“THE DAILY LESSON”

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“THE INFINITE WAY”
By Joel S Goldsmith

THE DAILY LESSON – April 22, 2014

Chapter – WISDOMS OF THE INFINITE WAY

“Begin your spiritual life with the understanding that all conflicts must be settled within your consciousness.” ~Joel

Luke 17:21
21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

(Why? Because you are Included in The Kingdom and all of the Kingdom is Included within you.

All answers come from the One Principle - the One Omniscient Source. So why would we often look somewhere else first?

Where the Spirit is Realized, there is Liberty. Surrender, listen - then Act as Directed. ~Al)
“There is never a conflict with person or condition, but rather a false concept mentally entertained about person, thing, circumstance, or condition. Therefore, make the correction within yourself, rather than attempting to change anyone or anything in the without.” ~Joel

Luke 12:22,23
22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.
23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

(Be not distracted by a false notion that you are seperated from God. When distracted, STOP, surrender, take no thought, listen, follow the Directions Given exactly and then rest there… ~Al)
“Acknowledge God as the substance, law, cause, and activity of all that is, and immediately refrain from meddling physically or mentally in the without. Get back inside yourself, and there resolve all appearances.” ~Joel

Prov 3:5-7 (to :)
5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
7 Be not wise in thine own eyes:

(We cannot let go of trying to improve matter until we Trust God with everything.

STOP right now – Be still… … … Be not afraid; be confident, for I Am with you. ~Love
THE DAILY LESSON – April 25, 2014

“When living out from the center of Being, you are untouched by the thoughts, opinions, laws, and theories of the world. Nothing acts upon you because you do not react to the world of appearances.” ~Joel

Ps 23:4 (to ;)
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow [illusion] of death [appearances], I will fear no evil [so, there is nothing to react to]: for thou art with me;

(Father, I can of mine own self do nothing. It is Your Spirit within that doeth the work. I recognize my center as One. I trust Your will be done. Thank you Father for this Peace. In This I rest… ~al.within)
“In the spiritual life, you place no labels on the world. You do not judge as to good, evil, sick or well, rich or poor. While appearances may show forth harmony or discord, by not judging, you merely know IS, and let that which truly IS define Itself.” ~Joel

John 7:24
24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

(How do we live the spiritual Life?  Stop seeking baubles.  Look up and know that All that God is I Am.  ~Al)
“To live spiritually is to know that all is; then do not name, label, define, or judge what is. Be content to know IS and let what IS reveal Its being, nature, and character to you.” ~Joel

Rom 13:1
1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

(Recognize God and recognize Spiritual Identity wherever you look and remain in that. ~Al)
“Prayer is the inner vision of harmony. This vision is attained by giving up the desire to change or improve anyone or anything.” ~Joel

Matt 6:33 (to ,)
33  But seek ye first the kingdom of God,

Luke 22:39,40
39  And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.
40  And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

(Prayer is realizing that God is doing the praying… Do not be tempted to react to hypnotism or a suggestion of lack. ~Al)
“Never seek anything or any condition in prayer. Let harmony define and reveal itself. Let your prayer be letting the IS appear. ~Joel

I John 4:8 God is
8 …God is love.

(Acknowledge the ever-present activity of unconditional Love. ~Al)
“Prayer is an awareness of that which IS by ‘seeing’ it -- not making it so.

To pray is to become aware of the harmony without a mental effort on your part.

Prayer is the absence of desire in the recognition of IS.” ~Joel

Matt 6:6-8
6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.
7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.
8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

II Tim 2:7
7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

(The Father knoweth… so stop asking. Just listen. ~Al)
“Spiritual wisdom reveals the deep, clear, cool well of contentment within you through your recognition of IS.” ~Joel

John 4:5-15
5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.
6 Now Jacob’s well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.
7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.
8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat. )
9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.
10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.
11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?
12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?
13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:
14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.
15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

(As with the woman of Samaria, our desire for matter quickly fades when the Christ reveals Itself. ~Al)
“Be sure that your prayer is not an attempt to influence God.

Be sure that your prayer is not a desire to improve God's universe.” ~Joel

John 4:23,24
23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

(Darkness is our unawareness of Light. You see? Can we ask the light to shine, or should we just place ourselves where we can see it? ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – May 3, 2014

“Be at peace: God IS.

Rest in the deep, clear well of contentment within you. Peace already IS.”
~Joel

John 14:27
27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

(God’s Peace, Is, was and ever will Be. Grateful, content and resting… Thank you Father. ~Al)
“Have no desires in the world. Let God's grace suffice.” ~Joel

Ps 23:1
1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

(I need no-thing because I Am included in God’s omnipresent Kingdom. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – May 5, 2014

“There are no powers of evil external to yourself. Discords have no external existence. Resolve them within your own consciousness. ‘Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?’” ~Joel

Rom 6:14
14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

(What law could have any power over you but God’s Law? You are not separate or apart, because you are included in God’s Kingdom... ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – May 6, 2014

“There is an insight in man that visions through all appearances. Be at peace.” ~Joel

Job 32:8
8  But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

(I can of mine own self [mind of man], do nothing…  Surrender now, and let the Spirit within doeth the work.  Peace is Present, recognize it.  Feel it.  Silently carry Peace with you throughout your day.  ~Al)
“Daniel's vision revealed the four temporal kingdoms destroyed by a stone 'cut out of the mountain without hands.' As you ‘see’ this stone being cut out of the mountain ‘without hands,’ you will observe that this stone is the Word. Consciousness, awareness of IS, is the stone which overcomes, without might or power, but by the grace of IS. Be at peace.” ~Joel

Prov 30:5
5 Every word of God is pure [Divine Truth]: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Zech 4:6 Not
6 …Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

(God is Omnipotent – take no thought, make no effort. Rest now and watch Him do the work. Al)
"IS alone overcomes the world." ~Joel

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

(The Spirit of God is not in the past or the future, it is in the Present. Realize without ceasing... ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – May 9, 2014

“The cool, clear water of the well of contentment within refreshes you with the assurance that joy already IS. ‘Peace, be still.’” ~Joel

John 4:35
35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes [consciousness], and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

(Ask not for your good to come – but rather rest in the assurance that the Kingdom of God Is Everpresent. Look Up. ~Al)
“Take your discords into the well of contentment; wash them, and behold --
the grace of God! 'My peace I give unto you.'” ~Joel

John 13:3-7
3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and
that he was come from God, and went to God;
4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel,
and girded himself.
5 After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples'
feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.
6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost
thou wash my feet?
7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but
thou shalt know hereafter.

(Illumination dissolves all material ties… ~Joel)

(Be still now… Be unaffected… Surrender… Look up… Listen… Be
Present… Ok now, follow the Christ and Love your neighbor. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – May 11, 2014

“Be not dismayed: ‘It is I.’

There are no limitations external to your self. Be free.” ~Joel

Luke 17:21
21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

(Be still. I Am with you. ~Love)
THE DAILY LESSON – May 12, 2014

“Be content with that which is.

Abide in the deep well of contentment. I AM. It Is.” ~Joel

John 15:4 (to .)
4 Abide in me, and I in you.

(My Love is unconditional, constant and forever. Rejoice! ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – May 13, 2014

“If you could discover some form of prayer, meditation, or thought that heals, enriches, or blesses, you would have an effect become God. Impossible! Only God is God!” ~Joel

John 5:30,31
30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.
31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.

(There is no God and… only God As. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – May 14, 2014

“If you could find something or some thought to which to cling -- even then an effect would be God. Impossible!

It is impossible to realize God as long as one has in mind a ‘purpose’ or "object" other than realizing God.” ~Joel

Matt 6:33,34 (to .)
33  But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
34  Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.

(Surrender your “self”… Pray for anything you want, as long it is not of this world. You are Included. ~Al)
“It is impossible to achieve anything through God as long as one has a desire to achieve it. God is a jealous God.” ~Joel

John 15:5
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.

(Recognize the Source and OmniPresence of all Being and you realize Oneness. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – May 16, 2014

“Do not seek in the realm of thought or thing for God.” ~Joel

John 4:23,24
23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

(Divine Love is everpresent and does not need to be found, just recognized.
Look Up, not out... ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – May 17, 2014

“Anything that can be known is effect -- never God. Cease trying.” ~Joel

Matt 6:31, 33
31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

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

(The mind of man perceives – Divine Mind is Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient. Therefore, I Am already Included.) ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – May 18, 2014

“Men, judging by human standards, complain that prayer is not answered. To benefit by prayer, it is necessary to give up all personal concepts of good. Do not try to fit answered prayer into the mold of human desire.”
~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.

(Christ Consciousness has nothing to do with the world and its conditions. It has nothing to do with correcting bad into good. Be still and listen for this direct Word of God and let It govern today’s activity. In other words, Abide with Me. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – May 19, 2014

“Truth is infinite; therefore, Truth cannot be known in finite terms.” ~Joel

I Cor 2:14
14 But the natural [finite] man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually [Infinitely] discerned.

( I surrender… … … ~al.within)
“Go to God as an empty vessel, desiring fulfillment in God's way and measure.” ~Joel

Matt 6:24 (to :)
24  No man can serve two masters:

(We cannot be filled with the Kingdom until we are empty this world. Let go, Let God… ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – May 21, 2014

“God is not in the human scene. If you were aware of the significance of this statement, you could lay down your life and pick it up again, at will. Life is not at the mercy of matter.” ~Joel

I Cor 2:14
14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

(Spiritual discernment reveals Life as I Am. Finite cannot fully understand Infinite. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – May 22, 2014

“God is not power. When you reach the center of Consciousness, you find a complete stillness -- a deep well of Silence. It is not power, since there is nothing for it to be a power to, or over; It just IS.” ~Joel

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

(Thank you Father - for Life. ~Al)
“Gaining an awareness of God does not produce harmony. God's presence is the harmony.” ~Joel

II Cor 3:17 and (to .)
17 …and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Matt 28:20 lo
20 …lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

(God is Omnipresent. Take no thought to be included, you already are… ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – May 24, 2014

“The only error is the sense of God’s absence. The awareness of God does not dispel error -- God Itself is the only harmony.” ~Joel

Ex 3:14 (to:)
14  And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM:

(You can think yourself into having the answer, or you can Let God tell you what Really Is. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – May 25, 2014

“No one can reveal God to another, but by revealing the nature of prayer, we place him in a position to receive the God-experience. The God-experience can come only through the correct understanding of prayer, since prayer is the point of contact with God; prayer is the avenue of awareness of God; prayer is the preparation of consciousness for the God-experience.” ~Joel

Matt 6:6 (to ;), 7, 8
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;
7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.
8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

(So don’t ask – prayer is not about asking, it is about listening.

So then, how does God know what we need, and how do I know that I am Included in God’s Omnipresence? The answer follows in knowing [feeling] Principal of “Oneness” in John 15. ~Al)

John 15:1-5
1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.
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.

(Thank you Father… Love You, ~Al)
“Seeking guidance from God at this stage of your unfoldment will set up a sense of separation from God: It gives a sense of God and someone needing help, direction, or wisdom. Actually, you need to let God be your life -- then It lives, acts, performs, and IS your very being.” ~Joel

John 5:30 I seek (to Father)
30 …I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father

Prov 30:5 (to :)
5 Every word of God is pure:

(There is no God and…

Trust God, Let God – and then watch as God does the work. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – May 27, 2014

“In our beginning days of meditation, we pondered or contemplated God, the qualities and nature of God, as we understood Him. As we rose higher in consciousness, we learned that any idea of God that we could entertain was not God Himself, but was only a concept of God. Thus we entered the stillness of mind leading to the deep silence of My peace -- and experienced God.” ~Joel

Hab 2:20
20 But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

John 14:27 (to .)
27 Peace I leave with you, my peace [Christ Consciousness] I give unto you: not as the world [human consciousness] giveth, give I unto you.

(We have been given God’s Peace – can you be Still enough to feel it? ~Al)
“In our student days we sought God, or Truth, as a means to health, peace, security, safety, and harmony. Now we know that these are not to be found outside of Him, and that the experience of God is our only desire. Now we have risen above the desire for health or aught save Him alone. All must rise above the desire for peace, health, joy, and abundance. ‘And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God.’” ~Joel

Luke 17:21
21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! [in this-world] for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you [Omnipresent].

John 3:3
3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again [risen to a new level of Awareness], he cannot see [realize] the kingdom of God.

(I surrender Father... I can if mine own “self” do nothing... Thy will be done... ... ... Speak Lord, thy servant heareth. ~al.within)
“Seeking the objects of good, such as pleasures, things, and places, for the joy of them is a barrier to spiritual unfoldment. Seeking only the realization of God, pleasures, things, and places of joy naturally come into our experience. Then our pleasure is greater in the realization of their Source.”
~Joel

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

(Jesus didn’t say that we should live without the bread or good things – It says we shall not live by these things alone… We must live be the Word as it is imparted to us from the Source Within. Our abundance is God's Infinite Abundance. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – May 30, 2014

“Words and thoughts in prayer are helpful as long as they lead up to the atmosphere of the true communion, which is without words and thoughts. When words and thoughts alone constitute prayer, they become a barrier to the attainment of God-awareness.” ~Joel

Luke 12:22,23
22 And he said unto his disciples [you], Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on .
23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

(Our Spiritual growth is in direct proportion to our Awareness of Truth. The more Truth we can prove and demonstrate; the less we are distracted by the desire to think we are separate.

I of mine own self [thought] can do nothing. The Spirit doeth all Work and I Am included therein. ~al.within)
THE DAILY LESSON – May 31, 2014

“Do not be misled, here is the secret: Fill your consciousness with the word of God; hear It; read It; ponder It; meditate upon It. This enriches and ripens consciousness, and this deeper, purer consciousness now becomes the cause, law, substance, and activity of your existence. This nobler consciousness which has evolved through study, practice, and meditation attains the conscious communion with God, and reaches through to the deep silence of My peace. Then you are lifted into a realm of atmosphere transcending words and thoughts.” ~Joel

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

(Stay focused on the Christ and watch as the activity of Grace blesses your entire life. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JUNE 1, 2014

“The mere reading of truth is but an acquisition of knowledge, not a deepening and enriching of consciousness. It is the deepened and enriched consciousness which is the Christ unto your experience.” ~Joel

John 14:10 but
10  …but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

(We are but God’s Instrument - Christ directed. There is only One Real Work to do, and it is His. Mental work is “self’ conscious and can do nothing...  ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JUNE 2, 2014

“We do not live on the mortal plane of consciousness where evil can happen.” ~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 [Consciousness] is, there will your heart [Soul] be also.

(If you desire to correct a lack, you are working in the mortal realm. Don’t live there… STOP. Look Up. Look Within, and Live. ~Al)
“God is not in the realm or reach of mind or thoughts. You must transcend mind and thought in order to reach God.” ~Joel

Matt 6:24,25
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.
25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

(Surrender your thoughts to Divine Mind. Speak Lord, thy servant heareth… ~Al)
“Any response on a lower plane than pure consciousness is from one's self rather than one's Self.

O Students! Do not strive or seek for heavenly riches in human consciousness. Wait! Wait! Seek a higher level of consciousness: There the Father's treasures are as free as air.” ~Joel

Matt 6:19 (to ,)
19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, [personal, limited sense]
Matt 6:20 (to ,)
20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, [Impersonal, Infinite Way]

(Waiting in Silence is not an absence of sound or activity. It is a state of consciousness that leads us not to react to this-world appearances. We experience the Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven.  ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JUNE 5, 2014

“It is a mistake to believe that human desire and prayer will bring God to your side. There must be a rising in consciousness until His presence is attained -- and there rest. Here truly is a perennial rest from care, concern, doubt, and fear.” ~Joel

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

"Prayer as a means to effect a private end is meanness and theft." ~Emerson

(True prayer is a conscious union with God. Is there something else we need? In God there is no need, so there is no possible desire. ~Al)
“Students are often concerned that their own happiness, peace, and harmony are not complete, that they can bring greater good to others than to themselves. This often brings doubts and fears to the student: doubt that God is still with him; fear that a sense of separation from God may permanently hold him. These things come only that the student never shall be tempted to glorify himself, or take pride in his own understanding.” ~Joel

Prov 3:5 and 6 (to ,)
5 …and lean not unto thine own understanding.
6 In all thy ways acknowledge him,

(If we acknowledge God in all Ways there isn’t any room for anything else... ~Al)
“I die hard.” ~Joel

Matt 14:22-31
22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.
23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.
24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.
25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.
26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.
27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.
28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.
29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.
30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.
31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

(It takes 100% commitment to surrendering one’s self. This is not an easy Principal to understand. All self - even the good self must die. The Christ does not come within you to lift you to heaven on earth. It comes to tear you away from that self which must die. ~Al)
“It is impossible to maintain a state of consciousness not attained.” ~Joel

Rom 8:9
9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

I John 3:2
2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

(Spirit to Spirit, Soul to Soul – I Am. ~Al)
“To assume a state of consciousness not attained is earthly.” ~Joel

John 15:16 (to :)
16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain:

(There is no Divine ordination by man, church, college or committee. We can only be Ordained by the Christ. ~Al)

Adendum:
Rom 8:9 Now
9 …Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
“Consciousness lives Itself -- you do not live It.” ~Joel

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

(So therefore, Christ also lives Through and As Me. I am included in the Kingdom and the Kingdom includes Me. ~Al)
“Withdraw from personal consciousness as rapidly as possible. Let "I" die.”
~Joel

Matt 6:33 (to ;)
33  But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;

(Anything that appears personal is a sense of a separation from God. Understand it as nothing, and then have a little laugh about it so you can drop it as foolishness. Then go Within, right to the Source, right where Its always been… ~Al)
“Even in metaphysics and spiritual practice, the vision has been on more and larger fish in the nets, instead of on leaving your nets and following Me.” ~Joel

Matt 6:31,32
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.

(Pray for anything you want, as long as it is not of this world. Seek ye the Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. I can do nothing, but I can do all things through Christ. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JUNE 13, 2014

“There is no such thing as ‘my harmony,’ ‘my health,’ or ‘my supply.’ His peace passeth all understanding. His grace is sufficient.” ~Joel

John 14:26,27
26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
27 Peace I leave with you, my [God’s] peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

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

II Cor 12:9 (to :)
9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee:

(Rest now, for we are included in God’s sufficiency. ~Al)
“Happiness or unhappiness in human existence, what does it matter? Happiness must be known of the Spirit!

Human peace or no peace, what does it matter? Peace must be known of the Soul!

Health of the body or no health, what does it matter? Health must be known of God!

Wealth of the purse or no wealth, what does it matter? Wealth must be known of Love!” ~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.

(The substance of Life is God. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JUNE 15, 2014

“In the depths of despair over earthly affairs, this is learned: Find your good in God.” ~Joel

I John 4:18 (to :)
18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear:

(Thank you Father, for your unconditional Love. ~Al)
“I have told you the real secret of life: God is not with mortals. Take it from there.” ~Joel

I Cor 2:14
14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

(Greater is He that is within you, than he that is in the world. Focus within. ~AI)
THE DAILY LESSON – JUNE 17, 2014

“When the spiritual student's house of cards crumbles, he is near to 'an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.'

Spiritual Student! Rejoice as the outer building tumbles down, for the inner Temple is to be revealed.” ~Joel

Mark 14:55-62
55 And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none.
56 For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together.
57 And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying,
58 We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.
59 But neither so did their witness agree together.
60 And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee?
61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?
62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

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

(I surrender Father… Thy will be done… … … al.within)
“The mind of the individual seeking help is the Christ-mind -- awaiting recognition.” ~Joel

II Thess 3:5
5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

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

(Thank you Father, for Peace… That passeth understanding… Love you. ~al.within)
“The man who has his being ‘in Christ’ finds his capacities and abilities in Soul -- not in the brain, body, or muscle.” ~Joel

Rom 8:1,2
1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

(Walk with Me, in silence and confidence and Freedom. ~Al)
“Every action of the organs and every function of the body are the activity of the Soul, appearing as bodily action.

Every skill, every talent, every capacity, and every ability of the mind are really the Soul-action made visibly tangible.” ~Joel

Rom 8:1,2 & 4-6
1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
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.

(So, if I Dwell in the Spirit – then the Spirit Dwells in Me. Therefore, I am the Living Activity of Spirit. Spirit is manifest in, through and As me… Proving, I of mine own self, can do nothing. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JUNE 21, 2014

“We live in Him. In Him alone we find our completeness and perfection. Apart from Him we are as trees uprooted from the ground -- as waves separate from the sea.” ~Joel

John 15:4,5
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.

(I can of mine own self do nothing, but I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. ~Al)
“Supply cannot be limited since the Soul is its source and infinity.” ~Joel

Luke 15:31
31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.

(What would God possibly withhold from you? ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JUNE 23, 2014

“Soul is the substance, nature, action, and law of all form and is never separate from the form.” ~Joel

Rom 8:38,39 (to 4th ,)
38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God,

(We can think ourselves into seeming to appear separate from God or in need, so we must constantly remind ourselves of the true nature of our Being -- I and my Father are one. All that the Father hath is mine. The place whereon I stand is holy ground. ~Al)
“Neither circumcision avails . . . nor uncircumcision.” (Galatians 5:2-4; 6:15) This is the Middle Path of The Infinite Way.” ~Joel

Gal 5:1,2
1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.
2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

Eph 2:11-13
11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;
12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:
13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

(The Christ is not aware of human things, thoughts or conditions – or convictions – be they good or bad. Christ is Aware of Itself - Living, Being, Loving and Lighting the Way equally for All as One. To rise in consciousness, we must turn our mind over to something Higher than itself... ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JUNE 25, 2014

“Since sinlessness is the opposite of sin, it is not this. Since health is the opposite of disease, this is not it. But -- this too is the Middle Path.” ~Joel

II Cor 3:4,5
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;

(If we are to rise above human thought and judgment and all the pairs of opposites that come with them, we must trust our sufficiency - our everything - to God. ~Al)
“The crucifixion of the self is accomplished when there is nothing left for which you wish to pray.” ~Joel

John 5:31
31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.

(Prayer is not when the son speaks - it is when God speaks and the son listens. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JUNE 27, 2014

“To those unfolding on the spiritual path, come the discordant experiences of human life, until the transition from ‘this world’ has been completely accomplished. The desire is to avoid or escape these inharmonies of mind, body, or economic affairs -- but this cannot be done, since the discords result solely from the battle with Spirit and ‘the flesh,’ that is, with spiritual consciousness and material sense.” ~Joel

John 5:2-9 (to :)
2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.
3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.
4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.
5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.
6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?
7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.
8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.
9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked:

(The distraction is in thinking we need to do something correctly. Be still… Take no thought… Let the Father’s will be done… When we “think” not the Christ appears and lifts us into Spiritual Consciousness. ~Al)
“To those on the way, inharmony in human affairs often is a lack of spiritual awakening; and, therefore, when the battle, leading to the overcoming of ‘his world’ is on, the initiate will remain as quiet as possible under the adverse circumstances, endeavoring to refrain from fighting erroneous conditions and insofar as possible ‘letting’ the warfare go on until the moment of transition arrives.” ~Joel

Zech 4:6 Not
6 …Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

(The battle is not yours. Resist not… Be still and surrender, and let the Light show you that there is no such thing as darkness. And so it is, the appearance of darkness or lack is an illusion that will be dissolved into irrelevance the instant we see and feel the Truth. ~Al)
“When your spiritual study is sincere, the breaking-up of your material world -- the desertion of friends, students, or family, a change of health or other outer activity -- often ushers in the spiritual transition, or rebirth. This is the attainment of that which you have sought.” ~Joel

John 3:3
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.

(Darkness is nothing in the Christ Light. There is no room for negotiation. Period. Leave your nets.

Be still.
Be Moved.
And get on with God’s Work… ~Al)
"A tremendous movement is taking place as the initiate discerns the difference between physical harmony and spiritual wholeness.” ~Joel

I Cor 15:44-46
44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.
45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.
46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

(Our earthly harmony is limited – our Spiritual Good and all if Its activities are Infinite. ~Al)
“Retire often into the center of Being, my Son. Let divine Love engulf you; be at peace in ‘My peace.’” ~Joel

Isa 26:3,4
3  Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.
4  Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

(Pray without ceasing.
Trust without ceasing.
Rely without ceasing.
Love without ceasing.
~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JULY 2, 2014

“Here you arrive at the great experience: the understanding and attainment of My peace, My wine, My meat -- the infinite invisible Substance, Law, and Cause.” ~Joel

John 14:6
6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(Yes, there is only one way to have the awakening – by experiencing Me... Jesus was not talking about him-self, when he said, “I of mine own self can do nothing, the Father doeth the Work.” He was talking about the I that I Am, the Source and the Infinite Cause that created all Life - and the governing Principal behind it.

“The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.” This is Oneness manifest As, not a Father, and also a son.

I Am the Way - so let’s rest back now in the Peace that passeth all understanding. My Peace. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JULY 3, 2014

“O my Child! The blessing that is yours as My peace descends upon you, and envelops and sustains you! ~Joel

John 14:27
27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

(My Peace won’t take you over until you Let It… Thy will be done, Father, on earth as it is in heaven. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JULY 4, 2014

“Now you know the meaning of ‘I will never leave you, nor forsake you.’ Now you know the rest to be found in the Spirit -- that which even the harmonies of ‘this world’ can never give. ‘Peace, peace, be still.’” ~Joel

John 14:27 my (to .)
27 ...my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. [yesterday, today and forever]

John 4:24
24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

(Seek ye first the Kingdom, dwell there… I Am with you. ~Love)
“Santa Claus God! The reason all desire is sin is that desire is based on the concept of a giving or a withholding God. Also, desire is based on the acceptance of something or someone or some place other than God.”

Matt 28:20 and
20 ...and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

(Here’s what I heard... It made me laugh outloud...
[T” you’re gonna love this]

“Hey Al, what part of Omnipresent don’t you understand?”

Thank you Father.
I Love you. ~Al)
“Since God alone IS, and is omnipresence, prayer, true prayer, is a state of consciousness, a conscious communion in union.” ~Joel

John 10:30
30 I and my Father are one.

(And this from the trial of Jesus:)

John 8:48-58
48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?
49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me.
50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.
51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.
52 Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.
53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?
54 Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:
55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.
56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.
57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?
58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, “I” am.

(We are all included in the Omnipresence of God... Every individual expression Is, was and ever will be included, if so be the Spirit [conscious communion of Oneness] Dwell in them. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JULY 7, 2014

“I have been in deep grief -- so intense that it has torn me to pieces inside - - and wondered, ‘Why, O Lord, why?’ In the depth of it, the answer has come: the world's inability to receive and respond to this Christ: the rejection of It by those we expect to possess the gift of vision; the gross ignorance and darkness of the human thought. These bounce back upon me -- these rejections and this opacity. Give me Grace to rise above my sorrow.” ~Joel

Isa 26:2,3
2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.
3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

(Sometimes when I cannot be still, I will not sit for long periods and try to persist in meditation. Persistence in meditation can be as much of a distraction as the appearance of a separation apart from God was in the first place. I have found that it is best to try for a short while and then get up and go about my business for a while – but all the while I am staying my mind on God, thanking God and trusting His will be done. Then I will frequently and repeatedly find a quiet place and try to be still. I may have to repeat this over and over during the day, but if I Stay focused, eventually the Peace will come - to rest and watch and let… … …

The door opens at a time we “think” not.

Patience, dear friends, and know that I will watch with thee… ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JULY 8, 2014

“The Light shines. The Word reveals that when the stumbling block is no longer needed, it is removed. You need not move it, change it, or remove it -- it is removed when it is no longer needed.” ~Joel

John 18:37
37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

Rom 13:9 Thou shalt not bear (to 5th ,)
9 ...Thou shalt not bear false witness,

(The only stumbling block is bearing false witness – or thinking with the reasoning-mind that we are separate and apart from God. The instant we Realize the Truth of being Included in God the focus is shifted to witnessing God everywhere.

Stumbling block???... What stumbling block? The Christ is born again today. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JULY 9, 2014

“Thank you, Father, for Love.” ~Joel

I John 4:8
8 ...God is love.

I Cor 8:3
3 But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

(God is Love.
God is always expressed As Love.
We can express His Love.
Then - Love is neither lo here, or lo there, Love is within.
And then - Our love must be expressed Through and As His Love...
Thank you Father, for Love. ~Al)
“Truth, as it is usually known or declared, is not Truth, except ‘in God.’ When one has attained the realization of life in God, it is true that one is spiritual, divine, and God-governed.” ~Joel

Rom 8:8,9
8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

(God is Truth. Truth is not an activity of the mind, and you won’t hear it with your mind. Truth is an activity of Divine Mind, and you will hear it in Divine Mind. How do we hear Truth? Surrender what you know and Let God tell You. ~Al)
“Spiritual truth is not true about humanhood, but about Spirit and Its universe. Humanhood is a state of mesmerism, and only as the illusion breaks is one's life "in God."

John 8:10,11
10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?
11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

(In other words, What Jesus said to the woman accused of committing adultery was: Go now, and don’t plug into the illusion that there is ever a separation from God again. You are His daughter and He has clearly Spoken to you. Stay focused on God and Live His Life from now on.

Humans will hold judgment - God just Loves… ~AI)
THE DAILY LESSON – JULY 12, 2014

“Only ‘in God’ does one attain the realization of perfection, wholeness, completeness, or oneness.” ~Joel

John 3:1-8

1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
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, 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.
7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.
8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

(Jesus couldn’t have been more clear to Nicodemus [and us]: Only in God [Spirit] will we realize [experience] the Kingdom. So, we must be raised [born again] out of the reasoning mind [flesh] and into Spiritual Consciousness. Spirit to Spirit, Soul to Soul, I Am One.

So die now to the fleshy mind and surrender your presence to His. ~Al)
“Attainment comes only as one is loosed from all concepts of Truth, and this comes only by Grace.” ~Joel

John 4:23 (to :) 
23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth:

John 8:32 
32 And ye shall know [feel, not think, reason or “argue”] the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

II Cor 12:9 (to :) 
9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee:

(Surrender all your concepts of this-world [aka: the tree of the knowledge of good and evil). Come to the end of it and let it all go… Speak Lord, thy servant heareth…

Now, Let the Divine Impulse [Truth] open out a way for God’s Grace to animate the good in your Life. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JULY 14, 2014

“Divested of all concepts of Life, Truth, and Love, one stands ‘in God.’”
~Joel

Matt 6:31-33
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 (this-world) 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.

(Can there be something else we think we need besides being included in the Kingdom of God? Then let loose of the clutter of thoughts that this-world distracts you with. Peace be still. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JULY 15, 2014

“Life beyond the grave has no relationship to immortality. Life beyond the grave is but the survival of personality. This personality dies -- it must die either this side or that side of the grave -- in order that immortality may be realized. The immortal Self is ever-present, even when clothed with personality, but is revealed and lived only in proportion as personality, or the human selfhood, disappears.” ~Joel

I Cor 15:31 I die
31 …I die daily.

John 3:3
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.

(Jesus also said, “I of mine own self, can do nothing” and “the Spirit within doeth the work”. He meant it. He meant it for himself and as an example for you to follow in your daily work.

Each and every time we think we see ourselves doing something of our own self, or perceiving that we are creating our own good - or bad, we must pass from this personal concept and awaken in the Impersonal Infinite Realm of Spirit, seeing God as the only cause, creator and doer.

If you catch yourself feeling separate from God, stop as many times a day as you need to. This stopping should not be a reaction to, or seeing something amiss that we need to fix, but rather a feeling of being grateful for the reminder. A thank you Father for Loving me...

Our realization of this Truth will be in direct proportion to our seeing ourselves surrounded by nothing but God. God’s activity is within, through and As. There is no me doing this and God doing that. There is only One. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JULY 16, 2014

“As long as there remains concern for personal good – security, health, or peace of mind – there is that which must ‘die daily’ in order that one may be ‘reborn of the Spirit’ into the realization of immortality here and now.”
~Joel

Ps 138:8 (to :)
8 The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me:

(So then, take no thought for your good. God knoweth what you have need of. Trust in Him and let Him lead you onward and upward in Spirit and in Truth. Rest back and watch as your good is sufficiently and perfectly provided - as you have need of it. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JULY 17, 2014

“Prayer is not an activity of the human mind.” ~Joel

Matt 13:9
9 Who hath [Spiritual] ears to hear, let him hear [Spirit].

(Prayer is Soul to Soul, Spirit to Spirit. God does the praying. Be still and watch attentively. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JULY 18, 2014

“All attempts to contact God through the mind or intellect have failed and always will fail. God can be known only through the Soul and the Soul-faculties.” ~Joel

John 4:24
24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

(Where the Spirit is Realized in Spiritual Consciousness, there is Liberty. ~Al)
“The prayer uttered through the intellect can return fruitage only in proportion to one’s belief in that prayer.” ~Joel

Matt 9:20-22
20 And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:
21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.
22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

(The Christ can be reached in any way we can understand. We will be lovingly lifted… ~Al)
“Faith in an ‘unknown God’ brings only the harmony of blind belief. God must be known and understood through the Soul.” ~Joel

Matt 14:22-31
22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.
23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.
24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.
25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.
26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.
27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.
28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.
29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.
30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.
31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

(We cannot question, doubt – or test our faith.
In all thy ways, acknowledge God, and He shall direct thy Soul. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JULY 21, 2014

“To an advanced student: You have reached the place where you know every truth that can be known, understood, or received humanly. Now you must reach higher for the Truth that reveals Itself through spiritual means -- without human means of communication.” ~Joel

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

(Truth that is heard, read, written or reasoned is generated or repeated in this-world – mostly with good intentions. Seek ye first the Kingdom, in the Kingdom, for the Kingdom and nothing else. Leave all plans, desires and conditions behind. Truth that is felt beyond words and thoughts is through Spiritual means. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JULY 22, 2014

“Why do advanced Souls, even practitioners and teachers, still experience ills and other problems? Whatever degree of mortal or material consciousness that still remains in them is expressing itself. There is no unexpressed consciousness, and even a tiny bit of human consciousness remaining will express itself in terms of human good or evil. This is the law. These two remain side by side until, in proportion as spiritual consciousness unfolds, more and more of material sense is uprooted. Even the Resurrection brought forth a material sense of body, with all the marks of human error. In the Ascension, pure spirituality is revealed.” ~Joel

Rom 8:9-11
9  But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10  And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11  But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

(Every glimpse of Truth lifts us upward. Be patient, be steadfast, be still… ~Al)
“On the spiritual way, many come to barren places--the desert, the wilderness--and believe that God has forsaken them. Often it appears as if Christ had forsaken them. Then it is that the spiritual seeker must remember that he has not yet attained, that what he believed to be the full realization of Truth, the Christ, of God, was not the fullness of the Spirit. These wilderness experiences reveal that he must still press on, for when the Light is fully come, ‘I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.’ Remember that discords and inharmonies are apparent only to human sense. Spiritual vision sees through--to Reality.” ~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.

(The human mind sometimes seems to “forget” that it is already included in His Kingdom. We are never alone, outside of Spirit’s reach, or forsaken; but we can unwittingly convince ourselves that we are somehow separate. The answer is always the same when we finally Realize it, “I will never leave thee – I Am”.

Thank you Father. ~Al)
“Faith does not concern the past or the future. Faith is an activity taking place in the present--now, only now!” ~Joel

Rom 5:1,2
1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

(Standing with you Now, and forever Now. ~Love)
“Faith is an activity of consciousness—just as much so as integrity. Faith is always present in you, even though, like integrity, it may be dormant. The recognition and acknowledgement of the omnipresence of faith as an activity of individual consciousness starts the flow of it into visible and tangible effect.” ~Joel

I Cor 3:16
16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

(The only thing that can get distracted is your thought. Stop… Look Within. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JULY 26, 2014

“Faith is a quality of God, not of man; but, as a quality of God, it is present in all its fullness.” ~Joel

Eph 4:4-6
4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

I Cor 10:26
26 For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.

(There is no quality that is not His.
There is no separation - no God and....
~Al)
“Do not expect the power of God to function in the ‘dream,’ but rather to break the dream. ~Joel

I Cor 3:18,19 (to .)
18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.
19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

(Be still now, surrender and let the Revelation of Truth be Revealed. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JULY 28, 2014

“Do not contact God to adjust, change, or heal the dream. The understanding or awareness of God breaks the dream.” ~Joel

Matt 6:33
33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. [You are already included in the Kingdom]

John 18:36 (to :)
36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: [so stop asking me to fix it]

(Are we really looking for a happy dream? Can a lack be permanently “healed”? Won’t it just show up tomorrow in some another form? Don’t you see the foolishness in the asking? Doesn’t a prayer request just continue this belief in duality? Seek God for God - without condition. ~Al)
“To know that one has been functioning in the dream is the beginning of the awakening.” ~Joel

Matt 4:4 Man
4 …Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

(We begin our journey into Light, not when we join a church, read the Bible or go to a lecture or class and desire to be taught by man – we begin when we feel the impulse to completely surrender, be still and listen for the Word within. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JULY 30, 2014

“True non-resistance is the ability not to expect God to function in the dream. This does not mean that one lives without God, but rather, one finds his life to be eternally in God.” ~Joel

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

John 15:5
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.

(The only way to prove the will of God is to Be it. Take no thought to resist or not-resist. Dwell in the secret place of the most high – and LET God live your Life. *Thy will be done Father, on earth as it Is in Heaven.* ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – JULY 31, 2014

“ To refrain from seeking the ‘help’ of God is to be functioning in reality.”
~Joel

Matt 6:32 for
32 ...for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

(When surrounded by Reality all we need do is bask in It an watch Love Love. Trust God. Trust Omniscience. Have no other thought... ~AI)
THE DAILY LESSON – AUGUST 1, 2014

“No longer reaching out to God, no longer seeking God’s help is to be awakening out of the dream into reality.” ~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.

(God’s Realm is effortless. ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – AUGUST 2, 2014

“Whenever there is a sense of ‘needing’ God, one is functioning in the dream.” ~Joel

John 10:30
30 I and my Father are one.

(Seeking something from God sets up a sense of separation. There can be only One Omnipresence. Therefore God Is your within your very Being. ~Al)
“God is not power in the sense of power over evil, sin, disease, or death. God is not power in any sense involving battle, that is, overcoming or destroying.” ~Joel

Gen 1:31
31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

(God is either Omnipotent - if He isn’t… ~Al)
“God is life. God is love. God IS. Nothing else is. Only God IS.” ~Joel

Ex 3:14 (to :)
14  And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM:

Heb 13:5 for
5  …for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

(I Am, was and ever will Be…
I Am Love Loving.
I Am Life Living, within, though and As.
Thank you Father, for Love. ~Al)
“Do not be concerned about your relationships with people. Consciously maintain your relationship with God, and this will take care of everything else.” ~Joel

Luke 17:20 he answered,21
20 ...he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: [from without]
21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

(Keep focused. Keep focused. Keep focused, no matter what the distraction is. ~Al)
“Keep your realization of your relationship with God sacred and secret. This relationship, maintained in silence and secrecy, appears outwardly as harmonious human relationships and experiences.” ~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.

(Enter into your Spiritual closet within. It is not a stilling of activity – Spiritual Prayer is an activity of Love Loving. Spirit does not sit down with closed eyes and folded hands… It Loves, continues forward throughout Its day and Loves some more. It Loves without ceasing.

Try this today: Love without stopping first to wait, listen or meditate on it – just Love without condition. Be God’s Love As…Praying without ceasing. ~Al)
“God is the cement between you and your brothers and sisters of the human, animal, vegetable, and mineral families.” ~Joel

Luke 15:31
31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.

(When we come to the realization of all that the Father has is ours – we feel unconditional Love, we see the harmony of Oneness, we touch Grace Itself and we thereby know that we are included in entire the Kingdom of God. Thank you Father… ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – AUGUST 8, 2014

“When thought dwells on person, place, or thing, you are functioning in the dream.” ~Joel

I Cor 8:2,3
2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.
3 But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

(If you focus on this-world you'll convince yourself it is important.
If you focus on God, you'll learn to know the Truth. ~Al)
“When your thoughts unite in spiritual contemplation, every person, place, or thing becomes a spiritual delight.” ~Joel

John 3:5
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.

(Seek ye first the Spirit and rest in His complete Kingdom. ~Al)
"The two great Commandments are cosmic law: Thou shalt have no other God or Power; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Cast your bread upon the waters.”  ~Joel

Mark 12:29-31
29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:
30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.
31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

(The two great commandments are tied together in the Oneness of Being. The Master said, The Spirit of God is within. So, God constitutes the Life and Soul of every individual. Loving our neighbor is not human affection or caring – it is looking beyond the finite appearance and correctly identifying their Spiritual Being. We are all bound together Within. Now go Love God…  ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – AUGUST 11, 2014

“For by strength shall no man prevail . . . . The Lord will take vengeance on his adversaries.” ~Joel

Zech 4:6 Not
6 …Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

(When we stop seeking the power of God to do something in our life, we shall receive the greatest gift of all - God Itself. Our goal in this work is for God Realization, not for any purpose. ~Al)
“These things we perceive with the five senses are objects of mind, with no relationship to Truth.

All appearances are sense-objects--not of God, or Truth.

All that is objectively witnessed must be understood to be mental images or mind projections--never spiritual reality.

The reality underlies the sense-formation, but is discerned only by spiritual consciousness.

The sense-world--human experience--takes place in time and space, and this in itself precludes its being spiritual in nature.” ~Joel

Rom 8:5-9
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.
7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

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

(STOP… Surrender the sense mind… Listen for the Word within… Be Led by the Spirit. Your inheritance is Come. Dwell there… ~Al)
THE DAILY LESSON – AUGUST 13, 2014

“The universe of Spirit, Truth, God, is an activity in eternity. Thus understood, neither birth, disease, accident, nor death has ever occurred. In every instance, when presented with the appearance of humanhood -- even good human beings or conditions--remember that this is not truth, but a mental image in thought, without reality, law, substance, cause, or effect. Then "see" deeper into consciousness and behold that which is--eternity even in what appears as past, present, or future.”  ~Joel

I John 5:20
20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Prov 3:5-7 (to :)
5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
7 Be not wise in thine own eyes:

John 4:23,24
23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

(Stop thinking in this world and open your Soul to recognize the Truth, born in Spirit and forever in You.  ~Al)
“If it takes place in time and space, do not accept it at its appearance-value, but search deeper in the realm of the Soul.” ~Joel

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

Luke 17:21
21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

(Yup… If you want to experience the Kingdom, you’re gonna eventually have to be still and go Within for It.

Thank you Father… Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. ~al.within)