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“THE PRINCIPLES EVERY INFINITE WAY STUDENT MUST KNOW”

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THE DAILY LESSON - March 1, 2013

“Good morning. (Class responds.) The title of our work this morning is going to be ‘What Every Student of The Infinite Way Must Know.’ First of all, we must know why we meditate, why we start our days with meditation and why we return to meditation as many times through the day as we can, and the answer to that lies in several scriptural statements. ‘Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.’ That one should suffice because we
have the right to go a little further than that statement and say, ‘where the Spirit of the Lord isn’t, there is slavery, bondage, limitation.’

Where is the Spirit of the Lord? And, of course, in ordinary religious teaching you would be told ‘everywhere.’ That isn’t true. One of the things that we have learned in this work is that the Spirit of the Lord isn’t everywhere. The Spirit of the Lord is only where It is realized. That’s the only place It is. If the Spirit of the Lord were everywhere, everybody would be free, healthy, wealthy, independent, joyous, harmonious. The Spirit of the Lord is only where It is realized.

If you cannot realize, feel, the actual presence of God, then so far as you are concerned, It isn’t there. You might just as well say electricity is everywhere and that’s true, just as true as that the Spirit of the Lord is everywhere. But electricity won’t do you any good unless it’s connected up to your particular use. And so it is with the Spirit of the Lord. It is everywhere in an absolute spiritual sense, but It isn’t everywhere so far as you and I are concerned. As far as you and I are concerned, the Spirit of the Lord is wherever It is realized, wherever It is felt.” ~Joel

II Cor 3:12-18 (to .)
12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:
13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:
14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.
15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.
16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.
17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

(How can we be changed into the same image? To Realize our Oneness! Feel it, Live it, BE Oneness. ~Al)
“The whole secret of this lies in the word: ‘consciousness.’ If you are conscious of the presence of the Lord, if you are conscious of the activity of God, if you are consciously aware of a divine presence, then it is so unto you. That is why we reach out to practitioners and teachers for help. The Spirit of the Lord is right where the patient is. Why should they reach out to anyone for help? And the reason is that the Spirit of the Lord isn’t realized.

And so they turn to one who has the developed or natural capacity to realize God. And if you can contact the consciousness of a Jesus Christ, harmony is instantly restored to you because the consciousness of a Jesus Christ is a realized God-Consciousness. If you can reach the consciousness of a John or a Paul, your troubles are over. Why? Because you have touched the consciousness of one who has realized God-Consciousness. But if you were to contact one of the rabbis of the synagogue or one of the ministers of the church, you would be right where you were before except that you might get a little human comfort from them. But you wouldn’t have your demonstration of health, harmony, wholeness, completeness and perfection because in but few cases is there a realized God-Consciousness.

Now so it is in our metaphysical and spiritual work—if you contact a practitioner or teacher of realized God-Consciousness, it makes no difference whether it is an Infinite Way student or a Christian Science student or a Unity student if they are of realized God-Consciousness. But, on the other hand, if they are not of realized God-Consciousness, then it makes no difference whether they’re Infinite Way, or Christian Science or Unity, you’re going to get no benefit from them. In other words, the particular teaching that they follow isn’t going to make your demonstration. It is whether or not they have attained God-Consciousness.” ~Joel

Rom 8:9 (to .)
9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that [when] the Spirit of God dwell in you.

John 3:2,3
2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.
3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again [awakened and raised into God Consciousness], he cannot see the kingdom of God.

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

(Once a consciousness has been enlightened - it opens a way to pour forth Love - and thereby IS Love… ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON - March 3, 2013

“Now the possibilities are that the Infinite Way practitioner or teacher should be able to more quickly meet your need or more certainly because the Infinite Way student has every possibility – because of an advanced teaching – of attaining God-Consciousness. But the teaching itself will not meet your need. It’s the attained God-realization, God-Consciousness. And so it is that when we’re told that Truth is one and that basically every religion has the same foundation, that’s true. That is true. If you could trace every religious teaching back, you’d find that it would go back to the fact that God is all – whether or not it’s really carried through in their daily teaching is another thing. But whether or not it is carried through, the only value of a truth is in the degree of realization. Now please remember that.

Meditation, in and of itself, won’t do anything for anyone except in proportion as meditation enables you to make your contact, and so it is. We meditate many, many times a day. But we do it for one purpose: of attaining God-realization. We may not attain it at the moment of our meditation.

You just don’t sit there and wait until you are convinced that you have attained it unless you were trying to help someone in a very desperate plight. If you had a patient who, to human sense, was dying or was in insufferable pain, then you should feel the responsibility to sit there until you attain that realization even if you have to neglect housework, or business or anything else, or sit up all night. You owe that to yourself, to the Christ, to your patient—not to take things for granted. And so if they were in that desperate plight, you would sit by or stand by until you had an absolute inner awareness, ‘It’s all right. God is on the field.’

Otherwise, you do not have to sit there and wait for that. You have to sit there your three, four or five minutes opening yourself to that and then go on about your business because in doing that frequently during the day, the actual ‘click’ or contact may come ten minutes later, twenty minutes later, an hour later. It may come after you’ve had a night’s sleep.” ~Joel

Matt 6:6 (to ;)
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;
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.

Rom 8:14
14  For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

(Don’t try to lead the Spirit, be led by the Spirit and Be It’s Instrument.  ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON - March 4, 2013

“I awakened this morning with the realization or contact after quite a few hours of sleep, but as I awakened I found myself in it. But you see, it had been the meditations of last night, the meditations of yesterday all added together. And then I went to sleep and in my complete relaxation was enabled to have that contact realized. And so it will be you may meditate in the morning before you start your day’s work, and then an hour later all of a sudden find yourself right out in the middle of the Spirit.

So the purpose of meditation is God-contact and if the opportunity so presents itself to you, you may sit and wait in meditation until you’ve realized that contact. Ordinarily that isn’t wise because if you sit more than four, five or six minutes, the waiting is apt to be a mental strain, and you’ll never get it while there’s a mental strain. It’s only in the moment that ‘ye think not that the bridegroom cometh.’ It’s only in the moment that thought is still. It is only in the moment that there is no mental strain that the God contact is realized” ~Joel

Ps 46:10 (to :)
10 Be still, and know that I am God:

(Rest now… Shut the world off. And be filled with Light… … …
Thank you Father, ~Al)
"And so it is you can sit quietly and peacefully contemplating a verse of scripture such as ‘Thy Grace is my sufficiency’ or ‘where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty,’ or ‘man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’ You can contemplate that for three or four, five minutes and sit for a minute or so in complete quiet, but then get up and go about your business because, otherwise, you’ll get into a mental state or strain and God does not come through where there’s a reasoning, thinking process going on. It’s only when that is set aside.

That is why inventors and composers may think about their work for awhile. They may sit up, and plan and give thought and work, but then they retire and go to sleep, and/or rest – take their mind completely off of it or go out and play golf. And then when their mind is completely distracted, the answer comes popping right into them and that happens with our work the same way. The moment the mind is off of the subject, then ‘that mind which was also in Christ Jesus’ is on the field.” ~Joel

Matt 6:27-33
27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?
28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:
29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?
31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

(I can of mine own self do nothing... There is nothing I can do separate and apart from His Omnipresence... God performeth the work in and as Me... And You... And so, I have nothing to do but wait, and listen, and watch Him work as Love Loving... So now I will... ... ... Thank you Father, I Love you too. al.within)
“Now among the things that we must know (and these are not in the order of their importance; they are just the way they came to me and I wrote them down) there are certain things that we all of us must know. **ONE is this:** the secret of harmonious living is the development of spiritual consciousness. What is spiritual consciousness? Spiritual consciousness is our consciousness when we are not dependent on form, on the external world, for our good, when the Invisible is more real to us than the visible.

The ultimate of that is when you come to a place in your consciousness where, if you were told to go out ‘without purse or scrip,’ and you emptied your pockets of everything and had your self set down on the mainland, that you would have absolute confidence to know that long before you could be very, very hungry, a meal would be provided for you, and before you had missed many nights in a comfortable bed that one would appear. How? Since we don’t know anyone in this town or even if we had, we’ve landed here without even five cents for telephone or two cents even for a postal card to let them know we’re here? We're literally ‘without purse or scrip.’

The answer is that the Invisible has ways that ye know not of. And so when you would have that confidence to know that ‘where I am, God is, and that’s enough for me to know,’ then you have attained the height of spiritual (or one of the heights of) spiritual consciousness. When you no longer fear a person or a condition in the realization that your life is governed entirely by the Infinite Invisible—not by ‘man, whose breath is in his nostril’ – neither benefited nor harmed by ‘man, whose breath is in his nostril,’ but that the issues of your own life are all contained in the Infinite Invisible, that is also another height of spiritual consciousness.” ~Joel

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

(I surrender, Father… I leave my nets… Thy will be done… Speak Lord, thy servant heareth. al.within)
“In other words, then, the ability to actually have realization that ‘man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God’ is spiritual consciousness. Or to have the awareness that, ‘Thy Grace is my sufficiency’—not my neighbor’s, husband’s, wife’s, investments, but ‘Thy Grace,’ is my sufficiency in any situation and every, that is one of the heights of spiritual attainment. To know that ‘where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty,’ and then to spend the entire time attaining the awareness of the Spirit of the Lord, that would be another height of spiritual consciousness.

Now, attaining some measure of that spiritual consciousness is the secret of harmonious living. ‘I have never seen a righteous man begging bread.’ That is a literal truth and that has no relationship to meaning that I have never seen a good man or a good woman begging bread, I have heard of lots of them. But a good man or a good woman is not necessarily a righteous man. A righteous man spiritually interpreted means a man of spiritual consciousness, a man who depends on the Infinite Invisible in any and every situation in life.” ~Joel

Eph 3:17-19
17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

(Here we go: Joel and Paul are both talking about raising from faith or dwelling in the heart, to being filled with Spiritual Consciousness beyond words and thoughts. You don’t need any proof when you Know or Feel the Impulse, you just Know, and all that is left is a smile… ~Al)
“Now the next question is how do we develop spiritual consciousness? That is attained through the activity of Truth in consciousness, and that comes in two headings. The first is in the instance of the young student. The more Truth that we read and hear and expose ourselves to, the more of an activity of Truth is taking place in our consciousness. The more of scriptural statements that we can think about, the more of absolutely true metaphysical statements that we can think about—whether we think about them, whether we read about them or hear them, that is what helps to spiritualize thought: maintaining the activity of Truth in our consciousness either by reading, or by hearing, or by association with those on the path.

And, then, of course, the second and most important way is when, having gone through our initiatory experience of maintaining Truth in our consciousness, when we, through meditation, come to that place where we are able to receive Truth from within us, where we are receptive and responsive to the Truth that wells up from within us, where we do not think it, read it, hear it up here in the mind but where through those steps we have developed the inner ear, and inner eye, and become aware now of the impartation of the word from God—hearing the ‘still small voice.’

That is the most important phase of activity of Truth in consciousness when Truth is coming to our consciousness from within our own being. But the first step, and the one that leads us to a state of consciousness where we can be receptive and responsive, is where we read, study, hear. All those years that any student has spent in reading Truth, hearing Truth, thinking Truth, going to church services, or lectures or classes—all of those years are fruitful in leading us to that second and most important step where the inspiration flows from within our own being.” ~Joel

Luke 17:20,21
20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:
21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.
(Why is it that the Truth always seems to be in the last place we look? LOL. And, It has been there all the while. People have spent a lifetime searching the world over looking for the Holy Grail - only to have it appear in a place they thought not…

Be still, and open out a way for the imprisoned splendor to escape. With you, loving you, ~Al)
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“After that, if we wish, we can still go to a church service, or a lecture or a class. We can read books. But no longer is that our dependency. That is now our pleasure for the purpose of association. Once the flow starts from within, it would make no difference to us really if we never saw each other again or found another spiritual book because we can always get sufficiency from within our own being. That’s the second stage, and of course the most important one.” ~Joel

II Cor 3:3-5
3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.
4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:
5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

(Once we Experience our relationship to our Source, we get a glimpse at Omnipresence, and our relationship to everything is changed. Yes, there are an infinite number of individual expressions, but the Source and its creation are One. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON - March 10, 2013

“Now, meditation, of course. And again you have your stages of meditation. You have your initial stages when you are pondering; that is, cogitating, contemplating God and the spiritual universe. As if for instance we were to make the acknowledgement: ‘I know very little of God, if anything. I know very little of the spiritual universe, if anything. Wonder what God is. Wonder what God’s spiritual universe is. Wonder what it would be like to be in heaven. Wonder what the activity of God would be if we could really see it or hear it.’ That is pondering, contemplating. And as we do that, quietly and peacefully, that is the state and stage of meditation which helps us to attain spiritual consciousness or the contact. Again, there is the proper use of scriptural passages.

Now a scriptural passage entertained in thought for the purpose of accomplishing something is a wrong use of scripture. For instance, if we were to declare that: ‘He performeth that which is given me to do,’ and repeated it over and over and over again hoping that we’ll make it come true, or trying to bring that about, then that is an improper use of a scriptural quotation. But if we had a task to do, and we all have – just living 24 hours a day is a task. If we were occasionally to remember ‘He performeth that which is given me to do. He perfecteth that which concerneth me,’ then we could just smile a bit and let the weight drop off our shoulder and say, ‘Oh thank heaven there is a ‘He.” That is a correct use of a scriptural quotation. In other words, to remind ourselves of that which Is—not to try, through the use of an affirmation or a quotation, to make it so. Do you see that?” ~Joel

Isa 26:3 (to :)
3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee:

(Try this for a little while today: take a look at every individual thing you see and recognize its Source and be grateful for it. See the - I that I am - in every tree, person, animal, cloud and blade of grass. Recognize the Christ alive and eternally Present.

Ok, now, that so wasn’t hard… Now, do it again… And so it IS. Love, ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON - March 11, 2013

“Very often, it is said that I contradict myself when I say that we should not use affirmations, and then a little while later turn and use one. Ah, I expect that our students understand that an affirmation as an affirmation is worthless, but that an affirmation of Truth, as a reminder that it is true, that is spiritual wisdom.

To say, ‘Thy Grace is my sufficiency in all things,’ and expect it to do something for us is a mistake even if you could recite it 15,000 times a day. And there are those who have learned to make their affirmations 15,000 times a day by count, but you see it ends in a form of self-hypnosis. But to take that statement and occasionally repeat it within yourself as a reminder and say, ‘Thank you, Father for that reminder,’ then drop some weight off the shoulder that would be a correct use.”  ~Joel

Luke 4:16-21
16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.
17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,
18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.
20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.
21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

(Thank you Father. I have no desires. You know my needs... I trust your Love. Fill me that I may spill over, and thereby be Your Love...  ~Al)
“Now the same with Bible stories and passages. Take for instance John: 15. There we have the whole story of ‘you are the branch and Christ is the vine’ and God is the Godhead and we are all one in that, and then we’re reminded that to live in that Truth, to ‘abide in that word’ we will bear fruit richly. That is, we will live our harmonious spiritual lives, but to forget to live in that word, to abide in it, or to let it abide in us, we become as branches that are cut off and we wither. Now to remember those passages, to remember the essence of John: 15, is a correct use of scripture because once we know that passage of John: 15, it’s almost an impossibility for us to forget that:

‘I and the Father are one, that I am the branch. Christ is within me as the invisible presence and power of God, and God is the universal, and all is one and, therefore, where I am God is.’

Why just the reminder of that, now we can go off about our day’s work and let the day take care of itself! Should we forget that John: 15 for too many days it would not be well for us. So it is we have passages like the 8th chapter of Romans. We should all know those passages and realize that ‘only if the Spirit of God dwell in us are we the sons of God,’ only, only. If the Spirit of God is not dwelling in us, we are mortals; ‘mortals’ means of death. We are men and women of death if the Spirit of God does not dwell in us.

How do we know if the Spirit of God is dwelling in us? Well, if we are opening ourselves to the Spirit of God, then It’s dwelling in us. If we’re ignoring that or neglecting it, then it just isn’t. Again, it’s that same illustration of the Spirit of the Lord is everywhere. But the Spirit of the Lord actually is nowhere except where It’s realized. And so it is you may say that the Spirit of the Lord dwells in everybody—yes, as a potentiality. But where the Spirit of the Lord is realized, then are you actually the sons of God, under God’s government, joint heirs with God.” ~Joel

Rom 8:13,14
13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.
14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
(When we awake from the carnal dream, we Transition into the Sons of God. ~Al)
"Now let’s go to NUMBER TWO. We have another important principle of the message of The Infinite Way and that is since ‘I and the Father are one, all that the Father hath is mine.’ In that oneness, of course, must be everything. Now it becomes necessary to make a transition in consciousness. No one can do that for another except as a temporary measure. Everyone has to do this of their own accord. Am I that which receives or am I that center from which the infinity of God flows out? In other words, am I the ignorant Hebrews who sat at the feet of the Master waiting to be fed? Or are we the Christ that sits there and feeds the unillumined?” ~Joel

John 6:26,27 (to 2nd ,)
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,

(Father, Thy Grace in my sufficiency, and I will gladly feed Thy sheep. Love you, ~al.within)
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“Now in that, in the answer to that, lies your demonstration. Until you can come to the realization that ‘I and the Father are one’ really means just that, and that therefore we dare not ever look outside our own being for our good, but we must always look upon ourselves as that center through which God is flowing. That’s the function of the Christ: to be the instrument or Son of God. And as we are that – then whether it is to fulfill a spiritual need for you or a physical need or a financial need – we must be able to take the responsibility. ‘I can feed five thousand. I can heal the multitudes.’

In other words, I am that center through which God operates and, therefore, I understand the nature of supply. Never then will I attempt to demonstrate supply. Never will I attempt to get supply. Never will my thought dwell on getting supply. Since the activity of the Christ Itself is supply, then all I have to do is let It flow. Now I can’t do that if I refuse to meet the demands that are made upon me. Anytime that I respond with, ‘I’m too tired’ or ‘I haven’t a sufficient amount in the bank,’ then you might know that I’m not fulfilling the words that I’m declaring. Do you see that? So it is with every single one.” ~Joel

John 8:11 go
11 …go [live as a Son of God], and sin [think that I am separate] no more .

(God is infinitely Present and I am included in that Presence - I am not somehow separate from that Presence looking at it. So I am included in God’s Love and abundance. ~Al)
“You have to take the attitude that since ‘I and the Father are one and I am the Christ, or Son of God,’ that I am that place through which God flows and so I can meet every demand that is made upon me. And of course, we all agree that that’s true if it were a spiritual demand, but that’s not enough. We must meet the demands for loaves and fishes, for healings, for supply—any demand that’s made upon us in any legitimate way. Do you see that?

That is a point of transition in consciousness from being a receiver of good to realizing that you are that point in consciousness through which the infinity of God’s good flows to those not yet aware of their true identity. It doesn’t mean that you get egotistical and all of a sudden believe that you have the King Midas touch or that you can be lady or gentleman bountiful. It doesn’t mean that at all. It means that you recognize yourself to be that center through which the infinite nature of God may flow to yourself, to all those who may call upon you.

So you see there, too, you go back to scripture. When the Master is called on to feed the multitudes, ‘what have we?’ ‘We have a few loaves and fishes.’ ‘Good, we have.’ He didn’t say ‘we have not,’ and he didn’t say ‘we have insufficient;’ we have. ‘What have you in the house?’ ‘A cruse of oil.’ ‘Good, we have.’ Do you see that? At every point of our lives the question must open up: ‘what have I in the house? I have all that God has since ‘I and the Father are one.” Good, then sit and let it unfold.

Do you see why you can go ‘without purse and scrip’ wherever you may be called to be—because you carry with you the infinity of God, and it’ll only be a few hours, minutes, days and It will begin to flow.” ~Joel

Acts 3:1-7
1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.
2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;
3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.
4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.
5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.
6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.
7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

(So, how do we develop this “attitude of Have”? Every time we are presented with some sense of lack we immediately STOP, be still and ask - “What have I in My House”? We’re not talking about things that will help the situation, like silver and gold. We are talking about, Spiritual Consciousness. Now, wait and watch what unfolds… … … Then give it away. Thank you Father.

We do this EVERY single time. This is our practice. Do it 3 times a day, Do it 300 times a day… When we find that we really Know we have All that the Father has, the mess dissolves right in its tracks. Every time we seem to fail, we must strengthen our conviction. Every time we attain the Truth of Reality, our Conviction is strengthened. And so it is. ~Al)
“THREE. The power of constant, conscious abiding in Truth. The Infinite Way student cannot go through his day satisfied that he read some Truth in the morning or he’s going to hear some in the afternoon. There has to be a conscious activity of Truth going on all of the time. That doesn’t mean to the neglect of our human lives, duties and activities. But it means that we train ourselves to have some area of consciousness always active in Truth or that whether we look out at the passing nature, trees, flowers, oceans, or whether we are constantly meeting people, we are active in our consciousness in finding some measure of God in the scene. Some way we have to train ourselves to behold the presence and activity of God around us and to abide in these scriptural truths.” ~Joel

Ps 57:7
7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

Isa 26:3 (to :)
3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee:

(God has given us Dominion, but we must exercise it or we can easily be distracted by universal belief. Practice makes perfect...well...perfect practice Realizes Perfection. ~Al)
“Now NUMBER FOUR. We must understand the nature of God as fulfillment. Never think of God as that from which you are going to get something for anyone else in the world. God is fulfillment. God is fulfilling Itself. If you have to have a material symbol to think about, think about the sun, ‘s-u-n,’ and you will see that the sun is shining. The sun is pouring forth warmth and light. In other words, the sun is fulfilling itself as the sun. Now you wouldn’t pray to the sun to be more light or to be more warm. If you were going to pray, your prayer would be an inner realization of IS. The sun is shining. The sun is warm. The sun is light. Do you see that? Because you know that whatever the sun is, it is and it is about its business, and it is fulfilling itself as warmth, as light. So you might think of God.

Never think of God as that from which you expect to derive a good. Never think of God as that which can bring peace on earth. Never think of God as that which can bless mankind. There is no such God. The only God there is, is blessing everyone whose consciousness is open to God. The only God there is, is a God which is life eternal. It won’t give life eternal. It can’t withhold life eternal. It can’t begin to give you life today or tomorrow. It can’t withhold life when you’re 120.

God is life eternal and your prayer is the realization of that Truth, but you can’t pray that prayer until you first realize that God is fulfillment. And so if we are not benefiting by the Grace of God, it has nothing to do with God. It has to do with our, in some way, having removed ourselves—at least in belief—from the Grace of God. In other words, the only reason there is for error in all the world is a sense of separation from God.” ~Joel

Luke 18:18,19
18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?
19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God.

(God is infinite Life, Love and Truth - and every bit of their Good. You can’t have something else. The only thing that can err is thought. ~Al)
“Always remember. I think that some day the whole world will recognize that a powerful new teaching was revealed in the first Seattle Special Tape. That is the one in which the _Coronet_ article was answered of the rabbis, ministers and priests who all agreed that we can’t know where error comes from or why people are sick or sin or why they die. And it was revealed in that tape that it was only because ministers, rabbis and priests do not read the Bible. And if they do, they read it with their eyes covered because it states very clearly in the Bible why there is sin, disease, death, lack and limitation. It says it in the 8th chapter of Romans. It says it in the 15th chapter of John. It says it in the 91st Psalm.

‘If you do not abide in the word and let the word abide in you, you are as a branch that is cut off and withereth.’ ‘He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High, none of the evils of the world comes nigh his dwelling place.’

So if you have evils ‘coming nigh your dwelling place,’ you’re not ‘abiding in the secret place of the most High.’ It’s very clear. We do know where error comes from. We do know why we are sick. We do know why we are sinful. We do know why we are poor, and let no one ever tell an Infinite Way student that we don’t know. We may not be demonstrating it, but we are in The Infinite Way for the purpose of demonstrating it.

The reason for all forms of error is a sense of separation from God. If we were to ‘abide in the secret place of the most High, no evil could come nigh our dwelling place,’ and if it could, churches have no right to recommend the use or study of the Bible. If the 15th chapter of John is wrong, it should not be permitted in churches. And there it definitely states that you, it is your Father’s, why, your Father rejoices in your bearing fruit richly! Then why don’t we? Because we are ‘as a branch that is cut off and withereth.’ How did we get that way? By not abiding in the word and letting the word abide in us. Very simple. Once you know the nature of God, you will never think of God as being responsible for your troubles. You will never declare that you don’t know why you have troubles, and you certainly will never blame ‘man, whose breath is in his nostril’ because he isn’t to blame.”

~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.

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

Ps 91:1
1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

(Dear Friends,
This is the purpose of my work here yesterday, today and tomorrow - to Dwell and Abide in Spirit and to help open out a Way for others on this Path to do likewise.
May the students gathered together here be Fulfilled, be fruitful, and multiply.
Love Loving,
~Al)
“NUMBER FIVE goes back again to that one of having. That once we realize that since ‘I and the Father are one and all that the Father hath is mine,’ from that moment on we have to make ways for that good to flow out from us. You see, just realizing that ‘I and the Father are one and all the Father hath is mine’ may ‘open out a way’ for us to experience all good, but there may be another step. It may be necessary for us consciously to ‘open out ways’ for It to flow. Now the Master has given us instructions in how that is to be done. In the 25th chapter of Matthew he has told us to visit those in prison, to comfort those who are sick, to clothe those who are naked. In other words, in the 25th chapter of Matthew he gives us service to our fellow man as one way of ‘opening out a way’.

Then he tells us in other places to pray for our enemies. He says ‘it doth not profiteth us anything to pray for our friends, but that we must pray for our enemies’ and we must forgive. We must forgive those who abuse us. We must forgive those who sin against us. We must forgive those who persecute us.

Now those are actual activities of consciousness that have to be gone through. Some of them are not easy, but that doesn’t mean that they’re any less necessary. They’re absolutely necessary even if they’re difficult. And so it is that in some way we must find a way to convince ourselves that all good is bottled up in us, and that we have to let it flow.

So whether we begin to serve our fellow man—because ‘if you say that you love God whom you have not seen, but do not love your fellow man whom you have seen, you are a liar.’ And so it is. We may have to begin with some service to our fellow man—whether it’s that service of going to prison to help them, or going to the sick room to help them, or comforting the widow. Be sure it’s not always the beautiful widows either. (Laughter)

There are ways in which we can serve without actually accepting the belief that there is limitation in the world. In other words, we can serve those who appear to be limited in the sense of ‘suffer it to be so now’ since they do not yet know of their divine inheritance. And aside from the serving comes the forgiveness, the praying for those who are not part of our own being.”

~Joel
Matt 25:34-40
34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:
35 For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:
36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?
38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?
39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?
40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

(Seek ye first the Kingdom. Listen secretly and silently. Serve in Spirit. The rest will unfold. Loving you, ~Al)
“Now, NUMBER SIX. No outer influence for good or evil to act upon us, we release the good. There again is a transition in consciousness. As humans, we do believe that there are those individuals in the world who can, if they would, be good to us or we can believe that there are some who are good to us. And then equally we can believe that there are those who, in some measure, are an influence of evil or harm or destruction. It takes a conscious act of our consciousness to move from that belief to the point where we realize, ‘that can't be true. If God is the only influence in my life, then there isn't – and God is within me – then there is no outer influence either for good or evil. There is only that influence which is of the Father within me, and it is always good.’

Now we have, you see, scripture again. ‘As ye sow, so shall ye reap.’ It’s a strange thing that Occidentals do not like to hear the word, ‘karma,’ ‘k-a-r-m-a,’ the Oriental word ‘karma,’ and they’ll all tell you they don’t believe in it. But the law of ‘as ye sow, so shall ye reap’ is karma, and so we can overcome karma. We can overcome the law of ‘as ye sow so shall ye reap.’ We can overcome that. We don’t have to abide under the law at any time. But there’s only one way we can do it—that’s rising into Grace.

And how do we rise into Grace? By an act of consciousness, by actually realizing within ourselves ‘thou couldest have no power over me’ – either for good or evil – ‘Thou couldest have no power over me unless it came from the Father.’ Ah, that's quite a different thing. A spiritual good can come through you to me, from the Father. Do you see that? It can’t come from you to me. You can’t be the source of any good to me. I won’t allow it, but the Father can use you as an instrument of good to me.” ~Joel

John 16:12-15
12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.
13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.
14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.
15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.
(The ways of God are mysterious to man looking from outside, but magnificent to those who see the invisible Divine Source behind the picture. Soul is Omnipotent.

*Use me Father, may Thy will be done.* ~Al)
“My good must come from the Father even when it appears to come through you. And so you can say to those of your friends or families—not to them, I mean within yourself — you can realize, ‘ah yes, look at the wonderful good that comes to me from parent or husband or wife or child! Just think what wonderful instruments of God they are! That God’s good is reaching me through them.’ Do you see that? But the moment you would let yourself come down to earth and say, ‘oh no. They’re just good. They have a good heart and they’re doing it,’ then you are limiting yourself and you’re putting yourself under the law of ‘as ye sow, so shall ye reap,’ because they may do something evil tomorrow and then you’ll be saying they’re evil. And so you’ll be making the law for yourself whether they’re good or whether they’re evil.

But you can remove yourself from karma. You can remove yourself from under the law by absolutely taking the position that all good emanates from the Father within you. It may appear to come through a million different people, but it’s an emanation of good, of God, from within you. Now as you sow to that spiritual Truth you will reap spiritually, but you’ll not be under the law of ‘as ye sow so shall ye reap,’ you’ll be under Grace and it will be the Grace of God.” ~Joel

James 1:17
17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

(Remove yourself from the visible and begin to sow and reap in the Invisible. ~Al)
“NUMBER SEVEN: This is, of course, so basic that probably it should have been number one except that we may not have been ready to understand it so well. Probably that’s how it got in here as number seven. **We must demonstrate God—not persons or things or conditions.** Now, of course, that really is the number one principle of the whole Infinite Way.

You can demonstrate the Spirit of God. You can demonstrate the realization of God. You can demonstrate the contact with God. But you cannot demonstrate person, place or thing. And so it is that we must watch our step at all times to be sure that we are seeking only the realization of God’s Grace. We are seeking only to be with, in the Spirit of the Lord ‘for where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty’ from all limitation, all finiteness, all discord, all inharmony. And so our entire demonstration is the realization of God, the demonstration of God, the consciousness of God’s presence.”

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

(There is only one demonstration to make and the realization of the Kingdom of God includes all demonstration. We are included in Him, and He is included in Us Now, not yesterday or tomorrow. This realization of Nowness is the consciousness behind Jesus’ statement, “if your sins be scarlet ye shall be white as snow”. Only Now exists, anything else would be thought, in the mind of man. ~Al)
“And, of course, I will repeat and probably this should have been with every number: Realization is demonstration. It is the realization of God’s presence that makes the demonstration. It is the realization of the activity of God in consciousness that makes all spiritual good appear. It is the realization of God’s Grace as our sufficiency that makes the demonstration. It is the realization of any spiritual truth that brings it into effect.

You can say ‘He performeth that which is given me to do,’ but you can’t make it happen that way. But a realization of it instantly brings it through. Realization is demonstration – but realization of what? Realization of the kingdom of God; realization of the activity of God; realization of the Spirit of God; realization of the presence of God; realization of the presence of the Lord; realization of God as one power; realization of God as one substance; realization that God is the only cause, realization of God as the all and all. Realization of God is demonstration.” ~Joel

II Cor 3:16-18 (to .)
16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.
17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

(Recipe for our every activity:
Seek - Realize - then act.

If we act as flesh we live in the flesh. If we act in Spirit we are the Life of Spirit animating God’s will. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ~AI)
THE DAILY LESSON - March 24, 2013

“NUMBER EIGHT: Religion has concerned itself with changing evil people into good, evil conditions into good. This is not sufficient. **Material sense must be abandoned even when it is good material sense.** Of course, that is a highlight of this message. A good human being—even the best ones – could be bad tomorrow. Healthy human beings—even the healthiest—can be sick tomorrow. But abandoning material sense, spiritual man can never die. Spiritual supply can never leave one. What is supply? The realization of the Spirit of God.” ~Joel

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

(So, do we live by money [bread or material means] or by the Living Grace of God? Well, God is already within our Consciousness because God is Omnipresent, right? So then, God is our Consciousness and can never be separated from us or be somewhere else. Our Supply is Present when God is so we are never separated from that either. Likewise, if I and the Father are One - then I and my Supply are One as well. ~Al)
"Once we’ve attained the realization of the Spirit of God, we can never be separated from any form of supply: food, clothing, housing or what not. And so it is that we have to abandon material sense. What is material sense? Dependence on person, place and thing, the calling of anyone good or evil, human judgments. All that must be abandoned and spiritual sense take its place, and we’ve been over the ground of what is spiritual sense.” ~Joel

John 19:11 (to :)
11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above:

John 18:36 (to :)
36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world:

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

(We must impersonalize all material sense and judgment. Your inner Consciousness knows what to do - trust it, let it. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON - March 26, 2013

“NINE. This is more especially for all metaphysicians. Knowing the Truth about people and things will result in failure. There is no Truth about people. Know the Truth about God. All of this type of treatment or prayer which has to do with, ‘you are spiritual’ or ‘he is perfect’ or ‘she is the child of God’—all of that will get you exactly no place. That is not spiritual awareness.

The only spiritual truth is that God is all, and God is individual being. And God is life and God is law. God is substance. God is reality. God is cause. God is all being. God is the maintaining and sustaining principle of life just as God is the creative principle of life. God IS, and beside God there is no man, woman or child in the world. God IS. God constitutes individual being. God constitutes the being of animal, vegetable, mineral, human. God alone IS. God alone is all, and that is knowing the Truth.

The minute you come down to ‘he is’ or ‘she is’ or ‘it is,’ you might just as well be looking at a ghost and saying it is a white ghost or a pink ghost when there is a nothingness there. There is no truth about a ghost because there are no ghosts. Do you see that? ” ~Joel

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

Gal 2:20 nevertheless (to 2nd :)
20 …nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:

(The Truth is: Omnipresence includes your individual Consciousness. Truth is the mind of Christ.

God is the identity of all being. There is no God and - only God appearing and expressing Itself AS…

So, if someone came up to you with an appearance of some kind of lack, does it change the truth of their true identity? No. It is simply a case of mistaken identity. They temporarily have no Awareness of their true Identity. You see? ~Al)
“There are no truths about human beings. There are no truths about mortals. There are no truths about sick people. The only Truth there is about God and in knowing the Truth about God, you make mortals disappear and in their place the child of God appears—not a sick person is made well, but a human being has been transformed into the image and likeness of God. Do you see that? But it’s only done by knowing the Truth, and it’s only done by knowing the Truth about God and God’s creation and God’s law, God’s being, and God’s activity, God’s wisdom and God’s love.”
~Joel

Hab 1:12 (to ?)
12 Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One?

Hab 1:13 (to :)
13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity:

(God is too pure to behold iniquity. What is iniquity? Personal sense. So then, what a waste of time and a huge distraction it is to pray for anything of this-world. ~Al)
**THE DAILY LESSON - March 28, 2013**

“**NUMBER TEN:** I suppose you realize that each one of these numbers could just as well be a whole book, but these are merely essence. And it’s up to you to write a book in your own mind about each one of these statements, and that’s why I’ve said you’ll have to make a lot of these tapes because it will be necessary for them to be studied and known.

**TEN, ‘FIRST FRUITS.’** Well you see there again, like number five where we, by service, forgiveness or praying for our enemies, we ‘make a way for it to escape,’ so in this, we will have to determine how we are to give our ‘first fruits.’ There are many ways. The Hebrews were taught to give the ‘first fruits’ by giving ten percent of their crops and cattle, herds and goods to the church for its spiritual purpose. And since then, it has been interpreted that we can give ten percent to our either churches or benevolences—whatever it is we wish to do that is of an impersonal nature. That is outside of what we do for our relatives or friends.” ~Joel

Luke 6:37,38 (to .)
37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:  
38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom.

(What have you in your house to give today?  Love multiplies because it Loves … ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON - March 29, 2013

“But you can see that there is a much deeper vision behind the idea of ‘first fruits.’ For instance, if we were to give of our ‘first fruits’ to each other, it would mean that we would give the ‘first fruit,’ that is, give our spiritual vision to each other. And so the way we would do that is by consciously knowing the Truth. In other words, again, if I am giving to you, I can only give you in this way: by knowing God to be the Source of your being and the activity of maintaining and sustaining you, supporting you and feeding you, I am knowing the Truth. I am giving you the ‘first fruit.’ You may call it prayer or treatment, but I’m giving it to you in conscious realization.” ~Joel

John 6:11-13
11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.
12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.
13 Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

John 6:35
35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

(Christ freely gives to us from the Source. The gift fulfills and overflows through and as our/His Consciousness openly to the next generation… And so the fruitage multiplies. And so it is that Love loves. And so on…

Thank you for all, for walking, loving and sharing with me. Thank you Father, for feeding me. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON - March 30, 2013

“And, the same way when you are thinking of me as Joel or when you are thinking of The Infinite Way, you can give your ‘first fruits.’ You can certainly set aside a period every single day to know that The Infinite Way and Joel, and all of those who are engaged in its activity, and then go back to your knowing the Truth that God constitutes their being, that The Infinite Way is really an activity of God, not of man. And because it’s an activity of God, it isn’t even dependent on man, and because it’s an activity of God, there’s no limit to it, and so forth and so forth and so on. And if you were to really see The Infinite Way as an activity of God, I tell you it would spread to the ends of the world faster than it’s doing, and it’s doing it fast with only a few in this realization.

But just think what will happen if every student of The Infinite Way would give their ‘first fruits’ to The Infinite Way! Think what would happen if you could consciously realize every day that human consciousness throughout this globe is receptive and responsive to this Message of God! Do you see that? And it wouldn’t only be The Infinite Way that would get there. It would be the same message whether it’s given through The Infinite Way or Christian Science or Unity or whether it’s given through Brother Mandus or whether it’s given through all these other people that are doing it on the face of the earth. Do you see that?” ~Joel

Luke 11:3
3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

(May we recognize daily what Bread is, and what its Source is. And may we open our Consciousness so that it may be fed. ~Al)
“In other words, whatever is of God in their message would reach human consciousness. And what do we care how it reaches human consciousness or through whom as long as ultimately every knee will bend and say, ‘Oh heavens, why didn’t we say that a thousand years ago? God is, and besides God there is nothing else.’ But you do see how you can prosper the message of The Infinite Way by giving it your ‘first fruits.’ Do you see that? You can give it spiritually, and you can even forgive it its sins, if it has any in its human experience, and so forth and so on. Do what you like, but ‘open out a way’ yourself for the giving of ‘first fruits.’ Do the same.” ~Joel

(This continues on the next tape.)

Isa 45:22
22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

Luke 10:37 Then
37 ...Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

(Pour Love today. ~Al)