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CHAPTER 2

DEMONSTRATE GOD

“What are we seeking? Is it God that we are seeking, or are we seeking some thing from God? The very moment that we are looking for a home or companionship, the moment we are looking for supply or employment, the moment we are looking for healing, we are seeking amiss. Until we have God, we have nothing; but the very moment we have God, we have all there is in the world. There is no such thing as God and.

To seek for supply, health, or companionship is an impossibility spiritually, because spiritually, there are no such things. Spiritually, there is only God; but in attaining God, we attain all that God is, that is, God appearing as all form. Let us not seek the forms of God but seek the allness of God, and in seeking the allness of God, we shall have all the forms necessary to our own unfoldment.” ~Joel
34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.
35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed:
36 Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.
37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?
38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.
39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.
40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.
41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.
42 And they did all eat, and were filled.
43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.
44 And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.

“Did Jesus ask God for needed food? Did he reason about it or count the money and calculate how much would be needed to feed the 5,000. No. He didn’t even humbly ask for the food for others… Then what did he do? The Script clearly says “he looked up” and blessed God’s sufficiency. He recognized the Allness and Grace of God and watched as the supply necessary for the fulfillment of his message of the day was abundantly Present. All 5,000 were Included in the Kingdom of God.” ~Al
“Nothing is more important than this point: Are we seeking a realization of God, or are we trying to reach God in order to get something through God?

When we come to any spiritual study, nearly always in the beginning we are seeking some good for ourselves. It may be a healing—physical, mental, moral, financial—or it may be peace of mind; but whatever it is, as a rule, we are seeking it for ourselves. Very quickly, however, we discover that as the light of the Spirit touches us, it is of benefit not only to ourselves but also to the world. The person who is studying and practicing the presence of God soon has no problems, no needs, and no desires. Those things which are necessary for his health and supply have a way of taking care of themselves.” ~Joel

James 4:3 (to 3rd ,)
3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss,

“Asking for an improvement in this-world seems kinda foolish, when we consider God as All-Knowing doesn’t it? OK, I know… It just takes a while to be raised high enough to Realize the Liberty in The Living Word.

I have come, not to guide or teach, but to be and fulfill God’s Love.” ~Al
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“God is working out Its life as our life. God is individual life. God is working out Its life in what appears to be the form of our lives. God is working out Its life as our individual consciousness. God is working out Its plan in us and through us. In this knowledge we relax and become beholders. It is no longer our life: It is God's life unfolding individually. God appears on earth as individual you and me, and as we step aside, we begin to see God shining through. The harmonies that we experience are in the degree of our knowing that this is God's life. It is only your life or my life when we take hold of it and try to manipulate it or do something with it or try to make something of it. Rather should we become beholders of God fulfilling Itself on earth, God appearing individually on earth, God incarnate on earth. God actually is living on this earth as you and as me.”  ~Joel

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

“Well…Either God is Omnipresent, or He isn’t, right?”  ~Al
“When we desire only a God-experience, heaven itself will open and pour itself out at our feet in the form of every kind of good. Let us be expectant of a Christ-experience, of a God-experience, expectant of some kind of a spiritual impulse felt within. That is the demonstration we are seeking. Getting rid of some disease and demonstrating employment or companionship have nothing to do with a spiritual teaching. In a spiritual teaching, our desire is purely that we may know God whom to know aright is life eternal. When we have eternal life, we have all, because eternal life includes health, harmony, wholeness, vitality, youth, and abundance.”

~Joel

John 10:10 I am
10 ...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

“I can of mine own self do nothing, the Father Within Doeth the Work.” ~Al
“It would be an impossibility to find ourselves in the presence of God and find anything of a harmonious nature missing in our experience, because ‘I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.’ How could we possibly have the presence of that I, the presence of that God, and not have life and have it more abundantly? But to seek people, or places, or conditions would be to seek outside the realm of God. In that way lies trouble. Many have been destroyed by the very things they have devoted their lives to seeking, but no one has ever been destroyed by seeking and finding God. Seeking God leads to realization, to the actual experience of God. The Master well knew that in that experience we have all because he said: ‘Your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. . . . for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.’

To comprehend the full meaning of the Master's statement, we must understand the nature of God. Probably all of us have been taught from childhood that there is a God, but few of us know what God is. If we could put aside all books, including the Bible, and live with but one question in our mind, ‘What is God?’ meditating day and night on that question, ultimately, God Itself would reveal the answer. We would have to do this, however, with a mind completely free of all concepts of God and begin as if we were completely alone with God. We would not accept anybody else's opinion, anybody else's experience, or anybody else's point of view: We would have our own experience with God. If we could do that, we should find that, sooner or later, God would reveal Itself to us in such unmistakable terms that never again would we have any doubts as to what God is or how to pray.” ~Joel

Luke 12:29-31
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.

I Cor 13:10,11
10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.
11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

(Father, I have put away the desires and hopes of a santa claus God to give me things or correct appearances. I rest now in your Arms. Silently and secretly I watch and wait... I accept Thy Grace as my sufficiency. My Liberty is your Love. Speak Lord, thy servant heareth... ... al.within)
“There have been and there are men who have known God face to face. We can be assured of the genuineness of their knowledge by the fruitage of their teachings. John was such a one, and to John, the nature of God was love. We might take the word ‘love’ and see if we can arrive at some understanding of what that word means and how it would operate even on our level of understanding. For example, if we were completely and exclusively controlled by love, what would our relationship to our child be and what would our conduct toward that child be? Would we find in that love any trace of a desire to wound or to cause him to suffer in any way? Would we find in our consciousness any desire to put him in prison as a punishment for his sins, or to imprison him in a diseased body or a diseased mind? Would we find within ourselves a single trace of a desire for punishment or revenge? No, in love there is correction and discipline, but there is no punishment; there is no withholding of any good.” ~Joel

I John 4:16 God is
16 ...God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

I John 4:18
18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

“God’s Love is unconditional, and so must our Love be of Him. Trust God with all our heart and Be the activity of Love Loving.” ~Al
“As we dwell on this, we shall gain an entirely new concept of God and begin to comprehend the secret of spiritual living. As long as we are clinging to a God who can give us anything—even good—we have not arrived at an understanding of the true nature of God. God has nothing to give us. Everything that God is, we already are; all that God has, is already ours. We can come into the experience of this by relaxing from the fear of what we shall or shall not have tomorrow. If some night we could sit at a window, noting how dark it is and watching the movement of the stars and the moon, and if we could just stay at that window all night long until the morning light breaks, and then with the coming of full daylight when the moon and the stars are no more but in their place is the sun, we might ask ourselves what part we have played in all this. What did we have to do with it? If we could watch trees or flowers blooming, and when they are in full bloom, again ask ourselves what part we have played in this, whether we have earned it or deserved it or been worthy of it, we should soon find that God brought all these glories to us without any question as to our worthiness or unworthiness.” ~Joel

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

“We are never un-included in the Father’s Kingdom. But we can be led by world-mind to ‘think’ so. Rejoice! The complete Kingdom of God is Within.”
~Al
“God is infinite intelligence, infinite wisdom, and infinite understanding. There is never a need for us to tell God anything or to ask anything of God, except perhaps for more light, more understanding, more vision. It is God's function to govern Its creation, to maintain it and sustain it, and all of this It does without any help from man. God does not need the aid of man; God does not need any suggestions or any advice from man. We are God-governed only in proportion as we understand this and entrust ourselves to God's care. Any attempt to tell God what our need is, indicates a distrust and a lack of understanding of the nature of God and acts as a barrier, keeping us from the very blessings that are rightfully ours as heirs of God, joint-heirs with Christ in God. To know Him aright is life eternal; to know Him incorrectly is to set up a sense of separation between ourselves and that which really is our life and the continuity and harmony of our being.”
~Joel

John 17:1-3 (to 2nd ,)
1  These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:
2  As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.
3  And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God,

(Trust God with all your Heart and all your Soul - and take no thought for your life.  Let us rise above the cloud of unknowing and Realize our True Identity.  ~Al)
“We must understand the nature of God as fulfillment. That precludes the possibility of thinking of God as that from which we are going to get something. God is fulfillment. God is fulfilling Itself, just as the sun, shining and pouring forth its warmth and light, is fulfilling itself as the sun. We do not pray to the sun to send out more light or to give more warmth. If we were going to utter any kind of a prayer in regard to the sun, our prayer would be an inner realization that it is--the sun is shining; the sun is warmth; the sun is light.

So it is with God. We should never think of God as that from which we expect to derive some good. We should never think of God as that which can bring peace on earth. There is no such God. The only God there is, is a God who is life eternal: God does not give us life eternal; God cannot withhold life eternal; God does not give us life today or tomorrow and then withhold life when we are one hundred twenty. God is life eternal, and our prayer is the realization of that truth. God is fulfillment. If we are not benefiting by the grace of God, that has nothing to do with God but with our having removed ourselves, at least in belief, from the grace of God. Spirit is in no way related to the human scene. A spiritual God cannot be brought down to a material concept of life. Let us lift ourselves above the material concept of life into God.” ~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, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

“God is Life fulfilled eternally – Life Living now and forever… Joel’s example of the sun always shining is spot on. The sun always shines, it just appears to be dark sometimes when we are on the side that turns away. Turn ye to the Light and Live.” ~Al
“To seek God without a purpose is the ultimate of spiritual realization. To achieve that realization, we must come to that place in consciousness where our whole heart and soul yearn for God, and only for God, rather than for any good, any harmony, any healing, or any peace that may come to us. In that state of self-surrender we can say:

I seek nothing but Thee. I must know Thee whom to know aright is life eternal. Let me live and move and have my being in Thee, with Thee, and I can accept whatever else may come. What difference, then, will it make if I have a body or do not have a body, if I am healthy or unhealthy? ‘In Thy presence is fullness of life.’ When consciousness rises to that place of devotion where God is God to us, only for the sake of God, that is when we have attained The Infinite Way of life.” ~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 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. [and you shall be included in the Kingdom]

(Father, Thy Grace, and only Thy Grace is my Life. I surrender… … … ~al.within)
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“In The Infinite Way, life knows no limitation whatsoever. There is no longer any concern as to whether we are rich or poor, sick or well. Our only object in life is to know Him aright, to come face to face with God, to be able to tabernacle consciously with God, to be able to commune with God. This is a joy greater than has ever been known by the man of earth, regardless of how many millions he may have acquired or of how many honors may have been bestowed upon him. None of these equals the joy, the peace, and the infinite and eternal harmony experienced by the person who knows God. Now, there is a complete disregard of the outward effects which are the result of the practice of the Presence. The whole heart and mind and soul are centered on realizing the Presence so that we may come to that point within ourselves where the Spirit of God is upon us, and we experience that inner joy which is the Presence. We feel that pulsing Spirit down to our very finger tips. Our whole being and our whole body are alive and alert with It.” ~Joel

Matt 19:23-26
23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.
24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.
25 When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?
26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

“Lay down your banners [agendas in this-world].
Surrender your limited self [your life].
Listen intently for the Spirit of the Word.
Welcome the Christ.” ~Al
“Meeting God face to face is the end of the road. There is nothing more to be desired. When we come to this point, we know exactly what Paul meant when he said, ‘I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.’ It is almost as if we were looking over our shoulder and watching the Christ work in us and through us and for us. It goes before us. If supply is needed, It provides it. If a home is needed, It provides it. If transportation is needed, It provides it. We never have to take thought for these things; all we have to do is to continue our life of contemplation, and then we shall find that in our business, profession, or artistic pursuits, we shall have greater discernment, ability, health, inspiration, joy, and remuneration. However, we shall not be praying to achieve these results: They will flow of their own accord just as the sun rises in the morning or the sun sets at night without any conscious effort on the part of anyone. All that is necessary is to wait--just wait long enough and the sun will come up tomorrow morning and go down again at night. We shall have had nothing to do with it except to contemplate it, behold it, watch it. We did not have to pray to God about it, and we did not have to know the truth about it.” ~Joel

Matt 4:3,4
3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.
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.

“Be not tempted to thinking there is a separation from God. Freedom is Realized in direct proportion to our discerning the Truth. Omnipresence is Felt. Omnipotence is Proven and Omniscience is Known. God’s Love becomes our daily experience, it actually Lives our Lives for and As us.”
~Al
“So with us. We learn not to try mentally to manipulate our lives, hoping that by affirming some truth something good will be brought into our experience. Life becomes a complete joy, because just as we need have no concern for the movement of the sun, moon, or stars, so we need feel no burden of responsibility for our supply or our health. All these are a matter of God's grace. Our only responsibility is that the Spirit of God dwell in us. At one time or another, we must begin to make the transition from being man whose breath is in his nostrils, who cannot please God and who is not under the law of God, to being the child of God. From that point on we cannot fail: It is only a matter of devotion.” ~Joel

Isa 2:22 (to :)
22 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils:

I John 4:12 If,13
12 …If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.
13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

“As we continue to Practice the Presence, we learn to let this—world go and watch the Spirit as it Lives within. Keep focused. Our inheritance is simply waiting for us to Realize it.” ~Al
“We cannot use God, but we can yield ourselves to God and let God use us. We can contemplate the things of God and meditate upon the spiritual, invisible, and unseen, until we actually feel that spirit and presence of God within us. Then let our prayer be:

Give me more wisdom; give me more light; teach me how to abide in Thy Word. Let me want Thee for Thy sake only. Let me never ask for a single thing for any person. Let me tabernacle and commune with Thee. Let my only purpose be to unite with Thee.” ~Joel

Prov 3:6,7 (to :)
6  In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
7  Be not wise in thine own eyes:

“Let God do the praying – just rest back and acknowledge it.” ~Al
“An occasional contact with God, like the proverbial grain of truth, will work wonders; but we cannot expect a complete and perfect spiritual existence simply because once in a while we remember to turn to God, or to devote a few hours to the study of spiritual books. It requires prayer without ceasing to make life a continuous experience of good. Then we find that God, who is the all-knowing mind, the divine omnipresence, the divine omnipotence and omniscience, always goes before us to provide those things necessary for our experience. That is the reason we never have to tell It what we need; we never have to tell It that we need money, a home, companionship, freedom, food, or clothing. We never have to tell God anything about our needs.” ~Joel

I Thess 5:17,18
17 Pray without ceasing.
18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Isa 45:2 (to :)
2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight:

“If you experienced the Presence of God and the Allness thereof – what more could you possibly think of to ask for?

Our work is to: Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and thereby be included in It.” ~Al
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“God is the infinite intelligence of the universe, that which formed it, and that which maintains and sustains it without any human advice. If God can do that for this great universe, let us trust our individual being and body to that same Presence and Power.

There is only one kind of a prayer which honors God:

Father within me, so much closer to me than breathing and nearer than hands and feet, You are the all-knowing intelligence of this universe, the intelligence which created it. You are the divine love which has supplied this earth with vegetables and flowers, diamonds, uranium, oil, gold, silver, and platinum. You have filled the heavens with Your glory--the stars, sun, and moon--and the oceans with the rhythmic activity of the tides. I acknowledge Your presence in all things and as all things.

Even before I pray, Father, You know my needs. Even before I lift my eyes or thoughts to You, You not only know my needs, but it is Your good pleasure to give me the kingdom. I turn to You now, not to tell You my need, but to receive the fulfillment of my need. I come to You now, not seeking things, not seeking persons, but seeking Your grace, Your benediction, the gift of Yourself.

Let the peace that passeth understanding descend upon me--Your peace, an inner peace, an inner grace, an inner joy, and an inner harmony. Let the Holy Ghost enfold and envelop me. Let the Christ-Spirit fill my Soul, fill my mind, fill my being, and fill my body. In quietness and in confidence shall be my strength, because the Spirit of the Lord is upon me. It is a power of peace and grace to all who touch my consciousness.” ~Joel

Phil 4:7
7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
“Letting’ God has nothing to do with asking for something from a being separate and apart from us… It is letting our Within be consciously aware of that which is the Infinite Intelligence in the universe. God Consciousness clearly discerned is Oneness touching Itself.” ~Al
“Let us go to God for the joy of experiencing God and then see what God does.” ~Joel

I Cor 2:12
12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

(Sounds pretty joyful to me… ~Al)
“We can begin this moment to take an important step forward--give up desire. We must give up desire for any and every form of good. From today on, there is only one desire permitted us, and that desire is to experience 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 [unillumined] 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.

“The unillumined have a desire to correct bad forms into good ones. The Illumined take no thought for the things of this-world (the bad or the good things). They have found the Kingdom and therein Realize that they are included in the Light Itself.” ~Al
“We must demonstrate God—not persons, things, or conditions. This is really the cardinal principle of the whole Infinite Way. The Infinite Way teaches that we have the right to demonstrate the Spirit of God, the right to demonstrate the realization of God; but we do not have the right to demonstrate any person, place, or thing. We must be very certain that we are seeking only the realization of God's grace, that we are seeking only to be in the Spirit of the Lord. ‘Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty’ from all limitation, all discord, and all inharmony. Our entire demonstration must be the realization of God, the demonstration of God, the consciousness of God's presence.

Realization is demonstration. It is the realization of the activity of God in consciousness that makes all spiritual good appear. It is the realization of God's grace as our sufficiency that makes the demonstration. The realization of any spiritual truth brings it into manifestation as effect. Merely to say, ‘He perfecteth that which concerneth me’ will do nothing for us, but a realization of this truth instantly makes it effective in our experience. Realization is demonstration; but it must be a realization of the kingdom of God, realization of the activity of God, realization of the Spirit of God, realization of God as one power, realization of God as one substance, realization of God as the only cause, realization of God as the all-in-all. Realization of God is demonstration.” ~Joel

Mark 4:9-11
9 And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.
10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.
11 And he said unto them, Unto you [Illumined] it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without [unillumined], all these things are done in parables:

“Doing good work in this world is wonderful, and so is loving and helping all our brothers and sisters. In fact whenever we are doing good – we and all
of humanity are blessed for doing so. Please continue this loving activity. But this human work is working on the level of human consciousness and in the sense world of limitation. This is certainly not working in the Infinite, or in God’s unlimited Way.

Our Spiritual Good appears when it is ‘felt’ or Realized deep Within God Consciousness.

Jesus was referring to this when he was talking to his disciples about having ‘ears to hear’, but he was referring to the disciples Spiritual Ears or Spiritual [Christ] Consciousness. He goes on to say the rest of the world’s ‘ears’ must be lovingly taught with stories and examples of wonderful world work. God’s word always finds a way to be heard in a way that we can hear it.

The Spiritual activity of Knowing the Truth is our Demonstration of Liberty. Now, let the this-world sense go, take no thought for this world, tune in your Ears and Be the vessel of Infinite Love. Realize that You are [I Am], now and forever, an Infinite individual expression of God’s Love. ” ~Al

“Thank you Father… … …” ~al.within

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“If we know the correct letter of truth, if we understand that God's will is love, that God's will is life eternal, if we know that God's will is that we experience His immortality, the infinity of His being, we shall not concern ourselves with telling God about our needs. All we would do is live in the constant attempt to realize God more and more, to have a deeper and deeper realization of God, of that God who is our very own being. The joy of communing with God is enough:

Father, all I want is my relationship with Thee, my conscious realization of the Christ— not for any reason, just for the joy of sitting here with the Christ. Christ liveth my life. The moment I have Christ, I have no life of my own to live; the responsibility is on His shoulders. From now on all I have to do is to follow where He leads, into green pastures, beside the still waters.

To make the contact with the Christ, for no other purpose than to experience It, is the highest form of demonstration there is on earth.” ~Joel

John 8:31,32
31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;
32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

(OK then. Be still now, and let God do the praying. ~Al)