

“THE DAILY LESSON”

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The subject of study for the month of JUNE 2012 is:

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‘WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS LIBERTY’

**Tape 121:
Side Two**

1955 Kailua Study Group, Tape 12

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THE DAILY LESSON – June 1, 2012

“Good morning. (*Class responds*). There is only one demonstration that we need ever make. If we succeed in making this one demonstration, everything else will be found included in our experience – whether it is health, whether it is wisdom, supply, peace. There is nothing that will not be added unto us, or found included in us, if we succeed in the one and only demonstration that ever must be made. This does not mean that throughout the length of our human span there will not be occasional problems to be met, but it means that they are of no importance because

they are merely a part of our experience of living life. Let's come back to that later.

The demonstration that we have to make is the demonstration of truth – no other demonstration. Let us illustrate that in this way. There is a scriptural truth, 'where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.' Now that is a truth. As a matter of fact, that is THEE truth. It is the only truth there is: 'Where the Spirit of the Lord is, where the consciousness of the presence of God is, there is liberty.'" ~Joel

II Cor 3:15-17 (to .)

15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.

16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

(Divine Principal is constant, but we can be affected by the thought that it is not. ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – June 2, 2012

“Now if we can demonstrate that one truth we will have demonstrated all there is to harmonious existence. If we can demonstrate, first of all, the Spirit of the Lord, we will then have demonstrated liberty, not merely political liberty or economic liberty but liberty from the world, freedom from the world.

The only liberty there really is, is a liberty from the things of the world, a freedom from the thoughts and things of the world – as we have had here in prayer. It's all right to pray for anything you want as long as you're not praying for anything of this world. Well it is the same thing in this that when you secure your liberty, you secure it from the thoughts and things of this world – the fears, the doubts, the concerns, the problems of this world.

So that if we were faced with a problem of health or supply or happiness, there would be no use in trying to demonstrate health or supply or happiness because they are not to be achieved separate and apart from the demonstration of the Spirit of the Lord. The thing to demonstrate would be the Spirit of the Lord because ‘where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty’ from these things of the world.” ~Joel

Matt 6:33

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

(Take no thought for the things of this world - instead, uh uh...no answer to that - be still, surrender, listen and watch. For in the experience of Spirit is freedom and inclusion in the Kingdom. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 3, 2012

“So that as we sit here in meditation and communion, we have but one desire and that is for the realization of this Spirit of the Lord, to feel this presence of God, to become aware in one way or another of an actual transcendental, spiritual presence and power. We do not know in what form that experience would come to us. It might come to each one in a different way, and there is no use speculating about it. We have a major theme: ‘where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty,’ and so our concern must be to achieve the realization of the Spirit of the Lord and let It appear in whatever form It will and dispense with our problems as It will.

The Spirit of the Lord is as tangible as anything that you see here on that table or this. It is just as concrete, just as evident to spiritual sense as these are to material sense. And so, in the life of every seeker after God, there must come a time for that experience, a time when they say, ‘I’ve certainly read about it long enough, and I’ve heard about it long enough. But actually I don’t know even if it’s true because I have never experienced it. I’ve heard people speak of it, I’ve read of it in books, and I’ve even sometimes seen the look on their faces when they experienced it, but still I haven’t felt, myself, the Spirit of the Lord.’

Do you remember the Master saying ‘the Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, and with that Spirit of God I am enabled to heal the sick, comfort the mourner’? And so it is. The very moment that the Spirit of the Lord touches an individual, they are transformed. The degree of the transformation may not be great in the visible realm. It is great on the Within. No, no sometimes, sometimes it, ah, comes as such a startling thing that even the Within doesn’t quite grasp the full significance of it.” ~Joel

Isa 61:1

1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

(The Presence of God is as available to us to today as it ever was.

I know, from experience, that when I was looking for a change, a sign or an experience that is visible to any human sense I was barking up the wrong

tree. There are no means of notifying the Spirit of God of our desires. Thinking we can influence God to our whim is an acceptance of a separation from the Omnipresence of God.

Look up - and recognize the activity of the Presence. The manna is provided sufficient to the day. Taste of My Meat. My Peace flows to every corner of the world. Be His Instrument - let Love flow out... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 4, 2012

“But it is only a very short period of adjustment after the Spirit of the Lord has touched one when, inwardly, they understand the meaning of rebirth, of being born again, of not being the same person they were yesterday or last week. And then sometimes, bit by bit, it becomes evident in the outer world. Sometimes it becomes evident in negative appearances. Sometimes we first have to lose before we gain – that is, it would seem so in the outer realm. Only those who lose their lives can gain it; that is, they have to lose their present sense of life in order to gain it.

Some people, in ‘leaving their nets,’ have found themselves as I did going through economic problems, financial problems, experiencing lack and that was as the old source of supply – the material sense – disappeared, and with it the sources, and the full and complete realization of the new had not taken place. And so there was an interval when observers looking at my demonstrations might have said (and some did say) ‘You have given up the reality for a dream. And like all dreamers you’re starving in an attic, and it serves you right.’

That was the outer picture. To their sense, there was just an individual who had always enjoyed the best and most, and now experiencing a sense of lack and limitation. But they couldn’t see that that was the breaking up of the old form and then the new appearing. And so it is that, at a later period, I went through the same experience with physical health. I’ve only had one illness in 25 years since I’m in this work, but that one made up for the whole 25 years! But, evidently, it was a necessary thing at that time to save me from the mistake of boasting of health because it is as foolish to boast of my health as it is to boast of my supply when ‘the earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.’ Do you see that?” ~Joel

I Cor 10:26

26 For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.

(World-mind sees itself as reality and living in Spirit as a dream. The mind of Christ sees just the opposite... No wonder it is a bit of effort to walk between the two worlds [two realities]. Hmmm...

God consciousness is consistent, constant and complete. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 5, 2012

“Sooner or later we all have to realize that health is not of me or my body. Health is of God. We all have to learn that supply is not of me nor does it belong to me; it is of God. And so, sometimes, the breaking up of our material reliances takes the form in the outer picture – it will take a negative appearance in the outer picture as if we were losing something, giving up something, sacrificing something. It isn’t true, and inwardly we know it. Once the Spirit of the Lord has touched you, you know, well of course you’re not touched by outer appearances any more, and they don’t concern you even while you are going through the discords because you recognize them to be a part of the transitional experience.

I could, if you can see this vision with me, I could use the example of the Christian martyrs going to their deaths in, ah, out in the arena thrown to the lions or burned at the stake. And probably if you were to think right now you’d say, ‘well that’s more than I would do for a Christian religion, or an Infinite Way religion, or any other. Don’t ask me to go to prison for you or to get burned up at the stake for you or get thrown to the lion.’ And you can’t be blamed because you’re thinking in terms of your physical bodies, and their discomforts, and of a human sense of life.” ~Joel

Gal 2:19,20 (to 2nd ,)

19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God,

(There will come a moment in our experience when we entirely let go of the human scene and its seeming control. There will be transition where we no longer have an agenda or live our lives by our own thoughts. We actually feel the Christ Presence take over and we watch our lives being Lived by God. Our true Identity is realized as joint heirs in Christ, and our earthly life is literally being led by Spirit, on earth as it is in heaven...

The conviction to Truth becomes unstoppable. It won’t matter what challenge is presented our New Horizon is in sight. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 6, 2012

“But, the very minute that the Spirit of the Lord touches you, all of this outer world fits into its place and only one thing is important and that is the fulfillment of one’s spiritual mission. And who is concerned then with whether they get an overdose of heat or cold or whatever else the picture may present? But that, that doesn’t make sense. It doesn’t make sense to look at those martyrs being thrown to the lions or being burned at the stakes or Peter standing there being stoned. It doesn’t make sense, and it never will to the human.

It is only when the Spirit of the Lord has touched one and you have seen that nothing is being lost, sacrificed or given up, that there is no martyrdom actually. It is only martyrdom for those who are looking on and don’t understand. It is actually fulfillment of one’s spiritual destiny and experience, and that which is gained is more than compensation for that which the world says is lost.” ~Joel

I Cor 2:9,10

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

(The human might say: “Father, I would give all that my worldly nets could ever provide to be in the presence of Your Presence but once again.”

The metaphysician might say: “This illusion is a lie, it isn’t true. I can’t be put to death. Father, I understand that you are Omnipresent so I fear not this world.”

The Spirit within says: “Behold, the Presence of God.”

I love you Father. Thy will be done... .. ~al.within)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 7, 2012

“It is very much like the world’s attitude about our probably not spending time at cards or dancing or too much at the theatre, and so forth, and wondering what we ever gain to make up for such terrific loses, such sacrifices of human pleasure. And if you were to say, ‘there is no pleasure in a card game or roulette or dice or drinking,’ they would say, ‘oh, now you must be crazy’ and, to their sense you would be because the God of this world is pleasure. The God of this world is escapism, and so to say that that God is nothingness, no, you must be a martyr if you’re giving up that God. And, of course, you know you’re not because what you have gained more than compensates for the illusory nature of what has been lost.

But none of this, none of this is real. None of this is real to any individual unless or until they have attained that Spirit of the Lord and found their liberty, their complete freedom from all concern for the things and thoughts of this world in the compensation which has come with the understanding and attainment of the Realities.” ~Joel

Isa 2:22

22 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

(STOP... Take no thought for this world. Reality cannot be found in perception, it is Beheld the Activity of Infinite Love. ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 8, 2012

“And so it is that we, in this work, are at the place which is on Reel Number 12, well, the other side, the first side of this one that will carry today’s message – *‘Experience of the Christ.’* We are at that stage in our unfoldment when, for eight years in The Infinite Way, and as many years before as you may have been in some other metaphysical work, we have heard of the beauties of the Christ, of the power of the Christ. We have heard of the healing influence of the Christ. We have known experiences of it, and we have experienced ourselves many of the benefits of someone else’s attainment of this Spirit of the Lord.” ~Joel

Rom 7:6

6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

(The time is now, to move from the acceptance of the letter of the law [reasoning mind] governing life to Spiritual Law [the Mind of Christ] Living our Lives. Along with this realization, the promise of His Sufficiency will provide the necessary manna for each day. Being a beholder of God’s activity brings the end of dependency. There is only One supply, and that is God’s. There is only One health, One Life, and that is His. There is only One companion and it is I. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 9, 2012

“But now it becomes necessary first, for those in this room, and those who are listening to these tapes, to actually take it upon them self to determine that now is the time for them to attain this Spirit of the Lord. If it’s to be done at any time in history, it can be done now because those who have been led to this point – whether in this room or hearing these tapes – are at the point of readiness, if they haven’t already experienced it, to experience the Presence of the Lord.

Those who have experienced it must come to that place where they can experience it at will, move in and out, ‘be in this world but not of it,’ walk up and down this world but not partake of it, and walk in and out of the past, the present, the future. Walk in and out of the discords, inharmonies as well as the pleasures and harmonies of this world, and yet maintain their own spiritual identity in the kingdom of heaven.” ~Joel

1 John 3:2

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, [joint heirs] and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is [True Identity].

(We, from the beginning, have always been joint heirs to All that the Father has. We have just not always been aware of that promise. Awake thou that sleepest. We cannot be separate or apart from Omnipresence. We are presently included in His Kingdom and all of His Kingdom is included within our Individual Being. You are ready.

When we see God’s True Identity, we experience Ours. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 10, 2012

“Those who attain the kingdom of heaven can also walk on earth. They can walk in and out, up and down. ‘I can lay down my life and I can pick it up,’ says the Master, and it is true. You can partake of the things of this world, but you can lay them down, and you can walk in and around the heavenly scenes even while walking the streets of this universe. And it is destined that every individual on the face of the globe know the experience of God. In the end, ‘every knee shall bend.’” ~Joel

Ps 91:1

1 He that dwelleth [those who attain] in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

(We can Dwell – or we can coast... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 11, 2012

“Now. As the world witnesses the benefit of this spiritual experience, it opens itself in a measure to the same experience – first because it wants the ‘loaves and fishes’ that come from the experience and then, secondly, interest in the experience itself is aroused. All over we are having the experience of individuals who discover one or another of the books or recordings and then write that another couple is with them, listening to the tapes or hearing the books, reading the books or a small group has gathered.

And so it is that wherever one is touched, others quickly follow in, and it is only because there is a one here and there – only because there was a Jesus Christ that there could later be disciples and apostles, and then a public. Only because there was a Mrs. Eddy that there could have been teachers and practitioners, and then finally a whole world membership.

Always the presentation of the Christ has to come through an individual, but that individual is you as well as me and as well as every other one who has shown it forth. Because regardless of who the individual may be – Lao-tzu, Buddha, Jesus, John, Paul, or these moderns, Mrs. Eddy or Mrs., Fillmore – they, as individuals, can only reach a limited group. It has always been so. But it is that limited group that goes out and expands itself into more groups, and then the circle begins widening. And so as the world comes into it, it comes into it because of individuals – one individual in this city and one in that and a small group in the other, and so the circle spreads until it encompasses the universe.” ~Joel

John 21:8-17

8 And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.

9 As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.

10 Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.

11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

12 Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

14 This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

15 ¶ So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

(The Torch is passed from Teacher to student. From generation to generation... And so it is, Thy will be done. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 12, 2012

“Now – there is a Christ. There is a Spirit of God. Therefore, there is a Spirit of God to be realized, to be attained. The time has past for one individual to set themselves up to represent or be that Spirit of God on earth. The time is here when every individual must be the showing forth of that Spirit. And if I, in my small way, can bring to a few the experience of the Spirit of the Lord, then in turn each one of those who experience it are enabled to go out and do the same thing, and only in that way.” ~Joel

Matt 10:7,8

7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

(The Spirit of God [unconditional Love] only knows to freely share Itself. Make no plans, create no agenda; take off your shoes, place your feet on Holy ground, and open out a way for His imprisoned splendor to escape.

Do God’s work and God will do Yours. It’s the same thing... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 13, 2012

“The world will not be saved by a savior. It has had three or four of the greatest saviors that ever can be realized, and I doubt that the world will accept any more saviors. I doubt that the world is in a frame of mind now to say that there is any one greater than Buddha, or Jesus, or John, or Paul. I doubt that the world is ready to accept that there are any more spiritual lights even possible on earth.

And so the time has come when the world must not look for a savior – which it will never have again – as person, but must look for a savior which is the Spirit of the Lord. That must be the savior – not a man, not a woman. The savior must be the Spirit of the Lord. And the Spirit of the Lord, if there is such a thing, must be achieved by you and by me, individually. Then, and then only, can our neighbors or friends or relatives say that ‘you do bear witness to something transcendental, that is something beyond human ken. You do bear witness to something beyond man’s understanding.’” ~Joel

II Cor 3:13-17

13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.

15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.

16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

(The Way has been given by and in Christ Consciousness, and it is beyond words and thoughts. The Way is in and of Spirit and has nothing to do with humans. The Light of Truth becomes clearer and clearer with each peeling away of layer upon layer of this-worlds notions and perceived knowledge.

You have to admit we have a better means of communication today than ever before to share the awareness of Truth quickly and accurately. A humble disciple in the remote mountains of the Ozarks can feel the Presence and the experience can be shared instantly to a disciple in the next room, Columbus Ohio, to Africa or to a boat in the middle of the Pacific

Ocean via internet ham radio. This message bounces around the globe to where It wants to be heard with effortless ease.

We have come so far in the thousands of years since the letter of the word was first chiseled on stone - why would we want to put the veil back on the Truth and glorify man again, who of his own self, can do nothing? ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 14, 2012

“Now it is possible that you read what I imagine to be the most interesting of the entire series of religious articles in the Saturday Honolulu Star Bulletin. To me, that was the outstanding article of the entire series. And this man took all those who read it one half of the way to heaven. He destroyed in his article all of the nonsense of ‘Church-ianity’ and showed it for what it really isn’t, but he hadn’t discovered that there is a Spirit of the Lord. No, he was only able to point out the errors of superstitious belief. But, at no point, was he able to show forth that there is a Spirit of the Lord. All these other articles merely were in the nature of advertising for their particular denominations, beliefs. But here at least was one that showed us the fallacy of them.

Now the next step – and it’s the next step that every individual must take – when the temple has been cleansed of its superstitions, and of its beliefs, now it must come to the time where it says, ‘All right. I will place no value on any things, any beliefs, any doctrines, any creeds, any teaching, but center my entire consciousness on attaining the Spirit of the Lord Itself, and let It be my creed, my ritual, my guide, my conscience, my cause and all that I am to this world.’” ~Joel

II Cor 5:1

1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

(We are governed by either our awareness of Omnipresence, Omnipotence and Omniscience or by our ignorance of it. Be still and listen, the Kingdom of God is within. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 15, 2012

“Do you see the most that a teaching can do, a spiritual teaching, is to lead an individual to the realization that there is a kingdom of God within them, and give them the inspiration and the desire to achieve it? And the most that a spiritual teacher can do is to open the consciousness of those individuals who look to him so that they may attain the realization and demonstration of the Spirit of the Lord. But one teacher, as we have seen in the case of Jesus Christ, cannot do it for the world – not even for his own disciples, except the few who are really and truly receptive and responsive. Judas he couldn't do it for, and half a dozen of the others are nowhere heard of. And so it is that only those deeply, deeply, deeply touched can be given the actual experience by another of this Spirit of the Lord.” ~Joel

Matt 13:1-9

- 1 The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.
- 2 And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.
- 3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;
- 4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:
- 5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:
- 6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.
- 7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:
- 8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.
- 9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

(Few there be - that are willing to put their complete trust in God. But we must continually practice letting go of the idea that man is, of his own self, something, until the spark of Oneness appears in consciousness and takes over our lives.

The fruitage from a single germinated seed [inspired Individual Being] has no limitation. Be fertile ground. Open your avenue of awareness. Look up in silence - without motive, without desire and without effort. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 16, 2012

“So it is that in every age there have been mystics, and every mystic – some of them men, some of them women – have been enabled to open the consciousness to the actual Spirit of the Lord, the actual experience of the Spirit of the Lord. In many cases hundreds attained it and realized it from the teacher. But the world went on its merry way to destruction just the same because those who attained it from their teacher did not ‘go and do likewise,’ but rather stayed back to worship that teacher and build a lot of stone edifices to him or for him. Do you see that?

Now. That is a mistake that we are not making and will never make. Everyone here who attains, through this work, the touch of the Christ will be expected to open the same avenue of consciousness for others as it has been done to them. They can use the same books as textbooks. They can use the same literature as inspiration. But they must go out and, by their witnessing the activity of Christ in individual consciousness, they must make it first of all clear that it is possible to their friends, neighbors, relatives to attain the same thing. And then in the case of those who indicate enough interest, actually lead them to the experience.” ~Joel

Rom 8:5

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.

John 14:12 (to ;)

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

I Pet 4:11 (to:)

11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth:

(Lean not unto thine own understanding, become the activity of the Christ.
~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 17, 2012

“It is a very beautiful thing to watch that some students whom I have never met who are merely Infinite Way students through the writings and recordings are attaining this very Spirit of the Lord, realizing It, bringing It through in their experience, and setting It forth as an example to others in their immediate vicinity. Now the day will come when this realization will be so strong in them that they, too, will be able to open the consciousness of others to the experience.

And so we’re going to stop now for another period of meditation because you will know this. And I will give you this, and at least for the balance of this month let it be the song in your heart: ‘Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.’ Wherever the realization of this Spirit is, there is a freedom from the thoughts and the things of this world, from the cares and concerns of this world, and there is an attainment of Divine Grace, the things of the spiritual world.” ~Joel

II Cor 3:17 (to .)

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

*(Where is this Spirit of the Lord? It is within You...and Me...and every individual Being that is Aware of it. It is closer than breathing, nearer than hands and feet. When is it Present? Since before Abraham was, Now and forever. Who is this Spirit? God Consciousness. What is this Spirit? The conscious and living activity of Omnipresent Love. How is this Spirit available to us? It is available in secrecy and silence, simply for the Recognition of God as Omnipresent, Omniscient, Omnipotent infinite Being. And so it is, that you and I are included in this present Presence...
... .. Right Now. Thank you Father. ~al.within)*

(PS: If you think of it today, join the impromptu gathering of students in St Louis, MO, USA in Spirit for 30 seconds, 5 minutes, or the whole 2 hours if you want to, between the hours of 4-6pm central time.)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 18, 2012

“It says ‘where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.’ That where a consciousness is available through which God can function, there is an entrance for God, the Christ, into human consciousness. In other words, as for instance I sit here in this silence, attuned to this Infinite Invisible, and the activity of the Christ can function through my consciousness, It can reach and touch yours and illumine, heal, save and supply. It would be IT, the activity of the Christ functioning in and through me, reaching, touching, illumining your consciousness.

Then again, wherever you are in meditation, remember, remember that your meditation isn't to get something for yourself, for God or for any one else either. The purpose of the meditation is merely to open yourself to the Spirit of the Lord. Then, as the Spirit of the Lord enters, well perhaps not so much enters as exits, as the Spirit of the Lord finds outlet through your consciousness, It touches the life of another, or the lives of others, touches their consciousness to awaken It, touches their bodies to bring what we call healing.” ~Joel

Rom 8:9

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

TRUTH is within ourselves; it takes no rise
From outward things, whate'er you may believe.
There is an inmost center in us all,
Where truth abides in fullness; and around,
Wall upon wall, the gross flesh hems it in,
This perfect, clear perception – which is truth.
A baffling and perverting carnal mesh
Binds it, and makes all error: and, to KNOW,
Rather consists in opening out a way
Whence the imprisoned splendour may escape,
Than in effecting entry for a light
Supposed to be without. ~Robert Browning

(Spirit knows only of Itself, it knows nothing of the flesh, so why would we think it is fruitful to pray for and with anything of this-world. Open a receptive attitude to let the Spirit flow through to where it wants to Be. ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – June 19, 2012

“Anyhow, in opening your consciousness for the activity of the Christ and by not restricting It or directing It, you permit It to escape into human consciousness and bring with It God’s Grace wherever an individual is opening themselves to God’s Grace. Just think, ‘where this Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.’ Wherever you are open to the activity of the Christ, the Spirit of the Lord enters and sets you free from the thoughts and things of this world but it also touches the consciousness of others in your circle, perhaps, and you thereby become an instrument through which the activity of the Christ can reach others in this world.

All right let us meditate again.” ~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.

(You can do this! You know I mean capital “Y” Y-o-u... God can. It was demonstrated on earth this past weekend in St Louis. A way was opened out by Spirit for a large group of students to learn to become instruments and thereby reach others to do the same in their city and beyond... A message during the class was – “I know what my job is – I just don’t want to do it right now.” Don’t hesitate, don’t plan. Just let God do His Work.

Die daily to the thoughts of this world. Rest back, open a receptive attitude, step aside and be a Beholder of God’s activity.

Human convention says, “Build it and they will come.” God says, “Come, and I will show you.” ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 20, 2012

“Now watch the difference in your approach to, let us say, being of help, spiritually, in your household, or in the experience of others who may turn to you for help. By remembering instantly that ‘where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty,’ you will lose all sense of personal responsibility of having to do something, or having to know something, or having to understand something. And you will immediately sit back in the realization, ‘Well, where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty so let me now attain the realization of the Spirit of the Lord. Let me be still, at peace.’ ~Joel

John 14:27 (to .)

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

(We always have a choice; we can be governed by this world or His Kingdom. But the mind of man is not the source of My Peace or healing as the world giveth. Surrender your thoughts, desires, and control to the all-knowing Spiritual Mind of Christ - Omniscience. Be not afraid. Take no thought. Be still and wait for Spirit to do the work or to direct your paths. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 21, 2012

“And you will learn to abide in stillness, in peace, in quietness, in confidence until that feeling of the Presence touches you and then you will say, ‘ah, it is done.’ And then you can truthfully say, ‘God has done it’ without any feeling that ‘oh yes, but look what I did, or look what I thought, or look what my understanding is.’ Because now you will clearly perceive that your understanding had nothing to do with it. Your mental work had nothing to do with it because you didn’t do any, but that actually it was a spiritual experience and not a mental hocus-pocus or an exhibition of personal healing power.” ~Joel

John 15:4,5

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

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

Zech 4:6 Not

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

(The minute we stop seeking the things of this world; health, peace, supply, companionship etc. and seek only the Presence to be present – we open the way for Christ Consciousness to Live our Life. The experience comes Alive at a time when we THINK not.

I can do nothing of mine own self. He is the One that maketh me lie down in green pastures. He is the One that leadeth me beside still waters and restoreth my Soul. He is the One that leadeth me in the path of Righteousness. He is the One that feeds me, blesses me and supplies me with abundance. I can do nothing without Him. I am dead without the Realization of Him.

Thank you Father. Amen. ~al.within)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 22, 2012

“You see there is a Christ. There is a Christ-healing influence. There is a spiritual power. There is a spiritual presence, but you don’t direct It. You don’t possess It, but you can be an instrument through which It is released into the experience of those who touch you on life’s highways. Do you see that? And the way you do it, begin with ‘Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. Thy Grace is the sufficiency in every case.’ And so attain, then, this consciousness of the presence of the Lord, the Spirit of the Lord, and attain this feeling of ‘Thy Grace’ being on the field, and then let It flow out into the world of experience to do Its work.

You become the instrument. You see it goes back only to the Master. ‘I can of my own self do nothing – this Father within me, he doeth the works.’ It’s His principle. This doctrine isn’t mine, it’s His. ‘If I were to speak of myself or of my own powers, I would speak a lie.’ The whole thing, the whole secret is that there is a Father within me – the Spirit of The Lord, the Christ, Divine Grace, anything you want to call it and that, through my consciousness, It can operate through me as an instrument. Why through ‘me’ as an instrument? Because I have realized Its presence and can thereby make a nothingness of myself sufficient for It to take over. It can’t operate through the person saying, ‘I, I, I, me, mine.’” ~Joel

Phil 4:13

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

(The nature of Spiritual healing is that there must be an activity of God Consciousness. If you become His Instrument, God takes over your life and operates as Divine Grace, not by conscious effort. It is not an activity of the mind or metaphysics trying to change bad matter into good. Divine Grace operates in the realm of Spirit. Where the Spirit is active – there is liberty from the perception of a selfhood separate and apart from God. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 23, 2012

“It can’t operate through the person still with a belief that their understanding or their power can do anything. And so you will find that this was the vision of the original book, The Infinite Way, when it said ‘be a beholder.’ It doesn’t say anything about being a Christ. It doesn’t say anything about walking up and down the world with a big understanding, doing something. It says, ‘be a beholder.’” ~Joel

Mark 6:37-43

37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?

38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.

39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.

40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.

41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

42 And they did all eat, and were filled.

43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.

(In the story of the miracle of the loaves and fishes, could Jesus have done anything to make five loaves and two fishes feed five thousand? Did he inform God that there was a lack? Did Jesus ask God to make more fish and bread? It doesn’t say he did anything of his own self. What did he do? It only says, “he looked up”. He beheld the Presence of the Father and looked up and Watched the Father perform the miracle. He LET the Father feed the multitude sufficient to the day and blessed the abundance as it was provided.

Look up. Be a beholder. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 24, 2012

“Attain that state of consciousness that can sit back and behold God at work in God’s universe, can behold nature bringing forth its beauties and its glories without saying, ‘I did it,’ or ‘I’m needed to help it.’ Do you see that? If there wasn’t an individual on the face of the globe, God’s glories would be just as great. The activity of God would be just as great. In some cases it might be better. It has been said there’s nothing wrong with the world, there’s only something wrong with people. Well perhaps without people, God’s glory would be made even more evident. But, inasmuch as we are people and we are dealing with people, there is a way whereby we can attain liberty, freedom, joy, harmony, peace, dominion, abundance, glory, happiness, united-ness, unity, oneness, contentment, and that way is through the Spirit of the Lord, through the attainment of ‘that mind which was also in Christ Jesus.’

Now we begin in this work to do it without the benefit of words or thoughts – just by the expectancy within us, the silence, the listening, the inner peace. Oh it doesn’t mean that the wild thoughts may not intrude into our minds. But we can always meet those thoughts with, ‘yes but where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. Thy Grace is my sufficiency, *My peace* I give unto you. *My peace.*’ We can always take things like that into our meditation to quiet whatever human thoughts may be percolating there.”
~Joel

Phil 2:5

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

(How?)

Matt 6:6

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.

(When we reach the end of our contemplative meditation, when the words and thoughts are through... .. Or, if we get distracted on a little detour along the way, gently bring yourself back to the meditation... .. So, when we reach the quiet Peace, STOP and wait with an “attitude” of expectation [something like, speak Lord, thy servant heareth] and then wait

for the still voice to utter Itself within. Step out of the way, and expect to see and feel His will being done. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 25, 2012

“And this realization that it is the Spirit of the Lord that makes liberty, that it is THY Grace that is the sufficiency, that it is MY peace that runs the world, that is a setting aside of ourselves and giving a recognition to a transcendental being, presence, power and letting It perform Its work through our consciousness.

Let us be silent again.” ~Joel

Isa 40:31 (to 2nd ;)

31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles;

(Father, I know I can do nothing of mine own self. I surrender to your will and wait for your Presence. I release all desires and cast them aside... Guide me, show me what you would have me do?... ... What is your plan for me?... I give my life right here and right now to You and I empty my thoughts so You can fill my Consciousness with Your Life, Your Spirit and Your Love... I wait... ... Show me thy Kingdom, Father that I might rejoice in your Arms... Speak Lord thy humble servant waits... I Love you. ~al.within)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 26, 2012

“This will not in any way nullify a single unfoldment that is in The Infinite Way literature. Nor will it in any wise act to prevent our gaining consciousness, wisdom, and further measure of the letter of truth from these writings and recordings. But the writings and the recordings become only a basis or foundation on which we can do that which we are doing here today.

In other words, we can forget all of the letter of truth today because we already know the letter of truth and have it embodied in our consciousness. Because we already know that ‘I and the Father are one,’ because we already know the illusory nature of that which appears on earth as discord, because we already know the nature of God, the nature of prayer, the nature of the Christ, the nature of error. Because we know the nature of God as individual being, as your being and mine, we can afford to sit here now without thinking of any of these things and merely open ourselves to the experience of the Spirit of the Lord.

If we had not taken these steps before this, if we were not thoroughly familiar with the writings, recordings, or whatever constitutes the letter of the word, then we would be attempting something in the nature of a blind faith which, even if we accomplished it, wouldn’t remain with us as a permanent dispensation.” ~Joel

I Cor 3:16

16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

(The instant we feel the assuring touch of Love and experience the Awareness of the Presence of God, we rise above the laws [letter] of this world. Our Temple is built for us as we bask in the Peace that passeth understanding and behold Spirit operating in the Absolute. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 27, 2012

“Many, many, many people in the world have had a God-experience, have realized the Spirit of the Lord and then nothing happened the rest of their life except that they had to live on the memory of it because, first of all, they didn’t know how they attained it. Secondly, they didn’t know how to maintain it. Third, they didn’t know what it meant. It was just one of those acts of Grace that took place for which they had no explanation. With us it is different.

We know that if it takes place, that it takes place for one major reason and that is, whatever time and effort you have put in to the study of spiritual wisdom and the practice of meditation that will be the main responsibility: what you have put into it. Therefore, you will know that you can always not only re-live it, but that you can re-live it every day of the week and six times on Sunday if you so desire by the same token by which you first experienced it. That is the study, the meditation, ‘abiding in the word and letting the word abide in you.’” ~Joel

John 15:5-7

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

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

(As we Abide in Him, and He in Us we are included in All of Creation and the Source of it. It’s a pretty good incentive to keep on Abiding, huh? Open the door, and invite the Father to come in for in His Presence is Fulfillment and Peace. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 28, 2012

“So it will be no secret to you or no mystery to you when the actual Spirit of the Lord comes into your experience. Because you’ll say, ‘ah yes, as consciousness unfolds spiritually, as we lose faith in the things and thoughts and transfer our allegiance to the Infinite Invisible – in that degree of spiritual unfoldment am I losing those barriers that separate me from the God experience.’

And so, of course, you will know that as you continue to abide in spiritual wisdom – whether you read it or whether you hear it or whether you think it – as you continue to abide in meditation and receptivity – this Spirit of the Lord will come as a continued experience, a frequent experience, until that day takes over when it will be one that you attain at will.” ~Joel

Ps 1:2

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

(Begin to practice the Presence daily - (practice living in an ongoing state of recognition and receptivity.) The continued contemplation of the Law of God and the nature of all things spiritual eventually becomes our main focus and that keeps us moving forward. This filling of our consciousness with Truth results in the realization and experience of God’s Grace.

Take no thought of man, whose breath is in his nostrils; acknowledge Him in all thy ways. In other words, God’s day is my day, so My experience must be His. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 29, 2012

“You can turn within any time you like and come out with the realization that ‘the Presence of the Lord has touched me, the Spirit of the Lord has touched me.’ And that will then continue by your own abiding in faithfulness until the day when the Sprit, well it may say, as it has, ‘heretofore, I have walked with you, but now I am beside you.’ And then at a later time it may say,

‘Heretofore I have walked beside you, but now I am within you.’ And then finally you hear it say, ‘Heretofore I have been within you, but now I am you.’ I speak as you. I think as you. My power appears on earth as your power. My home is your home, and your home now is really my home. Your consciousness and my consciousness are one and the same because it’s My Consciousness.’” ~Joel

Luke 17:20,21

20 ¶ And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

(Behold. I have walked with you the whole time you have been seeking Me. Be still, my beloved Son and heir, and stop searching without, for I Am within. My Peace I leave you. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON – June 30, 2012

“You see, that is the union and from then on Paul has achieved it and he says, ‘I live yet not I, it is now Christ that lives as my individual experience although you still see me on earth as Paul, the old man, Saul, the new man, Paul. But with all that, I am neither Saul nor Paul. I am the Christ, appearing thus to you.’

And that comes as an experience to everyone who attains complete union with God. And everyone attains complete union with God after they have come into the realization that there is a Spirit of the Lord that makes free, and I can experience that very Spirit of the Lord and Its freedom – not my freedom – Its freedom. I don’t have any more freedom than I have wisdom or supply. It’s Christ freedom that we experience; It’s Christ life that we live. It’s Christ’s supply that we have. It’s Christ’s activity that appears on earth as your activity or my activity. Do you see that?

And so it is, and so it is, and so it is. Thank you.” ~Joel

Gal 2:20 (to 2nd ,)

20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God,

(I am not what you see, I AM who You are. ~Al)