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‘EXPERIENCING THE CHRIST’

Tape 115:
Side Two
1955 Kailua Study Group, Tape 6

By Joel S. Goldsmith

THE DAILY LESSON – June 1, 2011
From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series – ‘Experiencing the Christ’ by Joel S Goldsmith

Good Morning.

At this point it might be a simple thing for you to believe that we are now contradicting some of the earlier work in the message of The Infinite Way. Watch yourself in this direction because there is no contradiction here. There is only a progressive unfoldment into higher steps. ~Joel

Matt 13:33-43
33 ¶ Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.
34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:
35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.
36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.
37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;
38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;
39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.
40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.
41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;
42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

(Ok. We are ready for the next step.

Here, in Matt. 13 and several other times, Jesus takes his advanced students privately “into the House” to teach them on the next level of consciousness. It may seem a little cryptic to those without the “ears to hear”. Take a look at this “parable” from Matthew with higher than the world mind. Study the passages with your inner ear. Ask God what it means… What do you hear? ~Al)
“For instance, in our earlier experience in metaphysics, regardless of what school we came up through, and including our earlier work in The Infinite Way, whenever we were faced with discordant appearances, inharmonies, we have been taught to refute that appearance, to reverse it or to reinterpret it. And to realize that right where it appeared to be, right there is the activity of the Christ.

We have been taught the relationship between God and individual being as Oneness, and therefore that this is a spiritual universe. And so, whenever we came up against an appearance of hate, envy, jealousy, malice, or of accident, or sin, or disease, we have been trained, and rightfully so, let me say that, rightfully so, to immediately dismiss the appearance, disregard it, and realize, even if it was only mentally, that the Law of God was the only Law, or the Presence of God was the only Presence, or the Power of God was the only Power.

In the same way we have been taught that, regardless of the nature of the erroneous appearance, we were quickly to realize that there is no power apart from God; therefore, there is no power in this effect, or in this circumstance, or condition, or disease, or belief. And we have been taught
that since there is only one substance, there is no such thing as material substance, decaying substance, aging substance.

And so, we have been in all of our experience applying, mentally, the letter of truth until through that, what we call treatment, we arrived at the consciousness of truth or experience of truth, or realization of truth. And then let the realization bring about the restoration of harmony.” ~Joel

John 8:32
32  And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

(My friends, in my kindergarten days of development, I too was taught to “apply” the truth (or the letter of truth) to the situation at hand. This carried me through that part of this life quite nicely and mostly in good harmony, and rarely a bona fide complaint. But that “applying” was, in honesty, an activity of mind, and was never a Spiritual Experience of Christ. I now Live for just one more Experience, and just one more speck of the Revelation of Truth...  ~AI)
“Now, what we’re doing today is not contradicting that. We’re going higher than that. Because now, in this special work that we’re doing, we are assuming that each one of us already knows the basis of the principle of The Infinite Way – that is Oneness, Allness. We are assuming that within ourselves we understand full well that we are not using a power of God over a power of error. We’re not using truth over error, God over evil, since we have come to the realization of God as One, All, beside which there is no other.

Now, with that as the basis and foundation of our consciousness, we are taking the next step, which is that of experience, God experience or spiritual experience. Now of course it requires no words and no thoughts for a spiritual experience, and words and thoughts would only be a detriment.” ~Joel

Prov 3:5,6
5 ¶ Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
THE DAILY LESSON – June 4, 2011
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“Remember that I said yesterday that I do not know yet whether it is going to be possible for this work to succeed. I don’t know of its ever having been tried before. For this reason: Those who have, through some Divine Grace, through some power for which they personally were not responsible and for which there’s no credit due them, have received some measure of inner light, already know what the spiritual experience is and that spiritual experience is the governing factor in their experience.

Now, the Master was enabled to open the consciousness of his disciples to some measure of this experience – not to too great a degree of it as you know by the results of their work. But at least to such a degree that after his departure from the human scene, when they were thrown completely on their own resources, at least a few of them did attain a tremendous measure, particularly Peter, Matthew, possibly John, if this great John was the John who was a disciple.” ~Joel

John 16:7 (to 2nd ;)
7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you;
"Christ is an experience. But if you try to state truth, you miss the mark. Even in teaching and in treating with the letter of truth there must be the recognition that the mental activity of imparting and the mental activity of hearing is not the spiritual experience. Even a teacher must recognize that the words they speak with their lips does not constitute the Power of God, nor does it include, nor does it embrace, spiritual teaching. The spiritual teaching is done by the state of consciousness behind the speech, behind the voicing of truth, behind the uttering of truth."

It is like writing these letters to patients and students all over the world, as if the print, or the words in certain sequence, were going to benefit or bless anybody. That isn’t true at all. If it were true, we could just hire a staff of people to sit down and answer those letters, but it wouldn’t work. It is the consciousness of the writer, the consciousness of the one who dictates or writes, and again it is the consciousness of the one who types, that determines whether or not there is healing power in the message that is written.

Just as in the books that are printed. Just that following a certain sequence of words into sentences and paragraphs does not constitute a spiritual
message, and there is no book ever written, including the Holy Bible, which in and of itself could ever be a spiritual message. But the consciousness of the one who brought forth the message is whatever power lies in scripture or in metaphysics.

If to that could be added printers and bookbinders, typists, secretaries, also of spiritual consciousness, then the books would be so alive that they’d be tingling all over the bookshelves and wouldn’t be able to stand still. *(Laughter)* Just as sometimes you may receive a letter in the mail and it’ll almost burn your fingers because of the power of the consciousness behind that work.” ~Joel

John 4:32-34
32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.
33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?
34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

*(A Spiritual experience is not witnessed by the senses or in the mind. It is felt in the Soul and must also be expressed outwardly from the Soul. So, any healing work is also not the work of a practitioner or teacher it is their awareness of the Action of the Father; the Source, the Soul Itself. Jesus realized that the work of the Father was his entire sufficiency. There was no longer a need to empower matter in any form. Even good matter. ~Al)*
“Now, always it is the power of the consciousness of the individual that determines the outcome of teaching, healing, regenerating, saving or reforming, or enriching, or prospering. Always it is the consciousness of the individual. That consciousness may be at a tremendous degree of illumination such as Buddha, or Jesus, or John of the Gospel of John. Or it may be a lesser state of consciousness like the other disciples or apostles.

It may be a tremendous illumined force and power through some individuals, much lesser degree through others. That is a matter over which no one has control. That is a matter of Divine Grace. The only control that we have is in the degree of our seeking and striving for that consciousness. Whether or not we achieve it is not up to us. Some will seek and strive until they wear themselves out and will not attain it. Others will just treat it very lightly, and take it easily and steadily, and spontaneously bust out all over with the springtime of the Christ-Consciousness.

The experience of Christ is one that is achieved purely through Grace. It is a Gift of God and in whatever degree it comes, it is a Gift of God. It does not come because we earn it. It does not come because we deserve it. It does not come primarily because we may be good men or women. It is
much more apt to come to some pretty bad ones because their inner struggle is greater than the struggle of the good ones, and that struggle is often highly rewarded.

The only responsibility that we have is that our desire be for it, and that our willingness to experience it be shown forth by the degree of our studies and meditations. That is the only part that our responsibility goes. The achieving of it is purely the Gift of God, purely the Christ. And no one earns it, no one deserves it, and no one knows why it comes to some and doesn’t come to others.” ~Joel

James 4:3 (to 3rd ,)
3  Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss,

Matt 5:6
6  Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

James 4:7 (to .)
7  Submit yourselves therefore to God.

Matt 6:33
33  But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

(Here’s a little review from Chapter 10 – “How to Pray” for your continued practice:

“And so it is with meditation. From the first time that you close your eyes and realize that,

‘I’m seeking the Grace of God; I’m seeking some word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. I know not what to pray for, and so I’m not going to pray for anything of this world.’

And you see, a minute has already gone by, but that minute has already emptied us of our human thought about prayer, and so for the next half minute, at least, we have nothing to say. And that’s all, that’s all there is to
that period of meditation. That alone repeated a dozen times a day would change one’s entire life inside of a month or at least it would begin to show changes inside of a month because every time one turned inwardly that way, they would be declaring, “I can of my own self do nothing,” even if they didn’t think the statement.

They would be declaring, “I’m seeking the kingdom within,” even if they never thought of those words. Their whole attitude will be, “Father, I can of my own self do nothing; come to my rescue.” In other words, it would be humility. It would be acknowledging the nothingness of human wisdom, human strength, human power. It would be an acknowledging that there must come something from the Infinite Invisible. Something must come forth from the depths within if we are to be saved, and all of that is the true sense of humility and is the true sense of prayer.

Now, those periods of silence create an atmosphere. Every blanking of ourselves is a making room for our Self, and this creates an atmosphere of Spirit. It creates an activity of Spirit that, without our knowing it or having any awareness of it, it goes before us to ‘make the crooked places straight.’ You see it all, to human sense, sounds so impossible. It all, to human sense, seems ephemeral, intangible; but it isn’t.

The most tangible thing in the world is Spirit, or God. The most real thing there is in all the world is Spirit, or God. Once you perceive that, you will see how the things of this world are just the toys, just the marbles that we play with or the dollar bills that we use for exchange, or the homes that we use for shelter and to enjoy our companionships.”

Baubles have no power. Trust God. ~Al)
“Now, we do know that ‘I, if I be lifted up, shall draw men unto me.’ We do know that in proportion as any individual receives spiritual light, that light can become a law unto those who come to them. In other words, everyone who has ever brought about a healing through metaphysical work has been the light unto that one, and it was the light in their consciousness that brought the healing to the other.

Now, there isn’t a practitioner who has success in healing, there isn’t a teacher who has success in healing that hasn’t some measure of spiritual light, or they wouldn’t be successful in it. If they have success, it means that their state of consciousness becomes the law of harmony unto their patients’ or students’ state of consciousness. Then this means that whatever degree of light you achieve automatically makes you, in that degree, a light to all those who touch your consciousness. Now that is the purpose of the work, this special work that we’re doing right now so that each one of us here may attain a higher degree of that light through the experience itself.” ~Joel

John 12:32
32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.
John 8:15-19
15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.
16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.
17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.
18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.
19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

(Only "If I be lifted up", does any of this ring true. If I be lifted up, I hear Jesus give an early lesson-experience in Oneness – Omnipresence. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 8, 2011
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“Now, I am assuming that you are reading the writings, and that insofar as is possible you are hearing recordings. In other words, at least exposing yourselves to whatever spiritual light has come to us through the message of The Infinite Way. In that way, then, I am sure that you are having the correct letter of truth. You will not be misled within yourselves.

Now with that as an assumption, our work in this room now is leaving that behind, or rather leaving it to you to fill yourselves with outside, so that we can take our time here toward an actual experience itself. That’s the point of our work.” ~Joel

Matt 22:37
37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Matt 8:18-22
18 ¶ Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side.
19 And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.
20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.
21 And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.
22 But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.

(Jesus was unaffected by unharmonious appearances because worldly needs, and concepts are never included in the Oneness of Christ. We are being offered the Experience here… Will we leave our nets and follow the Christ?

Joel’s approach to the principal of healing consciousness tomorrow. ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – June 9, 2011
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“And so, if I say to you now the first difficulty you will experience in ceasing from the old form of prayer or treatment is when you begin to observe discords, inharmonies, out in the world. Because your first reaction will be to return to the way in which we have originally been taught, that of denying the error and knowing the truth. But now I would like you to take an entirely different approach and see what happens. Take specific note of what happens as you follow this approach.

Now the basis of the new approach is this. No activity of thought is a healing influence. Therefore, no matter what I know with my mind is not going to heal anybody, or help anybody, or save anybody, or bless anybody. And so, as I observe discords and inharmonies in the world, I am going to not take thought. I am going to STOP and have no opinion, no judgment. I am going to make no statement of either denial or of affirmation. I am not going to let the human mind into this picture. I’m neither going to say ‘it is no part of God,’ nor am I going to say ‘the only activity is God.’ I am going to put the finger on my lips.

If I must declare something or think something it will be something like, ‘Thy Grace is my sufficiency.’ Yes, we can fill our thought with just some
statement like that – something that is not pertinent to what we are seeing, observing. If it is pertinent to that, we have entered the argument. We have come into combat with the appearance. We have engaged in battle. We are going to stand aside and not enter the human scene. We are going to stand aside without any judgment as to whether this is of the devil or whether it’s of God, as if it made any difference really what I thought about it.” ~Joel

Matt 6:25 (to 2nd ,)
25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life,

Matt 6:27
27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

Matt 6:28 (to ?)
28 And why take ye thought for raiment?

Matt 6:31 (to ,)
31 Therefore take no thought,

Matt 6:34 (to :)
34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow:

Matt 10:19 (to :)
19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak:

Mark 13:11 (to beforehand)
11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand

Luke 12:11
11 And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:

Luke 12:22 (to 3rd ,)
22 ¶ And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life,

Luke 12:25
25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?

Luke 12:26
26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?

(There you have it. The pearl of great price, the Holy Grail, it has been in plain sight for centuries…

Be still. It always comes down to the same answer…. God IS. How can God do battle with God?... or change God to our convenience?

There is nothing you need to do, but know your True Identity.
-And, rest in the knowing that I Am. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 10, 2011
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“Now, don’t look on this as a contradiction. Our early experiences were the preparation for this. We prepared ourselves for this by building up a consciousness that did not accept appearances at their face value but always reinterpreted them. Now we are going to disengage ourselves from the world of appearances.

Let me show you the principle behind that. Every time you engage in denial or affirmation, you are in the world of either good or evil. You are in the world of appearances, or the world of the pairs of opposites, which is the human world. And so even if you change a discord into a harmony, you have merely changed one human appearance for another human appearance. It is very much as if you had a person who was stone broke, and by your knowing the truth or some other mental abracadabra, could all of a sudden produce $100 for them. Now what do you do with them next week? Or next month? Walk around and follow them for the rest of their lives producing $100 bills for them? No.” ~Joel

Luke 9:10-17
And the apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done. And he took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida.

And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.

And when the day began to wear away, then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the towns and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place.

But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more but five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy meat for all this people.

For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company.

And they did so, and made them all sit down.

Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.

And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets.

(There are two different approaches and two different Experiences in this Bible Story of the Loaves and Fishes. The disciples began to see the appearance of earthly lack. They saw a problem of hunger and plugged into it. They lovingly wanted to change one appearance for the opposite appearance. They then began to reason amongst themselves and found earthly ways to solve the earthly problem. It may have worked out fine... Who knows?

But, Jesus took the approach of taking no thought. He just stepped in said, “Give them to eat,” and proceeded to bless God’s sufficiency. This activity of the Christ Consciousness provided the sufficiency for the work of the day and even provided twelve baskets in abundance. ~Al)
“You see that even if you had a person who was dying of illness, and by your knowing the truth or any other mental activity could bring health to them, that you’d have to follow them around the rest of their lives turning their ills into health. Because always there will be these pairs of opposites in the human pictures. And eventually you’d be called upon to change age into youth.

Now. In this approach you are no longer either a medical doctor, changing sickness into health, nor are you a metaphysician, turning a discordant human condition into a harmonious human appearance. You are revealing Christhood because Christhood is the true identity of every individual on the face of the globe: man, woman, child, animal, vegetable or mineral. Christ is their true identity, Christ meaning spiritual being, spiritual nature and character, spiritual entity and identity, the Son of God, Emmanuel.”

~Joel

Rom 8:7-11
7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
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.
10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is
life because of righteousness.
11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you,
he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal
bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

(Be still and know: I of mine own self, can do nothing. Just Thy will be
done. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 12, 2011
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“Now, in our earlier days it was a wonderful experience to see sickness
turned into health, lack turned into abundance. To those of us who have
had years of that, the sad part was to see the well become sick again, or
those who had demonstrated abundance go back to their old poverties
again. The Bible has something to say about returning to one’s vomit. In
other words, we return to the positions we have outgrown because we
haven’t outgrown the state of consciousness that produced it.

The Master, when he says, ‘neither do I condemn thee,’ also says, ‘but go
and sin no more.’ And how can a person who is of the sinful
consciousness, how can they sin no more? They can’t prevent sinning any
more than the person who has a poverty complex can prevent going back
to poverty. Or the person who has a disease complex going back to
disease. There is no way except one: ‘Be ye therefore renewed by the
transforming of your mind,’ by the transforming of consciousness.

When the Christ is admitted into individual spiritual consciousness, It of Its
own accord eliminates sin, disease, death, lack, and limitation by being ‘the
mind that was in Christ Jesus,’ and being the mind of the individual. When
the mind that is in Christ Jesus is our individual mind, we have no possibility of going back to any place but Christhood. But as long as we are left with the same old human mind with which we've grown up, we must return to its consequences. There is no way to avoid that. ‘If you sow to the flesh, you will reap corruption.’ And if you continue to have that fleshly mind, it must produce carnal experiences. It is a law.” ~Joel

Rom 12:2
2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Gal 6:8
8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

(If we look to a person or to the world for truth we will find opinion, judgment and finite laws. We may even find a temporary good. But if we look to God the reply will be in the Infinite. ~Al)
“Can we rise above the law? Only one way. And that is by Grace we come into the experience of ‘that mind which was also in Christ Jesus’, which is not a thinking mind or a reasoning mind, since it says ‘we do not live by bread alone,’ which is a very foolish statement. It also says, ‘I have meat ye know not of.’ And he didn’t have any meat that we know not of; least we couldn’t see any around him. And he also said, ‘I am the bread,’ and ‘I am the water.’ All of which are very foolish statements, as you know. Certainly judging by human standards or by the human sense of language, those are foolish statements. But, spiritually they are true. And everyone who has attained even the tiniest degree of spiritual light knows what the Master means when he says, ‘I have meat the world knows not of.’

Now, there is one of those statements that can fill consciousness whenever you face a discord, an inharmony, whether in yourself or whether in others: ‘I have a meat the world knows nothing of.’ You say, ‘Well what does that mean? What has that got to do with this situation?’ Well, that, that must reveal itself within you. At least it’s keeping you from arguing with the world of appearances. At least it’s keeping you out of a battle with a ghost that has no entity or identity, or substance or form or law.” ~Joel
John 4:32-34
32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.
33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?
34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

(The students were still living in this world, Looking to be helpful…looking for good. On the other hand, Jesus knew that there is only One activity of God… Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 14, 2011
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“There is a tremendous spiritual power if you can only fill your consciousness with the Christ message of ‘I’. I am the Bread of Life. Whatever that will mean to you, I don’t know at this moment. But if I were looking out at some discordant appearance, it would mean to me that the ‘I,’ the Christ of God, has all the substance and law necessary to meet any experience. That’s what it would mean to me. ‘I have meat the world knows not of.’ I have a Power, I have a Presence, I have a state of consciousness that the world knows nothing about. But it ‘heals the sick, raises the dead, preaches the gospel to the poor, opens the eyes of the blind.’” ~Joel

John 6:28-35
28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?
29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.
30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?
31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.
32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.
33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.
34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.
35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

(Blessed be the student that comes to the place of recognizing that they too want to live the work of God... Individually expressing Oneness as the I am... Being the essence of His Life and quietly letting God do the work of the day. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 15, 2011
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“Now, never enter the world of argument with any discord or inharmony. If possible, turn from it without any thought, or if necessary to occupy your thought, your mind, for the moment with thought, let it be with a Christ-realization, even though it will have no application to the picture that is before you.

I remember a healing that took place many years ago, came out of the clear blue sky, when I was standing in the presence of a man ill and given up for dying. And the only thing that came into my mind was, ‘man does not live by bread alone.’ That had no more application to the scene that I was witnessing than anything you can imagine. But the healing was instantaneous. So instantaneous that the man, who was lying under an oxygen tent, turned his head, motioned for the nurse, and said, ‘take it away, I don’t need it,’ and didn’t need it, and a few days later was out of the hospital.

You say, ‘well you had no part in that.’ I’ll admit that because I didn’t think that thought consciously. That was something that popped into my head, and I know what its application was. Under the oxygen tent he was living by
breath, by air. But man doesn’t live by air alone. He lives by the Grace of God. Of course, had I just made that up at that moment to fit the case, that healing would not have taken place.” ~Joel

Matt 4:4
4  But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

(Do not be tempted to think some thought to change bad matter into good matter, or to reverse some kind of lack. That is trying to influence God to perform a miracle in this finite world. Look to the Infinite alone. Be aware of God’s work in every part of your life, surroundings and neighbors. The Grace that automatically unfolds will be sufficient for the day, the moment, the Now. The Work is His, not yours. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 16, 2011
From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series – ‘Experiencing the Christ’ by Joel S Goldsmith

“And that’s why I say, don’t search around in your thought for some thought that will be applicable because you’ll miss the mark. The further you can get from any statement that applies to the situation, the better off you will be, and your patient, and your own experience.

Now let us see. Does anyone in this room actually believe that all the twenty-odd books of the message of The Infinite Way, strung end to end, will heal anybody of a headache? No. Well, will it do any better if we recite it? Will it do any better if we think it? Then what good is it? The only good they are is that they have brought us to this state of consciousness where we can now no longer rely on them, but the state of consciousness out of which they came. And that state of consciousness is Christ.

They never came out of a man’s consciousness, any more than you would like to give credit to the pen or the typewriter. Neither can you give credit to the man. They come out of Christ-Consciousness. Do you see that? And that truth, the truth embodied in those books, not only has brought us, but will keep us on this level of consciousness to where gradually we will use
less and less of the letter of truth, and receive more and more of direct spiritual unfoldment from within.” ~Joel

Matt 6:25 (to 2nd ,)
25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life

I Pet 2:2-5 (to 3rd ,)
2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.
4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,
5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house,

(The Christ we seek is not in the words of Truth, it is in the Experience of it. Be a living stone in the structure of Love. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 17, 2011
From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series – ‘Experiencing the Christ’ by Joel S Goldsmith

“Sometimes people don’t stop to realize that it isn’t right that Don Blanding should get all the royalties on all of his books, and we pay for them by reading them instead of us writing them and getting royalties for our self, or at least saving us from having to buy the books. I know some of our people feel that way about my books. There’s no reason why they should buy them when they could write them.

But they know, as a matter of actual fact, there’s no greater experience in the world than that we share these unfolding ideas, and reward those who bring them forth. But the point that I really am serious about is that there isn’t anybody in the world that can’t write their own books, especially truth books because there comes a moment of transition to everybody where you don’t take in, where It pours out.

Oh yes, there must be years and years and years in our experience of taking in the great wisdom of all of the masters. And probably throughout our entire human span we will continue to draw inspiration from them. There isn’t a day of the week that I’m not reading somebody’s books here,
mostly ancient ones, because of the inspiration that I draw from them, and the joy that I get in seeing how universal truth is, and how they were stealing my stuff thousands of years ago. (Laughter) Some of you know that we caught a fellow here plagiarizing from The Infinite Way in the year 1100. Word for word he had it, a whole paragraph, but we won't sue him.” ~Joel

Luke 6:38 (to 5th ,)
38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over,

(Joel is tickled by a little humor in the first and last paragraphs here… He is making a huge point of Oneness and the activity of the Spirit that constantly repeats itself in an infinite number of ways. All Cause leans on the One Consciousness. Each generation builds upon the living stones in the foundation of the previous generation. Each must have its own glorious Experience. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 18, 2011
From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series – ‘Experiencing the Christ’ by Joel S Goldsmith

“Now, the point that I’m making is this. In being aware of the discords of human existence, instead of drawing on this for your denials and affirmations, instead of drawing on your head, on your thinking, on your memorizing of truth, now stand stock still, and let the Father give you the necessary truth for the situation. Because that is the way I have to do when I’m called upon for help. I can’t turn to a single soul or any memorized statements from my writings. Because if I thought they had power, I’d just let them do the work. No. I never go back to draw from anything in my writings, or anybody else’s writings, or even from scripture.” ~Joel

Luke 12:31,32
31 ¶ But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.
32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
(Freedom is in the present awareness of Truth. Stand stock still and let the Kingdom be revealed. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 19, 2011
From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series – ‘Experiencing the Christ’ by Joel S Goldsmith

(Dear Friends,
I am breaking with tradition today and commenting first, as the pearl of great price is upon us. Joel has gotten to the point here and given us the approach to his practice in four paragraphs… Make some provision to keep the following quote close to you until you have the consciousness of it, and can put the letter aside for a wee bit…and rest in the Living Experience.
Loving you,
Al)

“When I am called upon for help, I sit down in an atmosphere of expectancy, if I have to sit down. Sometimes I’m walking or out here under the trees. Sometimes it’s while I’m at table eating. But I am so in a receptive state of consciousness that regardless of what presents itself to me, I wait for the Father to give me the answer. I don’t rush into speech. I don’t rush into answering the letters in my desk. I read them, and then when I sit down I listen, and if the answer isn’t there, I put the letter aside
until later that day or that night or tomorrow. But when I answer a letter, it has to be the Father answering.

And so it is, when I am asked personally for help, you all notice my attitude. It’s always one of listening, and then if I have anything to say, saying it. Now that is to bring you to the point of experiencing the Christ. You experience the Christ every time a discord or inharmony appears to you, and instead of you making a statement of truth or thinking a thought of truth, you just turn within and wait until some truth comes to you. It doesn’t have to come in words. It doesn’t have to come in thoughts. Eventually you’ll find that it comes in just a feeling of release, and you know all is well. That is the experience of the Christ. That is the point that I am trying now to see if all of us cannot embody. The method? Do not engage in controversy with any form of error. Stand still. If you must think a thought, at least think something that has no bearing on it. Something like, ‘Divine Grace is sufficient. My Father knoweth what things we have need of.’ ‘I have meat the world knows not of. Christ has meat. The Christ is meat that the world knows not of.’ Anything like that will do. ‘We do not live by bread alone.’ Anything like that will keep thought occupied, so that your thought isn’t directly meeting, or responding to, or refuting the problem. Do you see that?

And that gives the Christ an opportunity to come to you in experience. Later on you will follow this same method with all of the harmonies. Because once you have achieved the slightest degree of success in this, in meeting discords, the next thing that will present itself to you is this. If you look at a twelve- or fifteen-year old child, and think ‘how beautiful, how sweet, how innocent, how nice,’ your thought will rush ahead a little to ten years from now, or twenty, or fifty, and you’ll say, ‘oh, oh, this is just a temporary good. This pure, innocent, sweet, clean, healthy child is going to be a doddering old woman or a sinful so and so.’ Do you see what I’m getting at? Because you know right well that the human good of this moment won’t remain.”

~Joel
“And so you will learn to follow this same practice when you see youth, health, vitality, wealth. You learn to look right through it, and not rejoice in it, but clear your thought in this same spiritual way so that the Christ can show you the truth about what even appears as human good. Just as you want Christ to reveal the truth about a discord and an inharmony, you had better want Christ to reveal the truth about a good human appearance, or it’s only a question of time when it’s going to change to a bad human appearance.

The nature of all human good is to become evil, isn’t it? Youth becomes age, health becomes sickness, strength becomes weakness, abundance becomes lack, so forth and so on until finally life becomes death. Ah, that’s the history of the human world. By first training ourselves, with these evidences or appearances of discord and inharmonies, to close our mind to that picture and permit the Christ to reveal the true nature of being, we then prepare ourselves for the next step, which is to look out at our beautiful trees, and our beautiful plants, and our beautiful animals and our wonderful
youth, and be able to not think good thoughts about them, but wait patiently for the Christ to reveal the truth about them.” ~Joel

Phil 3:13-16
13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.
16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

(All human appearances fall away with the revelation of the True nature of Being. Let us press forward to the high calling… ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 21, 2011
From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series – ‘Experiencing the Christ’ by Joel S Goldsmith

“What good is there in all the world about these sweet young kids if we have to watch them grow up into what we have witnessed past generations grow up into? Only insofar, …you know one generation after another has called the past generation doddering and old and ignorant and so forth, and they have deserved it. But the point is that it’s always going to be the same way until a generation comes along anchored in Christ. A generation that no longer thinks humanly, feels humanly, lives humanly, but begins to live in their, and through their, Christhood. There will never be such a generation unless, as in the case of Jesus Christ, there is one individual to start it. And it never will go far unless there are found twelve ready to carry it on and impart it. And even then it won’t be too far reaching unless there are seventy and two hundred. Then we can embark on the way.

Now. There is no literature in all of the world, ancient or modern, that reveals this truth. There is none. Search for it and see if you can find it. There is no literature, ancient or modern, that reveals the way to attain Christhood. There are those who achieved it by Grace. There are none
who have been able to impart it. And the reason – up to this moment there has been no way found of imparting it – at least none that has ever worked. It has been imparted to the twelve, and out of the twelve, three or four made some headway with it. It was imparted to several by Buddha, but only two received it. It was imparted to many by Lao-tzu, only one was able to carry on. At no period in the world’s history has it been able to impart it to a group so that a group could attain it and maintain it.

Now, I firmly believe that because we have the correct letter of truth in the writings, to practice, to remember, to draw upon, to use, that through it we can achieve a sufficient degree of Christ-Consciousness so that we can go out and practice this that we are being given today.

Is it clear to you that a man isn’t trying to do this today? Is it clear to you that this work has been going on for eight years, nine years maybe? Oh, nine years, yes. I guess going on ten, isn’t it, Em? - going on ten years this work. And yet this is the first time these words have been voiced so that those ten years have been a preparation for this.

Now, it is a wonderful thing the strides the world has made in metaphysics. It is a wonderful thing the strides that many religious teachings are making in coming to this awareness. But somewhere, somehow, some group has to be in the world with their fingers on their lips for a long time. Not telling this, not teaching this – demonstrating it, achieving more of the measure of that mind which was in Christ Jesus so that ‘by their fruits they shall be known’ - not by talk, not by promises, by their fruits.” ~Joel

Matt 7:16-20
16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?
17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.
18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

(It is the Activity of the Christ that is Life everlasting. Not the talking about God or religion, or even an intellectual knowledge of the Christ that does
any work. It is the actual Activity expressing Itself as infinite Omnipresence. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 22, 2011
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“Now, I wouldn’t want to go out before a big audience and say these things – not because they aren’t true, but because the answer would be, ‘so what’? How can a person achieve the demonstration of this who hasn’t arrived at that point where, automatically, they have attained the consciousness that knows the unreality of evil and won’t run around trying to be sympathetic to somebody in their sins, or their diseases, or their lacks or their limitations, but is willing to sit within their own being realizing Christhood and let Christ raise them up?

If I could enrich every member, every student in this room or every student of The Infinite Way, would I be doing anything for them? No. The opportunity was given us last year in television and radio work. Dozens of our students would have become rich through the demand that was made for help. What benefit would that have been to them unless they had achieved it through Christ, not just through my getting a television show? Do you see that?
If I could give health to everybody in the hospital, what benefit would I be giving them if I wasn’t able to give them Christhood? Do you see that? That is the point that we are at now. I have loved my work for 25 years, bringing some measure of health, some measure of supply, some measure of peace to many, many, many people, and now through the writings and recordings to thousands of people. But it isn’t enough. It isn’t enough. Nothing is enough until, through the activity of the Christ in human experience, we can change and transform human experience.

It isn’t enough for a Jesus to heal multitudes, and it isn’t enough for a Joel to heal more multitudes. There must be an activity of Christ bringing about these healings, so that we won’t need the Jesus’ or the Joel’s or the Mary Baker Eddy’s or the Myrtle Fillmore’s or any of those noble souls who, in the past, have led up by their work, their consciousness, their activity, to this moment.” ~Joel

Rom 8:9-11
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.
10  And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
11  But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

(STOP. Take no thought. Turn within. Rest in Oneness. ~Al)
“Unless this world is full of the Presence of the Christ, it’ll always be the same old story. Each generation raising up a prophet to tell the story again, and then the story dying out and waiting for a new prophet to come in the new age, and still the answer is, we do not even know if there be a Christ. And that is the answer of the world today. We do not know if there be a Christ because there is no evidence except an individual experience here or there. But an activity of Christ in human experience whereby everyone can reach out to this Christ, it hasn’t yet happened.

Now, if it happens, it will be through a large enough demonstration of the activity of the Christ in human experience. In other words when, by our example, we can attain that mind, or some measure of that mind, which was in Christ Jesus and watch the world benefit from it. Not from our personal activity, from it, then will we have something to show forth to the world.” ~Joel

Mark 1:16-18
16 Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.
17 And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.
18 And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.

(Three little sentences in Scripture… It seems like this event took only a few moments, yet it resulted an instantaneous bonding of Oneness. There were several lifetime commitments from this Activity, and since then millions have followed to some small degree……..A few, along the way, have surrendered all to Abide. If you were tapped on the shoulder by the Activity of Christ right now – would you recognize it? Would you forsake your personal sense of sufficiency and follow in the Experience immediately? Would you put it off? ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 24, 2011
From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series – ‘Experiencing the Christ’ by Joel S Goldsmith

“If we, in our experience, can bring the activity of the Christ into the courtrooms where the battles are, or into the activities of the unions and the corporations, if we can bring the activity of the Christ to bear in the business world, then you see, the world can say, ‘well, at least we have had evidence that there be a Christ. Now let us see some evidence that we, ourselves, can benefit, achieve, Christhood.’

Now, the first difficulty is going to appear as you behold evidences of sin, disease, death, lack and limitation and are tempted to do something about it – first humanly, and then through right thinking. And the first temptation is going to be, resist the temptation to do right thinking. Find some statement of the Master’s to fill your thought, so that you do not refute the appearance before you or enter into controversy or argument with it.” ~Joel

Rom 13:1,2 (to :)
1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.
2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God:

(We are included in Oneness, if we realize it. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 25, 2011
From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series –
‘Experiencing the Christ’ by Joel S Goldsmith

“Stand aside and realize, ‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.’ You say, ‘That’s meaningless.’ Good, the more meaningless it is so let it be because we do not want, through the power of thought or reason, to meet a situation, but through the Christ. Remember that statement, we do not wish, even through reason, to meet a case, but through Christ: the Christ which passeth human understanding.

Why is that in scripture? ‘The Peace that passeth human understanding.’ The Peace that no human being can reason out, think out, or will or desire or find a way to achieve – only Christ can bring about. And what is Christ? **Christ is the activity that takes place in your consciousness when no thinking is going on.** Christ is the activity that takes place within you when no personal effort is going on – when you’re not trying to heal, when you’re not trying to improve, when you’re not trying to reform, when you’re not trying to make a change. When you’re standing still in your Christhood, then the activity of Christ comes into expression. Do you see that?” ~Joel
John 14:6,7
6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

Phil 4:7
7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

(STOP. Take no thought. Rest in My Peace and be consciously aware that you are included in Omnipresence. ~Al)
place with complete silencing of human thought or wish or will, and wait until the activity of the Christ touches our consciousness, then the room is full of the Presence of Christ – then and then only.” ~Joel

Prov 3:5,6
5 ¶ Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Heb 10:36,37
36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.
37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

“There are no prayers that will do that, there are no words and there are no thoughts. There must be a complete silencing of the human will, of the human desire, so that the activity of the Christ can penetrate the atmosphere and fill all space. Then it remains for those who are in that home, or that business or that public building, to so conduct their affairs as to represent, so far as they are concerned, their highest sense of spiritual, harmonious good. There is no other way

“So it is with healing. There is a way to bring health, harmony, comfort, peace, in some degree, into every sick room in which we go, into every prison cell. And that way is not the way of thinking, that way is not of speaking, or of carrying any message of words or thought. That way is the ability to be there, whether sitting, standing, walking, talking, with an area of consciousness open here so that thee Christ Itself can come into expression.
I can assure you, you can only keep It out by speech and thought. All the recitation of these nice metaphysical statements, even scriptural promises, they are hindrances to the activity of the Christ, unless they come forth spontaneously as the activity of the Christ, as they did as I stood at that man’s bed in the hospital and standing there in receptivity. Then the Voice Itself shot through, ‘man does not live by bread alone.’ Do you see that? It wasn’t necessary for those words to come forth, the consciousness had come through anyhow. Even without words.” ~Joel

Matt 6:5-8
5 ¶ And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.
7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.
8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

(Don’t expect the Infinite to come forth or be understood in finite sense – It is felt in Consciousness and, at that moment, Lives in and as us. Stand stock still and listen within. ~Al)
“Now. We can heal wherever there is a receptive consciousness. We can reform, we can redeem, we can renew, we can regenerate, we can enrich wherever there is a receptive consciousness, but only in one way. Now that you know the truth of being, now that you have the letter of truth and you have it to keep reminding yourself of and live in, when you’re actually living about your business all the rest of the day, don’t think thoughts. Keep yourself receptive to an inflow of thoughts so that It breaks through into your consciousness. Thereby you have the experience of the Christ.

So that, as you go about your day’s work, as you go about anywhere where you become conscious of the presence of discord and inharmony, instead of stating truth, resist the temptation to state truth. Inwardly hear and let this come through, and this will be an experience of the Christ. And It will ‘go before you to make the crooked places straight.’ It will bless all those within range of your consciousness, but you won’t; It will. Your part will be attaining It.” ~Joel
Isa 26:3 (to :)
3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee:

TRUTH is within ourselves;
it takes no rise From outward things,
whate’er you may believe.
There is an inmost center in us all,
Where truth abides in fullness; and around,
Wall upon wall, the gross flesh hems it in,
This perfect, clear perception – which is truth.
A baffling and perverting carnal mesh Binds it,
and makes all error: and, to KNOW,
Rather consists in opening out a way
Whence the imprisoned splendour may escape,
Than in effecting entry for a light Supposed to be without.
~by Robert Browning

(Loving You, move than my life. I am. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 29, 2011
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‘Experiencing the Christ’ by Joel S Goldsmith

“Now. Eventually, as I said, you will go through this same procedure when you witness the harmonies of life, when you witness a beautiful sunset. You will turn also and open a way for the Christ-experience to come, so that you can rightly see the sunrise or sunset as it is, or the mountain scene. This will ultimate in the activity of the Christ being a constant experience, one not achieved, one not attained at certain moments of the day or night. It will be a constant state of being. So that, at any time necessary, it is only necessary to blink the eye and the activity will consciously be realized. But it isn’t necessary that that be done.

The time eventually comes – I call that in all of the writings a point of transition – where you pass from living your own life to having your life lived for you and through you, where you become nothing more than an instrument for this Divine experience. And you go where you’re sent, and when you’re sent, and you have no will of your own, no wish of your own, no desire of your own. You never have supply of your own, and you never
even have health. It is always an It that is living Its own life, and we go along for the ride.” ~Joel

I Thess 5:16,17
16 Rejoice evermore.
17 Pray without ceasing.

(Love without ceasing, and everything will take care of itself, because it is the Christ that does the Loving.

I am so grateful for the joys and struggles and love for the past 35 years of being aware of, and then gradually more and more intensely studying the message of the Infinite Way. Every minute of it.

I was asked by a student at this month’s meeting if it is ok to enjoy the beauty of this world and all of the good things… At the time, of course I said yes – but there is more than the this-world answer that did not find its way out… There are times for me when even the good things are not enough or not important by themselves. The joys, pleasures and harmony can be right smack-dab in front of me or even part of my laughter, and still feel “hollow” in a way. It’s hard to describe – but unless the Presence is present in consciousness, even all the beautiful things seem like an empty dream. The bad and the good things of this world are still OF this world. I can enjoy them to a degree, but the fullness of the I am Experience has become my Valhalla, my heaven. Joy in this world is always temporary. Joy in the Infinite is…well… INFINITE. My kingdom is not of this world.

The Experience of the Christ accelerates Itself. Be patient. Be honest with yourself. The Experience is nigh and it is inescapable.

My friends, If I could have one desire it would be that I don’t have one. My Love, ~Al)
“Now, the achieving of that state of consciousness begins in this particular way: first because the discords and inharmonies of existence are the most irritating to us and, therefore, announce themselves more forcefully to us. And so it is that in those moments we will now train ourselves to resist the temptation to deny or affirm or to think thoughts, even good ones, but will give an opportunity for the Christ to announce Itself in us and through us. And if necessary to engage our minds while waiting for It, we will take any one of the Christ messages – those that begin with the word ‘I’ or that have some such significance as the ‘I/’ or God:

‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’

‘Thy Grace is my sufficiency.’

‘The Lord God in the midst of me is mighty.’
Anything, anything that reveals our awareness of the fact that there be a Christ, and that if we give It opportunity, It will come into expression. Our stating truth and thinking truth does not bring It. Our refraining from the statement of truth and thinking truth brings It as long as behind it we have this inner consciousness of the correct letter of truth.

Well, that must be it, I guess, because the tape’s all used up.” ~Joel

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

Jude 1:21 (to ,)
21 Keep yourselves in the love of God,

(Stay focused on the Christ, not only when you appear to need help, but also when everything seems to be going well. Never be so foolish as to coast along and think you are the one doing well. It is the Christ that animates your Life. Acknowledge Him. Honor thy Father by letting Him express His will through you… Stay focused on the Infinite, no matter what is presented to you. ~Al)