

“THE DAILY LESSON”

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“THE INFINITE WAY”

By Joel S Goldsmith

THE DAILY LESSON - January 6, 2014

Chapter - “OUR REAL EXISTENCE”

“Our real existence is as Spirit, and only in the degree that we perceive our real existence as Spirit, do we drop the false sense of life as material. Then we see that the structural life of man, animal, and plant is but the false sense of existence; that our concern for the so-called necessities of material living has been unnecessary; that although the beauties we behold all hint at God's creation, they are not that spiritual and perfect creation; that the sick, aging, dying appearances are not at all a part of real life. When we arrive at this state of consciousness, we begin to catch glimpses of eternal spiritual existence, untouched by material conditions or mortal thoughts. As we turn from the world we see, hear, taste, touch, and smell, we catch inspired visions which show forth the earth of God's creating.”
~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.

(I of mine own self can do nothing - but LET the Presence dwell in me. It provides me with my Every need. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - January 7, 2014

“In healing work, we must turn from the structural universe which we see. We must remember that we are not called upon to heal it, change it, alter it, correct it, or save it. We are first of all to realize that it exists only as illusion, as the false sense of life. From this vantage point in consciousness, we behold through spiritual sense the ‘house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.’

We are apt to think of certain people as good providers, good earners, good salesmen, or good healers. Let us understand this correctly. It is never a person, but a state of consciousness, which heals, regenerates, paints, writes, or composes. The state of consciousness becomes visible to us as a person because of the finite concept we entertain of God and man. We often suffer disappointment when some people fail to live up to the picture we have formed of them. This is because we have ascribed the good qualities of consciousness to a person, and then when he fails to live up to those qualities we have erroneously believed to be the person, we suffer.” ~Joel

Acts 17:24,25

24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

(So, a bunch of questions come up today: Is God personal? What is the Spirit of God, and what do we expect from it? Is there something Spirit can give Spiritual Consciousness? Could God make anything less than perfect? Can God give you Perfection if we already are the temple made without hands, eternal in the Heavens?

You see? All we can do is bask in God's already-Presence... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - January 8, 2014

“In the Bible, we meet with the characters Moses, Isaiah, Jesus, and Paul. We should realize that Moses represents the leader-state of consciousness, or leadership; Isaiah presents to us prophecy; Jesus shows forth the Messiah-consciousness, or saving, and healing Grace; Paul carries the consciousness of the messenger, preacher, or teacher. Always, however, it is the particular state of consciousness expressing itself and appearing to us as men.

George Washington certainly represents the consciousness of national integrity; Abraham Lincoln, the consciousness of individual integrity and quality.

When we think of ourselves, let us forget our so-called humanhood and human qualities and try to understand what we represent as consciousness and then realize that that consciousness which is expressing itself as us is likewise maintaining and prospering us and our endeavors.

Failure often comes through the belief that we express God, or Life, or Intelligence; or that we express God-qualities. This is never true. God, Consciousness, is forever expressing Itself and Its qualities. Consciousness, Life, Spirit, can never fail. Our task is to learn to relax and let our Soul express itself. Egotism is the attempt to be or do something through either personal, physical, or mental effort. To "take no thought" is to refrain from conscious thinking and to let divine ideas fill our consciousness. Since we are individual spiritual Consciousness, we can always trust that Consciousness to fulfill Itself and Its mission. We are the spectator or witness of this divine activity of Life expressing and fulfilling Itself.” ~Joel

John 14:6-11

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

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

(Do we expect God to be different for us than It is for Jesus? The Spirit of God is expressed As individual Being Spirit to Spirit, Soul to Soul. Do not look to matter for an impersonal God. Rest now and let God Shine. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - January 9, 2014

“More and more we must become the spectator or witness. We must become the beholder of Life and Its harmonies. Each morning we should awaken with eagerness to watch the new day unfolding and revealing each hour new joys and victories. Several times each day we should consciously realize that we are witnessing the revelation of Life eternal, the unfolding of Consciousness and Its infinite expression, the activity of Spirit and Its grand formations. In every situation of our daily experience, let us learn to stand back of ourselves and see God at work, witness the play of Love upon our affairs, and watch God reveal Himself in all those about us.

Every night we should realize that our rest does not bring to a close God's activity in our experience, but that Love is the protecting influence and substance of our rest, that Consciousness is imparting Its ideas to us even in sleep, that Principle is the guiding law throughout the night. Nothing from without can enter consciousness to defile, and this truth stands guard at our mental portals to admit only reality and its harmonies.

Be a beholder, a witness. Watch the unveiling of the Christ in your consciousness.” ~Joel

John 7:24

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

(This is our practice. To be still, and withhold the judgment of appearances. We cannot behold Truth with human eyes, only with Spiritual eyes [Christ Consciousness]. Instead let the Father present His Infinite Way - in, through and As individual Being. Watch, pray and be Love. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - January 10, 2014

“There is a constant warfare between the flesh and the Spirit, and this will continue as long as we entertain any degree of corporeal sense. The attempt to bring Spirit and its laws to bear upon material concepts constitutes this war, and peace can only come when the structural sense of the universe and corporeal sense of man have been overcome.

Notice how often you try to apply some metaphysical truth to a human problem and you will discover the reason for the conflict within you. Our goal actually is the attainment of spiritual harmony rather than a continuation in a material sense of existence with more ease or comfort.”

~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.

John 14:27 (to .)

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

(The Mind of Christ is not without, it is within you.

... .. Speak Lord, Thy servant heareth... .. I await your Voice...Your Love. ~al.within)

THE DAILY LESSON - January 11, 2014

“In the early days of our search for Truth, we probably had no other thought beyond making a sick body well, a poor person more affluent, or changing a sinning man into a moral one. There is no doubt but that in turning to a practitioner or teacher of spiritual consciousness we seemed to achieve this end and for some time we continued to ‘use’ Truth, or God, to govern our material concept of man and the world.

It is only as we continue in our spiritual studies and meditation that we eventually become aware of an inner conflict. We enjoy moments of mountain experiences; we tumble into the valley of uncertainty; we achieve victories and then experience failure; we alternate between apparent good and evil, success and failure, spirituality and mortality, health and illness. This is the inner conflict that becomes evident as the warfare between the flesh and the Spirit. This will only end as we drop the mortal or corporeal sense and achieve the consciousness of spiritual existence.” ~Joel

Matt 6:31,32 (to))

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 [less illumined] seek:)

(Can we use God to improve the form of matter? Do we need to inform God of our preferable state of matter, and how He can change it to suit our preference? Illumined Consciousness seeks only the Presence of the Kingdom of God and knows that it is Included therein. ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON - January 12, 2014

“My kingdom is not of this world’ is the foundation for the building of the new and higher consciousness. The willingness and ability to look away from the human sense of person and thing and perceive the man and universe of God's creating is essential.

Gaining more dollars is not spiritual supply; greater savings do not constitute security; physical health is not necessarily a foundation for eternal life: These constitute merely improved human belief.

The advancing student will gradually relinquish his attempts to improve humanhood or to improve beliefs in order that the truth of spiritual existence may unfold in his consciousness.” ~Joel

Matt 19:16,17 (to :)

16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God:

(If you see an activity of Good, you are seeing God manifest As.
Thank you Father. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - January 13, 2014

“The spiritual realm is the source of health which truly is the eternal harmony of being; it is a consciousness of supply without limits and is gained without taking thought. Remember, however, that we are not again connecting God, or Spirit, with the human sense of health and supply. We are rather coming into the awareness of spiritual health and supply. Heretofore, our efforts have been in the direction of manifesting greater harmony and dominion in our earthly affairs. That this consciousness of heavenly being seems to result in more harmonious human living is true, but these are the ‘added things’ which follow the seeking of heaven and its righteousness. The heavenly sense of righteousness will be found to be far different from the human concept of goodness, and it is this higher sense of good we should seek.

‘My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways.’ For this reason we are not attempting to think more or better human thoughts, nor to have our human ways made more smooth. We truly are seeking to learn God's thoughts and God's ways.” ~Joel

Isa 55:8

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

(So then, our practice in this work is: To come into the Awareness of an already existing Spiritual Consciousness and not our understanding of concepts that are spiritual. We have to Live and Move and have our Being As the Activity of God's Ways. Here and Now and Always... I Am the Way. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - January 14, 2014

“At this state of unfoldment, we realize the need of dropping all concern for ourselves and for our own welfare. We are learning that concern for our personal welfare is building on sand, whereas a life devoted to the search for Truth is a foundation of rock upon which we may build the eternal temple of life. Lasting happiness and prosperity are found when we have a principle or cause to which we can devote ourselves. We are now finding less of self in our existence and thereby making room for the revelation and unfoldment of our divine Self. In this Self, we discover our completeness and the infinity of our being. Here also we discover the reason for our existence.” ~Joel

Matt 16:13-18 (to ;)

13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man [Jesus] am?

14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

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

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

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

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church;

(And it is upon the Mind of Christ that we build our Church. [Church = Consciousness of Truth and activity of Love Loving.] My Church is My existence... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - January 15, 2014

“God evolved the world and all that is therein. What we behold through sense is not that world, but the false and finite concept of the world of God's creating. Rising in consciousness, we begin to perceive the spiritual universe and something of its purpose.

He who has found his inner self realizes that he is one with all men, animals, and things. He knows now that what affects one touches all. The universality of this truth is found in all scripture, as you will note in these examples:

Let one conquer the mean man by a gift. Charity is rich in returns; charity is the greatest wealth, for though it scatters, it brings no repentance.

HINDU SCRIPTURE

Theirs was the fullness of heaven and earth; the more that they gave to others, the more they had.

CHINESE SCRIPTURE

And give unto him who is of kin to you, his due, and also unto the poor, and the traveler. And what good ye have sent before your souls, ye shall find it with God.

TURKISH SCRIPTURE

It is more blessed to give than to receive. . . . Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

THE BIBLE

As we realize our unity, or oneness, with all creation, we become more loving, gentle, patient, and understanding. Then only are we fulfilling the great teaching, ‘Love thy neighbor as thyself,’ and then only are we glimpsing the kingdom of God, the temple ‘not made with hands’--the man and universe of God's creating. It is this spiritual man, the man of God's creating, who has been given dominion over all the earth.” ~Joel

Luke 10:25-37

25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

(God is Love. You and your neighbor are included. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - January 16, 2014

“There is no mystery about the inner life except the mystery of godliness. Every thinker is concerned for his welfare, for the welfare of his family and community, for his country or even for the world. Experience soon convinces him that there is no hope for mankind in the people or the powers of this world. Men are too selfish. On the whole, they are too occupied and concerned with their own interests to be wholly unselfish in their attitude toward the world.

The more ambitious are often endowed with greater physical or mental attainments and soon sit in the seats of the mighty, and the world is led by those lacking integrity and love. Politicians rarely rise any higher than self-seeking, and the occasional statesman is lost in the picture.

Here and there in the world there are those inspired men and women who long for the dawn of the day of the brotherhood of man. Their hearts ache at the constant ridicule of men of good will and at the ever-recurring success of the power-drunk or money-mad in each succeeding generation. These noble people of vision are buffeted between their hope for the progress of mankind and the realization of the futility of overcoming the forces of evil operating in human thought. Eventually the same question comes to each one: Is there no power to stop this reign of evil, to halt wars, to prevent famine and pestilence? Is man helpless before the Four Horsemen?

The search for freedom from the trials and tribulations of human experience has begun. It is really a search for God and it begins at whatever place in consciousness the individual may find himself. If he has a deep religious sense with a church background, he may seek the Power in religious worship, in some creed or dogma or some particular form of worship. The intellectual will undoubtedly seek the Power in the realm of philosophy or one or another of the philosophical religious teachings. In more recent times, the search may turn to the metaphysical church teachings or oriental yoga practices. Without doubt, many go from one to another of these steps still seeking God, or the Power, which may eventually halt the reign of mortality.” ~Joel

Eph 3:14-19

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;
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.

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

THE DAILY LESSON - January 17, 2014

“One day something happens within. Consciousness expands and sees that which before was invisible. One feels a flow of warmth; a Presence never before known becomes tangible, very real. This often is a fleeting experience. One may not even be certain that it occurred. It lingers in memory, but more as a dream than an actuality, until it happens again, and this time more clearly, more definite, and perhaps lasting longer. Gradually there dawns in consciousness the realization of a Presence always present. This Presence may be felt as if lurking in the background of one's consciousness. At times it becomes a very commanding Presence dominating the scene or experience of the moment.” ~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.

(Rejoyce, for I see Love Loving!... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - January 18, 2014

“Now, however, evil is becoming less real; sickness is not so acute; financial stress or even lack gradually gives way to sufficiency; concern for one's self disappears as every need is met without taking thought or planning or worry or fear. The people or powers which heretofore have been feared now fade from view and either disappear from one's experience or else are seen for their powerlessness. Desires become less acute. Fears evaporate. Assurance, confidence, alertness, keenness--these become evident not only to one's self but to those who are met and dealt with in everyday life.

The inner Presence has likewise become an inner Power. From an occasional experience it has become the constant awareness. Forces of pain and pleasure in the outer experience diminish, whereas one becomes conscious of inner powers which are real and which produce and govern the outer life harmoniously and fruitfully. There is no longer fear of the evils of the outer world, nor is there the intense pleasure in the happier things of the outer world. It is possible to have the pleasures of the world and enjoy them, or not to have them and not miss them. There is a constant joy within that needs no outside stimulus.” ~Joel

Luke 12:29-32

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

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

31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

(We are never separate or apart from God. The fact is that it is our Father's good pleasure to include us in His Kingdom. This comes without condition and without our request. So there is clearly no point in fearing the Kingdom will ever be withheld from us. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - January 19, 2014

“In this consciousness, God is found to be the inner light or at least this light is felt as an emanation of God. God is felt as a divine Presence or Influence within. It is felt by those who come in contact with the man who has found his inner Self. It is reflected in his health and success. It radiates from him as sunbeams radiate from the sun.

In finding his inner life, this man has found peace, joy, harmony, security. Even in the midst of a failing world, he stands unmoved, untouched -- the very presence of immortal Being.” ~Joel

Heb 3:14

14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;

(Our Inner Life is that of Christ Living As. My Peace I give unto you... Go and do likewise. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - January 20, 2014

“When we are no longer limited by the five physical senses and have attained even a measure of spiritual sense, or Christ-consciousness, we find ourselves unlimited in terms of ‘here’ or ‘there,’ ‘now’ or ‘hereafter.’ There is a going in and a coming out without any sense of time or space, an unfolding without degree, a realization without an object.

In this consciousness, finite sense disappears and the vision is without boundaries. Life is seen and understood as unfettered form and limitless beauty. Even the wisdom of the ages is encompassed in a moment. Death disappears, and once more we see those previously separated from us by this so-called impassable barrier. This communion is not the communication as understood in the teaching of spiritualism, but an awareness of eternal life untouched by death. It is the reality of immortality seen and understood. It is a vision of life without beginning and with no ending. It is reality brought to light. In this consciousness, there are no physical barriers of time and space. The vision encompasses the universe. It bridges time and eternity. It includes all being.” ~Joel

John 4:32

32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

(Spiritual Meat = Infinite Sufficiency = Abundance

Christ Consciousness = Life without Limit

Omnipresence without the senses

Omnipotence without effort

Omniscience without thought

Or, I Am Included in the Kingdom.

Let us rejoice, bask in It and praise Him... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - January 21, 2014

“In this light, we see without the eye; we hear without the ear; we understand things not known before. Where we are, God is, because there is no longer separation or division. Here there are no rewards and no punishments. Harmony is. Life is not dependent on processes; we do not live by bread alone. We have the sense of ‘peeking’ into heaven and seeing what mortal eyes were not meant to see.

Spiritual sense is not engaged with human good, and yet this Christ-consciousness reveals the harmony of being in what appears as our human experiences and in forms available to our present circumstance. Although ‘my kingdom is not of this world,’ yet ‘your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things,’ and He supplies your wants even before you ask.” ~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:

(I can of mine own self, do nothing... I acknowledge that Thy will is to be done... Thy Kingdom is come and I Am included there... ..)

Speak Lord, thy servant is listening with all my heart... ~al.within)

THE DAILY LESSON - January 22, 2014

“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.

The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Luke 12:22-32” ~Quoted by Joel

(Thank you Father, for the gift of Awareness.
Resting... Watching... Loving... ~Your Son