The world can never rise above the idea of using one power over another and into the realm of no power until the mystery of Genesis is solved. In this first book of the Bible, are found two completely contradictory and conflicting records of creation: The first chapter is obviously the work of a mystic who had achieved complete union with God and who saw that this entire universe is Consciousness appearing as form; whereas subsequent chapters contain an account of the creation of mind.

The first record of creation is a revelation of the activity of Consciousness in all its purity and eternality. It recounts the unfolding of a spiritual universe where there is light before there is a sun or a moon, where the crops are in the ground before the seeds are planted, and where there is man before there is woman. That which is formed of Consciousness is never born: It is merely an emanation of Consciousness, which not only has no beginning but has no ending because as long as there is Consciousness, there is Consciousness formed. When Consciousness appears as form, it can appear as a seed or as a completely developed tree without ever having gone through any process of growth.” ~Joel S Goldsmith
Gen 1:1,3,29,30 (KJV)
1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.
30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

“Behold, there is Abundance, Ever-Presence, All Power and Infinite Consciousness.”
~Al Denninger
“Consciousness, or Soul, which we call God, reveals and expresses Itself as a spiritual universe in which there is no conception and no birth. In other words, creation is the immaculate conception of God revealing Itself as individual identity, an identity expressing as human, animal, vegetable, and mineral forms; so that in reality, God, Consciousness, is the very essence and substance of the earth—even of what appears as stones, rocks, sand, and soil—just as that same Consciousness is the substance of our true identity.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Luke 17:20 The,21 (KJV)
20  …The kingdom of God cometh not with observation [conception]:
21  Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you [immaculately].

“Creation is Infinite Being Expressed, it always was, and always will be. All we need to do is be Consciously Aware.” ~Al Denninger
“In Genesis, we learn that God created Adam and Eve and placed them in the Garden of Eden in the midst of perfection and harmony, surrounded only by goodness, love, and beauty. Joy and harmony reigned there until into that Eden came something that destroyed it and ejected Adam and Eve from the Garden. That something has always remained more or less of an enigma, and yet the whole mystery is clearly explained in the second and third chapters of Genesis.

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were naked, but they were unaware of their nakedness; they had bodies but as long as they were of a pure mind, there was no shame in them—bodies were just normal, natural things, so why be ashamed of them? Yet the next thing we read is that Adam and Eve were ashamed because they knew they were naked. Suddenly the belief of evil had come into their minds, and they began to cover up and hide. What were they covering up and from what were they hiding except the belief of evil in their minds?

And God said to Adam, ‘Who told thee that thou wast naked?’

In that query is summed up the whole essence of human life. All of us are in that same predicament in which Adam found himself. As long as we entertain a belief of good and evil, we are the Adam who is hiding, the Adam who is outside the Garden of Eden, and because of that we are all covering up our ‘nakedness.’

Everybody is hiding, hiding from someone or from himself, or hiding something within himself for fear of having it brought to light. Why? Because he is dwelling in the realm of good and evil. Who told him that this is good and that is bad? Who told him that it is more moral to cover up the body than to expose it? Who told him that there is sin? Who made this condition? From his very question, God certainly implies that He did not. God did not say there was anything wrong about a naked body, nor did He say there was anything wrong on the face of the earth.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Gen 1:31 (KJV)
31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

Gen 2:25 (KJV)
25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

“A sense of shame or sin only comes from thinking we have become separated from the Garden Experience. Have we? Or, do we merely think we are separate? Do we discover Truth or are we reminded of it?” ~Al Denninger
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“The sin that crept into Eden was not an apple nor was it sex, although traditional religious opinion would so identify it. The sin was the acceptance of two powers; and, when man began to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, he took upon himself a dual universe so that no longer could it be said that he was too pure to behold iniquity, because now he saw and knew both good and evil.

The second chapter of Genesis departs radically from the first in that it is the account of the creation of mind, mind producing mental images—not externalized reality but mental images in thought—mind appearing as thoughts, changeable as the weather, thoughts which never penetrate beyond the realm of mind into the realm of being.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Gen 3:3-6 (KJV)
3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.
4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:
5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.
6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

James 1:17 (KJV)
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.

“All our Good is from Above – yet we can be tempted to think we can do better. ???
That was one sneaky snake. ~Al Denninger
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“The truth of the matter is that neither thinking two times two is four, nor thinking two times two is not four will make it so. Two times two is four, is four, is four, is. It has nothing to do with thought. It would be so even if we did not think it so, because it is. Thinking cannot make anything true; but in the inner Silence, which is a listening attitude in which we are taught of God and in which God utters His voice, the earth melts—sin, sickness, and all lack disappear—and God imparts to us that which is. Only in the realm of being are we outside of thoughts where IS, is.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 6:27 (KJV)
27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

Ps 46:10 (to :) (KJV)
10 Be still, and know that I am God:

“What is Being Still? It is taking no thought, surrendering, and waiting for the Truth to be Revealed in a state of heightened awareness… Behold, I Am Present, and All that I have is thine…” ~Al Denninger
“Who is there who has not had good thoughts and who is there who has not had evil thoughts? Who is there who has not had pleasant and unpleasant thoughts, healthy and sickly thoughts, pure thoughts and sinful thoughts? That is because thoughts that emanate solely from the mind are always either good or evil.

This mental creation is not a creation of Spirit, or Consciousness, but a creation of the false or carnal mind, a mind that is constituted of both good and evil, that thinks correctly and incorrectly, having no Consciousness, or God, for its guide. The entire sense-world, made up of that which we see, hear, taste, touch, and smell, has no existence whatsoever except as a creation of this carnal mind which by its very nature and from its very inception is finite, unreal, and unstable with nothing to support it except thoughts which shift from good to evil, and from evil back to good.

The very moment that we recognize that the second chapter of Genesis describes mind in action, we have the secret of its destruction: Rise above mind, above thought. God's thoughts are not our thoughts. We do not have the capacity to think God's thoughts, but when the mind, in rising above thought, has been transcended and Silence supersedes thought, God can utter His word through us.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Rom 8:2, 4-7  (KJV)
2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

“I can of mine own self do nothing… I surrender Father… Thy Will be done in and through Me that I may be Included in Your Love outbound.” ~Al Denninger
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“When we are able to rise above the realm of thought to that high place where we have no opinion whether anything or anybody is good or evil, but are willing to be a perfect transparency for the instruction of God, then God speaks in our ear and shows us the spiritual reality which exists right where that ‘man of flesh’ who ‘cannot please God’ appears to be; but in that instant when God speaks, the man of flesh is transformed into the Son of God and is immediately returned to the Garden of Eden where he is now the Son of God living under God's government.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Rom 8:7,8  (KJV)
7  Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
8  So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

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

“Are you willing, right now, to be a perfect transparency for the Instruction of God? Ok then, are you willing to surrender all thoughts, laws and concepts of this-world? Be still and let Him teach You…” ~Al Denninger
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“The belief in two powers is what traps us into vacillating between the pairs of opposites—harmony and discord, poverty and abundance, life and death, sickness and health; whereas the ability to abide in our inner being, realizing that there is only one power—that there is no good and there is no evil in any form—frees us and brings the peace that passes understanding.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Rom 12:2 (KJV)
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.

“As we are Lifted into the Confidence of One Power and only One, we are no longer effected by the belief in two powers. We begin to see how foolish it is to react to shadows [nothing] – and we react less and less – until all that is left is a smile…” ~Al Denninger
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“The only devil is the knowledge of good and evil. We decide that this is good and it is so unto us, or that this is evil and so it is; whereas the truth is that ‘there is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.’ Then to be rid of the pairs of opposites, we must stop the merry-go-round of the human mind, and that actually is not as difficult or as impractical as it sounds.

I have been asked many times, ‘How do you stop thinking?’ And I have found one way. The minute I can look at any person or condition and know that it is neither good nor evil, my thought stops, and my mind becomes quiet. That is the end of it because then there are no thoughts left for me to think about it: I do not think good of it and I do not think evil of it. All I know is that it is, and then I am back at the center of my being where all power is. Our mind is restless only when we are thinking about things or persons, either in terms of good or evil, but the mind is at rest when we surrender all such concepts.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 16:21-23 (KJV)
21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.
22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.
23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

“You see? Peter’s thought was in this-world, he plugged into fear, gave it power and reacted. Every time we react to our thoughts and fears we must also have a “get thee behind me” moment where we STOP and Realize the picture being presented does not, and can never exist in the Presence of God. Let us see and savor the things of God.” ~Al Denninger
“After we have had enough experience hitting up against every form of error that can conceivably come to the human race and have seen at least a portion of it rendered a nothingness just by realizing that there is neither good nor evil because there is only God, then we are approaching the place where eventually we may have sufficient conviction to respond to our particular Pilate as did Jesus to his, ‘Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above.’

Throughout my years of healing work, I have learned that if I can be made to accept the condition or the person that is brought to me as either good or evil, just in that proportion will I fail to bring forth a healing. Healing comes with the realization, ‘This is not evil and this is not good; there is neither good nor evil here because God is here, and where God is, ’where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.’” ~Joel S Goldsmith

II Cor 3:17,18
17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is [Realized], there is liberty.
18 But we all, with open face beholding [Feel] as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

“There are no shortcuts here, we cannot intellectually learn, deduct or reason Liberty to be true. We can't demand Truth to be true, established or manifest either. Someone else cannot give you the answer – we must actually Feel the Impulse, Click or Assurance of the Presence within to Realize Truth. ‘Ye shall Know the Truth and the Truth shall make you Free.” ~Al Denninger
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“When we lived in Eden, that is, in harmony and perfection as pure offspring of God, we were as gods—complete and whole—and, the way to return to the Garden of Eden is to give up the pairs of opposites. Complete harmony comes when we no longer desire good any more than we desire evil, because when we desire anything, although we may think we are desiring good, actually we have not the least way of knowing whether our fulfilled desire will result in blessing or harm. Even as apparently a desirable and much sought after thing as having a million dollars can be harmful and destructive, as many people have discovered to their sorrow.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

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.

“Father, I can of mine own self do nothing... I've come to realize that my harmony comes from You Father, not from any of my past or current efforts. I surrender my will for Yours... Show me The Way for today, and I will gratefully rest with You again tomorrow...... Thank You Father.” ~al.within
“Traditional metaphysical teaching would agree that we must rise above evil, but it still looks longingly toward good, hoping to see the evil translated into good, and that is where it makes the mistake which results in the inability to attain the final harmony.

As long as we can be made to believe that one thing is good and another evil, we shall remain outside the Garden of Eden, and one day have health and another day disease, experience youth and vitality one day and age and debility another day because those are the pairs of opposites and they follow one another in cycles. It is only when we do not desire wealth or harmony any more than lack or discord, but seek only that which was original and primary in the Garden of Eden, that we rise above these opposites into eternal life. In this state of consciousness, we are pure enough to dwell in the Garden of Eden which is a state of desirelessness—a contentedness with being.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Gen 1:31 (to .) (KJV)
31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

“Could we think something to improve The Garden?” ~Al Denninger
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“The original purity of Adam and Eve consisted of this desirelessness. They were constituted of God and given all that they needed by the grace of God: God was their being; God was their life; God even formed and governed their body. All day long they enjoyed the good things of life, until into the midst of this paradise, good and evil entered their consciousness, after which they no longer walked blissfully up and down the Garden, but walked right out of Eden into the world where they became the man and woman of earth. They turned from the sheer joy of being into that state of consciousness in which they had to earn their living by the sweat of their brow—by their mind—and bring forth children in pain.

As long as we have a knowledge of good and evil, we too are living in the world like that Adam and Eve who were expelled from the Garden of Eden, and we are subject to chance and change, to accident, limitation, and old age.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Gen 3:23 (KJV)
23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

“Our only limitation is by the thought that makes it so.

We will till the same piece of boring ground with all of its moments of and lack and abundance, as long as we accept the notion that we were born of earth.” ~Al Denninger
“In the eighth chapter of Romans, we read that ‘the man of flesh,’ that is, the Adam-man, cannot please God, is not under the law of God, and is only the child of God if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in him. Let us never forget, however, that there are not two of us. There is not a real man and an unreal man; there is not a real universe and an unreal universe. There is only one universe and that is the real universe; there is only one you and that is the real you. Actually, the man of flesh is that real man even before the Spirit of God has been awakened in him because the first Adam and the last Adam are both spiritual—the one, pure before he is expelled from Eden, and the other, pure after his return.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

I Cor 15:45-49  (KJV)
45  And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.
46  Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.
47  The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.
48  As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.
49  And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

“Our Reality never changes, it only awaits our Recognition.” ~Al Denninger
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“So it is that you and I are that pure child of God, born into Eden, but at this moment entertaining a sense of good and evil. We are moving about as the man and woman of flesh who cannot please God and cannot be under the law of God, until at some given time in our lives it is revealed to us that the whole difference between the original Adam and Eve, the God-created, pure, eternal being, and you and me as we now are is that we know good and evil.

If we want to return to the Edenic state and be the man and woman we were in the beginning—the pure creational we have to do is give up our knowledge of good and evil. In reality, such knowledge is all in the realm of theory, belief, or human concepts. We must be willing to look upon all the good as well as the evil conditions in our life and in the world, and state with conviction, ‘I renounce you, both of you. Henceforth, I know neither good nor evil; I know only God manifest. Through spiritual vision, I behold Consciousness forming Itself in immortal forms—eternal, harmonious, and abundant. Henceforth, I accept only the revelation of the real creation in which there is light even when there is no sun and where all is harmony.’” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 4:8-10 (KJV)
8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;
9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.
10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

“Jesus had to find the Truth in the three temptations before he could move further in his Experience and Ministry. The second was to give up all the good and glory that the world has to offer. Instead he Recognized only the One Good from Above. If there is only One Good, One Power and One Knowledge and that is all there is, then how did we ever come up with opposites for those?” ~Al Denninger
“There is no other way, and whether or not we are willing to accept this idea, the secret of harmonious living lies in the ability to withdraw all our estimates and judgments of situations and people. It is difficult to do this because at first we have to live a dual life. For example, it is unavoidable that we be aware of evil in the world—evil conditions and at times evil men. There is not any doubt but that like the Master we may have to whip those evil ones occupying important governmental posts out of the temple by voting against them and exposing corruption in high places, although all this must be done with as much detachment as that of an actor who plays a part on the stage. In the play, his role may be that of a thief who has stolen a million dollars, but the crime perpetrated in the play will not benefit or harm him because he has only been playing a part and going through the motions required of the character. An actor does not have to be a villain to play the part of one—he merely has to act like one, and as soon as his curtain call has been taken, he removes his make-up and is his own self again.

So it is with us. We say and do things in this state of dualism in which we live, but we must learn to smile an unbelieving smile within ourselves because we remember that we are only actors in a play and, therefore, do not accept appearances at appearance-value.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Mark 11:15-17  (KJV)
15 And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;
16 And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple.
17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

“Living in this world, we sometimes find ourselves correcting our neighbors. Loving our neighbors as God does we would see our Self Expressed As and Know the Truth about our neighbor’s Oneness. There would be no judgment of any kind and no correction needed.” ~Al Denninger
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“True, we have to rebuke evil: Sometimes we have to vote against it; sometimes we have to talk against it; and sometimes we have to correct children and even grownups too. But this has to be done without our actually believing it, recognizing, ‘Yes, that’s the appearance-world, and the people in it have not awakened to this great secret that there is neither good nor evil in person, place, or thing.’

We have to be able to look around at a roomful of people with a silent agreement, ‘I know that there is not an evil person in this room, not an evil thought, not a thief, not a liar among all of them.’ But that is not enough: We have to go a little bit further and add, ‘But neither is there a good one.’” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Ps 24:1 (KJV)
1 The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

“Let us dwell in God’s Government and It’s perfection. There, there is neither good or bad people – just God’s Infinite Expression.” ~Al Denninger
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“In our early days in metaphysics, it was difficult for many of us to unsee evil, but it is far more difficult to reach that high state of consciousness in which we are able to rise above good—above good health and good supply—and retire into a realm of consciousness where even though outwardly we are living a normal life, inwardly is the conviction, ‘I will not accept appearances; I will not accept them. I stand on IS. God is and only God is: There cannot be bad conditions and there cannot be good conditions. There can only be God.’

The first chapter of Genesis is the account of a spiritual universe, peopled by spiritual beings who do not live by effect but by cause, who do not live by bread alone, who do not have to earn their living by the sweat of their brow; whereas in the second and third chapters, a knowledge of good and evil creates a sense of separation from God after which man lives by power and by effect: He lives by bread, by money, by the beating of the heart, by sunlight; he lives by all the creature things, instead of by the Creator.” Joel S Goldsmith

Luke 4:4 (KJV)
4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

“I surrender my will, Father. I rest back now, in a listening attitude, to wait for your Word. I will not move until You Move Me……………..Speak Lord, thy servant heareth… Your Grateful son,” ~al.within
“At the present moment of reading, this may not seem too hard to accept because, if we have renounced and forsaken both good and evil, we are now pure, immortal, eternal being, without sin and unashamed, knowing there is nothing at all to fear because we are living by God's grace; but let us not forget that tomorrow there will be problems that will tend to throw us right outside the Garden of Eden; tomorrow there will be mail and telephone calls which will tempt us to be hypnotized by the appearance of good and evil.

When these moments come, let us remember that that is when fortitude is required, but that is also when the grace of God comes forward to enable us to stand fast in our spiritual integrity.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

II Chron 20:17 (to 3rd ,) (KJV)
17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you,

“Try not to be swept up reacting to illusions. Stand above the drama with a Knowing smile and Go about the Father's Business.” ~Al Denninger
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“The truth that there is neither good nor evil in any form is the secret of no-power; it is the secret of life for which people have sought throughout the ages. They have called it a search for God, for the Holy Grail, but when they found it, if they did, what they found was that there is neither good nor evil in effect. When they discovered that secret, they had their foot right inside of heaven, because they had found the ultimate reality. It is only the knowledge of good and evil that keeps anyone from the holy kingdom.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Gen 2:17 (KJV)
17 But of the tree of the knowledge [belief] of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of [accept] it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die [believe that finite existence is reality].

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

“Have we accepted that we are the natural man? Then we must dig ourselves out from the overburden of that belief.

How do we do this? Well, we clearly cannot get there in the mind of man. There is nothing to discover or think through. The Spirit of God must be Spiritually Discerned [accepted].

How?... Meditation. Now are we, the Sons of God. We automatically inherited the Mind of Christ when we were Created. Then, all we need to do is silently and secretly Accept our Divine Birthright.” ~Al Denninger

(This completes Chapter 4, “Who Told You” of “The Thunder of Silence” by Joel S Goldsmith. Tomorrow we begin Chapter 5, entitled “Transcending Mind” from the same book.) Loving you in Spirit, Al