THE DAILY LESSON - January 23, 2014

Chapter - Soul

“The Soul is a part of man which is little known and only seldom realized.

Often those in the depths of some deep sorrow break through the mist of material sense to the recesses of their inmost being, where they discover the Soul, or Reality of being. They become Soul-conscious, and find new values, new resources, new and different strength, and an existence of an entirely different nature.” ~Joel

II Cor 5:17
17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

(Father, I yield unto thee… Reveal unto me Thy will and this will become my way, my will… May your will become my new Life and purpose of Being… Your Grace is my sufficiency.

My Soul is filled with Thee… Yes, and so it is, Your Life is my Life. There is no separation. ~al.within)
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“The exercise of the Soul-faculties results in breaking the illusions of sense. All human discords are products of material sense and are experienced through the five physical senses -- that is, all mortal inharmonies are seen, heard, felt, tasted, or smelled. Existing only in this material state of consciousness, discords and disease have their being merely as false sense, or illusion, though naturally seeming very real to the senses.

There are many means of securing temporary relief from erroneous conditions of health, wealth, and other inharmonies of daily existence. Complete and final destruction of error comes only through the achievement and exercise of the faculties of the Soul. The Soul is that part of man which lies buried deepest within him and is therefore seldom realized. We use our mathematical faculties and our musical faculties because these lie nearest the surface of our being, an much more than these, even, our ordinary business faculties and our sense of direction, or even our artistic sense, but artists and authors and skilled musicians go deeper within their being and bring forth the great harmonies of fine music, good literature, paintings, sculpture, and architecture.” ~Joel

Luke 17:20 The,21
20  ...The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:
21  Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

(This-world uses, needs, seeks proof and hopes - the Kingdom of God is Beheld. ~Al)
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“Hidden even deeper than these, yet within the reach of our own consciousness, lies the Soul and Its faculties. These Soul-powers, when touched by us, come forth from within us and reach every avenue of our daily life, giving inspiration, beauty, peace, joy, and harmony to each moment of our existence and clothing every event in our experience with love, understanding, and success.” ~Joel

Deut 5:33  
33 Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

(Our good comes from God. Emanuel [God with us]. Acknowledge the Source. Rejoice in His abundance. ~Al)
“Those too busy with the pains and the pleasures of sense will not, of course, reach the realm of Soul. Throughout the ages the invitation has been extended to mankind to drink of this fountain of living waters, and every generation has produced many men and women who have found eternal youth and peace within themselves. Every so often one arises who has drunk more deeply at the fount of Soul, and these seers have told of the kingdom within and of the life that may be lived through Grace when this consciousness is achieved. On the other hand many answer that they have great human duties which occupy all their time; others require so much time for sense pleasures, pastimes, and recreation; still others are immersed in accomplishing and acquiring.” ~Joel

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

(We must slow the distractions to the point of Peace.
Then, let the Soul open out the Way.
And then, commit to staying there… ~Al)
“More and more, people are beginning to realize that freedom from fear, insecurity, want, and ill health is not to be found in the material realm. Wars will not end wars; investments will not ensure security from want. Medicines alleviate pain, but do not produce real health.

Some greater power than can be found in the human body or thought must be tapped to give us the happiness and harmony and peace that are our birthright. This power is available to everyone because it is already a part of our being—indeed, it is the greatest part of our being. As the iceberg reveals only a portion of itself to sight above water, so our human powers of body and mind represent not more than one-third of our powers and faculties.

The powers of the Soul are more real and tangible than any of the material powers of nature or invention. They operate on a higher level of consciousness, but are made evident in so-called human affairs.” ~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.

(There is no finite Soul. No amount of effort will bring It forth. Rest now with Me and be raised in Spirit. ~Al)
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“Soul-forces act upon the human body to produce and maintain health and harmony. They touch every avenue of daily existence as protective influences and are the source of infinite supply.

The Soul-conscious people of this world live an inner life of peace, joy, and dominion and an outer life in complete harmony with themselves and with all the world of men, animals, and things. They are in tune with their Soul-powers, and this constitutes their at-one-ment with all creation.” ~Joel

Isa 40:4,5 (to ,)
4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:
5 And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

Ps 23:3
3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

(When the feeling of Awareness comes, it’s not so much that we are provided for or led in this world, but that we are now Included in the Kingdom of God. We are Included in Harmony and Peace, not somehow separate looking in… A grateful “Thank you Father” exhales as we bask in Omnipresence. ~Al)
“Everyone may have access to the Soul. It lies deep within the recesses of our own being. Desire for the higher attainments of life is the first requisite, and then must follow a continuous turning within until the goal has been attained.

A good start may be made through the realization of the truth that there is more even to human existence than corporeal health and material supply. When we catch a glimpse of the fact that more dollars, homes, or automobiles do not constitute supply, that more travel does not constitute recreation, that absence of illness is not necessarily health, in other words, that "My kingdom is not of this world," we are going in the right direction to discover the realm of Soul.

We all know how to use material force, as when we lift some weight through the strength of our muscles, or exert pressure through arms or legs, and we also understand how to exert mental pressure as in deep thought or through personal will.

That there is a Soul-force, we know, but that this Soul-power can do more for us than all the material and mental power combined in but little suspected. Perhaps one reason for the world's lack of interest in this vast subject is that this great reservoir of power resident in our Soul cannot be used for selfish purposes. Think of the enormity of this -- a great marvelous power at hand, and yet it can never be used to serve a selfish end. Herein lies the secret of why so few achieve Soul-consciousness. We only become aware of the presence of the Soul after we have freed ourselves of selfish desires, and in proportion to our desire to serve the interests of mankind do we individualize this infinite power within us.” ~Joel

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

(As long as this-world looks to the literal translation of Scripture and to this-world for its answers it will fail to find the Spiritual Kingdom. Our Awareness of Spirit and Truth of Being comes through Spiritual discernment felt deep within our Soul. ~Al)
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“It is right, natural, and normal that we live full, happy, and prosperous lives, but we can do this without taking thought for ourselves, for our supply, or even our health. All of the good necessary to our welfare will be supplied to us in greater abundance than we can accept when we give up the effort and desire to get, achieve, or accomplish, and come more into the consciousness of desiring only to fulfill our destiny on earth. **We are here as part of a divine plan. We are Consciousness fulfilling and expressing itself in an individual way**, and if we will learn to keep our thought away from ourselves and away from the fear that we will be without place or income or health, and let God fulfill Its destiny through us or as us, we will really find all things added unto us.

The Bible is literally true when it says that "the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof" and "Son . . . all that I have is thine." There is no need therefore to take any anxious thought for our own well-being. As we forget ourselves and learn to be a state of receptivity, we will find ourselves filled with Soul-power, Soul-consciousness, Soul-resources, and our lives will be filled with the company of Soul-filled men and women sharing the joys of their discoveries with us.” ~Joel

Matt 6:24-34
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?
26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?
27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?
28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:
29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?
31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

(Thank you Father for everything. Yes, EVERYTHING!
For the Awareness of being Included in Your Kingdom,
And for My sufficiency there.
For the frequent reminders that You are with Me.
For Your Love - that brings My peace.
For showing me the Way - as I have need of it.
For the opportunity to perform Thy Work.
I Am so blessed and grateful for “the two or three” that are gathered here now in Thy Name. [Oneness]
I Love You.
~Your Son)
“The mind that was in Christ Jesus is not afar off, nor is it the mind of only a few great religious leaders: The mind that was in Christ Jesus is your mind and it is ready to impart itself to you as you forget self and become receptive to the divine wisdom within you. The resources of Soul are waiting at the door of your consciousness ready to pour forth more than you can accept, but not to satisfy some personal or selfish desire. These false desires are the stumbling blocks to our spiritual development, and we must not think to use our spiritual powers to gain personal and selfish ends. The song of the Soul is freedom, joy, and eternal bliss; the song of the Soul is love to all mankind; the song of the Soul is you.” ~Joel

I Cor 2:16 But
16 ...But we have the mind of Christ.

(Paul did not say that we should seek Christ Consciousness, he said we already have it. We already are the Sons of God. You see? Open the door... ~Al)
"Why are we so slow in gaining our freedom from illness, discord, and other material conditions? It is entirely because of our inability to grasp the great revelation that there is no reality to error.

So much attention has been given to faith in God to do something for us or to faith in a healer or teacher that we have overlooked the great truth: Error is not real--there is no matter, since the substance of matter is really mind."

We are learning from the physical scientists as well as from metaphysicians that what has been termed matter is a misinterpretation of mind. Mind is the instrument of God, and God is Spirit; therefore, all that exists is spiritual substance regardless of the name or nature ascribed to it by finite sense.”

~Joel

I Cor 10:1-4
1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;
4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ [Spiritual Consciousness].

Ps 147:5
5 Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

(If God is Infinite and Omnipresent, then where does error exist? ~Al)
“God is the consciousness of the individual; therefore, all that can come to us as person, thing, or condition is coming to us as consciousness, in consciousness, and through consciousness; and God, Consciousness, is the Soul of every individual; God, Principle, is the law of all action; God, Spirit, is the substance of all of which we are conscious.

Through false education, which constitutes finite sense, we have come to fear certain individuals, things, and conditions, not realizing that as these are coming to us through the avenue of consciousness they are all God-being, Consciousness-appearing, Spirit-substance. Material consciousness is the false finite sense which beholds the universe and man as limited, as being both good and evil. Spiritual consciousness is the awareness of the individual as God-being, as having only the mind of God and body of Spirit. It recognizes the entire universe as mind-appearing and governed by divine Principle. Spiritual consciousness is the ability to see beyond the appearance to reality. It is the recognition and realization that as God is our mind, all that appears to us is in and of God which is our only consciousness.” ~Joel

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

(The first inkling of Truth inspires us to look deeper.
The first impulse of Truth demands we seek the Spiritual interpretation.
The first Impartation of Truth changes our Life.
The first demonstration of Truth proves our True Identity.
~Al)
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“Spiritual consciousness does not overcome or destroy matter or material conditions, but knows that no such conditions exist which finite sense presents. It translates the appearance for us, revealing the true nature of that which is appearing.” ~Joel

II Cor 4:6,7
6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts [consciousness], to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

(I surrender Father. I wait in Stillness... ... ... I drop all images and concepts... Reveal ThySelf, that the Truth of Being may be evident... Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Thank you Father. ~al.within)
“Spiritual power emanates from the Soul--the Soul of you and the Soul of me. It is impersonal and impartial. Everyone may open the windows of his Soul and behold the infinite glories of a world far above the universe of sense. Far greater than anything we have ever seen or heard is the world of the Soul, the world that is seen through spiritual sense. We know that unillumined thought beholds the universe as material, whereas the illumined consciousness, or Soul-sense, sees and understands the universe as spiritual.” ~Joel

John 3:3-7
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.

(Being born of Spirit, we acknowledge God as the Source of all that is. We are actively aware of God’s unconditional activity as Omnipresence, and that as Sons of God, we are included in that Infinite Oneness. ~Al)
“There is nothing impractical about the development of our spiritual sense or Soul-powers. This uplifted consciousness enabled Moses to lead his people out of bondage and through the Red Sea into the awareness of abundance. Through Jesus, it healed the multitudes of their diseases, fed the multitudes with actual food, and raised the dead. Through Paul, it lifted a portion of humanity above the deepest sorrows and persecutions into Christ-consciousness and spiritual freedom.

Spiritual consciousness lifts us above every human form of limitation and permits us to enter a larger sense of life, health, and freedom. Where there is spiritual consciousness, there is no bondage to person, place, or thing, and there are no limitations to our accomplishments.” ~Joel

John 14:10-12 (to 2nd ;)
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.
12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do;

II Cor 3:15-17 (to liberty)
15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.
16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.
17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

(Our work is to move from limited sense to Infinite Soul. From seeking and reasoning to feeling [Realizing] the Spirit as it Lives and Moves and has Its Being right here, Now and always. There is no limit to God’s Presence, and therefore no limit to His manifestation As individual Being. ~Al)
"So far as is known, Jesus never left a written word, and yet his teaching is the foundation of the morals and ethics for much of the world. Many other seers left only the words spoken to their immediate followers, yet by their own power these messages have become living waters through countless ages. The wisdom of the ages, uttered by spiritually illumined men and women who never dreamed that their thoughts would encircle the globe and influence the lives and conduct of people, is not confined to time or place. The Christlike thoughts that fill their consciousness go out from them like the ring created by throwing a stone in the water, making an ever-widening circle until it embraces all humanity. Yes, spiritual consciousness is practical. Our desire for affluence, however, must be the desire for the other person's affluence before we can experience the grace which is the gift of God."  Joel

Rev 3:20-22
20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.  
21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.  
22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

(Knock... Sit with Me... ... ... Throw the stone and watch the circle widen... Thank you Father. ~Al
“Meditation is the door to the realm of the Soul, and inspiration is the way. As we learn to take five or ten minutes each morning, noon, and night to sit quietly with a "listening" ear, as we turn within ourselves and learn to wait for the "still small voice," we acquire the habit of meditation and develop skill in its technique until inspiration possesses us and leads us to the haven of our Soul. This is the beginning of our new birth, and here we learn the new tongue of Spirit. Life begins to have a new meaning.” ~Joel

Rom 8:27,28
27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

(Life’s new meaning - There is no meaning or purpose in acquiring things or knowledge in this world… No more time spent looking about for the Kingdom of God. Our only purpose is Living As the Flow Itself [Being it inward, outward or through] – just watching Loves Love be fulfilled as it wants to.

So… What is God’s new purpose for you? I’d love to hear about it… ~Al)