

“THE DAILY LESSON”

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“Practicing the Presence”

By Joel S Goldsmith

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 1, 2015

“CHAPTER V

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul,
and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
MATTHEW 22:37-39

The two great commandments of the Master form the basis of our work. In
the first and great commandment, we are taught that there is no power
apart from God. Our realization must always be that the Father within us,
the Infinite Invisible, is our life, our Soul, our supply, our fortress, and our
high tower. Next in importance is the commandment to ‘love thy neighbor
as thyself,’ and its corollary that we should do unto others as we would
have others do unto us.” ~Joel

“My neighbor and I are branches on the One vine. And so it is that, I and
my neighbor are One.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 2, 2015

“What is love in the spiritual sense? What is the love which is God? As we remember how God was with Abraham, with Moses in the wilderness, with Jesus, John, and Paul, ministering to them, the word ‘love’ takes on a new meaning. We see that this love is not something far-off, nor is it anything that can come to us. It is already a part of our being, already established within us; and more than that, it is universal and impersonal. As this universal and impersonal love flows out from us, we begin to love our neighbor, because it is impossible to feel this love for God within us and not love our fellow man.” ~Joel

I John 4:7,8

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

“Can the branch not contain the same Love as the vine?” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 3, 2015

“If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? I John 4:20

God and man are one, and there is no way to love God without some of that love flowing out to our neighbor.

Let us understand that anything of which we can become aware is a neighbor, whether it appears as a person, place, or thing. Every idea in consciousness is a neighbor. We can love that neighbor as we see him or it possessing no power except that which comes from God. When we see God as the cause and our neighbor as that which is in and of God, then we are loving our neighbor, whether that neighbor appears as a friend, relative, enemy, animal, flower, or stone. In such loving, which understands all neighbors to be of God, derived of God-substance, we find that every idea in consciousness takes its rightful place. Those neighbors who are a part of our experience find their way to us, and those who are not are removed. Let us resolve loving our neighbor into a spiritual activity, beholding love as the substance of all that is, no matter what the form may be. As we rise above our humanhood to a higher dimension of life in which we understand our neighbor to be pure spiritual being, God-governed, neither good nor bad, we are truly loving.” ~Joel

“Behold Love Loving. Be Love Loving... ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 4, 2015

“Love is the law of God. When we are in tune with divine love, loving whether it be friend or enemy, then love is a gentle thing bringing peace. But it is gentle only while we are in tune with it. It is like electricity. Electricity is very gentle and kind, giving light, warmth, and energy, as long as the laws of electricity are obeyed. The minute they are violated or played with, electricity becomes a double-edged sword. The law of love is as inexorable as the law of electricity.” ~Joel

Rom 13:10 therefore

10 ... therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

“He that dwelleth immersed in Love is the Instrument of God.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 5, 2015

“Now let us be very clear on one point: We cannot harm anybody, and nobody can harm us. No one can injure us, but we injure ourselves by a violation of the law of love. The penalty is always upon the one who is doing the evil, never upon the one to whom it is done. The injustice we do to another reacts upon ourselves; the theft from another robs ourselves. The law of love makes it inevitable that the person who seems to have been harmed is really blessed. He has a greater opportunity to rise than ever before, and usually some greater benefit comes to him than he had ever dreamed possible; whereas the perpetrator of the evil deed is haunted by memories until that day comes when he can forgive himself. The whole proof that this is true is in the one word ‘Self.’ God is our Selfhood. God is my Selfhood and God is your Selfhood. God constitutes my being, for God is my life, my Soul, my spirit, my mind, and my activity. God is my Self. That Self is the only Self there is-my Self and your Self. If I rob your Self, whom am I robbing? My Self. If I lie about your Self, about whom am I lying? My Self. If I cheat your Self, whom do I cheat? My Self. There is only one Self, and that which I do to another, I do to my Self.

The Master taught this lesson in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew, when he said: ‘Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.’ What I do of good for you, I am not doing for you at all; it is for my benefit. What I do of evil to you, will not hurt you, for you will find a way to recover from it; the reaction will be on me. We must come to the place where we actually believe and can say with our whole heart: ‘There is only one Self. The injustice that I am doing to another I am doing to myself. The lack of thoughtfulness that I show to another, I am showing to myself.’ In such recognition, the true meaning of doing unto others as we would have them do unto us is revealed.” ~Joel

John 15:4-6 (to ;)

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered;

“If we Abide in the One Self, we would never be aware of the noise of selfishness. When Abiding we could never be anything but Love Loving.

So, stay focused in the mind of Christ [Christ Consciousness], practice the Presence and leave 'thoughtlessness' behind you." ~AI

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 6, 2015

“God is individual being, which means that God is the only Self, and there is no way for any hurt or evil to enter to defile the infinite purity of the Soul of God, nor anything at which evil can strike or to which it can attach itself. When the Master repeated the age-old wisdom: ‘Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets,’ he was giving us a principle. Unless we do unto others as we would have others do unto us, we injure, not the others, but ourselves. In this present state of human consciousness, it is true that the evil thoughts, dishonest acts, and thoughtless words we inflict upon others do harm them temporarily, but always in the end it will be found that the injury was not nearly so great to them as it was to ourselves.” ~Joel

“When the Master gave us that wisdom, in Matthew 7:12, it may have sounded like we are to give of our first fruits first.. And that we are to be the Good Samaritan, bring peace to the table and freedom to “enslaved” consciousness. Yes, yes, that we must do, but in an even higher Consciousness we are to Recognize the Truth of Being, thereby freeing ourselves from reacting to the drama of this-world.

The drama is not in God’s kingdom, it never was, and if we react to it we are just putting off our enlightenment. So, the harm we do ourselves is in our feeling that we are separate from the Kingdom, and temporarily believing it true.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 7, 2015

“In the days to come, when men recognize the great truth that God is the Selfhood of every individual, the evil aimed at us from another will never touch us, but will immediately rebound upon the one who sends it. In the degree that we recognize God as our individual being, we realize that no weapon that is formed against us can prosper because the only I is God. There will be no fear of what man can do to us, since our Selfhood is God and cannot be harmed. As soon as the first realization of this truth comes to us, we no longer concern ourselves with what our neighbor does to us. Morning, noon, and night we must watch our thoughts, our words, and our deeds to make certain that we, ourselves, are not responsible for anything of a negative nature which would have undesirable repercussions.

This will not result in our being good because we fear evil consequences. The revelation of the one Self goes far deeper than that: It enables us to see that God is our Selfhood, and that anything of an erroneous or negative nature which emanates from any individual has power only in the degree that we ourselves give it power. So it is that whatever of good or of evil we do unto others, we do unto the Christ of our own being. ‘Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.’ In that realization, we shall see that this is the truth about all men, and that the only road to a successful and satisfying life is to understand our neighbor to be our Self.” ~Joel

Matt 5:43-45 (to :)

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven:

“So who is our neighbor, and how do we love him no matter what? Our every neighbor is Individual Being, formed in God’s image and likeness appearing As. We must develop a level of Consciousness that sees only the Spirit within and is not aware of anything else. How else could Jesus have set the example of loving and blessing them that persecuted him? He said, ‘Love one another as ‘I’ have loved you.’ Here is our work of the day.”
Loving you, ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 8, 2015

“The Master has instructed us specifically as to the ways in which we can serve our fellow man. He emphasized the idea of service. His whole mission was the healing of the sick, the raising of the dead, and the feeding of the poor. The moment that we make ourselves avenues for the outflow of divine love, from that very moment, we begin serving each other, expressing love, devotion, and sharing, all in the name of the Father.”
~Joel

Luke 6:38 (to .)

38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom.

“Once we recognize the Principal of Love we will find that in order that we might Live, we must be a part of Love’s activity. We must open out a Way for the imprisoned splendor to escape. And likewise, we must feed God’s sheep wherever we are called. Love as I have Loved. Be Love Loving...

Freely give as you have been given.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 9, 2015

“Let us follow the example of the Master and seek no glory for ourselves. With him, always, it was the Father who doeth the works. There is never any room for self-justification, or self-righteousness, or self-glorification in the performance of any kind of service. Sharing with one another should not be reduced to mere philanthropy. Some people wonder why they find themselves left with nothing when they have always been so charitable. They come upon lean days because they believe that they have given of their own possessions; whereas the truth is, that ‘the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.’ If we express our love for our fellow man, realizing that we are giving nothing of ourselves, but all is of the Father, from whom every good and perfect gift comes, we shall then be able to give freely and discover that with all our giving there yet remain twelve baskets full left over. To believe that we are giving of our property, our time, or our strength reduces such giving to philanthropy and brings with it no reward. The true giving comes when giving is a recognition that ‘the earth is the Lord's,’ and that whether we give of our time or our effort, we are not giving of our own, but of the Lord's. Then are we expressing the love, which is of God.” ~Joel

James 1:17

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

“Father, all that I have is Thine. Thank you... ..” ~al.within

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 10, 2015

“As we forgive, divine love is flowing out from us. As we pray for our enemies, we are loving divinely. Praying for our friends profiteth nothing. The greatest rewards of prayer come when we learn to set aside specific periods every day to pray for those who despitefully use us, to pray for those who persecute us, to pray for those who are our enemies-not only personal enemies because there are some people who have no personal enemies, but religious, racial, or national enemies. We learn to pray, ‘Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.’ When we pray for our enemies, when we pray that their eyes be opened to the Truth, many times these enemies become our friends.” ~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.

“Look out with ‘eyes to see’ the Truth about our neighbors. If we see them as the Sons of God they really are, then we won’t see anything else but Love Loving Itself. Hmmm... You think they might feel that? That feeling is an activity of Illumination. Lives will change...” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 11, 2015

“We begin this practice with our personal relationships. If there are individuals with whom we are not on harmonious terms, we find, as we turn within and pray that brotherly love and harmony be established between us, that instead of enemies, we come into a relationship of spiritual brotherhood with them. Our relationship with everybody then takes on a harmony and a heretofore unknown joy.

This is not possible as long as we feel antagonism toward anyone. If we are harboring within us personal animosity, or if we are indulging in national or religious hatred, prejudice, or bigotry, our prayers are worthless. We must go to God with clean hands in order to pray, and to approach God with clean hands, we must relinquish our animosities. Within ourselves, we must first of all pray the prayer of forgiveness for those who have offended us, since they know not what they do; and secondly, acknowledge within ourselves: ‘I stand in relationship to God as a son, and therefore, I stand in relationship to every man as a brother.’ When we have established that state of purity within ourselves, then we can ask the Father:

Give me grace; give me understanding; give me peace; give me this day my daily bread-give me this day spiritual bread, spiritual understanding. Give me forgiveness, even for those harmless trespasses which I have unwittingly committed.” ~Joel

Ps 24:4,5

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Matt 6:14,15

14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

*“Father, I can of mine own self do nothing. Create in me a clean heart, let me Surrender, let me forgive, let me Love and therefore Be Loved.”
~al.within*

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 12, 2015

“The person who turns within for light, for grace, for understanding, and for forgiveness never fails in his prayers.” ~Joel

Matt 6:33

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

Rom 12:2

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

“We are but instruments or transparencies through which the Light of the Kingdom may shine. The focus of our study and prayer is on the awareness of this fact. Freedom is present in the awareness of Truth.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 13, 2015

“The law of God is the law of love, the law of loving our enemies--not fearing them, not hating them, but loving them. No matter what an individual does to us, we are not to strike back. To resist evil, to retaliate, or to seek revenge is to acknowledge evil as reality. If we resist evil, if we refute it, if we avenge ourselves, or if we strike back, we are not praying for them which despitefully use us and persecute us.” ~Joel

Matt 5:38,39 (to :) 43-45 (to:)

38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil:

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven:

“To act on the notion that an error is something to react to is like waking from a dream believing that it was reality. We could then, even after a time remain caught up in the dream and actually want to do something about it. If we see an error in a mathematics problem do we find fault with the principal of mathematics? No, we smile a knowing smile, rely on our awareness of the truth, and move on.

If we react to an error, lack or limitation we postpone our Inheritance.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 14, 2015

“How can we say that we acknowledge good alone, God, as the only power, if we hate our neighbor or do evil to anyone? Christ is the true identity and to recognize an identity other than Christ is to withdraw ourselves from Christ-consciousness.

Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

MATTHEW 5:44, 45 ~Joel

“Any sense of separation from God’s Kingdom comes from erroneous thought. In Truth, we are included in The Kingdom – always were, always will be. Take no thought for the things of this-world and watch God’s Love unfold exactly as It wants to.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 15, 2015

“There is no other way to be the Christ, the Son of God. The Christ-mind has in it no criticism, no judgment, no condemnation, but beholds the Christ of God as the activity of individual being, as your Soul and mine. Human eyes do not comprehend this because as human beings, we are good and bad; but spiritually, we are the Sons of God, and through spiritual consciousness we can discern the spiritual good in each other. There is no room in spiritual living for persecution, hatred, judgment, or condemnation of any person or group of people. It is not only inconsistent, but hypocritical to talk about the Christ and our great love for God in one breath, and, in the next breath, speak disparagingly of a neighbor who is of a different race, creed, nationality, political affiliation, or economic status. One cannot be the child of God as long as he persecutes or hates anyone or anything, but only as he lives in a consciousness of no judgment or condemnation.”
~Joel

Ex 20:16

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

“We bear false witness against our neighbor whenever we are tempted to see anything other than the Omnipresence of God individually expressed.”
~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 16, 2015

“The usual interpretation of ‘judge not’ is that we are not to judge evil of anyone. We must go much further than that; we dare not judge good of anyone either. We must be as careful not to call anyone good as we are not to call anyone evil. We should not label anyone or anything as evil, but likewise, we should not label anyone or anything as good. The Master said: ‘Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is God.’ It is the height of egotism to say: ‘I am good; I have understanding; I am moral; I am generous; I am benevolent.’ If any qualities of good are manifesting through us, let us not call ourselves good, but recognize these qualities as the activity of God. ‘Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.’ All the good of the Father is expressed through me.” ~Joel

Matt 19:17 (to :)

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

“Father, I can of mine own self do nothing, the Spirit Within doeth all Work. I surrender any sense of self I have entertained in my thought and I open out a Way for God to be Revealed As My only Good. Thank you Father. Loving you, ~ al.within”

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 17, 2015

“One of the basic principles of The Infinite Way is that good humanhood is not sufficient to insure our entry into the spiritual kingdom, nor to bring us into oneness with cosmic law. It is undoubtedly better to be a good human being than a bad one, just as it is better to be a healthy human being than a sick one; but achieving health or achieving goodness, in and of itself, is not spiritual living.

Spiritual living comes only when we have risen above human good and human evil and realize: ‘There are not good human beings or bad human beings. Christ is the only identity.’ Then we look out on the world and see neither good men and women nor bad men and women, but recognize Christ alone as the reality of being.

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. MATTHEW 5:23, 24” ~Joel

“Good humanhood is still humanhood. God’s Work operates in the Peace that passeth human understanding [Spirit]. And so, that is where our consciousness must reside and our Work must operate.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 18, 2015

“If we are holding anyone in condemnation as a human being, good or bad, just or unjust, we have not made peace with our brother and we are not ready for the prayer of communion with the Infinite. We rise above the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees only when we stop seeing good and evil, and stop boasting about goodness as if any of us could be good. Goodness is a quality and activity of God alone, and because it is, it is universal.” ~Joel

John 7:24

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

“So, what is Righteous judgment? Ask yourself, ‘What does God see?’”
~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 19, 2015

“Let us never accept a human being into our consciousness who needs healing, employing, or enriching because if we do, we are his enemy instead of his friend. If there is any man, woman, or child we believe to be sick, sinning, or dying, let us do no praying until we have made peace with that brother. The peace we must make with that brother is to ask forgiveness for making the mistake of sitting in judgment on any individual because everyone is God in expression. All is God manifested. God alone constitutes this universe; God constitutes the life, the mind, and the Soul of every individual.” ~Joel

Eph 4:4 (to 2nd ,)

4 There is one body, and one Spirit,

Luke 17:21 behold

21 ...behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

“Jesus said, “Behold the Kingdom of God is within you”. So then, every individual that that has ever read and felt that passage – and every individual that will ever read and felt it are the One body that the Spirit is within. You see? Everyone that Realizes this as the True Nature of God are Individual Expressions of God, Infinitely Aware and Active. All working for and As. So what then needs correction? ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 20, 2015

“Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor has a much broader connotation than merely not spreading rumors or indulging in gossip about our neighbor. We are not to hold our neighbor in humanhood. If we say, ‘I have a good neighbor,’ we are bearing false witness against him just as much as if we said, ‘I have a bad neighbor,’ because we are acknowledging a state of humanhood, sometimes good and sometimes bad, but never spiritual. To bear false witness against our neighbor is to declare that he is human, that he is finite, that he has failings, that he is something less than the very Son of God. Every time we acknowledge humanhood, we violate cosmic law. Every time we acknowledge our neighbor as sinful, poor, sick, or dead, every time we acknowledge him to be other than the Son of God, we are bearing false witness against our neighbor.” ~Joel

Rom 8:14

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

“Practice being Consciously Aware of the Omnipresence of God everywhere you look today. See with eyes to see [Spiritual Eyes]. Let us interact in the Infinite Realm beyond words and concepts - Spirit to Spirit and Soul to Soul.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 21, 2015

“In the violation of that cosmic law, we bring about our own punishment. God does not punish us; we punish ourselves because if I say that you are poor, I virtually am saying that I am poor. There is only one I and one Selfhood; whatever truth I know about you is the truth about me. If I accept the belief of poverty in the world, that reacts upon me. If I say that you are sick or that you are not kind, I am accepting a quality apart from God, an activity apart from God, and in that way I am condemning myself because there is but one Self. Ultimately, I convict myself by bearing false witness against my neighbor and I am the one who suffers the consequences.

The only way to avoid bearing false witness against our neighbor is to realize that the Christ is our neighbor, that our neighbor is a spiritual being, the Son of God, just as we are. He may not know it; we may not know it; but the truth is: I am Spirit; I am Soul; I am consciousness; I am God expressed--and so is he, whether he is good or bad, friend or enemy, next door or across the seas.” ~Joel

John 5:31

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

“Who is your neighbor?

Fellow branches on the One Vine.

Sons and Daughters of God.

All brothers and sisters of the same Father.

An instrument of Love Loving.

The Christ appearing As.

You see? Any time we look within or without and see something separate from God or something other than Christ we are bearing false witness.”

~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 22, 2015

“In the Sermon on the Mount, the Master gave us a guide and a code of human conduct to follow while developing spiritual consciousness. The Infinite Way emphasizes spiritual values, a spiritual code, which automatically results in good humanhood. Good humanhood is a natural consequence of spiritual identification. It would be difficult to understand that Christ is the Soul and the life of individual being, and then quarrel with our neighbor or slander him. We place our faith, trust, and confidence in the Infinite Invisible, and we do not take into consideration human circumstances and conditions. Then, when we do come to human circumstances or conditions, we see them in their true relationship. When we say, ‘Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself,’ we are not speaking of human love, affection, or friendliness; we are holding our neighbor in spiritual identity, and then we see the effect of this right identification in the human picture.” ~Joel

Ps 106:3

3 Blessed are they that keep [Righteous] judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

Matt 5:43-45 (to :)

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven:

Matt 5:48

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

“Jesus continued to teach the commandments given in the previous generations, but his message brought the students of his day to the light of the New Promise [New Testament]; which was the spiritual interpretation of past repetitions. We are to hold the Law of God’s Kingdom in our hearts [Consciousness] and not just in our deeds - and we will thereby realize our True Inheritance. To be pure in heart and actually Live the activity of Love Loving.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 23, 2015

“Many times we find it difficult to love our neighbor because we believe that our neighbor is standing between us and our good. Let me assure you that this is far from true. No outer influence for good or evil can act upon us. We ourselves release our good. To understand the full meaning of this requires a transition in consciousness. As human beings, we think that there are those individuals in the world who can, if they would, be good to us; or we think that there are some who are an influence for evil, harm, or destruction. How can this possibly be true if God is the only influence in our life-God, who is ‘closer . . . than breathing, and nearer than hands or feet’? The only influence is that of the Father within, which is always good. ‘Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above.’” ~Joel

John 19:10-12 (to :)

10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?

11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

12 And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him:

“Take no thought for the ideas that are presented in this-world. Fear has no power of its own. What-if’s only have the power we give them. There can only be one Truth.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 24, 2015

“When we realize that our life is unfolding from within our own being, we come to the realization that no one on earth has ever hurt us, and no one on earth has ever helped us. Every hurt that has ever come into our experience has been the direct result of our inability to behold this universe as spiritual. We have looked upon it with either praise or condemnation, and no matter which it was, we have brought a penalty upon ourselves. If we look back over the years, we could almost blueprint the reasons for every bit of discord that has come into our experience. In every case, it is the same thing-always because we saw somebody or something that was not spiritual.

Nobody can benefit us; nobody can harm us. It is what goes out from us that returns to bless or to condemn us. We create good and we create evil. We create our own good and we create our own evil. God does not do either: God *is*. God is a principle of love. If we are at-one with that principle, then we bring good into our experience; but if we are not at-one with that principle, we bring evil into our experience. Whatever is flowing out from our consciousness, that which is going forth in secret, is being shown to the world in outward manifestation.” ~Joel

Eccl 11:1

1 Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.

Matt 14:16-20

16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.

17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.

18 He said, Bring them hither to me.

19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

“We bring supply into our Life when we take no thought for it - and we send out our Love without condition and focus on God’s Infinite Kingdom – only to find that we are, and always were Included in the Kingdom. To focus on supplying our worldly needs we are focused on a limited source.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 25, 2015

“Whatever emanates from God in the consciousness of man, individually or collectively, is power. What is it that emanates from God and operates in the consciousness of man but love, truth, completeness, perfection, wholeness--all of the Christ-qualities? Because there is only one God, one infinite Power, love must be the controlling emotion in the hearts and souls of every person on the face of the globe.

Now in contrast to that, are those other thoughts of fear, doubt, hate, jealousy, envy, and animality, which are probably uppermost in the consciousness of many of the people of the world. We, as truth seekers, belong to a very small minority of those who have received the impartation that the evil thoughts of men are not power; they have no control over us. Not all the evil or false thinking on earth has any power over you or over me when we understand that love is the only power. There is no power in hate; there is no power in animosity; there is no power in resentment, lust, greed, or jealousy.” ~Joel

I John 4:7,8

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

Rom 13:1,2 (to :)

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.

2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God:

“Every act of Love is an activity of God.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 26, 2015

“There are few people in the world who are able to accept the teaching that love is the only power and who are willing to ‘become as a little child.’ Those who do accept this basic teaching of the Master, however, are those of whom he said:

. . . I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

. . . Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see:
For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.
LUKE 10:21, 23, 24” ~Joel

“Father, I am so very grateful... In quietness and in confidence shall be my strength... and Your Grace is my sufficiency... Thank you.” ~al.within

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 27, 2015

“Once we accept this all-important teaching of the Master and our eyes see beyond the appearance, we shall consciously realize daily that every person in the world is empowered with love from on High, and that the love in his consciousness is the only power, a power of good unto you, unto me, and unto himself; but that the evil in human thought, whether it takes the form of greed, jealousy, lust, or mad ambition, is not power, is not to be feared or hated.” ~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 [Be] what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

“...And we shall all be taught of God. Look up!” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 28, 2015

“Our method of loving our brother as ourselves is in this realization: The good in our brother is of God and is power; the evil in our brother is not power, not power against us, and in the last analysis, not even power against him, once he awakens to the truth. To love our brother means to know the truth about our brother: to know that that in him, which is of God, is power and that in him, which is not of God, is not power. Then are we truly loving our brother. Centuries of orthodox teaching have instilled in all the peoples of the world a sense of separation so that they have developed interests separate and apart from one another and also apart from the world at large. When we master the principle of oneness, however, and this principle becomes a conviction deep within us, in that oneness, the lion and the lamb can lie down together.” ~Joel

Isa 26:3 (to :)

3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee:

“Go within first and seek the Peace that passeth understanding [is beyond words and thoughts]. Our every Brother and Sister is included in this Love, and there we shall see them as they Are.

Today, we must bring this Peace to our every neighborhoods around the word - be diligent and focused on this Truth that I Am and my Every-Brother therefore Is...” ~AI

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 29, 2015

“This is proved to be true through an understanding of the correct meaning of the word ‘I.’ Once we catch the first perception of the truth that the I of me is the I of you, the Self of me is the Self of you, then we shall see why we have no interests apart from each other. There would be no wars, no conflicts of any kind, if only it could be made clear that the real being of everybody in the universe is the one God, the one Christ, the one Soul, and the one Spirit. What benefits one benefits another because of this oneness.” ~Joel

Rom 12:5

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

“We are Infinite Being expressed As.

One in Christ.

Thank you Father.”

~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 30, 2015

“In that spiritual oneness, we find our peace with one another. If we experiment with this we shall quickly see how true it is. When we go to the market, we realize that everyone we meet is this same one that we are, that the same life animates him, the same Soul, the same love, the same joy, the same peace, the same desire for good. In other words, the same God sits enthroned within all those with whom we come in contact. They may not, at the moment, be conscious of this divine Presence within their being, but they will respond as we recognize It in them. In the business world, whether it is among our co-workers, our employers, or our employees, whether it is among competitors, or whether in management and labor relationships, we maintain this attitude of recognition:

I am you. My interest is your interest; your interest is mine, since the one life animates our being, the one Soul, the one Spirit of God. Anything we do for each other, we do because of the principle that binds us together.

A difference is immediately noticeable in our business relationships, in our relationships with tradespeople, and in our community relationships--ultimately, in national and international relationships. The moment that we give up our human sense of separateness, this principle becomes operative in our experience. It has never failed and it never will fail to bring forth rich fruitage.” ~Joel

Matt 22:36-39

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

“If you look Within and see Oneness, then you will be able to look without and experience it.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – JANUARY 31, 2015

“Everyone is here on earth but for one purpose, and that purpose is to show forth the glory of God, the divinity and the fullness of God. In that realization, we shall be brought into contact only with those who are a blessing to us as we are a blessing to them.” ~Joel

Ps 24:1

1 The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Ps 89:15-17

15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

16 In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

17 For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.

“Thank you dear friends, for the Love expressed over the last many years. I can of mine own self, do nothing. The Joyful Spirit doeth the Work, All of it. In His name do I praise. In His Spirit do I dwell. The Peace that I feel is Infinite, and therefore Yours and Mine. So join with me now and sing aloud. Our Liberty is His. Our Spirit is His. Our Soul is His. His Infinity includes Us. For I Am, always Was, and forever will Be. Walk with me now in the Garden... Thank you Father. Amen.” ~al.within

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 1, 2015

“The moment we look to a person for our good, we may find good today and evil tomorrow. Spiritual good may come *through* you to me from the Father, but it does not come *from* you. You cannot be the source of any good to me, but the Father may use you as an instrument for His good to flow through you to me. So, as we look at our friends or our family in this light, they become instruments of God, of God's good, reaching us through them. We come under grace by taking the position that all good emanates from the Father within. It may appear to come through countless different people, but it is an emanation of good, of God from within us.” ~Joel

John 14:6-10

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.

“Dear One, ALL that I have is thine. There are no conditions on this promise. The place whereon we stand is Holy Ground. I Am standing with you, and so it is we are included in the Kingdom. Isn't the Garden just beautiful today?” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 2, 2015

What is the principle? ‘Love thy neighbor as thyself.’ In obeying this commandment we love friend and foe; we pray for our enemies; we forgive, though it be seventy times seven; we bear not false witness against our neighbor by holding him in condemnation; we judge not as to good or evil, but see through every appearance to the Christ-identity - the one Self which is your Self and my Self. Then can it be said of us:

. . . Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

MATTHEW 25 :34-40 ~Joel

“Our Liberty is in direct proportion to our Spiritual understanding of the nature of God As individual being expressed to and as our Every-neighbor. In other words, Be Love Loving – and watch Love Loving...” ~Al