

## **“THE DAILY LESSON”**

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# **“MELCHIZEDEK – THE BABE – ACT OF DEVOTION”**

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## **THE DAILY LESSON – August 1, 2012**

“Good morning (*Class responds*). With so many here I guess you felt that you might be in at the birth of the Babe. We have been speaking about the transcendental consciousness – ‘that mind that was also in Christ Jesus,’ spiritual consciousness, spiritual awareness. We have been quoting ‘Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.’”

In the incident of the birth of Jesus Christ, as described in scripture, if you read through the eyes of the world, you will miss the great point. Here is a very insignificant baby born to a very insignificant family, couple, a carpenter, a Jewish carpenter and his little Jewish wife. Nobodies, traveling on the road to Jerusalem for their annual celebration at the temple, bringing the tithes, just two ordinary people in a multitude, and unto them a child is born, and instantly something unusual takes place. Wise men come to pay homage to that babe and they come bringing gifts. Many people come from many directions of the land all of them bringing gifts, all of them coming with recognition.

Now just see this. There is no personal effort on the part of Mary or of Joseph to attract attention to themselves, and the babe could probably do nothing but lie there and cry a little bit and sleep a whole lot. And yet, without a single effort, these people come from near and far, bring their offerings, bring their worship, their adoration.” ~Joel

Matt 5:5

5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

(In the Kingdom of God, there is nothing to single out an individual man, woman or babe. God is Present within every individual expression. There is a way to "have an ego" on earth, but not in the Kingdom. It's funny, I have been blindly "repeating" the beatitudes all my life and never knew what this one meant until tonight. Thank you, Father. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 2, 2012

“Something like that takes place when a crown prince or a crown princess is born, later when they become king or queen. And you might, if you were looking through the eyes of the world, you might actually believe that all of the people doing honor to this new king or queen were actually interested in that person. Yet they have no interest in them whatsoever.

Their interest is in the king and the queen. It wouldn't make any difference whose body the king or queen were occupying because the very moment that that king or queen lays down their human sense of life, it's 'long live the next king or the next queen;' and the past one is forgotten.

It never was the person that anyone cared about. It was the office of king or queen. Right now they happen to have a most beautiful queen of England and a most gracious queen – sweet woman. But it would be a tremendous mistake to believe that anyone has any interest in that woman whatsoever except the fact that she symbolizes the head of the government; she symbolizes queen.

And so it is as we go back to the birth of the babe, you will find that no one cared about that infant, that the infant was of no importance. The infant couldn't draw a single soul unto itself except its parents or grandparents or brothers and sisters. But, what was it that drew unto this babe the wise men, the visitors, the worshippers? Something that the babe represented, something that was present in the babe, and we call that the Christ. It wasn't the babe itself; it was the Christ which that babe embodied, represented. No baby, in and of itself, draws unto itself anything like that. There must be a presence and a power that humans could never explain, that humans could never see because it takes what is called the wise men; it takes the illumined state of consciousness to perceive that that babe embodies this spiritual entity.” ~Joel

(How do we recognize this embodied Spirit of Christ?)

I Cor 12:8-12

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

(You will see the Christ when you experience His Work. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 3, 2012

“Only those gifted with wisdom – spiritual wisdom – would know or be drawn. You see, those in high authority knew nothing of it. When they heard of it, they feared. Had they understood the nature of the Christ, they would never have feared because the Christ is not a temporal power. The Christ never aspires to place or position. The Christ never aspires to lead an army or navy against anyone. The Christ never aspires even to destroy.

That is where the church throughout all time in every age, including the present one, has no understanding of the nature of the Christ because every time a Christ appears on earth, or a teaching approximating the Christ, the church fears it as if the Christ were going to destroy anything or anybody. The Christ isn't of a destructive nature. The Christ is of a constructive nature. No one need ever fear the Christ and yet wherever it even claims to appear, those in authority tremble in fear and try to do away with it.” ~Joel

John 18:36

36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

(You are gifted with some degree of the awareness of the Light within, or you wouldn't be drawn to studying and working for the Experience of Truth. The Christ experience comes when you take no thought of earthly power for there is no earthly authority over Spirit. There is only One Power and It freely flows out without condition or limit. The signs following include you... ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 4, 2012

“Now, the Christ isn’t a man or woman. The Christ is a divine state of consciousness, which appears on earth as a man or a woman, but not necessarily one man or one woman because It appears in some degree as every man on earth and every woman on earth. There is no one on the face of the globe, and never has been so lowly in any way that they have not, in some measure, shown forth the Christ – everyone, everyone. There is no one, there has never been a soul on the face of the globe who has not in some measure, in some degree, at some time, shown forth the nature of the Christ in some experience.” ~Joel

Luke 17:21 for

21 ...for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

(Never doubt it for a moment. Only taking thought separates us from our Birthright. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 5, 2012

“The Christhood Itself is the fullness of that transcendental quality, character, nature, and those who, like the Master, attain It in Its fullness are, of course, recognized as messiahs, or saviors, or spiritual revelators. But that which makes them a messiah or revelator is the fact that they wholly and fully perceive that Christhood is the reality of individual you and me. Only in the degree that they perceive the universal nature of Christhood, would they represent the full embodiment of the Christ.

In other words, what do these saviors come to earth to reveal? They do not come to reveal their nature or their quality because usually their message is accompanied with such words as ‘I can of my own self do nothing. My doctrine is not mine. If I speak of myself, I speak a lie.’ So their message is that Christhood is a spiritual entity and identity, which is the reality of our being.” ~Joel

Gal 2:20 nevertheless (to 2nd :)

20 ...nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:

(The Truth is living within us for Its purpose. For by His Grace are we the light that His will be done, on earth as it is in heaven... ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 6, 2012

“There would be no Christhood if they came to earth to tell of their Christhood. They would have none. Christhood is recognized in an individual who comes to earth to reveal *your* Christhood and to enable you and me to bring forth more of that than we are at any moment doing.

You see, any quality of good that we are bringing through – any quality that any of us brings through – is a measure of Christhood since we have no such qualities of ourselves. But the mere fact that we have it within us in any case to be just, or wise, or benevolent, or forgiving, or loving, or cooperative indicates the fact that Christhood is where we are, within us, and that we have the ability to bring It through in greater measure than any of us have yet attained or even believed was a possibility. And that is the function of the savior.

The savior isn't a man now. The savior is that state of consciousness which appeared even at birth in Jesus Christ and was recognized by wise men, by all of spiritual vision or intuition. They recognized that quality as being present in that babe, and that quality in its full development in that babe says, ‘you can go and do likewise because this that I am showing forth is the Father within. But it is your Father and my Father.’” ~Joel

Luke 17:21

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

John 14:12 (to ;)

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do;

(The Kingdom of God is within you. Not a just part of God – ALL of God – infinite, Omniscient, Omnipotent and Omnipresent. There are no limitations, only God expressing Himself AS every individual being. Did God stop being God 2000, or 100, or 50 Years ago? No. God will forever express Himself in a Way that has not been before expressed and every beam of Light that flows onward has the same Source at its origin. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 7, 2012

“Now you notice that the wise men brought gifts. Oh, and it is said that the birds sang and the angels flew about and the stars sang in the skies. All manner of spiritual phenomena took place at this birth of the Christ. So it ever has been, so it always will be, that at the moment of the Christ appearing as your individual consciousness, at the moment that you transcend your ordinary human sense of ‘I’ and realize the nature of the Christ as your being and relax your personal effort, that wise men will come bringing you gifts, and songs will be sung, and praises be given.”

In other words, the world brings to the Christ its gifts. One doesn't have to go out and earn them or deserve them or do something to get them. The whole world unites in offering its wealth, its homage, its adoration to that Christhood. It would make no difference to the world whether the Christ appeared as an insignificant babe of an insignificant couple, or if it appeared as the son of Caesar or of the queen of England. It makes no difference to the world. It will offer itself wherever Christhood appears.”  
~Joel

Luke 12:24-31

24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

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

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

27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to-day in the field, and to-morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?

29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

31 ¶ But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. [included - sufficient to the day thereof]

(The Spirit of Christ has no conditions, needs or desires. It just sings joyfully and Loves abundantly. All good comes to those who wait upon the Lord for His appearance in the form of an activity of Christ on earth. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 8, 2012

“Now Christhood, or spiritual illumination, ‘that mind that was in Christ Jesus,’ comes as the Grace of God, and no one can receive it by their own efforts, by their own labors. Yet no one can receive it without effort and without labor because, either in our past experience (and let no one doubt that life is eternal and that therefore we have existed individually as long as God has) somewhere along the line, Grace touches each soul.

And that individual who has been brutish, who has been dictatorial, who has been evil begins, for some unknown reason, to have his or her thoughts turned to good. And probably in some one lifetime, passes out of this picture a much finer individual than when he or she came into birth. And then you may know that that individual has been touched by Divine Grace, and that their ascent has been begun. This is true individually and collectively.

That is why the world today is spiritually on a higher level than any age that has ever existed before now for the simple reason that this evolutionary process, this touch of the Christ, has come to more individuals with the passage of time and, therefore, is appearing more collectively on earth as a better society. Oh there are many signs that society is not in any wise perfect, ether humanly or spiritually, but the point that the wise look at is not an individual experience or year, but the development over a period of time.” ~Joel

I John 5:17

17 ¶ But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

(God’s work is Grace and our work is as the instrument for it.)

John 5:25,26

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead [un-illuminated] shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

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

(The Christ is an actual PRESENT activity of God manifest on earth. Here and Now. Ever-Now... It is the Present recognition of One Power. One Consciousness. One Presence. One Love. It comes in an Infinite number of expressions, and always will. And we are included in that as consciousness rises onward and upward. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 9, 2012

“For instance, you cannot see spiritual evolution in the throwing of an atomic bomb, but you can witness it in the amount of horror that is expressed by the citizens of a nation when they learn of it. When you find that a nation, as a whole, is not and never was in favor of such a thing even for the purpose of self-preservation, then you know that spiritual presence and power is more evident in human consciousness.

Oh there are so many signs throughout the globe in the freeing of slaved peoples, in the conviction that slavery is not a correct thing, a right thing, a moral thing even where what seems to be the necessities of human experience make it still evident in places! The very fact that all of human nature has turned against every form of slavery, every form of limitation – yes, yes. This may sound like an extreme case of it, but in one of the large magazines yesterday there was a whole page whiskey ad dedicated to Father’s Day and instructing fathers how they must teach their children moderation even in the use of whiskey. (*Laughter*) Even the whiskey owners would like to liberate us from their enslavement. Now that couldn’t have been a generation ago, you know.

Now in understanding the nature of the Christ in individual experience, it is first necessary to realize that a release must come in our experience. This would not be as true of the little child as it would be of us. A little child being taught the nature of the Christ would be more receptive because it had less of that sense of ‘I’ to overcome. It knows nothing yet of having to battle the world for a livelihood. It knows nothing yet of protecting itself from evil people. It knows nothing of the world’s beliefs.” ~Joel

Matt 18:1-5

- 1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
- 2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,
- 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
- 5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

(Father, I surrender... ..  
And I surrender my desire to surrender.  
I of mine own self can do nothing...

Fill me... .. ~al.within)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 10, 2012

“Well it was something like watching this dog yesterday, last evening, and noting how it had not a thing in its consciousness but the idea of play. There was not a single thought of having to prepare for today’s manna or anything else. There was not a single trace of anything in that nature but play. Evidently there was an innate awareness, without conscious reasoning, that everything was functioning in an orderly manner, and probably if hunger came tomorrow it would be satisfied. But it probably had no awareness that hunger would even come tomorrow; it was satisfied now.

And so we are told that we must come as little children, and that is very much how as little children come – not with any thought of tomorrow, but with the realization of nowness. Now all is well, and the child never believes that it’s well because of its effort. There is that lack of ‘I-ness.’ It knows that everything is all right but probably it is unconscious in the child to realize that it’s because of momma or poppa that everything is all right, but certainly not because of ‘I’ or ‘me’ or ‘mine.’” ~Joel

Luke 18:17

17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

(Ego somehow tries to get us to believe that we are governing our life - making our own decisions, judgments and thoughts. You can’t have an Omnipotent God AND your own separate power.

We do not live by yesterday’s manna. Our sufficiency is provided today, here and Now, by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, as we have need of it - and as we learn to receive the Word - and as we learn to trust our Father. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 11, 2012

“As we can approach that state of consciousness in the realization that it is not a conscious effort of our own that brings wise men to us bringing gifts, or brings the world to us with its offerings, but rather by this innate, this inherent, entity or identity or spiritual nature which is forever drawing unto Itself Its own. There is the point.

There is that within each of us that is forever drawing unto itself its own. We may call that the ‘Father within.’ We may call it the ‘Father/Mother/God.’ We may call it ‘the Christ.’ It is whatever It is, but It is of a nature and character the purpose of which is to draw unto Itself Its own. And It can do that best in our relaxing from I-ness, from personal effort, and, of course, it won’t come without personal effort. Only that personal effort now is not aimed at drawing the good to us, but in drawing out of us the realization of Its Presence. There’s where the effort comes.” ~Joel

(The following passage is the day after the multitude of 5000 were fed the loaves and fishes)

John 6:24-27 (to 2nd ,

24 When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.

25 And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?

26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life,

(If we seek supply that is of this world we are accepting a selfhood separate and apart from God. Take no thought or further effort, and seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and rest in His unlimited abundance. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 12, 2012

“Effort has been directed toward earning a living, toward gaining fame or fortune, toward accumulation, accretion, toward the getting, whereas effort rightfully directed is toward the realization of this Infinite Invisible, that which we call the ‘Father within’ or ‘the Christ.’ There lies the effort. It is like in the meeting of a problem whether for ourselves or another. The meeting of a problem is accomplished by the amount of effort that we can bring to relaxing from effort.

In other words, it is very much like waiting out a storm instead of going into it and bucking it. It is very much like (I don’t know who it was who said, ‘this too shall pass.’) It is very much like that attitude of mind: ‘This too shall pass’ and then sitting quietly or moving about one’s affairs quietly in the realization that whatever the name or nature of this ‘This’ is, that it shall pass. Not by any directed efforts of mine, not by any will or supernatural powers, but by virtue of the nothingness of this ‘It’ which we have been respecting by fighting.” ~Joel

Ps 46:10 (to :)

10 Be still, and know [have the experience within] that I am God:

(Knowing the nature of God as Omnipresence and knowing the nature of error as nothing is key to achieving and maintaining stillness. A storm [erroneous thought] is much like a big noise. It can distract, disrupt and detain our ability to remain still in its wake. But it can’t possibly sustain itself indefinitely and the instant it stops we can look back at the foolishness that we let have power over us. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 13, 2012

“The battle is not your’s but God’s.’ ‘Stand ye still and see the salvation of the Lord.’ It is very much the effort of effortlessness, the effort of being quiet in the face of storms, in the face of the discords of human experience so that this too might pass. It won’t pass while we are fighting it. It won’t pass because we are making a reality of it and we are perpetuating it in our consciousness because this ‘it’ has no externalized existence. It exists only as a mental image in our own thought, and as we retire to this inner sanctuary and wait, the storm passes.

We learn afterward that it never was a storm outside of us – it was a storm within our own being that outside all was peaceful and serene because the neighbors down the street knew nothing about this storm that we were battling. It just didn’t exist to them because they weren’t inside of us and that’s where this storm, this sin, this disease, this lack and limitation – that’s the only place it has existence is within us. And if we get still enough, quiet enough, acquire some of David’s assurance of God’s Grace, then this ‘This’ will also pass.” ~Joel

II Chron 20:17 (to 3rd ,)

17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you,

(David’s [our] Assurance)

Ps 23:1-6

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

(Be still now and listen for the still voice that comes from within you, My [God's] Peace I give unto you. The Peace that passes human understanding. Son, all that I have is thine. I already Am, Thou art... Look up. ~Love)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 14, 2012

“Christhood is a recognition of this truth. The degree of our Christhood can be measured by the degree of quiet, of peace, that we can find while waiting for this to pass.

In Burroughs’ poem, ‘*Waiting*,’ you have that entire secret of Christhood. He must have known that what he was saying was not true of human beings, that waiting will bring your good to you because too many human beings have been waiting for too long, and they haven’t found it to be so. He must have known that it was a spirit of tranquility within himself, that it was a spirit of peace within himself, and that with the attainment of this, he could say, ‘wait and my own shall come to me.’” ~Joel

### Waiting

“Serene, I fold my hands and wait,  
Nor care for wind, nor tide, nor sea;  
I rave no more 'gainst time or fate,  
For lo! my own shall come to me.

I stay my haste, I make delays,  
For what avails this eager pace?  
I stand amid the eternal ways,  
And what is mine shall know my face.

Asleep, awake, by night or day,  
The friends I seek are seeking me;  
No wind can drive my bark astray,  
Nor change the tide of destiny.

What matter if I stand alone?  
I wait with joy the coming years;  
My heart shall reap where it hath sown,  
And garner up its fruit of tears.

The waters know their own and draw  
The brook that springs in yonder height;  
So flows the good with equal law  
Unto the soul of pure delight.

The stars come nightly to the sky;  
The tidal wave unto the sea;  
Nor time, nor space, nor deep, nor high,  
Can keep my own away from me.”

~by John Burroughs

(The storm has passed. For lo, my own has come to me... ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 15, 2012

“So it is when people say, ‘oh, I just trust God to do it,’ you notice very often that God has a way of not doing it because, as human beings, they have no God to do it for them and that which they are expecting to do it for them has no existence. What they are calling God has no existence so they keep waiting for a non-existent God to do a very concrete thing, and it doesn’t come off that way. But in the realization of this inner divine selfhood, in the finding one’s self at peace in it is the attainment of that which does draw unto itself everything necessary for its unfoldment, for its development, for its nature, for its freedom.

Try to go back again to that Babe in Jerusalem and see that without saying, ‘God will do it,’ without any knowledge of God, the world was bringing itself to its feet. Then you will see that it is in the tranquility of the soul that this spiritual awareness develops.

Spiritual awareness is another term for a realization of the nothingness of storms, problems. Spiritual awareness is another term for a state of being, or a state of consciousness, which knows that the creative principle of this universe is also the maintaining and sustaining influence.” Joel

Eph 5:14

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

(Be still, very still, but open, it is the receptive heart that sees the Christ Light. Within the experience and the activity of Light, we become the Expression of Love Itself pouring forth. And so it is, we are actively included in Spirit, thus we must also be sustained by It. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 16, 2012

“You see, we say ‘oh spiritual consciousness heals’ or ‘spiritual consciousness is the multiplier of loaves and fishes,’ or ‘spiritual consciousness is a redeeming power.’ And then we ask, ‘What is spiritual consciousness?’ And so, if you do ask yourself in meditation, ‘What is spiritual consciousness?’ the answer will come ‘spiritual consciousness is your awareness that *I am*, that *I exist*, that there is a Presence at the center of your being which lives your life for you.’

Spiritual consciousness is your awareness of *My* presence. Spiritual consciousness is your awareness of the nothingness of the thoughts and things of the world. Spiritual consciousness is your awareness of ‘*My peace*’ at the center of your being. Spiritual consciousness is your awareness that *My Grace* is your sufficiency. So the very moment we attain the very first glimpse that God’s Grace is our sufficiency in all things, we are then in spiritual consciousness or we have attained a measure of spiritual consciousness.” ~Joel

II Cor 12:9 (to :)

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

(Our whole consciousness of being will change the moment this scripture passes from being a statement of truth to a deep conviction. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 17, 2012

“The more we achieve David’s assurance of God’s Grace, that’s that statement given at the head of the 23rd Psalm – ‘David’s assurance of God’s Grace’ – the more we attain that assurance of God’s Grace, the more spiritual consciousness has developed and evolved in us, the less personal effort there is in living human life. The less effort and personal strength there is needed to overcome the problems of life until that day comes when, in perfect tranquility, there are not only no problems of life, but when the world is coming to us bearing its gifts, showering its glories upon us. And then all of a sudden you say, ‘I don’t deserve this,’ and how true that is because it isn’t being brought to you or to me any more than these gifts are being brought to the Queen of England. They are not being brought to Elizabeth; they are being brought to the Queen.

And so it is. This world’s peace, and this world’s grace, and this world’s good which is brought to us, which is laid at our feet, is not because of me or you. No, it is because of Christhood. It is because of this sense of tranquility that has come through the realization of a divine presence, and a divine power at the heart and center not only of our being – more particularly at the heart and center of individual being.” ~Joel

Mark 10:18

18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.

(Our greatest assurance is in knowing the Kingdom within our individual being as our True Source and our Divine Identity. God’s Peace. His Power. His Love. It’s all the same, no matter what we call it. God’s Grace, in whatever form it appears, is always HIS; and there is no other source or destination. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 18, 2012

“Christhood is Christhood only in proportion as it recognizes Christhood as a universal state of being. As long as it sets itself up as Christhood, it is not Christhood. Christhood is the recognition of God as the central theme of man’s being. The very moment you realize God to be the activity of animal, vegetable, mineral, you are, in that degree, showing forth Christhood, but it is necessary to recognize it as universal being. In recognizing as universal being, do you see what happens in the nature of ‘loving thy enemies?’ The enemies disappear.

Do you see what happens in the nature of ‘loving thy neighbor as thyself?’ Even thy neighbors disappear, and it all becomes ‘thy’ self. There are no longer friends and no longer enemies, it is the One self. It is the God Self appearing as infinite individuality, as an infinity of people and things.

Even Abraham who was the Father of the Hebrew race, which places him in the same category of the Hebrew race perhaps as Jesus is a Christian, even Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek. In other words, it makes no difference who you are, what your name or station in life as a human, always pay tithes.” ~Joel

John 8:58

58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

(I am the Alpha and Omega – the beginning and the end.

Tithing is Loving the Source of all good and rejoicing in the Omnipotence of Being. It is an active recognition and homage of Omniscience, as we watch Spirit manifest Itself exactly where we have need of it - always appearing in form of unconditional Love and unconditional supply. It is a grateful recognition of Omnipresence as we hear, “I will never leave you or forsake you” and knowing that that is proof enough. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 19, 2012

“Always lay your all at the feet of that which was never born. Melchizedek was never born, and has never died for Melchizedek is the Spirit of God appearing as a human being. And who is that human being? You, and me, and he, and she. The Spirit of God is that to which every human must bow, must bend, must tithe, must share, must give, in other words, must acknowledge.

Every one of us must acknowledge the spiritual identity of each other, and that is our tithe to Melchizedek just as it was the wise men’s gifts to the Babe. You see, the tithe of Abraham to Melchizedek is exactly the same story as the wise men bringing gifts to the Babe. It is the recognition of spiritual identity. It is the recognition of Christhood. It is the recognition of divine sonship.

And every time that you give inner recognition to Christhood anywhere on earth, you are bringing your gifts to the babe or tithing with Melchizedek. You are recognizing that no matter how great, or noble or wonderful you are in your humanhood, you are still less than that spiritual selfhood of yourself and of others.” ~Joel

John 5:31

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

(Every individual expression is included in the Oneness of God. Rejoice and bear witness of your rightful Inheritance. And rejoice in the Presence of His Grace that surrounds you. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 20, 2012

“Jesus bore witness to this in denying himself. ‘I can of my own self do nothing. This doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.’ That was his tithing and bringing gifts to spiritual identity. No one on the face of the globe can miss the experience of bringing their gifts to the Christ, of tithing with Melchizedek. Not one of us can be spared or saved the experience of bending the knee to the Godhood of each other, to the Godhood of this world.

David’s assurance, then, comes from the same state of mind as the Master facing Pilate and saying ‘thou couldest have no power over me unless it came from the Father in heaven.’ And so as we would know the Christhood of each other, we also would have a calm, clear assurance that no one in this room was going to do anything destructive or dishonest. And so we, too, would settle back with each other in a state of tranquility, in calm assurance that we were in faith and good company. Ah, but that isn’t enough. That isn’t enough.

It is in proportion as we would recognize Christhood as the true nature of individual being that we would have that same calmness, that same assurance – even when we went out against Goliath – feeling that with all of its seeming strength, a little pebble would be enough. And, in our case, the pebble wouldn’t be a material one. The pebble would be that one tiny little word, ‘*I am; thou art. We are one in Christ. The Spirit of God is your life, your soul, your being.*’ That would be our pebble. That would be the only stone we would need against Goliath would be the Word, and the Word is ‘*I am and thou art. We are one.*’” ~Joel

John 19:10,11 (to :)

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:

(The Pilate’s of this world have no power over God. But we can be hypnotized into thinking they do. So how do we prevent ourselves from being fooled? Seek ye first a pebble of Truth and carry it. How do regain consciousness if we have been hypnotized? Go within, find the pebble and Let the Truth out to be recognized. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 21, 2012

“The Master told Peter that only spiritual consciousness, ‘the Father within,’ enabled Peter to recognize Jesus as the Christ. And so it is that only spiritual consciousness in you will enable you to perceive the Christ in your neighbor as the living witness in all men in the world. It isn’t enough to make an affirmation or a statement of truth that ‘Christ is the center of all being’ or ‘that every man is a child of God.’ That affirmation may be enough to start a person thinking, but it isn’t enough to make one’s demonstration.

There must eventually come an actual state of consciousness within you in which you, yourself, perceive Christhood, Spirit, as man’s real being. Do not make the mistake ever of being satisfied with a statement of truth regardless of how true it may be or how noble or divine the individual was who said it. Don’t be satisfied with that because the mere fact that Jesus said it won’t make your demonstration or that you’re willing to acknowledge it. There must come to our hearts an actual conviction. There must come to our consciousness, to our soul, an actual awakening to these truths before these truths can be made evident in our experience.” ~Joel

Matt 16:15-17

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

Luke 17:21

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Eph 5:14 Awake

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

*(... .. Thank you Father. al.within)*

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 22, 2012

“You remember the Master warned us that all those who say ‘Christ, Christ’ will not enter in. And so it is all those who make these affirmations of truth – regardless of how truthful they are – they are not the ones who will enter spiritual consciousness because spiritual consciousness is only attained as it becomes a state of conviction down in the region of the heart, not up in the region of the head. It may well be that it enters our consciousness through the head. We first learn it with the mind.

We read it with our intellect, but it has not yet become the Christhood of our being until the feel takes place, the awareness, the actual consciousness in which the recognition that Peter gave to Jesus takes place. When the same recognition that Abraham had for Melchizedek, the same recognition that the wise men had for Jesus, the same recognition that Peter had of the Christ, when that consciousness comes to our soul, to our life. When we perceive actually within our own being, ‘Yes, thou art the Christ. Christ is the truth of being. Christ is the real nature. Christ is that center of my being which draws unto Itself Its own;’ then, in that point of recognition is the transition made.” ~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.

(The literal translation of the letter of the word written in Scripture is a level of consciousness that wants to be a good human being.

When we look deep inside Scripture for the inspired Word we develop an intellectual understanding of God and consciousness expands.

When we go beyond words and thoughts and look within, to where the Infinite Invisible Spirit of God really is, the Christ becomes active and Illuminates It's [our] Being. God manifests awareness of Himself in Himself [our Consciousness]. The Christ resonates in and as our Life. So, instead of looking to God to improve the things of this world that we think need doing, we find ourselves actually being used for His will. We become an avenue or instrument for His Grace. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 23, 2012

“Always remember that there is for each one of us a point, a time or place of transition when these intellectually known truths become spiritually discerned consciousness, spiritually discerned being, spiritually discerned truth.

Now. To attain it, this spiritual discernment, it is far more necessary that we abide in stillness at the center of our being to let these other convictions pass from us – these judgments of the world or judgments of each other. In other words, resting back and letting the storm pass, letting these arguments of material sense, letting these material estimates of God, man, and the universe drop away from us than fighting them or battling them, or trying to change them or exchange them. It is far better to sit back quietly and let them pass from us, and in the same way that we sit back and let problems pass.” ~Joel

I John 4:15-17

15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment [humanness]: because as he [Christ] is, so are we in this world.

I John 3:1 (to :)

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us [discernment], that we should be called the sons of God:

II Cor 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

(Discerning is the art of Beholding deeply within. If we behold that we are included in the Kingdom of God, the belief that we are somehow living a separate life from His dissolves [passes away]. As so it is, that we realize our true Identity as a Son of God and All things become infinitely new, because they are not ours, they are His. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 24, 2012

“This might not have been true as young students. As young students it may have been very necessary for us to wrestle with the problem, wrestle with error, and voice an awful lot of truth, but that time has passed for us. Younger students coming up will never have to go through all the years that we went through of wrestling with error, and wrestling with truth, and fighting intellectually with it. They may have a month or two of it, but not any longer than that because they are saved from that in the same way that Jesus’ crucifixion is supposed to save us from the results of our sins. Or in the same way that our children can start riding in jet planes and we started, some of us, with horses and buggies.” ~Joel

Ezek 18:1-3

- 1 The word of the Lord came unto me again, saying,
- 2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?
- 3 As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel.

(We can easily perpetuate the same error again and again – unless we raise the next generation to recognize its Truth of Being. And so it is, that we were lifted up – and so we now must lift those who follow us. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 25, 2012

“Now it isn’t necessary that every generation go through the errors of the past generation. It is part of the idea of salvation that the crucifixion of one shall be the salvation of the many. And so it is that the struggles of the Wright brothers become the blessings for us. And so it is that the crucifixion of a Jesus becomes a way of salvation for us so that the only crucifixion that comes to us is the crucifixion of personal sense within ourselves. We don’t have to go through an outer crucifixion for the world. We merely go through an inner one for ourselves. But children brought up with this won’t even have to do that because they won’t have the personal sense to crucify.

We have a personal sense that took 30, 40, 50 years to develop, and now we are trying to crucify it and live a universal sense. But the child brought up right from the start in the realization that there is a love at the center of man’s being, that the powers of evil are not a reality – that child will never go through what we have because it isn’t a part of the spiritual picture for there to be a struggle or a war.” ~Joel

Rev 21:1-5 (to .)

- 1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.
- 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.
- 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.
- 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.

(I was blind - and now I See... Thank you Father. My Soul is Thy dwelling place. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 26, 2012

“Remember that the degree of our struggle is only the degree of our humanhood opposing our spiritual nature and for some of us that’s tough. We have an awful lot of humanhood to overcome, and it isn’t all evil humanhood either. You watch the struggle of some of our very fine human beings to overcome their good humanhood, or their sense of good humanhood, and you see that they may have a harder struggle than we have because it’s so nice to hold onto one’s goodness. At least we who are evil know enough to know that it would be well to get rid of it, but the good people believe that theirs is good and would like to hold onto it. So as between the two let’s be evil and... *(Laughter)*

Christhood comes to our individual consciousness as we see less and less of a need for struggle in the world. As we see less and less need for battling in the world that is the evidence of the degree of Christhood that is unfolding.” ~Joel

Ps 46:10 (to :)

10 Be still, and know [feel] that I am God:

(Fear not, I am with you... Stand ye still and know the salvation of the Lord. React not to the battles of this world when they are presented for they are foolishness [unknown] to God. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 27, 2012

“Well, we see Abraham tithing with Melchizedek. We see the wise men bringing their gifts to the Babe. We see Peter recognizing the Christhood of Jesus, and so we watch a great symbology in going into temples or holy places and removing the shoes, or going into the orthodox Hebrew synagogue and keeping on the hat, or going into a Christian church and taking off the hat.

It makes no difference what form of symbology is used – whether it is taking off a hat or putting it on, taking off shoes or putting them on – as long as there is an act of humility, as long as there is an act of recognition. What that act is – whether it is kneeling in church in a communion and drinking the symbolic wine and eating the symbolic bread, none of this makes any difference, but all of us know something of that nature in each of us must be performed.” ~Joel

Prov 3:6,9,10

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

9 Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

*(Father, I of mine own self an do nothing. I surrender myself over to you. I stand back and watch your Omnipresence govern my consciousness and my life. I see, where I once was blind... I realize Thy will must be done, on earth as it is in Heaven... As I turn my first fruits over to You - I realize that nothing is mine to separate out. Your abundance is my sufficiency. I put my trust in You Father... I am so very content to watch and wait and listen before every step we take. Love you, al.within)*

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 28, 2012

“Whether or not we accept the kneeling in church in a symbolic recognition of Christ, or whether we enter any holy place removing our hat, or putting on a skull cap or kneeling, or lighting a candle, or placing a flower beneath a picture, regardless of what form of symbology is used, to each one must come an occasion of using some form of symbology. But it must come as a dictate of the heart – not as a ceremonial demanded by some outer rule or regulation.” ~Joel

Matt 6:19-21

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

(Be not affected by the things of this world. Yes... Not only the obvious errors and so-called bad things - but be unaffected by the entire earthly picture. Recognize your true Treasure as being included in Heaven. Christ Consciousness is Heaven and, according to Jesus, we have the Mind of Christ. ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 29, 2012

“In other words, when it comes to an individual as a free state of their own consciousness to place a flower on an altar, or to light a candle or a piece of incense, when it comes to some individual to remove their hat or tip it, or place it on, or take off their shoes, some such ceremony must eventually come to an individual as a recognition of that to which they are acknowledging Christhood.

Otherwise, Christ has not yet come to the heart. Until some moment comes when this tithe is given as a conscious thing, or the gift to the Babe, or ‘thou art the Christ’ – until such time comes as the heart of its self says and compels one to perform an act of purification, or an act of sacrifice, or an act of devotion, the Christ has not come and the letter of truth is dead and it killeth.” ~Joel

Luke 21:1-4

1 And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.

2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.

3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:

4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

(This poor widow is the very picture of poverty, yet she casts in not one but both of her only coins. This was not an act to be seen of man. Her devotion was not to a worldly treasury - but to God’s Kingdom. She gave her all... She gave her life to God and she now relies on God’s Grace and His Activity to be her sufficiency. In one act she has freed her Soul and body to be filled with God’s sustenance. An earthly treasure for an Infinite one seems like a pretty good trade to me... ~Al)

## **THE DAILY LESSON – August 30, 2012**

“The letter of truth is of no avail until the heart has yielded, until the soul has paid homage to Christ somewhere, somehow, in some one, in some thing. To each one it comes in a different way. To each one it comes in a different form. To each one the recognition and the symbology may appear in an original and distinctive way. But, at some time in every individual’s experience, the Christ is born and is recognized by an act of devotion. Let us not forget this.” ~Joel

Cor 2:16 But

16 ...But we have the mind of Christ.

(The letter of the word must be practiced and lived in order to gain the confidence to be completely still, take no thought of our own, and yield to God’s Omnipotence.

Our Consciousness yields to Truth when it feels thunder within, and it always comes in the way we need to hear it. That feeling or unmistakable knowing-within is the sign that moves us to devote our all to His Will. The work that follows is an individual expression of the One Mind - The Mind of Christ. And so it is that God’s Work continues ~Al)

## THE DAILY LESSON – August 31, 2012

“The birth of the Christ is recognized by a voluntary act of devotion, and until that act of devotion has come, the Christ is still the expected Messiah. We are either awaiting the Messiah or we are waiting the Second Coming of the Messiah, but we have not attained the Christ in heart until an act of devotion, an act of homage, or an act of sacrifice, or an act of love takes place within our being. By that sign you may know that Christ is born in you.

Thank you.” ~Joel

I Cor 15:52

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

I Cor 15:58 (to 5th ,)

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,

(What is your act of Love? What is God’s act of Love appearing through and as you? ~Al)