

“THE DAILY LESSON”

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“The Thunder of Silence”

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and inspired comments by the Practitioner and Teacher ~Al Denninger,
to take into meditation and live with throughout your day.

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The Daily Lesson – May 31, 2016

“CHAPTER VII

A ROSE IS A ROSE IS A ROSE

No one can free himself from the belief in two powers and make the return to Eden until he is willing to relinquish his human judgments and look out upon the world with an unconditioned mind. The practice of seeing neither good nor evil can begin at this very moment with any object which comes within range of your vision or with any person with whom you may be confronted. In most cases, however, it is simpler to begin the practice with some object or person with whom you are not emotionally involved.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

John 7:24 (KJV)

24 Judge not according to the appearance [human reasoning, a sense of separation from God, or a belief in two powers], but judge righteous judgment [unconditioned mind or Christ Consciousness].

The Daily Lesson – June 1, 2016

“The practice might begin with a bouquet of flowers which may have been sent to you as a gift. If you have no preconceived idea of them, you do not know whether they are going to give you joy in their beauty or an attack of hay fever. Contemplate them, look at them; and if you see them as having power for either good or evil, you will be thinking thoughts about them for a long time to come.

Change all that and acknowledge that these flowers, in and of themselves, have no power whatsoever, that they are not good flowers and they are not bad flowers. At this point, you may be willing to admit that they are not evil, but you may still wonder why they are not good. The answer is that they are not good in the sense that good is embodied in them: The good is in the consciousness of the individual who provided the flowers because that good is love. Love is good, love is invisible and spiritual. Love is the substance that sent these flowers to you, perhaps from a great distance; love is that invisible thing of which these flowers are the visible expression.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Acts 3:1-6 (to :) (KJV)

- 1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.
- 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;
- 3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.
- 4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.
- 5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.
- 6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee:

“So, what did Peter and John see at the gate of the temple? We are all free to choose our material or Spiritual standpoint. If we decide to focus on the flower or the man, we may see the beautiful petals or perhaps the dangerous thorns or, a healthy or not healthy human existence – both temporary. On the other hand, if we focus on the visible activity of Love and Behold Its Creation, we will see the Infinite Invisible Spirit expressed As the flower or the man... And all that is left is a smile.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – June 2, 2016

“If you were to call these flowers good, and then in three or four days they faded and were gone, you would have lost your good, but inasmuch as their only value beyond a momentary sense of pleasure lies in the lasting remembrance of the giver—of the love that prompted them, of the devotion, the friendship and gratitude—it makes no real difference what happens to them. When the flowers themselves have faded and are long since gone and forgotten, still the good, the love and the appreciation of which they were the expression, will remain, creating on the invisible plane an immortal and eternal bond between the giver and the recipient.

For this reason, there should never be grief over the loss of anything to which you have attached value, regardless of how much money it may have cost. The value of the object lies in that which is invisible and which prompted its coming into your experience. The real good is always invisible—it can never be seen, heard, touched, tasted, or smelled—and because it is invisible, it is intangible to human sense.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

II Cor 9:7,8 (KJV)

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

“Dearest One, From Soul to Soul, Spirit to Spirit, All that I Have is thine... There are no conditions. No impossible promises to keep... I will never leave You. I have planted a Garden for you. All you have to do is Realize it. Harvest My Good, use what you need and share the rest to thy Brethren... Love them as I do...” ~al.within

The Daily Lesson – June 3, 2016

“These flowers, then, in front of you are just flowers—beautiful, yes; nice to look at, yes; colorful, yes; fragrant, yes; but who says they are? Who says they are colorful or fragrant? Ask yourself, ‘Are they beautiful?’ Then wait until you begin to perceive, ‘Why no, no color registers until those vibrations touch my eyes and my mind interprets them, and then I know that the flowers are yellow; but they are not yellow, they are not beautiful, they are not fragrant until my mind translates these vibrations into beauty, color, and perfume.’

As you ponder this, you will find that even the form of the flowers is not beautiful, in and of itself, but is beautiful only because of your interpretation of it; and as you sit there contemplating them, convinced that these flowers are neither beautiful nor ugly, suddenly into that vacuum which you have created will come the awareness of what it is you are looking at, and then you will find that it is much more than a bowl of roses, and you will be led to this conclusion: ‘Roses, roses, you are nothing: Using the unconditioned mind as an instrument, I create you in my own image and likeness; I give you your color, form, beauty, and perfume. This I, however, is not the personal sense of ‘I,’ which can never do such things, but the I which is God, that part of me which is my true identity, and it is that I which has created these roses in Its image and likeness, and therefore they are not good and they are not bad—they are perfect. Of themselves, they are nothing, but by virtue of the grace of God they are perfect.’

Gradually, it will be revealed to you that these flowers are the very form of God Itself, placed here in your room for some miraculous purpose, not just for the purpose of being admired for a day, but as a part of the allness and fullness and completeness of God in Its beauty and essence.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Gen 1:27 (to ;), 31 (KJV)

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him;

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

“I can of mine own self, do nothing. The Spirit within doeth the Work. And I Am Included in the Work. God does not Create temporary... Thank you Father.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – June 4, 2016

“Everything in this world has a spiritual significance, but you will never discover what that significance is by consulting dictionaries or encyclopedias. You will only come into an awareness of the function and spiritual significance of anything as you turn within to that vacuum which you have created by your realization, ‘This is not what it appears to be, and of my own self, I cannot interpret this appearance. God alone can interpret it correctly. So now, God, what is it?’ Then will come the revelation and the unfoldment of its true identity and spiritual significance.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 6:33 (KJV)

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

“Father, I can do nothing without your Love and direction. Thy will be done. I surrender... .. Direct me... I will wait in stillness. Speak Lord, thy servant heareth...”

Thank you Father.” ~al.within

The Daily Lesson – June 5, 2016

“If you are one who is plagued by lack, it is possible that you may find yourself in such a state of confusion, with your mind so beset with a sense of fear that there may not be a sufficiency, that sometimes you find it very hard to quiet your mind enough for a peaceful meditation. But there is a way in which you can meditate, even with these disturbing thoughts uppermost in your consciousness, and your mind will settle down into such a peace and tranquility that God will be able to speak to you about supply.

Take out a piece of money—it makes no difference what its denomination is, whether a coin or currency—and put it in front of you. Look at it. If you can see what I see, you will agree that it is as dead as a doornail—inanimate and lifeless.

If you continue looking at this piece of money and proceed with your cogitations, your thought will eventually turn to where this money came from and how it came into your possession. Perhaps somebody gave it to you as an expression of love or gratitude; or if you earned it, it represents somebody's payment to you for service of some kind. Then you may think of the use that will be made of it. As a piece of metal or paper, it has no value to you; but it can be used as a medium of exchange for marketing or purchases of one kind or another. You are now beginning to lose sight of this object as money and are gaining the vision of its function as something useful, loving, and generous. Soon your mind has gone beyond the money itself, and you begin to see why this money belongs to you.

Once you are able to look at money in this light, you will see that far from its supplying you, it is you who supply money with its capacities and power. By that time your mind has gone from the physical realm into the invisible, and peace descends, quiet comes, and a complete stillness in which you can receive an impartation from God in regard to the true interpretation of money.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

John 14:27 (KJV)

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

“Only when we come to the end of our reasoning thoughts [as the world giveth] do we surrender and ask God what He thinks. His Peace, that passeth all understanding, will fill our Consciousness, demonstrate our Good and open the Way to becoming His Instrument...” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – June 6, 2016

“If you follow this procedure in regard to anything for which you have grave concern or to which you are unduly attached, you will be given the correct interpretation of it and its function in your experience. For example, whereas the acquisition of money is generally considered desirable, the addiction to alcohol is considered evil, and yet the problem of alcoholism can be handled in much the same way as the problem of supply. When a person begins to realize that alcohol has power neither for good nor for evil, he loses all taste for it. This is also true of gluttony or the tobacco habit. True, many people would be willing to go so far as to agree that these have no power for evil, but at the same time, they still think that they have power to give pleasure or satisfaction. As long as a person gives them any power, however, for good or for evil, they hold him in their grasp.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Zech 4:6 Not (KJV)

6 ...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

“Our Good is brought to Life through an activity of Spiritual Consciousness, not by personal power requiring thought or effort.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – June 7, 2016

“Many alcoholics have been healed through the understanding that there is no power for evil in alcohol, but I have had greater success in dealing with this particular problem by knowing that there is no power for good in alcohol. Several years ago a very interesting case was brought to me by a woman who told me in great tears and self-righteous horror that her husband had reached the place where he refused to work, that she had to support him, and that he lay in bed every day of the week except on her payday when he got up to go out to buy his weekly supply of whisky, using her hard-earned money to pay for it. The entire situation was just a little bit too much for her to take any longer; but she had become interested in spiritual healing and wanted to know what I could do about it spiritually. It was pure inspiration that led me to say:

‘Do you know something? It comes to me that your husband is not an alcoholic at all: You are the alcoholic.’

‘I don't know what you mean.’

‘Well, you seem to be more afraid of alcohol than your husband is.’

She looked at me uncomprehendingly and said:

‘Well, perhaps I am. Every day I see what it is doing. My husband doesn't think it is terrible; he likes it.’

‘There's a difference of opinion there. You really believe that alcohol is bad, don't you?’

‘I certainly do.’

‘And yet the whole basis of our work is that there is neither good nor evil. Now what are we going to do with that? I can put it to you this way: Suppose your husband wanted to use your money to buy ginger ale, would you object?’

‘No, I'd gladly go to work, and he could have all the ginger ale he wanted.’

‘So, ginger ale is good, but alcohol is evil. That is the appearance again, and there we are back with Adam and Eve. Now let's see who is at fault in this, your husband or you. Your husband thinks that alcohol is good and you think it's evil, so you're deadlocked, I guess, and that is where you are going to stay for a while unless you can begin to see what I see and that is that actually ginger ale isn't good, and whisky isn't bad, that there is no power in either one, if all power is in God. That's the vision and the way I see it. God is the infinite all-power, and besides God, there is no power for good or evil.’

‘Where does that leave me? What am I supposed to do?’

‘Suppose we agree that for the next week your husband can have all the whisky he wants, because we know that it has no power for good and that it has no power for evil,

so we don't care what he does with it. You go right home and tell him that you've made a serious mistake and that you don't think whisky is so terrible after all, and that from now on, he can have all he wants of it.'

That seemed to be going a little too far. She was shocked so she went outside and sat in my outer office for a while, but finally she decided that since nothing else had been effective, she would try this as an experiment, and she said to me when she came back into the office:

'Well, I'm not getting anywhere this way; I can't do worse that way, so I'm going to do it; but it's a pretty hard thing to ask me to do.'

'Try it and see.'

She went home, waiting for the proper moment, and when her husband wanted whisky, she said:

'Oh, yes, sure, here it is.'

He looked at her in surprise, but made no comment until a few days later, when he came to her complaining:

'You know there is no use drinking this stuff. They're making that wartime whisky again, and it has no punch, no effect—there's no power to the stuff.' And that's how he was ultimately freed. He couldn't drink it anymore because it no longer gave him the satisfaction he had heretofore received from it.

From my observation, I believe that the majority of alcoholics suffer from alcoholism not so much because they think that its indulgence is evil as because they think they are going to derive some good, that is, some pleasure from it. With the realization that alcohol is not good, their taste for it disappears.

Watch this carefully. Do not make the metaphysical mistake of declaring that evil is not power, but believing that good is. Be quick to recognize that there is no power but God. Do not make the mistake of worshiping or fearing any creature, whether the creature is in physical form or in thought form. Do not fear it and do not glorify it. Glorify the Creator of all form, and when you do that, you have neither good power nor evil power: You have only God-power, and for that one brief second you will be right back in the Garden of Eden where there is not a single problem, where there is not a force or power acting upon you negatively or positively: You are just suspended in an atmosphere of peace.”
~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 5:39 (to :) (KJV)

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

“The Lesson today is critical to the Principal of Healing. Go back and re-read this parable from Joel about alcohol. Insert any claim, lack or temptation into where you see

this patients claim, thoughts or comments. Now, re-read the underlined portion and paragraph that follows it... If you give power to matter it will have power.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – June 8, 2016

“You could throw every worry aside and never again know a sleepless night if you could put this book down in the conviction that there is nothing good or evil in and of itself. In that state of consciousness, there would be nothing to worry you or keep you awake, nor would there be anything to rejoice over. It is true that in following this way of life you do forfeit some of the thrills and excitement of human life. This does not mean, however, that you do not continue to enjoy flowers and music and all the beautiful things of this world. The only difference is that you do not become overly elated about them.”
~Joel S Goldsmith

John 7:24 (KJV)

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

Ps 23:1,2 (to :) (KJV)

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

“What does God see?

Spiritual Perfection.

Perfect Peace.

Perfect Love.

Perfect Harmony.

Rest now, in His Arms.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – June 9, 2016

“You will be more than compensated for this lack of excitement in the lack of, concern you will experience, because you have now come to perceive that there are no qualities of good or evil as such in any person or thing, and that unless you invest him or it with these qualities, no such qualities are present. Whatever the appearance, it is merely a form of some sort, nothing but a blank in front of you until you decide in your own mind that this thing is beautiful or ugly, that this person is good or bad, or that your dog is faithful to you but your neighbor’s dog is a pest.

Because your mind and mine have become imbued with the ignorance characteristic of human beliefs, stored full of superstition, environmental and educational conditioning, and medical and psychological knowledge, we do not view people or things as they are. We view them as they appear to be, judging from appearances, and thereby suffer the consequences of such judgment.

The way to free our mind of ignorance, superstition, and fear is to go back to Eden where there is no knowledge of good and evil and lose concern whether we are ‘naked’ or clothed, that is, concern whether we are rich or poor at the moment, whether we have human failings or virtues, whether we are happy or unhappy.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 18:2-4 (KJV)

2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

“Everything a child has learned of this world, he learns in this world. We must surrender all of it in order to be completely still and innocently Listen Soul to Soul.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – June 10, 2016

“Let us begin where we are at this particular moment and let our spiritual unfoldment begin with the understanding that since God is the principle of this universe, it is perfect. A star is a star; a rose is a rose; a dog is a dog is a dog; and a moon is a moon is a moon is a moon; but let us not call them good, and let us not call them bad: Let us call them by their names—star, rose, dog, moon—and we shall find that God will reveal their nature to us and the correct place and function they are to occupy and perform in our experience.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Luke 17:20 The (KJV)

20 ...The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

Ps 25:4,5 (KJV)

4 Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.

5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

“I surrender, Father... Speak Lord, thy servant heareth...” ~al.within

The Daily Lesson – June 11, 2016

“Everything in the universe emanates from God, but man has sought out many inventions. Man has twisted and turned the spiritual realities of God's creation to destructive purposes, until even the glories of the atom have become the horrors of the atom bomb. Man has done that, not God. God has given us the principles which enable us to fly through the air, but man has utilized these principles for instruments of devastation; and as long as the mind is distorted with ideas of good and evil, the blessings of these God-given ideas will become the tombs for millions of men. When there is no trace of good or evil intent in our mind, however, that unconditioned mind becomes an instrument through which these principles pour out in their purity, harmony, and perfection.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

James 4:8 (to .) (KJV)

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

“Have no personal agenda. Pray aright. Seek only to Be with God for the sake of basking in His Presence - Spirit to Spirit.” ~Al Denninger

The Daily Lesson – June 12, 2016

“In proportion as we keep our mind free of judgments, it functions without concepts, so that when the principles of life come into expression, they come through as they did through Einstein, as pure law. Similarly, when the Spirit comes through the minds of understanding practitioners who sit in the Silence with no judgment—not trying to get rid of a disease, not trying to overcome a sin, and not trying to destroy a fear, but just sitting there in a vacuum of God's grace—the truth comes through in its purity, and the patient says, ‘I feel better’ or ‘I have had a healing.’” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Matt 5:6 (KJV)

6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness [the unconditioned Mind of Christ]: for they shall be filled [included in the complete Kingdom of God].

*“Father, I love to sit with a smile and Watch You Work. I live, yet not I – Christ Lives.”
~al.within*

The Daily Lesson – June 13, 2016

“What creates and perpetuates humanhood is the pairs of opposites—the belief that flowers are good but that weeds are evil, the belief that robins are good but the bugs on the rosebushes are evil. If, however, we neither gloss over some evil appearance as good, which is merely an old metaphysical cliché, nor judge it bad, but recognize that all that exists is pure Soul, infinitely expressing Itself, eventually even the bugs on the rosebushes find their rightful place where they cannot perform any destructive function. Even the so-called evil people of the world begin to serve a good purpose—they do, or they are removed from positions where they can work their purposes.

We are approaching a period in the world in which evil will find no room for expression in people, thoughts, and things. It will be crowded right off the earth, because the earth will be so full of the knowledge of this principle of one power that evil will have no channel through which to function. It will be lopped off as fast as it shows its head by this invisible spiritual power that permeates consciousness.” ~Joel S Goldsmith

Rom 8:28 (to ,) (KJV)

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God,

“Spiritual Consciousness is the tree of Infinite Life. Temporary distracted thought is the tree of the knowledge of temporary things [the pairs of opposites]. The I that I Am never left God’s Garden, and continues to be Beheld Infinitely Expressed. All we have to do is Realize It. Thank you Father.” ~Al Denninger

This concludes Chapter 7. Tomorrow we begin Chapter 8, “Henceforth Know We No Man After the Flesh”