

## **“THE DAILY LESSON”**

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The subject of study for the month of November 2011 is:

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### **“SEEK – KNOCK – ASK”**

**Tape 118  
Side One**

**1955 Kailua Study Group, Tape 9**

***By Joel S. Goldsmith***

THE DAILY LESSON – November 1, 2011  
From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series –  
‘SEEK-KNOCK-ASK’ by Joel S Goldsmith

“Good Morning. (*Class responds*)

The subject that unfolded early this morning was along the question that has come up several times in letters and probably in the thought of some of you regarding the Master’s, “Ask and ye shall receive. Knock and it shall be answered unto you. Seek and ye shall find.” And to many this raises the question as to whether or not we are contradicting that when we say ‘ask not, and seek not, search not.’ And of course the answer is ‘no, there’s no contradiction there.’

But there is a question, and the question is, “what did the Master indicate when he said ask, search, knock?” When we understand that, as we will, as we understand the full message of the Master, we will know that ‘to ask, to seek, to knock’ is all part of our work, but not in the sense that the world has accepted it, not in the sense that is indicated in the prayers of the world. But to show you how uniform, how universal this message is, and how it is in this age appearing in human consciousness in a universal way, I want to share this letter with you.” ~Joel

Matt 7:7,8

7 ¶ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

(Seek ye first - the Kingdom of God.

Ask not for the things of this world.

Knock on the door of righteousness and wait for the voice of God... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 2, 2011  
From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series –  
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“You have heard me speak of Brother Mandus in England. Brother Mandus’ work in its form of presentation is entirely different than ours. The only similarity is in the ultimate motive of both, and in the fact that we can agree so heartily on basic principles. And that is why I want to share this letter, because it leads up to this other question.

Brother Mandus is a Protestant minister, although he is not connected with any particular church. He heads what is called the World Healing Crusade, but he operates in Protestant churches of all denominations. Practically every day of the week, he is in one or another of the Protestant churches in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and last year he added Holland to his territory. And right in the Protestant churches he does his healing work. He was a business man. Brother Mandus was representative of one of the airlines for many years in South America, and then he had this spiritual experience and found that he was a healer. And one step followed another until he was in this work of spiritual healing. And he carried it on inside of the churches by having meetings, very much like we think of Billy Graham’s meetings, but with this difference. That once the crowds were inside the church, he would talk to them, not of future salvation, but of the healing powers of the Divine Presence. And then he would prove it to them by healing.

His method was in two directions. He would lay on hands. That is, if you came up to the platform at the healing time, he would put his hand on your head, or on your shoulder, or on your heart or stomach, and all the time voicing an audible treatment. But he also told the audience, the congregation, that 'you don't have to come up here and I don't have to touch you. You can sit right where you are and this same Presence and Power will touch you wherever you are and bring about healing.'

And as his work grew, it developed into a tremendous correspondence, one that takes, oh, a whole building full of secretaries to answer. And he likewise assures them that just by means of this contact, of this correspondence and his answer, that healing can take place and in many cases it does.

Now, before I met him, he had come to hear of the message of The Infinite Way and had read the writings, and wrote me a beautiful letter telling me how thoroughly in accord he was with that teaching, and how closely it paralleled his own unfoldment, so far as the knowledge of the truth went. Not the method of presentation but the message itself.

And then, of course, we not only met in England, but at one of my lectures he was the chairman of the evening and introduced me. And then I was entertained in his home. And the thing that I came away with is that Brother Mandus is a state of realized consciousness, God-Consciousness, Christ-Consciousness. And that whatever healings he does is not through what he says or how he says it, but through the state of consciousness that he is. And some of his writings would seem very strange to us because they are not at all along the line of our work. And yet, in between and behind it all, you will see how the same consciousness is appearing on earth in that part of the country, doing the work in that way, while it is appearing on earth in this part of the country and doing it in this way.

The reason that Brother Mandus is doing his work his way is that he is convinced that with enough healings taking place in the Protestant church, the ministers will have to ask why and they'll have to 'go and do thou likewise.' Because their people will not be satisfied merely to listen to sermons once they know there is a healing power in scriptural truth. And, of course, part of the fruitage of that is already seen in that many ministers are studying over there to see if they cannot attain this healing consciousness. And last year, the Church of England had a conference of all the well-known healers to find how healing is done so that they can

present it to their congregation. How soon that will be is a question but, it indicates that he, at least, is on the right track in believing that if enough healings take place in the Protestant church, the Protestant church will have to do some healings or lose their membership.

Now the point that I wanted you to see in this letter is ... well let it talk for itself.

*"My Dear Joel,*

*"I was very thrilled and deeply moved by your letter of May 15th with its vibrant message of love, power and authority.*

*"I am with you all the way in your clear-sighted realization of God as the only power, the only activity, and that therefore; there is no need to battle with the negative beliefs which are, in themselves, only a belief in a selfhood apart from God. In fact, all negative situations only have power when we, ourselves, recognize and deepen our awareness of them by concentrating in a battle to overcome them. Certainly I know in my ministry of healing that the spontaneous healings take place when we effectively know our oneness in God in a complete abandonment of effort to overcome anything.*

*"We rest in the Divine. Therefore, there can only be the Divine in full and free and perfect expression.*

*"In God there is no sickness. Therefore, sickness cannot exist except when we insist upon separating ourselves from the Divine to believe in false appearances.*

*"It is so wonderful how the new realization is beginning to reach out to the masses. With you I see most wonderful possibilities of spiritual revival in our time. And by this I do not mean the old-fashioned revival, but a new stirring, vital revival which brings us all into the absolute Spirit where the almighty power of God can blaze forth in perfect expression.*

*"What a wonderful age this is! Never in history has there been such opportunity to bring millions of people into a central realization of their divinity.*

*"It is such a comfort and strength to feel united with you in this oneness of Spirit, therefore, oneness in each other. In Spirit, therefore, all that I have is thine. And infinite powers and potencies are released in you and in me and in all whose lives touch ours. I rejoice with you and give thanks that it is so. Great events are in the making and you truly say that this will be a wonderful year.*

*"I shall certainly look forward to meeting you in September. I'll be at the Caxton Hall for some days the second or third week in September so we'll be seeing you in London. We will be very happy to welcome you up here also in October and I hope I will be available. I'm having a week in Holland from the 5th to 10th September.*

*"Bless you for writing and my spirit fuses with yours long before these words can reach you in print. At this moment I am absolutely at one with you, and you know that God uses me to bless you and you to bless me. For He It is who doeth all the works.*

*"A thousand blessings and love from us all. And thanks for everything.*

*Yours devotedly,*

*Brother Mandus"*

Isn't that beautiful? Isn't that a, isn't that a oneness? Isn't that a breaking down of 'my teaching and thy teaching' and 'this church's teaching and that church's teaching,' and 'I have the only true God and only you have the truth of God?' You see how all of this has to break down in the realization of the truth that there is but one Spirit?" ~Joel

I Cor 8:5,6

5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

(Oneness can appear in an infinite number of ways. Each expression includes the Allness of God, communicating His message in a way that it may be heard by the individual listening. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 3, 2011  
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“And that Spirit will raise up your mortal body even as it raised up Jesus Christ from the dead. And that Spirit is not a Jew nor a Gentile, not a Christian nor a Mohammedan, nor a white man nor a black one, nor an oriental nor an occidental. That Spirit is God Itself permeating human consciousness wherever human consciousness is willing to open itself, without prejudice, without bias, without limitation, and realize: ‘This is the Spirit of God in me, working through me for your blessing. This is the Spirit of God in you working through you for my blessing since we are one in Christ Jesus.’ ~Joel

Rev 2:7

7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

(Church is your Consciousness, the Spirit and Life of God. ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 4, 2011  
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“Now you see that, when I came home from the trip, I told you that there were men of this type wherever I traveled. All of them with this same free willingness to agree that what we are showing forth to the world is the Spirit of God, not somebody’s personal religion, not somebody’s personal, copyrighted material, not some teaching separate and apart from the basic teaching of God. But rather that all of these men are united in a twentieth century realization, that probably has never existed before, that men and women with all forms of teaching and every method of approach, can unite in the realization of two things.” ~Joel

John 5:26

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

(And so it is, we are already in the 21<sup>st</sup> century- So, as the realization of the true Identity of Life spreads out across the universe – the more it spreads out into infinity. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 5, 2011  
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“One: our conscious union with God, our oneness with the source of all good, we can unite in the realization of God as individual being. He brings that out, that, for the first time, millions can be told about their divinity - not the divinity of the minister or priest on the platform, not the divinity of the Master of 2000 years ago or the modern teacher of today, but your divinity. This is the teaching. This is the wisdom of all ages again coming to light in human consciousness: God is your being, your soul, your mind, your spirit and the only law. God It is that unites us. We are united in God so that whatever blesses one blesses all. Whatever spirit, presence, or power of God is made manifest in my individual experience becomes your individual experience the moment we consciously unite in and as one.” ~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;

(Back in the day, Jesus' message to his students could not have been clearer. Why is it still confused today that our good is in or through an intermediary whose breath is in his nostrils, or a church, or a religion? The Spirit of God is within you. I am with you in Oneness now and always. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 6, 2011  
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“Yah, but this is not merely so because I am who I am or what I am. This is true of everyone who can open their consciousness and realize this. Because, you see, it is recognized that he, Brother Mandus, acknowledges himself through his contact with God to be a blessing unto me and acknowledges that my union with God is a blessing unto him. Can we not unite in that self-same realization that, if ‘I am in the Father and the Father is in me,’ then you are in me and I am in you, and we are all together in the Father, united in oneness?” ~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.

(If the Spirit of God is within you and the same Spirit is within me, then there can be no separation. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 7, 2011  
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“Now, you will find also, as you review this letter, that he is in total agreement on a second point which is one of the most vital points of all. And one in which the entire church of the world must ultimately come into agreement because it is on this point, or rather, the denial of this point, that they prevent their prayers from being healing prayers. The prayers of the church cannot heal in this age. And the reason you find in our work and now repeated in this acceptance, in this letter, that sickness does not exist as a condition and, therefore, praying to God is not the way to heal it. God cannot heal that or remove that which has no existence.

This whole letter permeates not only, brings to light the truth, not only of oneness in and of God, but of the great wisdom that has been given to us in so many chapters in the writings, the nature of error.” ~Joel

Rom 13:1

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.

(God is omnipresent – so then, there is no room for anything else. And so, the nature of error is nothing. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 8, 2011  
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“Sickness does not exist. Negative conditions do not exist, whether of mind, body, character, soul. Negative conditions do not exist, and they only operate in proportion to our acknowledgment of them and our determination to battle them. It is only as we relax in the realization of our union in God, of God, with God, as one with God; it is only as we relax in the realization that God is individual entity and identity, God is individual being, and even the substance of body, only then can we take that next step and realize, “why yes. Negative conditions in and of themselves have no existence.” They exist only as a universal belief which at this moment we may be individually accepting.

If so, there is a work for us to do. And that is consciously reject it. Not consciously battle sin or disease, but consciously realize that neither sin nor disease has entity, substance, law or continuity.” ~Joel

Ps 18:2

2 The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

(It is not our job to interpret dreams. There is never a battle. Take no thought – Trust the Lord in all thy ways... Let God direct thy path. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 9, 2011  
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“Now, I would like you to see this. I would like you to see further the agreement that this man accepts of this so that you may know that in other parts of the world this same light is going into human consciousness hastening the day when it will be accepted all over the globe, and then we will find how the kingdom of heaven is to come on earth.” ~Joel

Matt 6:10

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

(Heaven is operated and experienced in Spirit. Seek only to realize the Spiritual Kingdom within. The meat, bread and wine will appear, as needed, for His will to be done. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 10, 2011  
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“Many people do not realize how it is that we give reality to the very conditions that we would like to be free of. They do not understand how it is that as much as we would all like to be free of erroneous thoughts and things, that we persist in demonstrating more of the negative than of the positive. And so, I would like you to follow me in this example.

We will assume that the telephone rings, only now someone will answer it. And the one answering it will say to you, in this room, “I’ve just had a message that Joel is very ill in Chicago.” And now I will ask, what is your response? You look up here and you see Joel and you hear him talking and you smile, and you say, “Oh, I guess that’s just a rumor.” And you’re not a bit disturbed, not a bit disturbed. You don’t say, “Quick, let us get silent and give him a treatment.” Oh, no, you’re not a bit disturbed. You know right well that that’s a rumor. How do you know it?

Well, as a matter of fact, you know it only because you’re judging by appearances. And your knowing of it isn’t a very good treatment because you’re not really knowing it spiritually. You are judging by appearances and you’re merely declaring humanly, “oh, it can’t be true because we see him and we hear him.” Ah, but, if by any chance, Joel had not been here when you came this morning, and the telephone call had come, the chances are you would have said “oh, Joel has helped us. Now let us get busy and help him.” And then everybody would have sat down, got very silent and very

sacred and tried to help Joel, but it would have been just as much of a rumor. Just as much of a rumor.” ~Joel

John 18:36 (to :)

36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world:

(Think of rumors and concepts like this: If you can see, smell, hear, taste or touch it with the human senses – it is not of My Kingdom, Spirit or God. Spiritual sense alone discerns Reality. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 11, 2011  
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“And so you see, you would have been doing the very wrong thing if you had any idea at all that you had any power to help Joel because nothing would have helped him. Even if it had been humanly a fact, you wouldn’t have helped him unless you had been able to say, “That’s only a rumor.” If you could have accepted, in spite of appearances, the fact that it is only a rumor, Joel would have had an instantaneous healing. Why? Why?

Because then your stating that it was only a rumor would have been based on your spiritual recognition of the fact that Joel has no life apart from Christ. Joel has no mind or soul or spirit or being or body apart from Christ. Therefore, anything other than that that you would see or hear would only be rumor, appearance, false belief.” ~Joel

John 8:3-6

3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

(John includes a key detail in this story by making sure to show Jesus' non-reaction. If he were tempted to rise in defense he would be acknowledging, and thereby giving power and justification to the illusion presented. Love dissolves all rumors and cunning plots into the nothingness they really are. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 12, 2011  
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“Now, this is exactly the way in which we give power to the sins and the diseases that at this very moment afflict us or others. When the rumor comes to us in the form of a pain in the body, or when the rumor comes to us over the telephone from someone else, we don't accept it as a rumor. We accept it as a fact about which we have to do something. Now you see that's dishonoring God because if there were something to be done and God hasn't done it in advance, there isn't much you can do afterward.

Let this be clear. Whatever of discords we are suffering and whatever of discords we are not meeting for those who turn to us for help is due to the fact that we are accepting rumors as facts and then trying to do something about them. Do you see that? ” ~Joel

Ex 20:16

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

(Seeing anything less than God's Love is bearing false witness. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 13, 2011  
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“Everything that comes to us comes to us as an appearance or a suggestion. We could just as well use the word the “rumor”. The question is, do we accept it, or do we say, ‘that is but a rumor. That is but a suggestion’? Very often I see it as temptation. That is a temptation to accept a selfhood apart from God, to accept a condition apart from God.

You will find in some of the tapes that the entire secret of healing lies in one word, “reaction.” If, when a call comes for help, we react with a smile and say ‘rumor, temptation, appearance, nonsense,’ we have very beautiful healings.

The very moment we answer with concern, as if there were an actual something that had to be overcome, removed, resisted, refuted, then in that degree have we entered the entire picture and, of course, once having accepted battle, we’ll have to battle it through to the ultimate. And it is for this reason that we very often struggle with physical, mental, moral, financial conditions for long periods because we are not struggling with them as if they were rumors that we had to learn to disregard, but as if they were conditions that we had to overcome.” ~Joel

John 7:24

24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

(When we withdraw from having our own opinion, ideas and judgments we open out a way for the realization of our Spiritual Identity. *I can of mine own self do nothing... I can do all things through Christ. Christ can do all things through me. Use me... I will not be fooled by outward appearances today. I rest in stillness and wait... Speak Lord thy servant heareth. ~Al)*

THE DAILY LESSON – November 14, 2011  
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“Now, in the light of that, I say to you, I would like to bring to you release from the thoughts and things of the world. How can I bring to you a release from the thoughts and things of the world if you are going to accept them as if they were facts instead of rumors – rumors without foundation?

Oh yes, even if you see it with your eyes and hear it with your ears, that doesn't mean that it's a fact. That means that it is a picture of a rumor, either visible or audible. It's still a rumor; it's still a temptation; it is still a suggestion; it is still a world belief appearing to us as a condition for our acceptance or rejection.

Now, when a call comes to you from your own body, or from friend or relative, patient or student, the degree of help that is to be realized is the degree of your reaction, the speed with which you can say, 'nonsense, that's a rumor not a fact,' and dismiss it.” ~Joel

Matt 7:1-5

- 1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.
- 2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.
- 3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

(When you realize the Truth, feel the Truth, know the Truth – you'll see You, your neighbor and your brother as Christhood. All Living, breathing, rejoicing and resting in Spiritual Consciousness. Rest with/in Me in the Light of Truth now... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 15, 2011  
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“In the light of this, let us come now to “seek and ye shall find. Ask, knock.” We may seek the consciousness of this truth; we may ask for a realization of this truth; we may desire, we may even struggle for the attainment of “that mind which was also in Christ Jesus.” But we may not seek or ask or knock for a thing or a thought, or a condition, or a healing, or an enrichment, or an employment, or a home. Why?

There are no negative conditions to be overcome. There are no vacuums. There are no lacks or limitations. There are no, there are no negative conditions of any kind in a God world. And there is no other world except the world of illusion – the world which we accept mentally, look at, and then begin to hate, fear or love.” ~Joel

Luke 11:9,10

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

(Ask, Seek and knock for anything you want – as long as it is not of this world. Seek ye, Conscious Communion. Oneness... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 16, 2011  
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“In the God world itself only harmony exists. If that were not true, God would be a monster. God would not be something to be worshipped, adored, welcomed if in all of this world there were a single sin or disease or death, God would be responsible for it. Therefore, there are rumors of wars. There are rumors of discord, rumors of sin, and we accept them as if they were fact and then demonstrate them.

Now, let us 'seek the kingdom of God.' Let us seek the realization of God. Let us knock at the door of consciousness for this inner light to be revealed. Let us ask every day for more light, more light, more light, more spiritual wisdom. Then you will see that there is a spiritual form of prayer which reveals not a healing power, or enriching power, supplying power, but which reveals the kingdom of God as intact here and now, and reveals the illusory nature of that which is appearing to us as the errors of this world.

Now you see, as long as there exists on earth churches opening their doors for people to come in and pray for things and people, there will be people deluded by this concept of God and of prayer. As long as they leave their doors open for us to walk in and utilize their silence, their purity, the integrity that their ministers establish there by virtue of their own righteous motives, we then can enter those churches and all others, and pray the prayer of 'asking, seeking, knocking' at the door of our own inner

consciousness, that this light be revealed to us showing forth the harmonies of the world, not a method of overcoming the discords of the world.” ~Joel

Rev 3:20-22

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

(Rumor is supposition, and bluntly, it is a fabricated lie. Accepting its illusion is accepting a separation from God.

Abiding in church is dwelling in your Consciousness, and Spirit is the activity operating your Divine Life. Be still, unplug from the persuasive daydream, and open a way to realize your inclusion in His Omnipotence. Christ is standing at the door and waiting for your knock... ~Al)

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“That is the point that we must unite in. That is the point that I have been working with ever since my beginning year in this work. That is the work that I rejoice in now when I meet men like Brother Mandus willing to agree that the spontaneous healing work takes place, not when we are battling disease or trying to overcome it, but when we are uniting in the consciousness of our oneness in and with God.

Now, time is of no importance as long as we have begun to discern this truth and learn to reject the rumors that are presented to our thought each day, rumors of negative conditions of mind, body, morals and purses. As long as we have discerned that our work is not going out into the world and trying to save it or heal it or redeem it, but that our work is a revelation of God as individual being and, therefore, the non-reality to that which is appearing as these negative conditions of the world.” ~Joel

Matt 4:1-11

- 1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.
- 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.
- 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

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.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

(There is only one temptation – and that is to be lured into thinking we are separate and apart from God. ~Al)

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“Now, from the moment that we accept that, time is of no importance because we will not build a consciousness of this truth in a given moment. It is the work of eternity. We will only come into this awareness, into this consciousness, bit by bit, step by step. It is, as the Hindu has said, like the taking away of one onion skin. One onion skin at a time drops away from us, and we say, ‘I haven’t made much progress.’ And looking at the onion with only one skin missing, it hasn’t made much progress in getting undressed. But we keep on, day after day with one skin, and ultimately we wake up to the fact that we only have half of an onion. And then we say, ‘well maybe after all we are making progress.’ And we are. And the day eventually comes when we have no more onion at all.

And so it is in our work. Every day is lost, every day is wasted, until that first day comes when we discern the fact that “I and the Father are one’ and all is well with me and the universe.” And then learn that with every temptation that comes to us, every discord, every inharmony, whether in our own lives or that of others, that these come to us only as rumors, temptations, claim of a selfhood apart from God, belief in presence or power apart from God. Then, from then on, time isn’t of any importance because this isn’t going to come in its fullness in a flash.

And we’re on the way once we have undertaken this realization. Then everyday becomes a day of seeking to us. Every day becomes a day of

searching, of asking, of knocking – but no longer for the things of the world, now only for the realization that ‘Thy Grace’ is maintaining this universe in its original integrity, purity and immortality, eternity, perfection.” ~Joel

II Cor 12:9 (to :)

9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee:

(Begin the day by Trusting God with all thy heart and seek His guidance at every undertaking. His abundance will always meet every need. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 19, 2011  
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“Now there is no longer a hitting up against fear of the error and a resultant answer to ‘now what can I do about it?’ Or, ‘well maybe I’d better call my practitioner because my practitioner can do more about it than I can do.’ About what? – the rumor that should have been met instantly when it touched your consciousness. Certainly once you accept it and feel that you are not equal to it, then you’d better get a practitioner because you’ve lost your opportunity in that particular case. But eventually you, you must realize that this isn’t a question of a practitioner; this is a question of a rumor that is coming to you to be accepted as a fact or to be dismissed.

Now when you come to that realization, so that all of these negative conditions of the world touch your consciousness and inwardly you can smile and say, ‘I wasn’t caught by that rumor. I didn’t spread it any further. I let it die with me.’ Do you see? Then, you have gotten some place.” ~Joel

John 8:32

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

(When the Truth (nature of God) is known or felt deeply within, it identifies the errors and rumors and dissolves them. And, all that is left is a smile. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 20, 2011  
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'SEEK-KNOCK-ASK' by Joel S Goldsmith

“Recently I had a letter that a teacher in one city had heard about The Infinite Way when I was there originally, this is some six or seven years ago, and thought he was going to look into it, when he heard a story about The Infinite Way and about Joel Goldsmith. And he decided to wait awhile, and then he heard a second and a third story and he knew it was nothing for him. And so he decided not to investigate it any more because there’s something radically wrong with The Infinite Way and with Joel Goldsmith. And so several years went by, and then one of his students came to him and wanted to tell him something about The Infinite Way, and, ‘oh no, he’d, he’d heard all about it, and it was a very bad thing and so was Mr. Goldsmith a very bad man evidently – something wrong about him.’

And later another student came and then another student came. And the first thing you know, he began to wonder how these stories would come of good. And then he saw an actual evidence of the good from the work and he thought perhaps he had been mistaken, and then he started investigating. Now he is very happy about the entire situation except he’s a little bit mad at the years that he lost listening to stories, rumors, which had not been verified and which could have been disproved with a little investigation.

Now, we, each one of us, is in that same boat. There isn’t a day of the week in which we aren’t accepting a rumor about ourselves and about

others. And the rumor isn't how good so and so is. It's how sick or how sinful or how poor or how disastrous or how negative or how dead. And either we think it's too bad and we'd like to do something about it which is, of course, accepting the rumor at face value. Or we just ignore it and say, 'well it probably served them right anyhow.' But in either case, we have accepted this rumor and postponed the day of our own salvation.

What happened to the other fellow isn't too important because sooner or later they have to wake up for themselves anyhow. But we, by accepting a suggestion of a selfhood apart from God at any time in any day, we are deferring the day of our own salvation. Do you see that?

Every negative condition, every negative person, every negative situation comes to you as a rumor. It comes to you as a suggestion. It comes to you as a temptation to believe in a selfhood apart from God, to believe in a condition apart from God, to believe in the actuality of a negative person or condition. And each time that such a rumor comes to you that you do not immediately ignore, you just delay by that much your own spiritual unfoldment. Because the only thing you have the right to seek and ask for is the realization of God as individual being, the realization of God as the only activity operative in this universe." ~Joel

Amos 5:4

4 ¶ For thus saith the Lord unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live:

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.

(I am with you now, and alway... One Peace, One Life, One Love – which passeth all understanding fills my Soul... I can do all things, through Christ, which lives my Life. Thank you Father. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 21, 2011  
From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series –  
'SEEK-KNOCK-ASK' by Joel S Goldsmith

“Someday there will be a band, a circle of spiritual wisdom, of spiritual consciousness all around the entire globe. And each one of us will be able to ‘seek, ask, knock’ at that circle of consciousness. It will be whatever degree of realized consciousness I have attained. That will be in one spot. And whatever degree of realized consciousness Brother Mandus has will be at some other spot. Whatever degree of realized consciousness you have, will be at some other spot. Whatever degree of realized consciousness there is anywhere in the world, on the part of teacher or student, that will go to form the fabric of this band of spiritual consciousness around the world. And then, everybody in this world who ‘seeks, asks and knocks’ for spiritual light will find that they are tuned in to this band around the world.

That is the vision that I have had from the beginning, that there will be a spiritual band or circle around this entire globe, of consciousness, and that anyone who reaches out will touch my realized consciousness, your realized consciousness, his or her realized consciousness, which now has formed this united band around the world. Then the world will not be saved one by one, but by that time it will be millions by millions. And the complete realization will come quickly.” ~Joel

Matt 18:20

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

(The multiplication of Spirit is as timeless as ever. We gather together here, this day, in His name in the same way our Brethren have for thousands of years. Silently waiting, watching, listening, following... Still growing. Still supporting the whole... Still experiencing, loving, living in His name, together in Oneness. His Grace multiplies like branches on a single tree. We grow, split, divide, and yes - we are all One and coordinated to support each other. This, to me, is the Principle of the Tree of Life. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 22, 2011  
From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series –  
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“First of all, there must be such as you and I. There must be such as Brother Mandus and those who can accept his teaching, who, in their particular localized places, achieve this consciousness, which no longer can be localized in either time or space, but is released. Then the world, touching that degree of realized consciousness, can attain some measure of it, at least enough for their healing, and then go on from there to practicing this presence of God.” ~Joel

Ps 91:1

1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

(Practicing the presence (dwelling in the secret place) is not an intellectual understanding of God, or play-acting to be spiritual as we live our lives on earth. It is living in this world yet knowing you're not of it. It is the Conscious awareness – a quickening, a knowing/feeling – that is beyond time and space. It is the automatic nature of Love to release this attainment out into consciousness. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 23, 2011  
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“Do you see now what constitutes practicing the presence of God? It's twofold. Not merely realizing God as individual being, not merely realizing God as one, the one law governing this universe, the one substance, the one cause, the one effect. But also going on to that second point which we, in our work, call the nature of error, and which some of our students still do not like.

Now remember, the human mind does not like this term, “the nature of error.” Why? The human mind would like to have a 'la de da' religion. It would like to sit up on a pink cloud with lace on the pants, and just sing lullabies or hymns and say, 'God is love' while the snake bites them. What snake? *Of universal belief* in a selfhood and a presence and a power apart from God.

Because until the human mind is willing to awaken to this realization that these appearances do exist and that they have presence and power and law in our experience, until we consciously learn the nature of them as illusion, as rumor, as temptation. Do you follow that?” ~Joel

Eph 5:14 Awake

14...Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

(Awake thou, to the realization that God IS and you are included. There is no God and... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 24, 2011  
From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series –  
'SEEK-KNOCK-ASK' by Joel S Goldsmith

“You, individually, have got to learn not to ignore error and just say, ‘oh, God is all.’ That won’t do it for you. You have got to be willing to look it right in the mouth and say, ‘I know thee what thou art – nothing, a rumor, a tale, a temptation, a universal belief. I know what you are. You don’t frighten me anymore.’ Do you see the difference?

It’s one thing to believe that you’ve got a God that overcomes error and leaves you in the error. It’s another thing to know that you have a God, which is an infinite good, and besides which there is none else. Then when somebody says to you, as they did to me years ago to which I had no answer, ‘Oh, but let me take you down the street and show you the hospitals and the cemeteries.’ That’s right. There they are. What answer have we got to that? We know the answer now.

There will always be hospitals and cemeteries as long as there is somebody unwilling to look the situation right in the face and know that every one of these appearances has existence only as a universal mental belief, a suggestion of a selfhood apart from God, of a law apart from God, of a condition apart from God.” ~Joel

II Cor 11:3

3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

(Be not beguiled by the mind's imagining. There is no existence, or condition other than that of God. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 25, 2011  
From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series –  
'SEEK-KNOCK-ASK' by Joel S Goldsmith

“As long as there are people willing to believe that God is some great power that can heal disease, or enrich them, there will be no end to these things called hospitals and cemeteries. They will only come when we individually say, ‘what is the nature of that which is appearing to us as sin, disease and death? It’s been fooling us long enough, generations enough. What is the nature of this?’ And then find out that it’s a telephone call about a, a rumor of something.

Why? How did we accept the rumor? Because we didn’t know Christ as the identity of every individual on the face of the globe. Once we knew that, we could reject every rumor and say, ‘so what?’

What harm can you do to Christ? Crucify It and see if It doesn’t walk the earth again. Entomb It and see if It doesn’t. No use denying the crucifix, no use denying the tomb. But what of it, what of it? Is it a power? Is it a presence? No. Our metaphysicians walk around saying, ‘it isn’t true, it never happened.’

It is true and it did happen, but what of it?

What power did it have? What presence did it have?” ~Joel

John 19:8-11 (to :)

8 ¶ When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid;

9 And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer.

10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?

11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above:

(If there was an evil looking shadow on the wall threatening to harm you would you react and try to defend yourself?... Or, would you recognize it as an illusion that could have no power, and then smile and continue on your way unaffected? ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 26, 2011  
From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series –  
‘SEEK-KNOCK-ASK’ by Joel S Goldsmith

“So it is with us. What difference does it make? Is there an activity apart from God? Is there a soul apart from God? Is there a being apart from God? Is there a mind? Is there a law apart from God? No, ‘I know not any,’ says Isaiah. I know not any. ‘There are no other Gods before me.’ There are no other Gods but me. There are no other Gods but one. And that one is the **I am** of your being and of my being, and of his being and her being, and its being.

And now, even though you are not in this room, and the telephone call comes to me that you are sick or sinning or poor or dead, I must be alert enough to say ‘that’s a rumor because I’m looking right at the Christ of God. And I know that Christ is the only identity of individual being.’ Do you not see that only that constitutes an individual who is set apart from mortal belief? Do you not see that only an individual who has in some measure realized that Christ is individual identity, that each one is the child of God? And so when the rumors come of sin, disease, death, lack and limitation, we can say ‘so what? What power is there in such rumors or beliefs? What power is there even if somebody accepts such things? I know not any. I’m not concerned what somebody else accepts or believes. What am I accepting?’” ~Joel

Isa 44:8

8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.

Rom 8:14

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

(My Kingdom is not of this world. So, take no thought of the concepts presented there. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 27, 2011  
From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series –  
'SEEK-KNOCK-ASK' by Joel S Goldsmith

“Now, in the light of that, let us everyday ‘ask and knock and seek,’ but for more and more light. Let us remember that which was given to us recently. We can pray for anything we want in the world, as long as it’s something not of ‘this world.’ Never forget that. Never, never pray for anything that is of ‘this world’ because you can’t demonstrate it spiritually. Pray all you want, ask all you want, seek all you want, knock all you want, only be sure that it’s for something that is not of ‘this world.’

*Let’s meditate.” ~Joel*

Rom 8:6-9 (to .)

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

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.

(Peace be still, and let us enter the Temple to pray. The Temple within, and pray for the light of Truth, the Love of Christ and the Peace that passeth understanding... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 28, 2011  
From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series –  
'SEEK-KNOCK-ASK' by Joel S Goldsmith

“Lets meditate.

And now comes the shortest but the most important part of this whole lesson. Why after all this was it necessary to meditate? Because not one bit of this was of any importance to anybody in the world except in the degree of the click or realization. It exists only in the realm of thought or statement, or anything else you want, until it becomes vital, alive, active through realization. Do you see now that knowing the truth as we have been knowing it for an hour is but one part, and the least part, of the whole demonstration? The greatest part comes in the next minute when we stop our voicing of truth, go within, and let God put the seal on it. When God places the seal on it by giving us a second of realization, a feeling of 'it is done,' or 'I am on the field,' then, and then alone, is the other fifty nine minutes worthwhile.” ~Joel

Rom 8:11

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.

(... .. Thank you Father... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – November 29, 2011  
From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series –  
'SEEK-KNOCK-ASK' by Joel S Goldsmith

“So it is with your individual treatment. You may declare all of these things about every rumor or temptation that comes to you. You may go through all the routine of remembering, probably even memorizing every word of this, but remember this, that you have accomplished nothing for yourself or for the world until you have had God’s seal placed on it in meditation by an inner assurance: ‘it is done. It is well. I am on the field,’ – or a release.

You see, I would like to bring you release from the thoughts and things of the world. Now, I can only bring you, God can only bring you, Christ can only bring you a release from the thoughts and things of the world when you have consciously known this letter of truth, and then gone within for the actual experience or consciousness of truth. It is not the words we say or think or write or read, but the consciousness of it that we attain in our meditation.” ~Joel

John 14:26,27

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

*(I can do nothing, but listen, and wait, and watch for the Spirit to do the work. I surrender Father. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven... ... ~Al)*

THE DAILY LESSON – November 30, 2011  
From the 1955 Kailua Study Group Series –  
'SEEK-KNOCK-ASK' by Joel S Goldsmith

“And so I say to you also, we could just as well have avoided this whole last fifty nine minutes by starting off the first minute with a meditation and then going home. Now always remember that. That the only reason there is for reading books and having classes and hearing lectures is to lead up to the point of realization. But the day will ultimately come when we won't need the first fifty nine minutes; we will take the sixtieth minute in the first minute and achieve the same result. Because the result is achieved not by what we've said or heard, but by the degree of realization of it – the click. Do you see that? That's the important thing. Never forget that.

With all of the truth-knowing that takes place in your consciousness during the day or night, do not be satisfied with it until you have gone into meditation and gotten or received, or achieved, that inner release which says 'God is on the field.'

Let's do that.” ~Joel

Ps 142:3 (to .)

3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path.

(Our practice is to commune with and in the Presence of God - if it is heard as the still small voice or whether the Word thunders and melts the earth. Either way, the experience changes us and releases us from the grip of this world and directs our paths upward. It is not an easy thing to leave our nets and follow Christ, but that conviction, dedication and trust is imperative. ...Loving you, ~Al)