

“THE DAILY LESSON”

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It is a progression of excerpts from a transcript of a live class as it was recorded by Joel. It appears each day, together with the addition of corroborating scripture and inspired comments, to take into meditation and live with throughout your day.

Student’s note: There are words that are capitalized throughout this work. These words are used as if it were a synonym for, or as an activity of God. Also, the portions that are italicized are spontaneous meditations.

The subject of study for the month of June 2010 is:

“The Nature of God”

THE DAILY LESSON – June 1, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Good morning! Yesterday I brought to your attention the fact that this class is really a God miracle. And what you experienced yesterday was another proof of that miracle, because for the first time in the entire Class experience of over twelve years, our work went through two solid hours without even a stop to breathe or walk or rest and that has never before happened. Also, it will interest you to know that many of our classes consist of only one hour sessions, and yet, ours was a two hour session and one that went straight through without interruption. And you were all quiet enough so that it did not disturb whatever it was that was going on in me. This is a miracle. This is a miracle. There are very few who can sit even for one hour in complete peace, and although our students have proven that they can, we have never tested them for two straight hours as we were tested yesterday. So that I again say to you that something is taking place in this Class work that at this moment is not visible to us, about which we have no knowledge, but which will in due time be made evident to us. In other words, God assembled this Class. God is giving this Class and the activity of God must result in what to human sense would be miracles. Of course there are no miracles to God, it's the normal, natural, spiritual Way of God. But to our limited sense, every spiritual miracle is a miracle, is marvelous, is wonderful and awe inspiring. Therefore, let me ask you to accept the fact that you are not merely participating in an Infinite Way Class, but rather that in some way we do not yet know, you are participating in a direct activity of God under God's guidance and direction and protection. And that out of this experience, each one of us who has been led to the experience will find the reason that we have been brought to the class at this time.” ~Joel

Matt 10:9,10

9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,

10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.

Ps 23:2

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

THE DAILY LESSON – June 2, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Now, yesterday you will remember that we touched briefly on the Nature of God. I am going to touch on that again, because without the correct understanding of the Nature of God, none of the Principles of The Infinite Way will ever be clear to you nor will you rightfully understand how they operate or why. No one can ever understand this message of The Infinite Way unless they know the Nature of God as it has been revealed in this work. The Nature of God is nothing like what the human race has ever believed. It is for this reason that, with the exception of a few chosen souls, no one in seventeen hundred years who has gone to church to pray has ever prayed to God. They have prayed to a concept of God. It may have been their own concept of God, it may have been their church’s concept of God, it may have been their own minister or priest or rabbi’s concept of God, but it was never God. Of that you may be sure by this. There has never been a prayer to God that has not been instantaneously answered. It would be an impossibility to reach God and not instantly receive the answer. When we do not receive answers to prayer, it is because, as we were taught in Scripture, we have not prayed aright. Or, as Paul said, "This God whom ye ignorantly worship Him declare I unto you".

Now, the true God of whom we read in Scripture, it is said "to know Him aright is life eternal", this true God if you know Him aright, you have attained your entire life's demonstration, and you have no other demonstration to make. To know God aright is the demonstration of life eternal, that must mean life harmonious, life abundant. Therefore, you may assume that until spiritual harmony begins to unfold in your experience, that you do not yet know God aright and that you are not praying aright.”
~Joel

I Cor 3:19 (to .)

19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

Acts 17:22-25 (to 2nd ,)

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing,

James 4:3 (to 3rd ,)

3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss,

THE DAILY LESSON – June 3, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“We need not concern ourselves about praying aright because when you know the Nature of God, when you know God aright, it brings with it the understanding of how to pray. Now, to begin with, God has nothing to give you and there is no use of going to God for anything. If you will think for a moment of the sun in the sky, you will realize that the sun is shining and that from the sun there emanates warmth and light. And now how would you feel if someone told you to pray for warmth or light? Or supposing that it were night time and the sun has gone to a different quarter of the world and someone would ask you to pray for the sun to shine now.

Now you cannot pray for impossibilities nor can you receive impossibilities. The sun cannot shine at night where you are at night if all of the greatest souls in the world were to pray for it at once. In other words, it cannot change its course because in the beginning before Abraham was, God set the course for the movement of the sun, the earth, the planets and all that concerns it and you can never change this. In the same way you cannot pray that your orange trees produce roses because you like roses more than orange trees, or oranges. You cannot pray that two times two be other than four, even if sometimes it might save a friend or relative from going to jail if you could just fix their books for them, but you can't. You cannot pray to God to change the orbit or activity of God's work or world. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” ~Joel

Gen 1:31 (to .)

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

John 8:58

58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

Heb 13:8

8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever.

THE DAILY LESSON – June 4, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“To try to enlighten God as to your needs is foolishness for God is the all Intelligence of this universe. God is the creative Principle, the maintaining and sustaining Principle, and who would dare believe that their knowledge so far transcends God's that they would dare tell God, "I need rent on Saturday...or I need health...or I need supply...or I need companionship." God being the infinite Power of this universe cannot be influenced. Therefore anyone who believes that their prayers will influence God to send forth health, harmony, wholeness, completeness, companionship, or supply to anyone has little understanding of the nature of that great, infinite, divine Intelligence, and divine Love, which God is.

God cannot be influenced, God cannot be bribed. There are still those who believe that if they tithe it will cause God to do something for them. This is heresy. Tithing is one of the most wonderful experiences that ever can come into the human life. Any individual who has ever been led to tithe, that is to set aside a proportion of their earnings or income for an impersonal purpose, whether for spiritual, whether for church, whether for benevolence, knows that there is no greater blessing to be enjoyed on earth. But not because it induces God to do anything for us, but because it releases us from the belief that we need a hundred percent of what comes to us, and because it releases us from the selfishness that makes us believe that we do not owe divine love to our neighbor, that we do not owe a debt to our neighbor, even when our neighbor is an enemy.” ~Joel

Jeremiah 23: 23, 24

23 Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off?

24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.

Luke 10:27

27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

THE DAILY LESSON – June 5, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

Probably one of the reasons that our great Herbert Hoover has reached this magnificent age of eighty-five in full possession of his faculties and at the very height of his mental capacities, and in good physical health, is due to the fact that all of his life he has felt that it was a demand upon him personally and upon all mankind to help those who at the moment could not help themselves even when they were enemies. He brought upon himself great censure during and after World War I because some of the supplies entrusted to him were sent into enemy hands. But to him, friend or enemy, they were either God's children or they were human beings, fellow beings, and all entitled to eat. After all, we were enemies of those enemies.

But when you tithe, please do not believe you are pleasing God, remember you are bringing yourself into accord with the laws of God, which is a law of Love, and you benefit by it. It brings great blessings. So it is, that you can never look to God for anything except the understanding that God is already fulfillment, God is already performing Its functions, God already is the great Intelligence and the divine Love, but you can bring yourself into attunement with God and the laws of God, and that is the function of our work.” ~Joel

Matthew 5: 43-45

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: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

John 15: 12-17

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

THE DAILY LESSON – June 6, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

Now, Jesus Christ, who is actually the Way-shower, who actually is the Teacher, the exemplar, the foundation of this Infinite Way work, has taught us not to go to God. "Seek not what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, or wherewithal ye shall be clothed. Your heavenly Father knoweth that you have need of these things and it is His good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. Therefore seek God and His righteousness and these things will be added unto you." Then He tells us, "If you pray for your friends, it profiteth you nothing...Pray for your enemies that you may be the Children of God." Well, Children of God are heirs, they are joint heirs with Christ in God, and the moment that you are a Child of God, you have no needs, you have no desires, you have only fulfillment. Because as the Child of God you no longer earn your living by the sweat of your brow, you inherit it. In other words, it has a way of coming to you without labor, not without work. Don't forget, the further we go in this work the harder we'll work. But that isn't labor, that's love, that's divine activity, that's joy.

I John 4:16

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

THE DAILY LESSON – June 7, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

In the same way He teaches forgive seventy times seven. "Forgive, do not hold anyone in condemnation," even the woman taken in adultery, or the thief on cross, or even Judas Iscariot, rather, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do." It makes no difference whether they are stealing, robbing, cheating. It makes no difference whether it's adultery in one form or another. It makes no difference what form of sin it is, it's all done in ignorance. There are no spiritually enlightened people who do those things, therefore, it must be those who are in spiritual darkness. Can you not forgive them when you know that what they are doing they are doing only through their ignorance and for no other reason? Because they do not know any better, they do not know how spiritually to attain their good.

Luke 23:34 (to .)

34 ¶ Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

**"We are governed either by our consciousness of Truth or by our ignorance of truth."
~Joel**

THE DAILY LESSON – June 8, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

Now you see, by obedience to these teachings of Christ Jesus; and I am going to refer you to the Sermon on the Mount; you will find that you no longer have to pray to God...or let me say it in a different way...that your prayer will take a different form. You will still pray but your prayer will be a different form and your good will unfold to you without effort, without even mental or spiritual effort, because there will be a presence going before you to prepare the way; to make the crooked places straight, to provide all that is necessary for the journey. Ye need not take purse nor scrip once you have come into obedience to the Christ Principles which make you heir of God. So that our work does not consist in getting God to do anything for us, it consists of a spiritual preparation of ourselves to be fitted to receive the Grace of God.”
~Joel

Matt 6:6-8

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Matt 6:19,20 (to ,)

19 ¶ Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,

Matt 6:21,22

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

Matt 6:24 (to :)

24 ¶ No man can serve two masters:

Matt 6:27

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

Matt 6:31

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

Matt 6:32-34 for

32 your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

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

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

THE DAILY LESSON – June 9, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Now the Grace of God cannot enter the mind or consciousness of an individual bearing hate, greed, lust, animality, or these intense selfish modes and means of life. Oh yes, when there is an inner longing for God that transcends one's evil..... Let me put it this way. It really makes no difference how evil a person is at any given moment, it really makes no difference what their present sin of omission or commission may be, they need make no effort to get rid of them or to stop them if within them there is the desire to know God aright. No one need engage in psychological means to change their nature, or to repress their evil instincts, or their evil thoughts. As a matter of fact, these never succeed. You must always remember that our greatest; when I say greatest I mean in name; psychologists have openly acknowledged that they have never yet witnessed a healing through psychology. And only last week a meeting of psychiatrists acknowledged that they have never yet witnessed a healing through psychiatry. So there is just no use of applying the psychological or psychiatric approaches to your life, since at least up to this present moment , no principle has been discovered in them which could help you.” ~Joel

Isa 2:22 (to :)

22 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils:

THE DAILY LESSON – June 10, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Now, incidentally, in our conference last year, five of Europe's great psychiatrists attended. The object of the conference was to discover if spiritual power could be exerted on human affairs. These five great psychiatrists came because they hadn't found any human way even in psychiatry to meet the problems of human affairs. Only a few years ago, we were sent for by the head of a mental institute who is one of the big named psychiatrists in the United States who said that he has never yet witnessed a healing through psychiatry and is now investigating the subject of spiritual healing and wanted to spend an evening with us to talk about it. On a lecture trip last year in Indianapolis, another psychiatrist attended the lecture, one connected with a mental institute there, and came to me afterward and said, "In ten years in this institute I have never witnessed a healing through any medical means and I am searching for spiritual help." And next week it will be my pleasure to be at one of the largest mental institutes in this state where I have been invited because there are thirty students of The Infinite Way there and they have shown so much in healing and harmony that some of their families have been brought into the study of The Infinite Way. The head of the educational bureau has written me his entire life has changed, so I am invited there.

Now, I have had experience in mental institutes with mental patients, I have had experience in prisons, and so I speak to you from thirty years of experience, and I say that if you or any of your friends or relatives are in sin don't try to stop it or correct it but rather see if you cannot awaken in them, or yourself, a desire to know God, because that's all that's necessary. When the realization of God takes place in you, whether you are taken in adultery, whether you were the thief on the cross, whether you were Judas Iscariot, you are instantly made free.” ~Joel

Rom 8:7

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

And this also from Joel in the 1958 New York Closed Class, Tape 222/5821 Side One

Entitled: SOUL – MIND – BODY

“...when we go into a sick room we have only the armor of God. We do not have the world’s weapons. We cannot take a sword with us, because our teacher has told us, Put up thy sword. Those who live by the sword will die by the sword. And so when we go into a sick room we cannot go in with alcohol to keep our hands clean. We cannot go in with disinfectant to keep germs out. We cannot go in with medicines and surgery. We have to go in the way David went in to Goliath, with a little pebble of nothingness. We have to go in with a stone carved out of the side of a mountain without hands, spiritual power, which means no power. No power. The recognition that there is no power in effect. There is no power in temporal powers.”

THE DAILY LESSON – June 11, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

In other classes I have told our students that when my first spiritual experience came to me I enjoyed every facet of human life that businessmen enjoy, especially traveling men. And I traveled Europe and America, and I knew the so called good things of life; the joys of cards, the joys of a horse race, the joys of a drink; all of the joys that are normal the human being and yet which in our understanding now completely disappears and is made of no value. And in that one brief second of spiritual light every bit of that human sense of existence passed away. Now since then I have had the opportunities of working with men and women who were more active in sin than I was, more active in what the world calls sin, and I have witnessed that same thing in them. That when that moment of realization came, yesterday was dead and all of its desires, all of its fears, all of its false appetites. So I say to you in your spiritual studies, don't study to get well, or to become pure, or to become spiritual, don't waste time that way. Just study to come to know God aright , to experience God, to have the consciousness awareness of the Presence of God, and then you will find that what I quoted last night is true, where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. Where the Presence of the Lord is, where the consciousness of God's Presence is, there is liberty, there is a complete and immediate freedom from physical limitation, mental, moral, and financial limitation. It all drops away because you cannot be in the Presence of God and in the presence of error at the same time. That's an impossibility. Therefore, with all your getting, get the realization of God's Presence. And above all things, and I think this is one of the most important things, develop a love for God.” ~Joel

John 1: 3-4, 9-14

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Mark 12:30 (to :)

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength:

THE DAILY LESSON – June 12, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Now in my experience I find very few, who write to me in the earlier days of their study, have even any thought about a love for God. Their entire attention is on attaining physical, mental, moral or financial freedom, or gaining companionship, or gaining employment, or supply. And they think of God as a means to that end. But rarely do I find in the first, second or third year of a person's study that God is the object, not the means to an end, but the end itself. And yet this is the message of The Infinite Way. The message of The Infinite Way is not a going to God for something. It is not a reaching God for something. It is attaining God. And that's all. For to know Him aright is life eternal.”
~Joel

Prov 3:5,6

5 ¶ Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

THE DAILY LESSON – June 13, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“I saw years ago that many people came to me with the idea, for instance, that they were sitting in a chair here as the patient, I was sitting in the chair here as a practitioner, and probably I prayed to God and then God's Grace came down to them over here. And that's a mistake, because of omnipresence, there is no here, there, and there. For I am, God Is, and I don't have to go anywhere even mentally to reach God because I and the Father are already One. And the place whereon I stand is already holy ground, so there is no going up or out or to, it is merely the realization of withinness. And there is no patient here and a practitioner here, that also is an illusory picture. The reason is that since God is infinite, there cannot be a patient or a practitioner, there can only be God infinitely manifested as individual being and the realization of that wipes out a patient, without a funeral service.” ~Joel

Matt 9:20-22

20 ¶ And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:

21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

Acts 7:33

33 Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

THE DAILY LESSON – June 14, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Now, for the benefit of those of you who have studied the mental sciences, either Religious Science or Mind Science, I would like to say that this is a completely different field of activity than the one I am revealing to you in The Infinite Way, because it is true that with the power of the mind you can produce effects in the human world. I know that because I have studied not your mental sciences, but I have gone back to those who originally were the masters of the mind, those who knew and practiced the powers of mind, and know far more about it than what you are studying. And I do know this, that with the power of your mind, if you would imbue your mind with statements of truth, affirmations of truth, realizations of truth, you could produce harmony for yourself, your relatives, your friends, patients, students, there is no question about that. But I also call to your attention that this is not God living, or God healing, for this reason. You can use the power of your mind for evil. Your mind will work equally for evil or for good whichever way you determine to direct it. Of course it may be that you have an innate nature, and undoubtedly you have or you wouldn't be in this class, which would not permit you to use your mind for that purpose, but that doesn't mean that you couldn't if you wanted to.” ~Joel

I Cor 3:18,19 (to .)

18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

THE DAILY LESSON – June 15, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“In other words, there are people in this world using their mind for evil purposes, for selfish purposes. Sometimes you may not be willing to describe it all as evil but people who manipulate the mind to sell a product are using that power selfishly even if the product is a good one. And there is always the potentiality of the use of the mind for personal or evil purposes. That has all been witnessed so often in the metaphysical world that it requires no enlargement upon at this moment. So that I say this to you, The Infinite Way does not deny those mental teachings in any claim that you cannot mentally produce healings or good. I have witnessed too much of that so I know that it can be done. I know it also, the mind and its thoughts can be used for evil purposes, erroneous purposes, destructive purposes, and therefore I say to you that our interest in The Infinite Way is not in using the power of mind even for good. Because our work takes us into a dimension where there is neither good nor evil, where there is only spiritual activity and being. That is the major function of our work.” ~Joel

I Cor 3:18,19 (to .)

18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

John 1:3-5

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

And, also from “The Thunder of Silence” by Joel:

“As we come to this place in consciousness where we are able to relinquish human might and power, human opinion and judgment, a divine Grace, invisible, yet perfectly tangible to the person experiencing it, takes over. We cannot see this transcendental Spirit, hear It, taste It, touch It, or smell It, yet It is here and It is now—we feel It, and we

know It. When we let go of our human rights or human will or desires—even the good desires—and absolutely resign ourselves to God's will, It rushes in as if there were a vacuum, and when It takes over, we can feel Its every movement coursing throughout our body, right through the muscles and veins down to the nails. We are one with the rhythm of the universe, and all is well. All that the Father has is now flowing through us out into this world as a divine Grace, bringing to us all that is ours and bringing us to all those to whom we belong.

So we learn that we need take no thought for the things of this world; we need not fight either aggressively or protectively. We can stand still and think no thoughts—just be receptive and let God's thoughts flow to us and permeate our being. And then our work will be accomplished. But I must remind you that Spirit is never working for us. It is working in and through us as we yield and surrender our selves—even our thoughts—so that God can take over.”

THE DAILY LESSON – June 16, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“I wrote a book review on a book which was written by a minister, in which he said he made experiments with plants and found that prayer would help to grow them and that prayer could be used to destroy them. And you know of course, that that 's not true. There isn't one of you here who has any right to believe that because you must know that prayer concerns God. You must know that prayer is an activity that brings you into the orbit of God. And you wouldn't want to believe for a minute that God even in answer to prayer would be destructive or harmful or injurious. Therefore what this minister experienced wasn't prayer, it was mental work, mental treatment, and he demonstrated beyond all doubt that you can use mental treatment and grow plants beautifully, and you can use mental treatment and wither them and destroy them. Don't ever let them convince you that that is prayer. Reserve the word, "prayer", for something sacred, for something which has a God connotation, and then you will never have to be afraid of prayer whether your own or the practitioner to whom you go. But once you accept prayer or mental work, you are accepting the possibility of good and the equal possibility of evil, and how are you to know how it's being used?” ~Joel

Rom 9:21

21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

Matt 6:6-7

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

THE DAILY LESSON – June 17, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

**“Now in our work of The Infinite Way, we start with this understanding of the Nature of God so that you will come automatically to accept the Truth that God is forever functioning and God is forever functioning within you, as you, that God is forever about Its own business of maintaining and sustaining harmony. Therefore, you need not go to God for the solution of your problems; you can turn within yourself and bring yourself into adjustment where the Law of God can operate in you, through you, and for you.”
~Joel**

Matt 6: 8 (for)

8 for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

THE DAILY LESSON – June 18, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Now, not only all of The Infinite Way writings reveal these Principles whereby we begin to bring ourselves into that adjustment so that we are the sons of God, and we are under the Law of God and the Grace of God, but all of the Classes reveal it, all of the tapes reveal it, and you will have still more of it. So please know this then, that since God is infinite and eternal, since God is Omnipotence, and since God is Omnipresence, the Presence and Power of God is now and forever functioning within you. And the longer you dwell on this Truth the more you bring it into active expression, and so we come to this subject of which we also have this book, ‘Practicing the Presence’.” ~Joel

Psalms 91: 1-16

- 1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**
- 2 I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.**
- 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.**
- 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.**
- 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;**
- 6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.**
- 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.**
- 8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.**
- 9 Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;**
- 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.**
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.**

THE DAILY LESSON – June 19, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Now the purpose of the book, "Practicing the Presence", is this. It really is a fulfillment of Scripture even though the title was given to us by Brother Lawrence. I learned the subject and the practice from Scripture, and then learned in my later reading that Brother Lawrence had beaten me to it and had also written about it before I got around to it. Reminds me of a practitioner whom I met some years ago, he had been introduced to the book, "The Infinite Way", and one night, the first that night he had it, he read it through from cover to cover and something hit him and so he read it through a second time from cover to cover before breakfast. And then he said to his wife, "This man stole this book from me if I had written it." And of course, Brother Lawrence could be paying me royalties except that he did it first. And if he were here I should be under obligation to pay him royalties.” ~Joel

- **Instead of the normal Scripture - here's a little history about Brother Lawrence from Wikipedia:**

Brother Lawrence was born Nicolas Herman in Hériménil, near Lunéville in the region of Lorraine, located in modern day eastern France. Having felt he had received a revelation of the providence and power of God at the age of 18, within six years he joined the Discalced Carmelite Priory in Paris. In this intervening period he fought in the Thirty Years' War and later served as a valet.

Nicolas entered the priory in Paris as a lay brother, not having the education necessary to become a cleric, and took the religious name, "Lawrence of the Resurrection". He spent almost all of the rest of his life within the walls of the priory, working in the kitchen for most of his life and as a repairer of sandals in his later years.

Despite his lowly position in life and the priory, his character attracted many to him. He had a reputation for experiencing profound peace and visitors came to seek spiritual guidance from him. The wisdom he passed on to them, in conversations and in letters, would later become the basis for the book, "The Practice of the Presence of God".

Father Joseph de Beaufort, later vicar general to the Archbishop of Paris, compiled this work after Brother Lawrence died. It became popular among Catholics and Protestants alike, with John Wesley and A. W. Tozer recommending it to others.

As a young man, Herman's poverty forced him into joining the army, which guaranteed him meals and a small stipend. During this period, Herman claimed an experience that set him on a unique spiritual journey. He considered it a supernatural clarity into a common sight, more so than as a supernatural vision.

His method:

He was assigned to the monastery kitchen where, amidst the tedious chores of cooking and cleaning at the constant bidding of his superiors, he developed his rule of spirituality and work. In his *Maxims*, Lawrence writes, "Men invent means and methods of coming at God's love, they learn rules and set up devices to remind them of that love, and it seems like a world of trouble to bring oneself into the consciousness of God's presence. Yet it might be so simple. Is it not quicker and easier just to do our common business wholly for the love of him?"

For Brother Lawrence, "common business," no matter how mundane or routine, could be a medium of God's love. The sacredness or worldly status of a task mattered less than motivation behind it. "Nor is it needful that we should have great things to do. . . We can do little things for God; I turn the cake that is frying on the pan for love of him, and that done, if there is nothing else to call me, I prostrate myself in worship before him, who has given me grace to work; afterwards I rise happier than a king. It is enough for me to pick up but a straw from the ground for the love of God."

Brother Lawrence felt having a proper heart about tasks made every detail of his life possess surpassing value. "I began to live as if there were no one save God and me in the world." Brother Lawrence felt that he cooked meals, ran errands, scrubbed pots, and endured the scorn of the world alongside God.

He admitted the path to this union was difficult. He spent years disciplining his heart and mind to yield to God's presence. "As often as I could, I placed myself as a worshiper before him, fixing my mind upon his holy presence, recalling it when I found it wandering from him. This proved to be an exercise frequently painful, yet I persisted through all difficulties."

He found a peace in reconciling himself to the thought that this struggle and longing was his destiny. He said his soul "had come to its own home and place of rest."

THE DAILY LESSON – June 20, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“The subject of the book is the greatest wisdom in Scripture. You will recall now as I repeat it to you. "Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee". There you have it, that's the secret of "Practicing the Presence", and just as that Hebrew prophet discovered it was true so did another one. "Lean not unto thine own understanding, acknowledge Him in all thy ways and He will give thee rest". There you have it again, that is "Practicing the Presence". If you awaken in the morning and acknowledge that but for the Grace of God you wouldn't have wakened, you have practiced the Presence of God. If you sit down to your breakfast and realize that but for the Grace of God there wouldn't be cattle on a thousand hills, or crops in the ground, or diamonds, or coal, or oil, aluminum, plutonium and all the rest of these things, you will again be practicing the Presence of God. If you leave your home for any purpose and get into an automobile or a bus or streetcar, or any other form of transportation, and there realize that the Grace of God is the mind of every driver on the road, you are again practicing the Presence of God.”
~Joel

Deuteronomy 6: 5

5 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

THE DAILY LESSON – June 21, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

Whether you receive your income from a firm, or an individual, a business, or whether you receive it from your husband or wife, or child, or parent, if you can acknowledge that God is the Source of it, that without the Presence and activity of God in human consciousness we might all be completely barren, you are practicing the Presence of God. You will find yourself at peace if you can make a hundred opportunities during the day for the realization that whatever is transpiring is transpiring as an activity of God, whether it's the sunshine or the moon, the movement of the stars or the tides, or even that movement which we call time, if you will realize a hundred times a day, if you will consciously bring to your remembrance the fact that the activity of God is responsible for every bit of harmony, every bit of good, every bit of support, supply, and law, you will be practicing the Presence of God, you will be keeping your mind stayed on God. And it will not be long before you will find yourself at peace.

It is a good thing, of course, to be grateful to your firm, or your husband, or your wife, or parent, or child. It is a good thing to be grateful to your practitioner or teacher, but remember that that is only incidental to the true gratitude. The true gratitude is that which makes you realize that but for the Grace of God there wouldn't be a spiritual teacher or practitioner, but for the Grace of God your mind would not have turned to spiritual things, you would be out with the rest of the world.

Isa 26:2-4 (to :)

2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

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

4 Trust ye in the Lord for ever:

THE DAILY LESSON – June 22, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Through this practicing the Presence of God, you will learn why it is not necessary ever to pray God for anything, or to do mental work for it, because the very act of keeping the mind stayed on God eventually results in what we call realization, and sometimes it is called illumination. Now, illumination isn't anything of a mysterious nature or even of an occult nature. Illumination really means light, the receiving of light, and light doesn't mean light in the physical sense but in the mental. It means understanding, awareness. Therefore, when you are illumined it means only that you have received the actual experience of knowing God's Presence, knowing God's Grace. There is nothing emotional about it, I can assure you. Those who look for emotional experiences not only miss it, but are apt to be led into occult experiences. And like mental powers, occult experiences can partake of the nature of good or of evil because all occult experiences are on the human plane even when they involve personalities that have passed on from sight.” ~Joel

Luke 12:22 you,23

22 Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

Cor 3:19 the wisdom (to .)

19 the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

THE DAILY LESSON – June 23, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“That is why it is that some people have an occult experience which results in their being guided and directed from someone on the other side, and may even be a great human blessing in their lives. It has happened many, many times. But they have no way of knowing what moment someone of evil entity or mental activity may enter that sphere because the occult, like the mental is of the realm of both good and evil. Always remember this, physical power can be used for good and it can be used for evil. You can use your hands to pet or to punch, just to use an expression. You can use your hands to give or to steal. Physical powers may be used for good or evil. And as we know from the history of all original races, and they are the ones who knew mental powers, mental power can be used for good or for evil. And as we have witnessed in the case of Hitler's use of mass mental powers, and in some of our American officials who learned from Hitler how to use it, it can be evil as well as good.” ~Joel

Prov 3:5,6

5 ¶ Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

This next quote from Joel from “The Thunder of Silence” is right on the money in helping to study this -

“...as long as there is a belief in two powers, there will be some people who will use power for good and other people who will use it for evil; but inasmuch as inertia prevents most members of the human family from taking a positive stand for good, the evil will usually predominate.

When power rested primarily on material force, there were both good and bad material forces operating. Then came the era when mental power was in the preponderance, and for a short while it was a good era, during which time mental power was used for healing and regeneration, but it was not long before it was discovered that mental power could be used for evil purposes as well as for good. Today the world as always is

a world of both material and mental forces. The challenge is to go beyond the use of any force or power to a state of no power.

For every bit of good power in the physical or mental realm that can be brought to bear in any situation, somebody in this world is going to discover how to use a corresponding amount of evil power. The ultimate solution to this battle of opposing forces is the ability to rise to God-power, which is not good power but a creative, maintaining, and sustaining power; to rise to a dimension of life in which there is no power, that is, no power that can be used.

In a God-created universe, the secret of life is no power. When we come to the place of no power, no power can operate against us, in us, or through us. That puts us in a very humble position where much as we may dislike doing it, we have to acknowledge as Jesus did, "I can of mine own self do nothing."

That is the goal of this message—to come to a place where we do not pay lip service to the statement, "I can of mine own self do nothing," but where we demonstrate that it is actually true and let whatever it is that is the power of God, the no-power, assert itself and do the work."

THE DAILY LESSON – June 24, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“But, when you reach the spiritual level; now this is the very heart and soul of The Infinite Way; when you reach the spiritual level, neither physical evil nor mental evil can be experienced through you or by you. In other words you no longer can be an instrument of evil to anyone but you are also immune from the physical and mental evils from any source whether individual or collective. You are only immune when you have touched the Realm of God.” ~Joel

Isa 26:3 (to :)

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

THE DAILY LESSON – June 25, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“When the Master said, "The devil cometh and findeth nothing in Me," that is the point to which you come. The devil comes, it may be in the form...it's always in the form of temptation, but it may be in the temptation to be sick, the temptation to be poor, the temptation to be unemployed, the temptation to be lonesome or frustrated, the temptation to be unsuccessful, but it will not come nigh your dwelling place. You will have become immune. Now the human race is not immune, God can't save the human race. A thousand shall fall at your left hand and ten thousand shall fall at your right hand, it will not come nigh your dwelling place. Who, who is this "your dwelling place"? You who live in the secret place, who dwell in the secret place, of the most high. You are the only ones who are immune.” ~Joel

Mark 12:13-17

13 ¶ And they send unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, to catch him in his words.

14 And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man: for thou regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?

15 Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why tempt ye me? bring me a penny, that I may see it.

16 And they brought it. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? And they said unto him, Caesar's.

17 And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at him.

THE DAILY LESSON – June 26, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“You may think that this is a Hebrew Psalm and perhaps that particular Hebrew leader wasn't fully illumined and so we will turn to the Master, Christ Jesus, and receive His confirmation. "If you abide in Me and let My Word abide in you, you will bear fruit richly. If you do not abide in Me or let My Word abide in you, you will be as the branch of the tree that is cut off and withereth." And He was talking to His Disciples, He was talking to His followers, but He was telling them that you cannot have immunity from evil unless you are keeping your mind stayed on God, unless you are filling your consciousness with the activity of Truth, unless you are abiding in the word of Truth, unless you are acknowledging God as your life, your mind, your soul, even of the substance of your body.” ~Joel

John 15:4

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.

THE DAILY LESSON – June 27, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“For even your body is the temple of the living God, that is why as you progress in your understanding and demonstration of the message of The Infinite Way, your body will shed some of its years. That inevitably follows because these years have been added to our frame, not by the passing of time but by our absence from of the House of the Lord, and we have let the law operate upon us instead of Grace; the law of time, the law of climate, the law of food. All these in the human sense are laws, and therefore, we in The Infinite Way do not claim this to be an absolute message because we do not claim that there are no such things as material laws and forces, or mental laws and forces, we know only too well there are, and the world is suffering from them. But we acknowledge that in God contact, neither material laws nor mental laws are operative. "None of these things shall come nigh thy dwelling place," but the Master never denied that they would come to this world. He never denied that all of His people who did not keep their minds stayed on God...He never denied that they would not be of those who wither. He said only those will not wither, only those will not die, only those will live spiritually who abide in this Word, live in it; not Sunday morning for an hour and not one evening a week at a tape meeting. But be assured, we must pray without ceasing.” ~Joel

Matt 8:22

22 But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.

II Tim 1:3

3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

THE DAILY LESSON – June 28, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“Therefore the entire message of The Infinite Way is aimed at encouraging us to meditate, to ponder the Word of God, to acknowledge Him in all of our ways until in a moment that ye know not, that ye think not, the bridegroom cometh. The actual experience of God contact takes place. Then if you prove faithful, you will spend the rest of your days in a great deal of harmony, wholeness, completeness, and fruitfulness, and be prepared for even greater experiences when we leave this plane because our spiritual development does not keep us on earth. In other words, longevity has no relationship to immortality. Jesus was only thirty-three years of age when He left this plane and the Disciples were probably not over fifty, but that had no influence upon their immortality.” ~Joel

Prov 3:6

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Matt 25:10 the bridegroom

10 the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

Note:

(“they that were ready”)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 29, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“We, as more is learned of the nature of the material and mental causes of disease and age, will live longer spans on earth, but that will have no relationship to our spiritual development. In other words, when I was a boy the life expectancy according to insurance policies was fifty years, and those who lived to seventy, of course, were looked upon as patriarchs and men of great years. Now we have reached the age of seventy-four for women and sixty-seven for men as life expectancy. But our New York Masonic bodies have been conducting experiments for quite a few years past in geriatrics and they now report that they have lifted the span to eighty-two, and they are beginning to teach it to the medical people. And they promise us that the generation now being born has an actual expectancy of one hundred years without mental or physical deterioration, not a hundred years as cripples but a hundred years without physical or mental deterioration.” ~Joel

Matt 22:21 Render

Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

There was a question at our class about what a Masonic “Body” is. I know that sounds a little old fashioned or may seem confusing so I thought I would give you a little history. Joel was a lifelong Mason and you will find stories and references to the Mason’s in many of his talks and classes. It is just natural to use terminology one is familiar with.

The Masons or Freemasons are a fraternity of Brothers that have a long history and are known to be very charitable. The term “body” is just another term for “organization”. Here are a couple of links from the New York Masonic Home and Masonic Medical Research Facility Joel was talking about: <http://www.masonichomeny.org/> & <http://www.mmrl.edu/>

I have visited both of these facilities and they do incredible work.

THE DAILY LESSON – June 30, 2010

From the 1959 San Diego Special Closed Class - "The Nature of God" by Joel S. Goldsmith:

“So you see that our physical well-being will be continued for a longer span but that has no relationship to our spiritual development. Our spiritual development may cause us to leave this plane at thirty or forty or fifty or sixty. If we are given a work to do, we may be one of those left here for a hundred. But passing from visible sight, for those on the spiritual path, is not death, it is a transition to a higher plane of work.

All right, we are going to have that interval now.” ~Joel

I John 1:1,2

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

John 10: 30

30 I and my Father are one.

John 14:12 (to 2nd ;)

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do;