

“THE DAILY LESSON”

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“PRAISE - THANKSGIVING - ADORATION”

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THE DAILY LESSON – February 1, 2012

“Good Morning. (*Class responds*). The point that I would like to make is that there is a God. There actually is, and there’s no fooling about it. There’s very few people in all the history of the world who ever come to a position where they actually believe that. I doubt that you could go the whole distance of the world at this minute and be very fortunate if you could find a thousand or two thousand people who actually believe there is a God.

I don't mean that they don't pay lip service to the fact that, 'Oh yes, I believe it.' But I mean actually believe there's a God through actual experience who more than believe, who know that there is a God. That's the word I should have used – 'know,' not believe. Loads of people believe it or would like to believe it, but knowing it, you can never know anything

except through the experience of it. And so there can't be many people in the world who actually know that there is a God.

The whole of our work is leading to a point of experience to where we know there is a God, but know it like we know that each other is in this room. Just like we know that we are in this room and if all of the newspapers in the whole of the United States had headlines tonight that we weren't in this room this morning, it wouldn't affect one of us here. Not even all the appearances of all the headlines, of all the papers in all of the world, wouldn't affect us because we know by virtue of experience." ~Joel

Ps 46:10 (to :)

10 Be still, and know that I am God:

(There is only one demonstration to make, and that is to attain the Mind that was also in Christ Jesus. That experience meets every need. ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 2, 2012

“Now there may be a lot of people in Honolulu who believe we are here this morning, and who will continue to believe it, but if they saw a headline tonight that we weren’t, they would give up their belief very quickly and accept that which they saw in the newspaper.

But that couldn’t happen to us. There wouldn’t be a possibility of anybody convincing us that we weren’t here this morning and that would be because we have knowledge through the experience itself.

So it is with the subject of God. God is as much of a reality, as much of a presence, as much of a power, as much of entity and individuality as we are. And God can be just as readily known by us, as we can know each other.

From the moment that we do know God through experience, life changes because there is a relaxation of our personal selfhood. We relax because we have the experience of something greater than ourselves, greater certainly than our human sense of self, as operating in us, and through us and for us.” ~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.

(There is no going back, once we know the Truth. An experience of communion [knowing God Is] proves the common beliefs of this world to be in error. We instantly see through the suggestion of death [this world] and in time develop an irrevocable conviction to live His Life and continue the experience. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 3, 2012

“Out of these experiences have come the scriptural passages:

‘He that is within me is greater than he that is in the world.’

‘I shall not fear what man can do to me.’

‘Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils, for wherein is he to be accounted of?’

‘Put not your faith in princes.’

All of these passages – ‘I can do all things through Christ;’ ‘I can of my own self do nothing, the Father within me doeth the works.’ All of these passages are based on actual experiences of individuals who have had the conscious awareness, through experience, of that presence and power. It is not conversation with them; it is not an affirmation. It is not a statement; it is not a platitude or a cliché; it is the product of an experience.” ~Joel

John 21:24,25 (to 3rd ,)

24 This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one,

(They that witness God’s Presence are eventually given a way to share the experience... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 4, 2012

“And, ah, all the thing called the ‘search for God,’ ‘seeking the Kingdom of God,’ being ‘on the spiritual path,’ being ‘students of spiritual truth,’ all of these things merely mean that inside of us there is a conviction that this is true, but not a knowledge of it. That is, not a knowledge through experience. It is only a conviction.

Those who are not yet on the spiritual path haven’t even that conviction. They merely have the superstitious, blind belief that they’ve adopted because Momma told them so. And Momma even told them they’d go to hell if they didn’t keep on believing it. And then they went to church later, and were also told by Sunday School teacher or minister that there’s a God and heaven help you if you don’t believe it, and so most people are in the position of believing it through fear, or believing it because of superstitious early teaching.

Those who have been led to seek the kingdom of God or search for God, or find their way to the spiritual path are those who have attained an inner conviction that there is a God. They have not yet achieved or attained the realization or experience of God, necessarily, but at least there is an inner conviction: This is the Way; there is a God.

And, so the search begins, and it begins in different ways. It all depends on our backgrounds, depends where we happen to be at any given moment, and what is going on in our particular world around us. There have been people who begun the search in orthodox churches and, incidentally, there have been some who found the answer there.

All have not found it necessary to leave the church; they merely saw through the external of the church and were made free of attachment to it and found the real thing within themselves and even continued on in the church as a way of service, and sometimes a way of gratitude.” ~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.

(When at last the Word comes from within - you will forever know how to pray aright... Loving you, AI)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 5, 2012

“Others have come through the mental sciences, and some have come through the teachings that are a combination of the mental and the spiritual sciences. And some few have found pure spiritual approaches. Some have come through books, and some have come through living teachers, and some have made contacts with the spiritual saints and seers who have never died. Probably this is the time to explain that.

Spiritualism has to do with the subject of contact with people who have passed on, people who have, to human sense, died, people who are on another plane of consciousness, but another human plane just like this earth plane. In other words, the act of dying hasn't made them spiritual nor has the act of dying lifted them into spiritual consciousness. They are just as much a human being after passing on as they were beforehand.

Now we can have direct communication with each other in this room face to face, but you could walk into that next room or that next room and we could still have communication, but it would be mouth to ear. It wouldn't be face to face because you wouldn't see me and I wouldn't see you, but we would hear the voice. And even though we weren't actually seeing each other, it would still be human communication.

We could go further. We could go anywhere from Honolulu to darkest Africa and we could still have communication with each other by telephone. I mean direct communication, by telephone. Now the mere fact that we have gone 10,000 miles away hasn't spiritualized our communication nor has it spiritualized our consciousness. We would still be the same human being here or in Africa. That is one of the sad things that people find out when they travel to get away from themselves. They find they take themselves right along with them. And so it is that wherever we would travel, we would be the same individual. That is, travel, in and of itself, wouldn't change us from our human status. It would give us a little more human knowledge of places and peoples.” ~Joel

I Cor 2:9,10

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

(Human communion is unity, accord, relationship, harmony, contact, association with what? Humans being [be-ing].

Spiritual Communion is Unity, Accord, Relationship, Harmony, Contact, Association & Oneness IN Spirit. God Being [Be-ing] aware of Itself. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 6, 2012

“Well now that same thing takes place when a person passes on. Passing on, in and of itself, does not make them spiritual. They are just the same human being with the same appetites, and the same failings, and the same virtues exactly as they are here and now. But the fact that they have died or passed on doesn't mean that that communication cannot be continued. It can't be by all people. That is certain because evidently it takes certain states of consciousness to be able to get through this veil that we call death or passing on. But there are enough people all over the world in communication with others who have passed on so that I doubt that anyone can seriously disbelieve that there is a way or there are those who can continue to communicate with those who have gone on.

Now that particular form of communication is called spiritualism. It's true that probably a great deal of what's reported about it is not true. A good deal of it is undoubtedly imagination and some of it's fraud. But there can be no doubt about it that there is, and can be, a communication with those who have passed on. But that communication, in most cases, would be just as human as the communication here. In other words, it would consist probably of things known to us on the human plane. We might receive advice from someone who has passed on. Ah, not to cross the Pali today, to take the other way around – or to sell a stock that's in the vault or to buy one. Or we may be told that some one of our friends or relatives is going to pass on or that one of our friends or relatives is going to have a beautiful experience. Always the communication is on the human level and it has to do with human affairs.” ~Joel

I Cor 2:11

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

(To communicate on the human level we need to be aware through one or more of the five physical senses. Spirit communicates on a level beyond time and space. My Kingdom is not of this world. ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – February 7, 2012

“That changes a little bit as these people who have passed on – some of them – do the same thing that we do here: become a little more spiritual through our studies and enlightenment. Just as we are not the same people we were five years ago, not by a long sight. Whatever we have picked up of spiritual wisdom or metaphysical knowledge has lifted us in consciousness to a more spiritual state of being.

Well, of course, those who have passed on have that same opportunity as we have. They also may be as ‘sinful as scarlet’ today when they pass on, but they are just as apt to be ‘white as snow’ tomorrow because their opportunities for expansion and development are just exactly the same as ours. And so some of those who go further in spiritual development may ultimately either give messages of a more spiritual nature or if those that they give the communication to do not grow and are not able to receive spiritual communication, they may leave them entirely and find somebody else to communicate with or through.

Now all of this is in the realm of the human. None of this has to do with spiritual illumination from, let’s call it, illumined consciousness. Let us say that one is as illumined as Buddha, Lao-tzu, Jesus, John, Paul. Would you not say that that illumination is of God – that they have received their illumined consciousness of God? And if you do agree that any degree of spiritual illumination that we receive is of God, you must take the next step and agree that that state of illumined consciousness is immortal, that it can’t die, and it can’t go any place.” ~Joel

I Cor 2:12,13

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

(The wisdom of the world is rarely given without condition or some kind of implied agreement. Spiritual illumination is unconditional, and infinitely available. It is always freely given as the Grace of God [loving for the sake of Love]. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 8, 2012

“And so it is that illumined consciousness never dies, never passes on. It is always a state of omnipresent consciousness. Just the same now if I walk into this next room, I will be the same state of consciousness I am in this room. But if I pass on, I will still be the same state of illumined consciousness. That won’t die, that won’t change, that won’t go any place, and it will be right here and now available to anyone who wishes to avail themselves of it.

What happens to the body is of no concern because the body is but an instrument, and the consciousness would go on regardless of where or what condition the body would find itself in. And so it is that we may safely and assuredly state that ‘the mind that was in Christ Jesus’ never was crucified, never was entombed, hasn’t gone anywhere, is here, and is now. And, therefore, it is just as available to us as it was available to the Hebrews of 2000 years ago. In fact, it is more available to us now than it was to 99 percent of the Hebrews who lived there then. Why? Because it wasn’t available to them because they never could comprehend it.

It takes a degree of spiritual consciousness to be able to comprehend and apprehend spiritual consciousness and we know by the fact that only 500 of them witnessed the resurrection that the others had no access to the mind. Many of them had the benefit of healing from it, but that’s all they ever got from it. Like the Hebrews whom he fed and then the next day they followed him across the sea to be fed again, and he came, ‘what, what, what did you come here for? Loaves and fishes? I fed you those yesterday.’ Well that’s all they could see. They, they had no awareness higher than receiving loaves and fishes. They couldn’t comprehend the mind that was the multiplier of loaves and fishes. And so it is that we may safely say that 99 percent of the Hebrews, who contacted the Master, Christ Jesus, had no access whatsoever to the ‘mind that was in Christ Jesus.’ They had a few healings from it and feedings, and that was about all.” ~Joel

Phil 2:5

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

(The infinite Consciousness of unconditional Love is within. Let It do the singing. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 9, 2012

“Well so it is that we who have so little interest in the loaves and fishes have a deeper interest in the consciousness that produced or multiplied the loaves and fishes, and so we would have access to it. We wouldn't be blinded by a few miracles like walking on the water or seeing a few dead people rise up. We would look behind that appearance and behold the spirit of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – the same spirit that raised up Jesus Christ from the dead. We would behold It at work, and we would take those little minor miracles, like raising the dead, for granted.

Now because of that we have access to that mind that was in Christ Jesus to such a degree that by continually keeping ourselves in spiritual rhythm, ultimately the 'mind that was in Christ Jesus' becomes our individual mind and experience. We have no other. The same is true of every saint and seer and sage. They were given, by Grace, a measure of the same consciousness attained by Jesus Christ. Even before Abraham, there were those who attained Christ-Consciousness.

Now whether it is the consciousness of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, or Moses, Elisha, Elijah, Isaiah, or whether it is the consciousness of Buddha, Lao-tzu, Jesus, John, Paul, actually it is the mind of God. That's what it is. These men have demonstrated that they have no mind of their own to be born, or to lose, or to die – that God literally has become their individual consciousness. So isn't that individual consciousness here and now where we are? It is. It requires us to open our consciousness to it.” ~Joel

John 8:58

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

(If you know these words to be Truth, then it takes a great weight off your shoulders. There is Liberty in knowing that you, we and I are included in God's OmniPresence. Rest with me now and know that the Mind of Christ is with you now, and will never leave thee, even unto the end of the world... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 10, 2012

“Now then there are those in the world, you read of some of those experiences in Dr. Bucke’s book, *Cosmic Consciousness*, who just in a blinding flash have become aware of that mind, that infinite, divine consciousness and had an experience. To some, it may have appeared as the mind of Buddha if they were of the Oriental experience, consciousness. And to others, it may have come as the appearance of Jesus Christ. To others, it has come in many other forms. Dr. Bucke, himself, when he had his experience of illumination received it – and knew that he had received it – from the consciousness of Walt Whitman. But it was no mental transference on the part of Walt Whitman.

Walt Whitman had attained a measure of spiritual consciousness, ‘that mind that was in Christ Jesus.’ But when it came to Dr. Bucke, it appeared as the individual consciousness of Walt Whitman, which it was. But since individual also means indivisible, it was still the mind of God appearing as the mind of Walt Whitman. And so it is that there are those who have received illumination from the mind of God appearing as the mind of one of these who have attained God- Consciousness.

Now, one important thing that we must understand is this. That in each of these cases – as in our cases – it is an individual experience. It has nothing to do with what we do out in the world. It has to do with our realization of individual union with God. It’s something that takes place within ourselves separate and apart from anybody else who is on the earth. We can’t share it with husband, or wife, or child or friend. Nor can we seek it in their company. No two people can seek this together. Each one must retire to the inner sanctuary of their own being and find their God experience there.

Oh yes, we can find those who are either illumined or on the path of illumination. And we can, like this, share something, but whether you have an experience – a God experience – in this room while we’re all here, or whether you have it when you’re at home all alone (You may even have it at the dinner table with your family.) remember this: it is an individual experience taking place within you. And it doesn’t concern anybody else in this room or at your table at home, or wherever you may be.” ~Joel

Luke 17:21

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

(God is expressed in an infinite number of ways. He is expressed simultaneously as the Truth, Life & Love of every Being in the universe - including the individual you and individual me. In secrecy and silence, we hear exactly what we need to accomplish His work – and at the time we need to do it. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven... ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 11, 2012

“Always whether you are – you may by chance go to the stadium to witness some event and then have it while you’re there. It has nothing to do with the thousands of people who are around you, and you can’t take them into the experience with you. You will still be an isolated individual in the midst of millions of individuals having the experience alone. Or you may get the idea that you’re in the sanctity of your family life, and so you’re going to take them along with you too. You aren’t. You aren’t at all.

You might as well forget every member of your family and all of your friends and relatives, your children and your parents. Forget them because they cannot enter into this with you. You can share the unfolding truths that may lead them to the experience, and if you, yourself, are enlightened to any degree you may help to lift them up to where they also can have the experience. That’s as far as you can go. The experience itself takes place within them. And it has to do purely with an experience that you have in relationship to God.” ~Joel

Ps 91:7

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

(The Mind of Christ is as present today as it ever was. The height of our harmony is in the depth of the Realization of this Truth. ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 12, 2012

“Now, it is for this reason that whatever of truth is revealed to us is something that we must work with within ourselves up to the point of realization; in other words, not try to share it, not try to heal somebody with it, not try to teach somebody it, except what we do silently. Rather, work with it within your own consciousness until you have achieved a measure of that light or experience, and then from there on, you will be directed how, when, and where, and under what circumstances to share, to impart, to reveal. And ultimately you will have a part in God’s unfoldment to human consciousness and you will play that part as practitioner, as healer, as teacher or lecturer or writer – in whatever way God chooses.” ~Joel

Ps 127:1 (to :)

1 Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it:

(Every step of our work must be God directed...Inspired... Felt... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 13, 2012

“Now the point that you must see is that, first of all, you can afford to forget the world and not be concerned with whether it blows up or not. And I mean even the world of your own friends and relatives because there isn’t anything you can do about it. Their life is an individual experience and whether you like it or not, they are going to live it individually. And they may come to heaven via hell and some of them may take the direct route to heaven. But that won’t be for you to say, that will be for their experience. No one can save me my experiences in life and you won’t be able to save another theirs.

Each one takes the route as it unfolds. But, and you can follow the Master in that also. When the Master went to the mountains for his 40 days of prayer and meditation, he cared little how many died or sinned down on the plains. If they had to die while he was away, that was their demonstration. If they had to go out sinning while he was away, that was their demonstration. His demonstration was to go away for 40 days and nights, and stay on a mountaintop and find his union with God, and you could burn up or starve for all he cared. He had one function in life and that was to maintain his conscious relationship with God. Then when he had it, he could come down to the plain and share it.

Well how about the fellow though who was crucified yesterday for his sins and the one who died yesterday of his diseases or who was taken into slavery? That had nothing to do with him. That was the individual’s own demonstration and nothing to do with him.

His demonstration was lived being on the mountaintop and then benefiting by those who come down. Is that a hard way of looking at life? No because he knew something that I know. I know something that he knew: We have no power to help anybody except in proportion as that contact is maintained and sustained. As human beings, no matter how much love we would have for humanity, no matter how much desire we would be to help each other, let me tell you from personal experience, we can’t heal a headache. You never will, and I never have.” ~Joel

John 14:22-24

22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

(If we abide in and maintain our conscious relationship with God we are included in Everything and Everything is included in us. Everything includes all forms of supply and harmony with the necessary directions on how to share it.

There is only one infinite Consciousness, and we can choose to recognize our inclusion in It - or choose to not recognize it.

Rest with me now... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 14, 2012

“Whatever of blessing anyone has ever had through their contact with me has come not because Joel Goldsmith is Joel Goldsmith but because sometime during the day or the night a God contact was maintained, or, or rather attained, and then maintained and sustained. And if there were no such God contact, you would be unfortunate in ever turning to me for help. You wouldn’t get it. There is only help in proportion as the Spirit of God flows in and through me. And if it doesn’t, my human desire to stay down here and help people would be of no avail to them. It is only by virtue of the contact.

And you are in that same position. You may have all the desire in the world to want to help your relatives and friends and to heal them and you may even go further than that and decide that it’s your duty to help save the world. Well, just save your breath and save your strength because you’re not going to accomplish one single tiny bit of it except in proportion to your consciously realized Christ.

And so if you have to hide away for 40 days and 40 nights, or 400 days and 400 nights, or if you had to do as I did, stay away in a little office for 16 years without teaching, without writing, waiting for that moment of culmination, then just you have to do it. Nobody, and many tried, nobody was able to coax me out of my office for 16 years because I knew the day hadn’t arrived. Yes, I had had enough light to do some healing work, and some healing work that proved to be very satisfactory. But inwardly I knew, I knew that the thing that was necessary to do the greater works hadn’t taken place, and they didn’t take place until 1946, and when they took place, when it took place, then the greater works of teaching, lecturing, writing, began to unfold. And so it is with all of us.” ~Joel

Matt 6:6

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.

(In secrecy and silence, shut the door [mind of man] surrender to His will [take no thought] and enter within. Seek ye first the Kingdom [Spirit of God or Mind of Christ]. Maintain [bask] in the realized Relationship [Inclusion, added things or embrace of Oneness]. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 15, 2012

“There is an illumination possible to every individual on the face of the globe in proportion to the intensity of their desire for it. But while they are under the impulsion of a necessity of making that God contact, they may very well have to be like Jesus in Egypt, hid away from the world until that spark develops into a flame. Then you can bring the little babe out of Egypt. And even at 12 years of age, it can begin its ministry even though for the next 18 years it again goes into retirement. The Master, Jesus Christ, is unknown to the world until he is 30 years of age. Undoubtedly he must have had a lot of light between the time he was 12 and the time he was 30. But, if so, it was hid from the world until the moment arrived when he knew ‘this is it.’ Then he could go out into the world and heal, and teach.

Now the importance of this is this. Do you see now that whatever blessing you ever will be to anyone on earth, outside of the human picture I mean, spiritually, will be determined by your state of individual consciousness? That’s the secret. Whether you become a Jesus, a Moses, a Shankara, will all depend on your developed individual state of consciousness.

And so it is that you will be concerned with the development and unfoldment of God as your individual consciousness, of the Christ-Consciousness as your individual consciousness. And so whatever it is that is necessary for your unfoldment and development will be presented to you, but then you, yourself, will have to avail yourself of it. Practice, study, meditate, do all those things until you achieve the final click, which isn’t a final one at all because there isn’t a year after the original illumination, there isn’t a year, that deeper illumination doesn’t take place unless ego comes in.” ~Joel

John 15:4

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

(We must be in constant contact with the Source to bear our [God’s] fruit. Practice, study and meditate. Practice, study and meditate. Be steadfast in concentrated focus - for the way is straight and narrow. Watch and listen as long as it takes for The Illuminated Way to unfold in all its perfection. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 16, 2012

“You see, after the first illumination you only have, well there are partial illuminations, and after those, you have many temptations. For instance Jesus had the temptation of lack and the temptation came to him to turn stones into bread. Ah, he also had the temptation of fame and he had to resist that and overcome it. Then he had the temptation of personal powers – the same one that tripped Moses up. ‘I can make water flow out of a rock.’ Like fun you can! But he was tempted, the Master, the same way with personal powers, personal fame and with lack, and he overcame those temptations.

I have witnessed in this work how these temptations have come to many people. There is the temptation of lack of funds that tempts a person to go back to using human means of attaining it. Oh they’re perfectly good ones like turning stones into bread, perfectly legitimate ones, some even that the world would call miraculous. But in your heart and soul you know I did it and that, of course, is what makes it wrong.

Any personal attempt to attain supply, the use of the personal ‘I’ in any way, shape, manner or form is a violation of that spiritual integrity. Ah yes, but then there have been others who were tempted by abundance, and as soon as that abundance came, you could watch the ways in which it was being used. And then the first thing you knew, you knew that ego was in because, well, you just knew it, that’s all.” ~Joel

Luke 4:1-13

1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

3 And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

9 And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:

10 For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

11 And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

12 And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

(There have been many interpretations of Luke's story of Jesus' temptations. But did you ever notice that there was no final conclusion? It just ends with "and he (erroneous thought) departed from him for a season."

We remain in the Consciousness of Spirit, if so be It remains in us.

Practice, study and meditate. ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 17, 2012

“Now. With others there is the temptation to have a name, a title, a fame, and that’s a dangerous one. With others, and in our modern life it’s probably the most prevalent one of all, is the sex temptation because it’s all over the land. It’s all over the world and I guess it’s as hard to miss as beauty in Hawaii. But many have succumbed to it, and when they do, that ends that part of the program. Now all of those temptations come to those who have partial illumination more – a degree of illumination – more than they come to ordinary humans.

Any temptation that any human has ever had is multiplied many, many times as soon as they have some degree of spiritual illumination. Then when they get past that and have a greater illumination, there remains then only one temptation, and that temptation is personal ego, conceit. And it’s a subtle one because it doesn’t come as an evil. There is no temptation after a sufficient degree of illumination; there is no temptation to indulge evil in any way, shape, manner or form – but, I mean, recognized evil. But, the one temptation that is left, ego, comes in a subtle form, sometimes as subtle as believing that my prayers are very effective or that my healing power is very good or ‘I’ this or ‘I’ that – I. The word ‘I’ is the ego that very often comes in, in the form of good – not evil but good and it trips individuals over and over and over again.” ~Joel

Eph 4:17

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles (world thought) walk, in the vanity of their mind,

(Plugging into any temptation or illusion is an acceptance of a power or a presence other than God. The only way to break the effect of hypnotism [world thought] is to awaken into Reality. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 18, 2012

“Now let us see how this operates in our experience. I have had a series of letters – not rightly speaking a series, I mean I have had a multiplicity of letters – having to do with words like ‘praise,’ ‘thanksgiving,’ ‘gratitude,’ ‘love,’ ‘appreciation,’ ‘recognition,’ and some students do not see where or what part these play in our experience. They have an idea that spiritual illumination does away with these because now there is nothing left to praise since we know what God is, and God isn’t personal and so forth and so on.

Now let us be very clear on this point: God does not need our praise, nor our thanksgiving, nor our gratitude or recognition or reward. As a matter of fact, there is no God actually that cares whether or not any individual pays homage to God – not any more than the sunshine wants gratitude for shining or the rain wants gratitude for growing crops, or the shade wants gratitude for protecting us from the heat. No, no God, so far as God is concerned, God has no need of any of this form of what we call worship or adoration, praise and thanksgiving.” ~Joel

I Cor 2:9-12

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

(God is Oneness ... Omnipresent Spirit... Omniscient Consciousness... To worship or adore lends itself to two separate beings, one to worship, desire, admire and pay homage to the other - and one recipient being to receive those things. In Oneness there can only be one Spirit forever Loving Itself. Receiving the Spirit of God is beholding Oneness. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 19, 2012

“I’m sure you’ve all read this new book of Don Blanding’s. And if you could sum it up, I think if you thought of it at all that probably you’ve come to the same conclusion that the book is nothing more or less than.. It’s a book of hymns, just hymns of praise and of gratitude, and of love, adoration and worship of Hawaii – its beauties, its gentleness, its people. Oh, there’s a recognition that in and of it there are also some politicians and moneychangers. But see how quickly he glosses over that and says, ‘yes they’re there, but what has that to do with us,’ and then reverts immediately to the sunshine or the moonshine and the stars, and the odor and perfume of the flowers, and the beauty and the glories of Tutu and so forth, and so on. And so it really is a book which is a hymn of praise.

Now I ask you this, is Hawaii at any way touched by it? Does the Pali mountain care about it or the flowers, or the rivers or the ocean? Not a bit – they are left entirely cold by all of that. Why? They’re not even aware of the book, or of the praises, or of the gratitude or of the love, or of the appreciation. Because like our *‘Nightingale of the East,’* Hawaii just sings its song and says, ‘what you do with it or how you receive it or appreciate it is your demonstration. I am still going on singing my song of beauty, joy, and so forth.’

But what has it done to the man, Don Blanding? Ah, that’s quite a different thing. Even from a practical standpoint, it has made him nationally known. Even from a practical standpoint it has made him island-wise known, and loved and respected and so forth. That’s what it’s done for him. Do you see that? That’s our relationship to God.” ~Joel

Ps 100:1-5

- 1 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
- 2 Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
- 3 Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
- 5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

(As we pour out his Love - without effort of our own, it will be heard unto the four corners of the world! ~Al

YOU are a part of this, my friends: This humble work started out in a quiet little home office in the remote Ozark Mountains of Arkansas. It had no purpose other than to sing His praises locally and possibly have 2 or 3 gather together in His name once or twice a month.

This work has spread out over the earth without conscious effort or agenda. It now reaches, includes and interacts with like-minded students around the globe on a daily basis. They are spread out coast to coast in the USA, Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, Europe, Australia, Africa, and lots of other places and people left anonymous... All are coming together each day to listen and sing, and sing and listen, and acknowledge His Presence and learn to recognize His Life being lived in and as Us.

Dear Ones, I am overwhelmed with tears of joy to behold this modern miracle of multiplication by the Spirit being lived every day. I have done, and do nothing but sing a joyful noise unto the Lord and watch His will be done in amazement. It is He that finds the cup and fills it to overflowing. I will sing until the last breath in this parenthesis, and forever unto all generations.

All my love, Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 20, 2012

“Our hymns of praise and gratitude do nothing at all for God, but oh what they do to us, for us, and within us! Ah, even in a practical way you will soon find that love, appreciation, gratitude, joy, receptivity, responsiveness to life, truth and love, to God, changes the whole physical body as well as the mind of man. It is a whole chemistry action in the mind and body.”

~Joel

Ps 23:1,2

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.

(Our hymns of praise and gratitude, sung without condition, release us to take no thought for the things of this world. We must acknowledge that His Grace is, was and ever will be our sufficiency in all things. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 21, 2012

“So it is that one who certainly was wise in his day – our good friend over here – David, Psalm 8: (Joel reads)

‘Oh Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth; who has set thy glory above the heavens.

‘Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

‘When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained:

‘What is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him.

‘For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

‘Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

‘All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

‘Oh Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!’

Can you imagine what was happening in the heart and soul, and spirit and mind and body of that man as he was singing such praises, such...? such, just think the heavens he was speaking and the earth and the oxen – and realizing that God gave man dominion over all of this! Think of that relationship now that exists between David and God. And where does it exist? In David. As far as God is concerned, it was there yesterday and the day before yesterday, and it was available for all of those stupid sinners, thieves, moneychangers in the temple.” ~Joel

Ex 3:2-5

2 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

(Yes, in these passages in Scripture, I can feel the dominion over all things that both David and Moses are speaking of. When we experience the nature of God, we are lifted into the Realization of Oneness [dominion]. Put off thy shoes... And rejoice...Here am I...With you. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 22, 2012

“Just think it was all there for them too! But could they avail themselves of it? No. No, only a man who can look up and see that the skies are something more than a color up in the air. Only a man who can look at the sea and see the fishes, and the coral, and the beauties under the sea. Only a man who can look out and see not just a garden, but what does a garden signify and how did it get there to begin with? And can see the glory of God in the green grass. Do you see that?

That is what transforms the soul of an individual from an animal to a man, and then a little lower than the angels. And then a little bit later perhaps right up there with the angels too.” ~Joel

John 7:24

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

(If man dwells in a place other than the secret place of the most high, he is always going to see, hear, touch, taste, feel – and be governed by matter [world thought]. Who told you that you were made up of matter? Who told you that you were not an angel ... or that you were not the son of God? It had to come from the mind of man. You surely didn't hear that from God...
... .. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 23, 2012

“I will praise thee,’ this is Psalm 9: ‘I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart.’ David wasn’t wasting energy. He wasn’t wasting talent. He wasn’t being emotional. This is one of the wise men of his days. ‘I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart. I will show forth all THY marvelous works.’ Do you see that humility in there? ‘I will show them forth,’ but what are they? THY Marvelous works.

‘I will be glad and rejoice in THEE’ – not in my powers, not in my beauty, not in my strength, not in my spirituality. I will be glad and rejoice in thee. I will sing praise to thy name O thou most High.

‘When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at Thy presence.

‘For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right.

‘Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name forever and ever.

‘O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities;. . .but the Lord shall endure forever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

‘And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness. (This is in contradiction to all the sense-testimony of that day.)

‘The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

‘And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.’

He didn’t say that they, the people, weren’t forsaken of the world – only those that seek thee, who find thee, who rest in thee, who acknowledge thee, who maintain that conscious union which is given in the fifteenth chapter of John or the first chapter of the 91st Psalm – ‘those who dwell in

the secret place of the most High,' those who 'live, and move and have their being' in acknowledgement of God, as the source of all experience. To them, God has never deserted them." ~Joel

John 15:5-7

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

(When we completely surrender [die] to the sense-testimony of the reasoning self – we become receptive and Alive in Recognition of Infinite Self [Source] and are then included in the Consciousness of Christ. I'd say its a pretty good trade... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 24, 2012

“Ah, but to the man who knows how wise he is and how great, and how strong, and what muscles he’s got – aha! ‘And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee.’ What is that name? Is there such a thing as a name? No, not a name, but those that know thy nature, that know the nature of God. Those that know the nature of God as the love that paints all of these colors in Hawaii – those who know the nature of God as the source of the gentleness and of the goodness and of the righteousness – those who know the nature of God as omnipresence, as that which is and has been and forever will be. Not to be attained – here and now to be realized.

Those who know the nature of God, they also know the nature of prayer because this man is praying. David is praying hard, and he isn’t asking God for any favors. He is acknowledging God in all his ways even as the creative principle of the mountains, and the skies, and the seas, and that which stocks the air with birds, and the seas with fish. That is the nature of prayer.” ~Joel

Ps 146:1-3

1 Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

2 While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

(Take no thought of this world, but recognize God in all thy ways. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 25, 2012

“Sing praises to the Lord which dwelleth in Zion. Declare among the people his doings. The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made.” Do you see the cosmic law there? The evil we do is our punishment. It isn't a God of punishment. The heathen sink down in the pit that they, themselves, have made. God does not visit iniquity upon anyone. 'God is too pure to behold iniquity.' But every trap that we build for somebody, we end up in. The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made; in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

Do you see where cosmic law comes in as we have revealed it here in the message of The Infinite Way? Every snare and every trap that we have set, every device that we have used for the undoing of another, we fall into it. By virtue of God? No, by virtue of our having done it. And that takes us back to the first part of this lesson today that, on the other hand, every bit of God-realization lifts us up above and sets us free from the thoughts and things of the world.” ~Joel

Rom 8:5,6

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

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

(Entertaining a thought or concept of something other than the Omnipresence of God is bearing false witness to your neighbor, yourself and to the Truth. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 26, 2012

“Listen: ‘The Lord is known by the judgment which he executeth. The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.’ Why, you remember I have been trying ever since a year ago at the Alexander Young Hotel to reveal the secret of Cosmic Consciousness – that there is no God of punishment. There is no such thing.

‘The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.’ And remember this isn’t speaking to evil. There’s none of us here that are consciously evil, but it means that we are paying the penalty of that which we accept within ourselves as truth or error. In other words, the moment I say ‘you are a human being, oh you are a good one and you are not so good,’ I have set the trap for my own self because I have borne false witness against my neighbor.” ~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.

Matt 6:24

24 ¶ No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

(If you personalize mammon [earthly supply - good or bad] you give it power and you are governed by it. God is the infinite invisible Source of all supply. God is Omnipotent and therefore can recognize nothing but Itself. If that is true, maybe we shouldn’t either?...

Ha. On pondering this verse, I took a little time to look up “mammon”. Its interesting that the King James and ancient Tyndale versions have mammon UN-capitalized and the ancient Wycliffe translation uses an old version of the word “riches”, which seems to have the best meaning. In later versions of Scripture, verse and universal belief, the word seems to show up capitalized [personalized]. Could it be that as man thinks and rethinks he tends to perpetuate the idea of two powers and even

retranslates this agenda into his beliefs? Moth and rust = mind of man.
Hmmm... Enough of that, now STOP and take no thought... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 27, 2012

“You are not a human being, not even a good one, because there is ‘none good but God,’ and there is none evil. Evil is not a reality. Only then in the degree that I can bear witness to the fact that God made heaven and earth and certainly then God made man ‘little lower than the angels’ – only as I am bearing witness to the spiritual nature of individual you and me, only then have I destroyed the snare, the traps, the delusions, the net, and have I become free.

‘For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish forever.

‘Arise, O Lord, let not man prevail; let the heathen be judged in thy sight

‘Put them in fear, O Lord: that the nations may know themselves to be but men.’ [Psalm 9:18 – 20]

Ah, when we know that the nations are but men, that is when we take from them their power. That is the function that we can play in world history today. You see, there is a mistaken belief that men and women are spiritual beings, divine ideas. There is a mistaken belief that every animal and every insect is of the life of God. That is a trap. It is a misunderstanding that comes through not correctly understanding the writings of those who do know and, of course, through accepting the writings of those who are emotionally unstable, and do not know.” ~Joel

Rom 8:9 (to .)

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.

(Our goal is to dwell in the Realm of Spirit... It is to attain the mind of Christ Jesus and Live in the activity of Spiritual Consciousness. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 28, 2012

“For instance, when you read Allen Boone’s books, whether it’s Letters to Strongheart or Kinship with All Life (and incidentally I may say Allen is one of those who do know, does know), you first get the impression that a fly or an ant is a child of God or that the dog, Strongheart, was a spiritual idea. If you get that idea you are wrong, just the same as if you have gathered the idea from The Infinite Way that men and women are spiritual children of God, you are all wrong.

Only God is God and only God is man, and only God is life, and only God is the life of individual being. But you have never seen, heard, tasted, touched or smelled that life. If you can see it, hear it, taste it, touch it and smell it, it is not of God. It is an object of material sense, that which the Psalmist called ‘the nations of men,’ or ‘man, whose breath is in his nostril what wherein should he be taken account of?’ Do you see that?” ~Joel

Col 2:6-10

6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

(Your real manifestation of body is not the one that you see in the mirror, or the one that feels pain...or pleasure. You are not contained in matter.

Your true identity and life is that of Spirit. The One Life. The One body & One Soul. So then, learn to surrender to the Mind of Christ and step back and watch God Live your True Life activity in, of and As, I Am. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – February 29, 2012

“On this point comes the Christ-Consciousness. The Christ never did say that the moneychangers in the temple were spiritual idea. Never. Never did the Christ say that a mortal man – why if he had believed that he would have carried his message to the Romans and the Greeks and the Scribes and the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and all the rest of this world that he refused to carry it to. He said ‘I am come to those only of my own household.’

Who are those of my own household? You, you who have opened your consciousness to spiritual vision, and that spiritual vision is given to you by Grace, and that Grace is the Son of God in you. If all men and women on earth were spiritual beings, it would be a sin for us to sit in this room and have such lessons as we have here. These should all be done down at the radio station so that everybody in the world can hear them.

Ah, but you can't give this message to 'man, whose breath is in his nostril' because he isn't a spiritual idea. He isn't a child of God. He isn't an immortal being. He's of 'the nation of men' – doomed to destruction. You are only a spiritual being when the Spirit of God comes alive in you. 'If so the Sprit of God dwell in you, then are ye the children of God.' That's the secret.

You are mortals, born in sin, doomed to hell, limitation, sin, fear, death—until such time as the Son of God is raised up in you. To them gave HE power to become the Sons of God. Who? To them that believe, who understand.” ~Joel

Isa 2:22 (to :)

2 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils:

Ps 46:10 (to :)

10 Be still, and know that I am God:

John 3:3-6

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

(STOP... Be still and listen... Surrender all desire... Take no thought...
Die daily... Incarnate as Spirit... Live as Love... Bask... .. ~Al)