and of mind, to the realization that I am of the household of God and that all the power of good unfolds from within my own being.” ~Joel

I Cor 15:52
52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

(Paul and Joel are not talking about a this-world bodily death that will be followed by a life of heavenly bliss that must be earned by a life of chastity and duty to a church. The point here is dying to human sense completely and accepting our real Identity. Our incorruptible Oneness as Sons of God, Raised as joint heirs in Christ. There will be a sounding trump of glory, the earth will melt, everlasting Light will be emblazoned on and from our hearts and consciousness as our Christ Self flows out into infinity. We will all be changed, if so be the Spirit of God dwell in us. ~Al)
“In the same way, in human experience there are two powers – good and evil, the power of God and the power of Satan, the power of good and the power of evil. Now, in spiritual truth, there is but one power. There is no such thing as a power of evil to protect one’s self from, whether it’s a material evil or a mental evil. In God’s kingdom, there are no such thing as powers. There is only the divine state of being which eternally is. Ah, but, that is meaningless, except as we consciously accept it within ourselves as an activity of consciousness.

When we make the transition of ‘dying daily’ and are reborn of the Spirit, it is only because we commit suicide, as it were. We definitely, by an act of consciousness, destroy our humanhood and its good and evil in order to exchange it for our Christhood, which knows neither good nor evil but only a continuous and divine state of being – harmonious being, spiritual being.

Now, this, you see, is not ‘taking thought for our life, what we shall eat or what we shall drink or wherewithal we shall be clothed.’ This is making a conscious transition through accepting the activity of truth in our consciousness. There’s nothing of anxiety about this; there’s nothing of doubt; there’s nothing of concern; there’s nothing of fear. There’s nothing of worrying of whether we’ll ever eat another meal or pay another month’s rent. None of that enters into this. This is making a conscious transition from humanhood to Christhood. This is making a conscious transition from being ‘the man of earth to being the man of Spirit,’ the man of God, the man of Christ.” ~Joel
Mark 13:30-33
30 Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.
31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.
32 ¶ But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.
33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

(All of the tangible “things” in time and space must pass for they are finite. They have a beginning and an end. The Word of God is infinitely available for the “small” loving price of accepting Omnipresence. Emanuel. ~Al)
“Now it is for this reason that practitioners can be of help to us in overcoming our discords and inharmonies, but they can never be of permanent help. That is, they can never take us into the kingdom of God since that has to be done by an act of truth within our own consciousness. No teacher can die for you. You have to die to material selfhood, to material law, to material government, and you have to be reborn through an activity of consciousness within yourself to the realization of Spirit as that which governs you, maintains you, and sustains you.

This work that we do together lifts you in consciousness to where you can apprehend this truth and accept it, but the apprehension and the acceptance must be on your part. In other words, what we know or think with the human mind is not the ultimate spiritual demonstration. But the truth we entertain in consciousness lifts us to a place in Spirit where the Spirit can take over and govern us harmoniously.” ~Joel

Phil 2:4,5
4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.
5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

(This brings up the Master’s two commandments:
Love God with all your consciousness.
Love your neighbors unconditionally and Love yourself unconditionally.
Why not continue the Master’s work? ~Al)
That is why you have noticed in the writings that I have said that this is not a lazy man’s work. This is no lazy way or easy way of getting into heaven. This is a difficult way for the simple reason that up to the place where the spiritual contact is made and experienced, up to that place where we can say, ‘Oh, now I no longer live my own life. I don’t even have to think right thoughts. I don’t even have to know the truth. It functions.’ Up to that moment it is absolutely necessary that we consciously and specifically know the truth.

Well now one of the words that takes up far too much room in our literature is the word ‘supply.’ And the reason is that we, in turning to Spirit, are looking for a physical manifestation. In other words – probably this is why the book, Leave Your Nets, is so little understood. We go to God, but we think in terms of more money. When the Master said, ‘Leave your nets,’ he wasn’t expecting them to catch more fish – certainly not after he had told them to get rid of their nets. But we turn to the Spirit and look for It to appear as more dollars. As a matter of fact, It does, but it is the looking in that direction that keeps us in bondage to this – the violation of spiritual law.

Now when we ‘leave our nets,’ it doesn’t mean that we’re leaving any of the human forms of good that exist; but it means that we are leaving all thought of them as to how they shall appear, or when, or why, or by what means or even whether or not they shall. Who says that they must? In the kingdom of God, when we realize it, there are far greater riches than those that we on earth can dream about.

So that there must, something must take place in our consciousness that concerns that command, ‘leave your nets.’ How are we to ‘leave our nets’?
In what way can we ‘leave our nets’? What happens if we do ‘leave our nets’? That is something that each one takes up as an activity of truth in their own consciousness until the answer is given to them by God – not necessarily the answer that God gave me, but the answer that God has for you.” ~Joel

Matt 4:18-20
18 ¶ And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.
19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

(Is the commitment to Christ any different today? ~Al)
“Now. 'My peace give I unto thee, not as the world giveth.' All right? There comes an activity of truth in our consciousness. What does the Master mean by ‘My peace?’ Well, you don’t know, and I don’t know what the answer is for you. I only know what the answer has been in my experience. But I do know this that some day or other you must experience ‘My peace,’ God’s peace, the Christ peace. I know that some day you must experience Christ supply, spiritual supply, as separate and apart or something different than the world’s concepts of supply. I know this, too, that we cannot go on forever enjoying good health, the world’s concept of good health. One day we must make a transition into the Christ idea, the spiritual idea of health.

What is health spiritually discerned? What is the spiritual realization of health? What happens in our lives and bodies when we are no longer physically healthy but spiritually whole? Do you see that? That has to take place as an activity of transition within your own consciousness. You must day by day grow out of the habit of believing in good health.

That was one of the very powerful statements in one of Mrs. Eddy’s writings (and I’m not surprised if it’s Science and Health) in which she says, ‘we must overcome the insanity of health.’ The insanity of health – yes. The insane belief that a heart that beats so much, and a digestive system that does such things, and a blood system that does this that, that constitutes health. How can it constitute health when we all have it and the next day are dead or next month, or next year or whatever? No, that isn’t health. That is a physical sense of health, always subject to change, always subject to destruction – sometimes good, sometimes bad, changing always and if for no other reason than just to move into the calendar. If nothing else will do it to us, that will. Do you see that?” ~Joel
II Cor 3:18
18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

(When we use a word like insanity we tend to think of someone who is a lunatic or deranged… I looked up the word insanity in a Thesaurus. To my surprise, I found a few more meanings in words that are synonymous like: aberration, distraction and illusion. Ha… The illusion of health. Or, the aberration of a sense of limitation. The distraction of this-world… Mrs. Eddy and Joel both loved us so much, that they would shake us awake one minute and then embrace us to limitless extreme the next minute. For me, witnessing the awakening of your consciousness is the greatest joy of all. Loving you, ~Al)
“Now if we are to ‘die daily,’ we must die to the belief of health, just as we must die to the belief of disease because, in our spiritual demonstration, there is no disease and there is no health. Why is this true? Because we have nothing of our own. We can’t have a disease, and we can’t have a health because if we did, we’d have something of our own, since God has neither health nor disease. God is a Spirit, and all that we can possibly have is the Spirit of God. Do you follow that? Don’t forget this is just a tiny capsule full of atomic bombs.

We can only have health as long as we believe we have something of our own – a life of our own, a body of our own, a selfhood of our own, that we’re even under laws of our own. But you see, we will overcome health the minute we realize there is no selfhood apart from God. We will even overcome wealth, and we will demonstrate an infinity of abundance – not ours, God’s abundance. Do you see this point?

The only thing that you can possess is what God possesses because we can possess nothing of ourselves. ‘Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.’ Therefore, as long as we insist on having health of our own, wealth of our own, it will be up and down, rich and poor, good and bad, live and dead. It is only when we make that transition to the realization that God-selfhood is the only selfhood, and It is neither rich nor poor, neither sick nor well, neither young nor old and neither live nor dead. It’s just a state of immortality, of eternal being – unchanging, unchanging and yet infinite in Its forms and appearances. Just as a garden represents nature in expression, the one nature, and yet it expresses itself as everything from coconut trees to orchids.” ~Joel

Luke 15:11-32
11 ¶ And he said, A certain man had two sons:
And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing.

And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.

And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.

And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and entreated him.

And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:

But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.
31 And he said unto him, **Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.**
32 It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

(When we get done messing about with the concepts and things of this world, we will stop and realize that there is only One Father, One house, One inheritance, One brother, One son and One Love expressed. There is One answer to all our questions. And I am that. ~Al)
“Now if we are to accept this truth, where do we accept it? - in consciousness, within ourselves. Could we accept it in any other way? No. We have rejected it that way all our lives. We have kept it out of consciousness, not willingly – ignorantly. But now if it is to appear as an activity within us, it must appear as an activity of our consciousness, so that it may even be necessary for us sometime to sit down and be quiet and realize:

‘Right here and now, I accept the Grace of God. I accept the Grace of God as the allness and only-ness and perfection of my being, of my body, of my business. I accept God’s Grace as companionship, as home, as opportunity, as success. I accept consciously the Grace of God as a law unto my being – as the only law, the only law operating in my mind, in my consciousness, in my heart, in my life, in my soul, in my being, in my body, in all that concerns me.

‘I consciously accept God as the one influence in my life. I accept the activity of the Christ, the Spirit, of Soul. I accept the love of God as the only love in my experience. I consciously reject any love which is not of God. I consciously reject every love which is not of God, every law which is not of God, every belief which is not of God, anything and everything of a material and mental nature which is not of God. And, in doing this, I open myself to receive Divine Grace in consciousness, to accept the government of God in place of the government of matter and material beliefs and mental beliefs, mortal beliefs, and theories and superstitions.

‘Why should I be under the subject of where the stars are in the sky? Why should I be under the superstitions of church? Why
should I be under the superstitions of astrology or theology? Why should I even be under the superstitions of natural law? Why not, in my inner consciousness realize, ‘God’s government is supreme, and It operates through Grace, and I here and I now accept the Grace of God.’” ~Joel

Prov 3:6
6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

(This is a spontaneous meditation with Joel, note that it is not prayer for but acknowledgement of Oneness, All-ness, Grace... Dwelling in the secret place of the most high is actively Living in the Consciousness of God. Rest there with Me. ~Al)
“Now, having done this once thoroughly and completely, we have at least made room within ourselves to remind ourselves every time that there is the appearance of something contrary to that, we again remind ourselves that ‘it’s the Grace of God that governs me, not material law, not mental law.’ And we remind ourselves that:

‘Spiritual power emanates from within my own being and flows out from me to my affairs and, therefore, nothing in the outer realm can act upon me, whether it’s the stars in the sky or the bombs in the sky. Nothing from without can enter that ‘defileth or maketh a lie.’ But all good flows out from me, through me, to me, and all who are within range of my consciousness.’

That is an activity of truth in consciousness that we must practice, and we must practice it continuously until one beautiful day comes along when all of a sudden something happens within and then, when it does, you say, ‘oh just think, that was all true. Heretofore I’ve declared it, but now I know it.’ There’s a difference between declaring it and knowing it. Once it’s known, you no more have to declare it than you would walk around declaring your name or declaring that two times two are four or declaring that your money’s in your right-hand pocket.” ~Joel

Job 32:8
8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Acts 17:28 (to ;)
28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being;
(The divine impulse or feeling that God is closer than breathing, nearer than hands and feet, is an expression of the activity of Christ. It is a demonstration of Oneness. ~Al)

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“You don’t have to declare anything once you know it, and I mean by that, know it with this inner conviction that is called spiritual discernment. And that comes in that second of transition when the Christ takes over, announces Itself, reveals Itself as being on the field and in possession of all your being and body and business.

And so you see it is not a contradiction to say that all truth must be consciously entertained in thought and on the other hand to say, ‘take no thought what you shall eat or what you shall drink or wherewithal ye shall be clothed.’ You, yourselves, must watch that and must come to the right conclusion on it because sooner or later, you will have to take hold of that statement of the Master’s just as ‘we do not live by bread alone,’ so you will have to take thought of – ‘leave your nets.’

Leave your dependence on everything which heretofore has been your mainstay. You see, here were 12 fishermen, and they only lived by one thing. They didn’t care so much about bread. Fish – that was the thing. Fish. Without fish, we don’t live. Our families are not supported. Even the taxes are not paid. Fish, fish, everything depends on fish. But the Master says, ‘Leave your nets.’ Oh, it would have been so much easier if he had just said, ‘leave bread or butter.’ Or if he had just said ‘leave bank accounts’ or something like that, that’s easy. But fish! That’s really putting them up against the brick wall. So it is with us.” ~Joel

John 5:31
31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.

(Can we do something on our own that does not include God? Then, let the ego go that thinks it can. The Father within doeth the work, acknowledge it. ~Al)
“The day does come when you realize no dependency on those things that have been mainstays, those things that have been as important to us as fish were to the fishermen. And then we begin to say, ‘What, Lord, do you mean, ‘leave your nets’? What do you mean by ‘leave your nets’? How are we to leave those things on which we have depended?’

In what way the answer will come to you, I don’t know. But one thing is certain that included in the answer will be that there is an Infinite Invisible that everything in the visible realm comes forth from the Invisible. Things that are made are made from things which do not appear. Everything that is seen is an emanation of something which is in and of the Invisible. Nothing exists here in the visible realm except it first came forth from nothing, the Invisible. And so, the answer will always include the realization that there is an Infinite Invisible.

While we’re doing this, let us consciously – remember this word ‘consciously’ – let us consciously remove ourselves from physical and mental laws and place ourselves under Grace:

“They Grace is my sufficiency in all things.’ They Grace is the only sufficiency; They Grace is the only presence and power in my experience. They Grace governs, maintains, feeds and sustains. They Grace is my bread, my wine, my water. They Grace is my fish. They Grace is my meat.’ ~Joel

II Cor 9:6-8
6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.
7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.
8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

(Sow bountifully and trust without condition. Thy Grace is sufficient in all ways.  ~Al)

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“There comes another subject now. We hear people make the remark that they would like to overcome fear or doubt, or hate or envy, or jealousy or a desire for revenge, or other negative characteristics of humanhood. And they very often ask how they can do that – in what way they can overcome these negative traits. And, as such, there is no way from the spiritual standpoint. It just can’t be done. You cannot meet a problem on the level of the problem. So as long as you’re dealing with person, you’re going to be dealing with hating a person or loving them, fearing them, doubting them or envying them.

What we have to do, first of all, is come to the realization that we are never dealing with person. And once you have freed yourself of the belief that you’re dealing with person, you are freed from all of these qualities – hate, animosity, fear, doubt, jealousy, and so forth.” ~Joel

John 4:24
24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Luke 17:20 The, 21
20…The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:
21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, Lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

(The manifestation of Infinity is not in the body it is in Consciousness. Accepting Omnipresence impersonalizes man and matter.  ~Al)
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“You see, Christ is individual identity. Christ, the Son of God, is individual identity; and you cannot hate Christ, or envy Christ, or fear Christ or love Christ (in a human way). There is just no way for these things. You can receive Christ. You can accept Christ. You can joy in Christ. You can tabernacle with Christ. You can companion with Christ, the Son of God. But, you see, the relationship is so spiritual that you can’t think of it in terms of human relationships. When that comes into our consciousness, we are no longer ‘bearing false witness against our neighbor,’ and, therefore, we are ‘loving our neighbor as ourselves,’ and all of these so-called human traits of themselves are extinguished.

Now, if I am a human being, I must love and hate, fear and doubt, trust and not trust. But if I recognize Christ as my true identity, I no longer have these mixed human emotions – opposites. You see, the whole purpose of our work is rising above the pairs of opposites. That’s the whole part of our work. It is called in this work, ‘the Middle Path.’ It is where you have neither good nor bad, young nor old, rich nor poor. You have only spiritual Christhood. Then you have nothing to patch up, nothing to heal, nothing to reform.” ~Joel

Luke 17:21 behold
21…behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

(What expression of God lacks, needs healing or correcting? Perfection Is. I Am. My neighbor is included too… ~Al)
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“Now. Love is the only way. Love is the only relationship, but love has no relationship to the human emotion called love. It has no relationship even to that which is called ‘brotherly love.’ It has a relationship only to our relationship with God, which is love. You see there is no love but God. If God is love and God is infinite, love is infinite, and there is no love beside God. Therefore, the love of God is the only relationship there is. When we then are experiencing the love of God, we are beholding the Son of God as individual identity.” ~Joel

I John 4:16 God is,17 (to ,)
16… God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.
17  Herein is our love made perfect,

(There is but one Omnipresent Love – It’s activity can appear in an infinite number of ways, but always in and as Oneness… Dwell with Me Now. ~Love)
“Now there is no other way – you can try to get rid of hate if you like – you can try to get rid of fear, but you won’t succeed. You may for a while repress it. You may even get a religious emotional experience that will make you think you’re above it, but next year it’ll be back. You cannot overcome these human concerns while we are operating from a human level. We can only overcome them by rising above humanhood, either as a conscious realization of Christ as our identity or a realization of Christ as the identity of those whom we meet on this path.” ~Joel

Col 3:1-4
1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.
2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.
4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

(Christ is our Life and lives It for us when we are dwelling in the Spirit of God. I Am standing on Holy ground with you. Rest now. ~Al)
“Many people have tried to solve their problem by exchanging – giving up hate for love and doubt for confidence. It won’t work. It won’t work. They have been trying that for too many generations. It won’t work. As long as there is a ‘somebody’ or a something out here to be feared or hated, fear and hate will continue. It is only by removing the object of fear and hate that there is no fear or hate left. It is just exactly like finding a ghost in the house. If we are to fear ghosts, be assured of this you will not overcome your fear of ghosts while you have a ghost. It will only be in the removal of the ghost that you will lose your fear because, in the common thought, ghosts are to be feared.” ~Joel

Matt 19:18 Thou shalt not bear false witness,

( Believing anything other than the Omnipotence of God is bearing false witness. It is like believing a dream while we are asleep. ~Al)
“In the same way, as long as there is an atomic bomb, there must be a fear of it. On the other hand, as long as you have a human life, there must be a fear of an atomic bomb, too. Do you see that? You must remove the object of the fear before the fear can go. Now the object of the fear is our personal sense of life. The object of our fear is a destructive power outside of our own being. Until we remove that, we will have the hate, the fear, the envy, the jealousy and all other negative qualities.” ~Joel

I John 4:18,19
18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.
19 We love him, because he first loved us.

(There is only one fear and that is a personal human sense that is separate and apart from Love. We are included in His everpresent Love. We are an expression of His Love. We are His Love, because, Love Is Infinite. ~Al)
“Once, however, we achieve the realization of God as individual life, in that moment we then say, ‘I can lay down my life or pick it up. If I live by the sword, certainly I’m going to lay it down. If I live by the sword, I will die by the sword.’ So in that way we come into the realization, first of all, that there is no life to be destroyed and probably in addition to that we come to the realization that since there is but one power, God must be that power, not bombs. If we are to have one power, I’m sure we won’t have bombs as that one. All right. ~Joel

Eph 4:4-6
4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

(So again… It always comes down to the same answer: There is one Source, so I can do nothing separately. There is no separately… ~Al)
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“Let us meditate a few minutes.

Now with what we have gone through this morning, our thought is clear. In other words, let us say that we have had a treatment because you not only heard it from me but while you were hearing it, it was going on as an activity of your own consciousness. If you were merely listening to it, then it wasn’t even a good treatment. It was only a treatment if you could live it while it was being uttered. If you could actually feel it and go through the process of consciousness within yourself, then it was a good treatment and thought now is cleared of all these extraneous things.” ~Joel

I Cor 4:20
20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

(The letter of the word, either read, spoken or meditated upon is not an activity of God, but it can bring us the stillness leading to an activity. An activity of God is in an action - like flowing Light, Grace, Life, & Love expressed, or a feeling of Truth in Consciousness. This feeling or impulse is always followed by more divine action – like sufficiency, wholeness or completeness. ~Al)
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“Now is when the real function of living the spiritual life commences. Now that we’re through with all of that, now we can turn within to the center. Do it. Turn within quietly now:

‘The kingdom of God (and you follow this as an activity) the kingdom of God is within me, and I am now turned within so that I can hear the still small voice or become aware of the divine Presence. ‘Thy Grace is my sufficiency’ and so now, ‘speak, Lord, Thy servant heareth.’ I will listen for Thy voice.’

If it is necessary for you to think any thoughts at all, just let it be, ‘Thy Grace is my sufficiency’ or ‘we do not live by bread alone.’ If any thoughts are trying to intrude, you can just say, ‘What is that to me? Follow thou me.’” ~Joel

I John 3:2 (to 2nd ,)
2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God,

(Now is the only time there is. We already are the Sons…the joint Heirs in Christ, so His sufficiency is Our sufficiency too. Nothing is ever held back, unless we perceive it so. ~Al)
“Now this spiritual activity which is truth in my consciousness – oh yes, let me bring this out to you that what we went through here for 45 minutes this morning was the activity of truth in my consciousness as we were voicing it and thinking it. But, from now on, we have another activity of truth in my consciousness, which is the activity of God revealing Itself within me to me. And that is the activity of truth in consciousness that ultimately lifts you up into divine consciousness. It is the activity of truth in my consciousness, but not the activity of truth, that I am consciously knowing. It is an activity of truth that I am consciously hearing or receiving.” ~Joel

John 8:31,32
31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;
32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

(And so it is, by knowing (Feeling) Truth we move from the letter of truth, to the Spirit of Truth. His Life being lived through Me. All God’s heirs acting as One Life expressed in an Infinite number of ways - each about the Father’s work. ~Al)
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“You see, there are two parts to an activity of truth in consciousness. The one is the activity of truth as we have been knowing it for 45 minutes here, rehearsing it, declaring it, stating it. But the important activity of truth is the activity of truth that’s imparted to me from the Father within. And it’s that activity of truth that is operating in this room, and after operating in my practice, operating in my student body as the law of Grace unto your consciousness. It is that activity of truth, not the one I declare, the one that is declared in me, imparted through me. That activity of truth in my consciousness becomes a law unto you so that it’s a law of God unto your experience.” ~Joel

I Cor 2:9-16
9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.
10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.
12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.
16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

(Practicing the Presence, or loving God - in all our ways - as our day unfolds helps us to come to a place of inner stillness where we recognize that the Law of God is within Us, living our every moment. We start to live by the word that proceedeth out of the Mind of Christ. ~Al)
“Now every one who is within range of my consciousness as patient or student is the beneficiary of every word of truth that utters Itself within my consciousness. And it is for that reason that we are having, experiencing, healings during these meetings and other experiences during these meetings, and during the days or nights that follow these meetings. It is because we are all here embodied in this – call it if you like – teacher-consciousness, which is a receptive and responsive consciousness to truth. Then every bit of truth that reveals Itself to me, imparts Itself to me, utters or declares Itself, every bit of that truth becomes the Divine Grace in your experience, freeing you from the laws of matter, or the laws of mind, or the laws of theology, or materia medica, or whatever the discords and inharmonies of life may be.

It is also this same spiritual impartation which is the law of forgiveness to our sins - whether they’re your sins or mine, whether our past or present sins, whether they are sins of omission or commission, whether they are the sins of conscious knowledge of wrongdoing or the sins of ignorance. They are forgiven when an impartation of truth comes to consciousness. That is the same whether It says, ‘thy sins be forgiven thee’ or whether It says, ‘pick up thy bed and walk.’ It makes no difference. The same effect is achieved – your freedom in Christ.” ~Joel

John 6:44,45 (to .)
44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.
45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God.

(I live yet not I, Christ Lives my life, and I Christ’s. Christ Lives Itself through me… There is One Christ, One Body, One Love, One Teacher, One student and you and I are included in that. ~Al)
“And so it is remember that in every one of these meditations, or every one of these periods, there is an activity of truth taking place within me. That’s what results in these occasional notes or it results in the words that come out, the particular message of the day. That is not something I think up. That is an activity of truth taking place, imparting Itself within my consciousness; and that becomes the law of healing and of harmony unto you, unto all who touch this consciousness.

Now that same thing is true of you. When you are in your own meditation and you permit the activity of truth to take place, as we had the first 45 minutes this morning, you are then preparing yourself for the receptivity of truth in your consciousness or, rather, the activity of truth as impartation, as reception, rather than thinking up. Then, when that takes place that becomes Grace unto your experience.” ~Joel

Matt 6:31-34
31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

(Dear friends,

I read and dwelt on these two paragraphs at the end of this particular talk of Joel’s a few years ago and was struck with the power in the message and reduced into a puddle. I knew all my life that I was to do this work (His
work) but kept “putting it off” for “another day”. The actual words I used to use were, “I just don’t want to do this right now...”

The instantaneous impulse of light and direction was the beginning of the consciousness for this group, and the evening group meditations that bring us these daily lessons. It was the impulse that brought the faith, trust and confidence to know that the work was not to be from me – not “organized” in any way, with no personal agenda and it would be freely given with the greatest Love and patience. I felt no need or right to have any expectations, only to give and share what I have in my house with unconditional Love.

I knew that ALL the things that need be done – like the study materials, tapes, transcripts, meeting places, the funds for the work, transportation and time to do it, would be provided, sufficient for the day - IF – I, the ego, thinking it knows or needs to know something, stepped out of the way and LET God do the Work. I KNEW that all I needed to do was be still, surrender and be receptive to the Word every step of the way and His will would be done. The group consciousness has grown in every direction and will continue forever as It wants to...

And greater works (Activities of Truth in Consciousness) shall ye do... Know that – and it is already done...

With the Greatest Love,
Al)