"THE DAILY LESSON"

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"BEAR WITNESS TO THE UNIVERSAL NATURE OF ILLUSORY ERROR"

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THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 1, 2013

"Good morning. (Class responds.)

Yesterday we bore witness to God in action and it was made very clear to us that our function in life is to be that of a witness, a beholder, disregarding appearances and always seeing God in action. In other words, no matter what the form, outline, or condition may appear to be we, through

this inner vision, bear witness to the Omnipresence of the Christ; that is, of the activity of God in human consciousness.

Now this has not been a secret from the world at any time. This has been known throughout the history of the world and, for the most part, you would find agreement on that even in church religions. You will hear such things as 'God is all,' and 'God is love,' and 'God is everywhere present,' and 'God is all power.' You hear that in their hymns, and their services and their prayers, and you say, 'well then there's nothing new to that.'

No, there isn't anything new. There isn't anything radically different except this: that in no religious teaching that I've ever come across, except the ancient manuscripts of the original four, nowhere is that accepted or believed because there isn't a teaching on earth that accepts God as the only power or the only presence. Otherwise, there wouldn't be two powers. There wouldn't be protective work against one power." ~Joel

Ex 20:3

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

(Thou shalt not know of any separation from God. In other words: there is only One. One Spirit, One Life, One Love, One power, One intelligence and One presence to behold. Don't be tempted to believe anything else. ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 2, 2013

"There wouldn't be terms like 'good' and 'evil', 'God and devil,' 'immortal and mortal' if there were a conviction or even an acceptance of just one. And so you find that whereas the language of Sunday says, 'God is all,' the language of Monday is 'let the buyer beware,' or 'be careful,' or 'protect yourself,' or 'watch out for the other fellow.'

Now the reason that you come upon such contradictions in the religious life of the world is this. The world, as such, has not discovered the nature of error, and therefore believes that if you are sinning, you are the one who has to be reformed or healed. If you are subject to false appetites, it is you who has to be healed or treated, or reformed or corrected or improved. If you are sick, it is you who need medication. If you are poor, it is undoubtedly something for which inwardly you are responsible or else you are a victim." ~Joel

Gen 1:1

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Gen 1:31 (to .)

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

(Why can't we just stop our study with the first chapter of Genesis? Did God create evil, devil, mortal, need, sickness and lack? Did God see everything made was very good - and the then create an opposite of very good? You know better than that... ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 3, 2013

"In other words, the word, 'you,' is the devil. You are the devil, you see because if you're sinful, it's your fault. If you're poor, it's usually your fault. Even when you had nothing to do with being poor, you at least were the victim. So it was you, again. If you are sick, it's you. You got in the draft, or you contracted the disease, or you got in the way of a germ, or you were living in the wrong climate, or you ate the wrong food.

You are the devil. You are the very devil who is tripping up your whole life experience. All the time that you are seeking good, you are the very devil causing evil – according to the world. And therein lies the ignorance of all religious teachings so that even when they declare, 'God is all. God is everywhere equally present. God is perfect. God is love. God governs you. God guides you. God directs you,' even when they declare that, they cannot demonstrate it. You still are in as much trouble as if God weren't all those nice things, and as if God were a billion miles away from you.

And the reason is this: first place, all religious teachings ascribe goodness to you, and you have no goodness. You are not good. You are not spiritual. You are not perfect. You are not harmonious. If you were, you wouldn't be sitting here. You'd be out bearing witness to it. You'd be out living it instead of trying to learn it or trying to demonstrate it.

Now. When instead of bearing witness to your goodness and your perfection and your spirituality, as is done in metaphysical teachings, if you will bear witness to God in action, you will immediately bring about a change of some kind – and for good – in your experience, the very moment that you declare, 'do not call me good. Do not call me spiritual. Do not call me anything." ~Joel

I Cor 15:31 I die 31 ...I die daily.

(The you that must die is the you that thinks, reacts, reasons and is influenced by man. It is the you that is taught the universal belief that we are separate and apart from God. It's the you that thinks it needs to ask God to do something to help, heal or supply - not the I that I Am "you. :-) It's the you that can of its "own self" do nothing. The you that works and

struggles and even studies scripture. It's the you that needs to STOP, die daily and bear witness to the impersonal Infinite Invisible. ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 4, 2013

"Let us understand that God is the only good. God is the only activity of good. God is the only law of good. God is the only cause and God is the only effect, and there is no 'me,' there is only God. God Itself, within Itself, expressing Itself, unto Itself – God, God, God. God is the all and all. When you bear witness to God as the life of individual being, as the mind of individual being, the soul and the spirit and the body of individual being, the law, cause and effect of individual being, you have begun your spiritual development. As long as you are using words like, 'he,' 'she' and 'it,' – 'I,' 'me,' and 'mine,' you are trying to spiritualize form or spiritualize the illusion of life, and it cannot be done.

The moment you say, 'Oh this dog is a spiritual idea,' or 'this cat is a perfect idea,' you are as far off the beam as the religion that says that we are all scum of the earth and not fit to approach the hem of the Robe. Both of these are wrong. God alone is good, and beside God there is none other. There is no 'me,' 'he,' 'she,' or 'it.' That which appears to us as 'he,' 'she,' 'it' is God. If only you can see with the spiritual vision you will see that it's God in action. You will see that it's God in manifestation. That it is God Itself. Then when you see God instead of an 'it,' 'he' or 'she,' then the 'it,' 'he' or 'she' begins to take on more nearly the appearance of a God-being.

Now watch this. Instead of declaring any virtues for yourself or for others, declare those virtues as of God. God alone is the light of the day. God alone is the brightness of the night. God alone is the law of growth, of progress, of unfoldment. God alone is the source of all being. God alone is the activity of all being. God alone is the soul, and the purity and the perfection of all being.

This is bearing witness to God in action: God, Omnipresence; God, Omnipotence; God, Omniscience, God, all in all. You never perfect yourself in this as long as you are dealing with 'he's,' 'she's', 'it's.' You do perfect yourself in proportion as you bear witness to God in action and realize GOD, God alone is being, then God is eternal being. God is immortal being. God is perfect being. God is harmonious being. God is the essence." ~Joel

John 5:17-19

17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

- 18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.
- 19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise [As].

John 10:30 30 I and my Father are one [action].

(The Christ is the Present activity of God. Present as witnessed by John over 2000 years ago. And Present here and now today- as the Good that is pouring out of His current Instruments. The healing Presence finds Its way into the heart within, only to pour out again As. It pours out as Love Loving in a form necessary to perform the work of the day. Look up. God Is. ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 5, 2013

"Now. This one step will begin to bring changes in your experience, but it will not bring the final and complete harmony or even the demonstration of spiritual power in your life. That of itself will not do it. There again, we have teachings on earth, not in the organized way, that do recognize this very fact: the one Ego, the one Life, the one Mind, and yet they do very little in the way of bringing forth real harmony into the experience of their followers. And the reason for it lies in the inability to accept what we know about the nature of error.

Supposing I tell you that it becomes necessary not merely to bear witness to God in action, but it becomes necessary to bear witness to the nature of error in order to bring the final demonstration of harmony into experience. In other words, if I were to be in my meditations and realizing only the allness of God without any knowledge of the nature of error because my knowledge of the letter of truth would only be half-correct, I wouldn't even achieve half the demonstrations to which I was entitled.

And the reason is this: just as you are not good so you are not evil. Just as you are not good neither are you a sinner, neither are you the one who is poor, neither are you the one who contracts a disease or contacts one. It has nothing to do with you, and that is why no amount of right thinking that you do will ever, ever solve your problems because your wrong thinking didn't cause them, and your right thinking won't cure them. There is only one thing that will bring an end to the discords and inharmonies of individual experience: and that is an understanding of the Truth. The first half of that understanding deals with the fact,

"do not call me good. There is but one good." There is but one life, one mind, one soul, one law, one cause, one being and one effect." ~Joel

Mark 10:18

18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.

(Impersonalize all Good and realize that All Good is included in the OmniPresence of God. There is no person that can do good on their own

accord. It is the Father that doeth the work through and As His creation. This is the nature of Good. ${\sim}\text{Al})$

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 6, 2013

"Now, also do not call me evil. I don't care that you saw me stick my hand in someone's pocket and run away with their wallet. Do not call me evil. Don't do it. I had no more to do with it than I had to do with its opposite when I was good to somebody. When I was good to somebody, it was the activity of God through me. When I was evil, it was the activity of that one thing that we call the — in Christian Science, it's called mortal mind. Otherwise we would call it the human sense of life, or physical sense of life, or material sense of life or structural sense of life — a sense of separation from God being.

It is a universal thing, this thing called error. And if you saw a thief out here and wanted to help him, take your thought immediately off of him and realize that the universal belief of a selfhood apart from God is not a power, or that the universal belief in lack and limitation is not a power, or the universal belief in getting good is not a power. In other words, whatever the form of error may be, it isn't his error. It is a universal belief.

In other words, you have read this many, many times, and more especially during the Depression, of people who were brought into court stealing as little as a loaf of bread for their family. And, of course, in most cases where the judges hadn't become entirely 'judgified,' they let the so-called thief go.

Now. With the amount of that that we read, you might just as well admit that potentially we are all thieves. Because if a depression came and we had families and no bread for them and we saw bread lying around on somebody's doorstep, or milk, it's hard to say that 'well I think I'd let my family starve and not take it.' Well here and there you might find one — but not many.

Self-preservation is the first law of nature, but the self-preservation of my child, or my parent, or my wife or my husband – that's a strong instinct in an individual. And so then from that standpoint humanly, the error isn't yours or mine or his or hers who succumbs to it, but the universal sense of lack, the universal sense of separation from God which is operating at any given moment to bring lack to us." ~Joel

Ex 20:16

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

John 7:24

24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous [God's] judgment.

(OK, we impersonalized Good yesterday by knowing that there is only One Good [not a personal good but God's Good]. In other words- if we see our neighbor as anything other than included in God's Omnipresence, we are bearing false witness of them.

Now we continue- and impersonalize the appearance of evil, bad, an error or lack the same way about our neighbor [see no person].

Judging with Righteous judgment [Spiritual eyes] will see only God and His Creation. [Love Loving]

So, there is no person doing good. And there is no person doing evil - because there is no person.

There is no person to judge or be judged, only God and His acitivity. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 7, 2013

"Now. In realization of that, when an individual comes to us for help, first thing that you must do is bear witness to God in action. Bear witness within yourself to the realization that invisible right here is the Christ, the activity of Christ, and the law of Christ. The Spirit of God is in action even though appearances testify otherwise. And now what of this appearance? This is the one illusion, the one universal belief of separation from good. This is the one universal belief of a law apart from God." ~Joel

Rom 8:16,17 (to 2nd;)

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;

Rom 8:35 (to ?)

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

- (1 God Is...
- 2 You are not separate from that, so don't plug into the appearance.
- 3 Now rest in that... ... ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 8, 2013

"Now. The very moment that you stop personalizing good, you start the flow of blessings. But the moment that you stop personalizing evil, you complete the picture. The very moment you can look at Satan in the form of Judas Iscariot and say, 'This man, Judas, isn't a sinner. Father, 'forgive him; he knows not what he does." Satan, the one evil, the one sense of selfhood apart from God, and it isn't a presence or a power. It has no one in whom or through whom to operate. Then you begin to nullify it. In other words, when you see a dead electric bulb, don't immediately believe that all electricity is dead, but know that the electricity is there in its life-ness, and change your bulb and you've got your electricity in action again.

And so it is when you see an individual showing signs of deadness — whether of sin or disease — don't be concerned with them. That's an appearance, and if you will begin to realize that that appearance doesn't concern that individual, it concerns a universal sense of an individual — in that moment you have a new bulb there. The dead has become alive. The entombed has been resurrected.

Now. You bear witness, regardless of appearances, to God in action the very moment you know that:

God is the life of this individual, the mind, the soul, the Spirit. God is the only law operating here. God is the only being. God is the only cause. God is the only effect. This is a **spiritual** universe, the product of a **spiritual** creative law and being.

Thus you are bearing witness to God in action, and then you say, 'ah, yes, but what of this sin that I am beholding, of this evil?' Yes, yes, I won't deny it. I will deny it as a part of this individual. I will accept only that it is a universal belief of a selfhood apart from God, and it has nothing to do with this individual. There is such a belief if there were no individuals on earth." ~Joel

Mark 10:18

18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.

John 7:24

24 Judge [believe] not according to the appearance [shadows in the valley of death], but judge righteous judgment [witness unconditional Love].

(Take the error out of the person.

Then get rid of the person that can be good or bad.

So then, what's left? God's Individual Expression. That's not to say separate individuals - there is but One expression, manifest in many ways. We [I AM] are God's cause and God's effect. We are His infinite Way - God's infinite Life expressed AS. ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 9, 2013

"In other words, if there weren't an individual on all the earth, the belief that two times two is five would still be in consciousness. And the minute some first man would be born, it would be possible for him to accept it. Thus we have in the fabulous story of Adam and Eve: Here is a perfect world, a perfect universe to all outward appearances. But here also is the potential belief of a selfhood and a creation apart from God, and the first man who comes into the world takes on that belief.

The belief must have been there for him to have accepted. Otherwise, he, himself, would have been the inventor of that belief and then we wouldn't be suffering from it. It would be his instead of ours. But you see they removed him from the world but they didn't remove the belief: the next generation, and the next generation and the next generation." ~Joel

Gen 2:16,17

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the <u>knowledge</u> of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

(Gen 2:17 doesn't talk about a "the tree of good and evil", it clearly says: to partake of the "knowledge that is something other than God's creation", we would be accepting a belief of limitation. The answer is always the same: the Spirit of God is within, so do we eat of the tree of limited knowledge or do we seek ye first the Kingdom of God [Eden] and be included in Omniscience. Adam was tempted and partook. What say you? ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 10, 2013

"And so it is. You can watch. Because I have never been a parent I have been able to observe it objectively. All children are exactly alike and they all do the same thing at the same ages. They do the same cute things and they do the same bad things. A two-year old child is two years and you can't make it anything else. It's going to be good and it's going to be bad; it's going to be troublesome and it's going to be angelic because why? It isn't that child at all. It's just being two years of age. That's all. When it's 13 years of age, it's also going to be 13 years of age. And you watch one child of 13, and you've watched them all of 13. Parents don't always like to hear that, but you watch it objectively and you'll soon find it's true. The same mischief one gets in the other gets in.

Now, there are a few exceptions because all tastes aren't alike so one will get in trouble in one way and another in another way. One will be mischievous in one way and another in another. One will be good in one way and another in another. But, on the whole, you look out at this world at 10-year old children, at 13-year old children, at 16-year old children, and you'll say 'it all came out of the same mold.'

Now that is as close to being universally true as it can be, why? Because the children have nothing to do with it. It has to do with the fact that they are responding to the human belief about them as of that age. Where that belief came from, I don't know. Why 14-, 15-, 16-year old children have to be sassy, or have to disobey, or have to believe that their parents don't know it all, or believe that they don't know anything — I don't know. It's a pretty universal belief. It's so universal that we have sayings about it. You know those? Like, 'at 20, I knew that I knew everything that was to be known in the world. At 30 I began to suspect that perhaps I didn't know it all, and at 40 I knew that it was that my parents who knew it all.'

That's a universal claim. That's a universal belief. Everyone goes through these beliefs. If you were to see people with certain diseases and see how they respond in the same way to the same disease, when you see people at the age of puberty, when you see them at the age of menstruation, when you see them at the age of menopause, you'd think that every one of them were writing the same letter that you've been getting for 20 years. And it is so. They all respond to the same thing in the same way. Why? Because it's

<u>a response to a universal urge. It isn't necessary. It can be nullified. It can</u> be nullified." ~Joel

John 16:7 (to 2nd;)

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you;

(What was it that Jesus said needed to go away? Was it his body? Was it some kind of tough love lesson that would make the disciples have to work for it on their own? No, What needed to go away was the universal belief that there was this person named Jesus, with a power of his own. All human beliefs and their agendas must fade into nothingness. The Comforter comes to those that LET their personal sense of self and its judgment completely go, and see that only God does the work, all work.

Another example would be: The key to reading scripture is to LET God tell you what it means. You're never going to figure it out. And the universal beliefs and explanations available in this world won't tell you the complete truth either. Only God can give you the truth that you will unconditionally trust.

Truth nullifies error. ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 11, 2013

"Any of these things can be nullified, especially in the experience of those who would like them nullified, and by the handling of error as a universal claim instead of your error or mine – instead of pinning some form of error and saying, 'this person is obstinate.' 'This person is dictatorial.' 'This person is dishonest.' 'This person is immoral.' This person is so and so. Instead of that, by ignoring the appearance of this and that person – not ignoring the claim – never ignore the claim. Ignore the person and handle the claim through realizing that this claim is not personal. It has nothing to do with the person claiming it. It has to do with a universal sense of a selfhood apart from God, a universal sense of a law apart from God." ~Joel

Rom 2:11

11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

Rom 13:1

1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

(God is Omnipresent. Then where and how is there room for something else? ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 12, 2013

"Remember, if you were dealing with a law of infection, a law of contagion, you would have to not blame your patient for it. You would have to get back and say, 'why no! If God is law, and God is infinite, there can be no law of disease, no law of infection, no law of contagion. This is only a universal belief.' Why blame a tiny child for having an infectious or contagious disease? What had they to do with it? They were just the innocent victims of a universal belief – well so are the adults regardless of the name or nature of their crime, or their sickness, or the depth of it or the degree of it.

It's true with old age. You would be surprised the wonderful work I have seen among people under the claim of old age. The moment it was brought into realization that age has nothing to do with a person – no person can be older than another person because <u>God is infinite person</u>, the only person appearing as individual being. So we are all the same age as God. Age can't change us. Age can't make us. But the universal belief of a life apart from God, the universal belief of a selfhood apart from God, the universal belief of a law of deterioration of matter – the law of diminishing returns – all of these things operate in our consciousness and appear on our bodies and our pocketbooks." ~Joel

I Cor 8:6,7 (to :)

- 6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.
- 7 Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge:
- (I Am = Aware and included in God's OmniPresence, OmniScience and OmniPotence.

me = a selfhood apart from God. Subject to sickness and health, good and bad, wealth and lack and thought. Thought is an appearance of intelligence, reasoning or the acceptance of universal belief. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 13, 2013

"Now. Bear witness to God in action regardless of what condition you see on earth, regardless of what condition you see in a person – bear witness, first of all, to the truth that God is this individual being. God constitutes all there is to this being. God is the creative Principle. God is the maintaining and the sustaining influence. Bear witness to God in action. And as you drive on the road, as you walk through the city streets, watch.

Bear witness to the fact that here indeed is very Christ. Then as common sense says to you, 'Oh but this doesn't look like it. Not what I'm looking at. Not who I'm seeing before me – not the horrors that I'm witnessing,' then take your second step and bear witness to the fact, 'No, no. Here I am seeing the effects of a universal sense of a selfhood apart from God. I'm seeing the effects of a universal belief in a law, or activity or cause apart from God. And such beliefs, being only beliefs, are not power. They do not have the activity of God behind them. They do not have the law to support them, uphold them or sustain them. I see them for what they are – a belief of a selfhood apart from God, a belief of medical law, theological law." ~Joel

Matt 6:19-21

- 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, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:
- 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

(See the Truth behind every activity. See God Consciousness As. Be not distracted by an appearance or rumor of limitation. God Is, period. ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 14, 2013

"Why, don't you know that three-quarters of the world is suffering from theology because theology has given the world this horrible belief of God punishing us for our sins, and you'd be surprised how minor those sins can be to bring on major punishments? And we have accepted those — both consciously and unconsciously — until even in the experience of my work, I find three-quarters of the people writing me a letter and saying, 'well of course I suppose it's really my fault. Oh well, I suppose I've done something. Oh, I'm being punished for something that I have done.'

Friend, there's no finer way to keep you in bondage to sickness for the rest of your life than to believe you are being punished for something that happened yesterday or a thousand years ago. No, no, no, it is true that we punish ourselves for the wrongs that we do, but there is no God of punishment and so there is no punishment when we stop doing the wrong. That ends the whole business of karma, and 'as ye sow so shall ye reap.'" ~Joel

Ezek 18:2,3

- 2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?
- 3 As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel.

(As God Lives within you and As you, there will no longer be a concern for the things of this world. Why? Because any sense of separation from God is nullified by Truth. Sow to the Spirit, leave yesterday behind, and I will give you the sufficiency of All things. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 15, 2013

"You see the law of 'as ye sow, so shall ye reap' operates in this wise. If you are a human being and you have accepted the fact that there are laws of inheritance, laws of matter, infection, contagion, birth, heredity, death – if you have accepted that (and every human being in the world has just by virtue of being born) then that law is in operation because you have sown the seed of materiality. In other words, you've sown to the flesh. You've sown to the belief that flesh has power, matter has power, material law has power and so you must reap corruption. Just by virtue of being born you are eternally sowing to the flesh. Every belief that you are accepting about matter, materiality, physicality, is a sowing to the flesh.

Now there is nothing you can reap out of that but materiality, which ends in death. If, at one given moment of your life, you make a transition to where you sow to the Spirit, then you reap life everlasting. Now the only one way you can ever reap to the Spirit is to acknowledge Spirit as the Source, creative Principle, law, cause and effect of all that is. The very moment that you learn to love the Infinite Invisible through the realization that it is from the invisible that all visible effect appears, and that nothing in the realm of effect can effect something else in the realm of effect — in that moment you are sowing to the Spirit." ~Joel

Gal 6:8

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

(Only a person can come under the law of karma. Our work is to see only God and thereby impersonalize the person. So, no person - no karma, and no other laws but Thy will being done... ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 16, 2013

"You may not reap the full fruitage with the first sowing for the simple reason that when you first make the declaration, you don't really believe it. You have no inner conviction of it. You only have an intellectual grasp of it and an intellectual acceptance of it. It is just like agreeing that God is all in all. Of course you all agree to that, but there isn't one of us that has the complete realization of it, and that is why not one of us has the complete demonstration of it.

In some measure, each one of us has intellectually agreed that God is all, that God is life, God is mind, God is soul, God is Spirit, God is law, God is substance, God is activity, God is essence, God is true being. In some measure, every one of us has intellectually accepted that. In some lesser measure, each one of us has achieved the conviction of it and is thereby demonstrating some measure of it.

Now. As we continue to abide, to bear witness to the fact that Spirit, the Invisible, is the cause of the visible, that the Invisible is the law unto the visible, that the Infinite Invisible is the essence and activity and that we look to our good and to the good of this universe only to the Invisible. Not to anyone or to anything in the visible, except that anyone or everyone in the visible may be an instrument through which the Invisible operates. But actually we understand, intellectually, we understand that there is an invisible presence and power in this room, as there is in all the universe, that when we permit it, it operates through us." ~Joel

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

20 ...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,

(Father, I can of mine own self do nothing. I surrender to Thy will. I let Your purpose take me and use me... Include me... ... Operate in me and As me. In earth [visible] as it is in Heaven [invisible]. Love You... Thank You. ~al.within)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 17, 2013

"That Invisible can so purify us that we never again would injure each other, would never be unjust, or unkind or untrue to each other. That we would never be negative in any way, shape, manner or form to each other. The very moment we could agree on that Invisible as the source of our being, we lose the power to give effect to anything that would cause negative conduct to each other.

We still would retain the ability to watch our step with others outside this room. We still would have some measure of distrust, of fear, of criticism, of condemnation. Because we would say, 'Ah yes, we here in this room may all sin at some time or other,' but at least we know one thing about each other: none of us is doing it intentionally or corruptly or because we want to do it. It's just some temporary thing that has gotten the best of our understanding, and so we would be very kind and very forgiving of each other and to each other — I hope at least.

But we are not quite so ready to believe that the man outside – or woman – is acting from a universal impulse. And so we kind of think 'well no, I think he's a thief or she is this' or so forth, and so we would not, even at this point, be quite ready to put our arms around the Russian government in a false sense of trust. And you see the reason for it because we have not come to the conviction that even the Russian government is only an instrument for God, and that its errors are not their errors but a universal belief.

Ah, see how it comes back to that same thing over and over again. The moment we could begin to realize – even a group as small as we are – that the errors of the Russian government [Remember this class was given in 1955 - today's fear would be labeled terrorism ~Al] are not really the errors of those men, or even of the men who founded it, but actually this universal claim of a selfhood, an activity apart from God – universal sense of separation. Then you would begin to see, in some measure, how these evils would diminish because that's the work that is being done in the world today. And as far as I am concerned, that is the work that is bringing about changes in consciousness." ~Joel

Matt 19:18 Thou shalt not bear 18 ... Thou shalt not bear false witness,

Matt 25:40 Verily

40 ... Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

(When we think anything less than God As - we accept the universal belief of a selfhood separate and apart from God - and we are bearing false witness. If we see a lack of some kind we are accepting that God is not Present and giving something else power. We are literally malpracticing against God.

Universal belief doesn't stand a chance in the Presence of Truth. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 18, 2013

"You see, in my prison work I saw the miracle of working with men whom the world calls sinners, and just by ignoring them and holding fast to this truth of the One, of the Universal One, I have seen miracles take place such as even if I told them to you, you wouldn't believe them.

I have told classes that it was my prison experience that opened my eyes to the realization of this point. I learned it in my prison experience. And it came about in this wise that when I was appointed Christian Science Reader, First Reader, in a prison in New York, I was told by a committee worker to protect myself from sin-filled thought when I went into the prison. And you may not know it, but I'm a very obedient sort of person and very loyal and I do, as a rule, what I'm told until I find out it isn't right. Then you can't move me. I'm like that animal out there.

Now on Friday night, every Friday night, I began to protect myself from sinfilled thought, and I kept on protecting myself until Sunday morning. And so the first Sunday morning that I stood on the platform, Mrs. Eddy and Jesus Christ hit me so hard that I nearly fell off the platform. The Bible wanted to jump off the table and hit me in the face. Science and Health I had to hold down by putting my hand on it that way. I knew if I'd ever let go of it, it would come right up and smack me, and I didn't know why. When I finished reading, I thought 'well this is about as much of a mess as anyone could get into. I don't want to come back here any more, not with this sin-filled thought.'

I went to see my teacher, and my teacher said he would help me, but the next Sunday was just the same. I went to see him again and the next Sunday was just the same. And finally he said, 'Well maybe I can't help you. You might have to work it out alone.' So I said all right, and Friday night I began doing my protective work, and in the midst of it, the thought came to me, 'Wait. What is this?' I had just shortly before that read a statement, 'man has no mind but God.' That's in <u>Science and Health</u>. 'Man has no mind but God.'

Well if man has no mind but God, where did he get a sin-filled thought? That's what's wrong. The minister goes in the platform, the priest goes in, the rabbi goes in all because there is sin-filled thought that they are going to reform and none of them ever do the reforming. The men come back,

and back, and back and back again. Even here in Hawaii last week in the paper the warden said the sad part is that 60 percent of all the men come back a second, third, and fourth time. Why? There are 13 ministers go out to Oahu prison, and all 13 don't seem able to reform those boys. And here I was — I don't know what I was doing in that prison in New York — but I was evidently doing the same as the rabbi, the priest and the minister. I was going there because there was sin-filled thought, and 'little me' was going to do something about it.

In that realization, I saw the whole picture. There is no sin-filled thought except the human belief. Why that's why they're in prison – because of the belief of sin, because of the belief of sin-filled thought. I wasn't in prison. Evidently I didn't believe in sin. They were in prison; they believed in sin, evidently the judge believed in it too, and the jury and the attorneys. Ah yes, there, there's the trouble – the belief in sin, the belief in sinners. But man has no mind but God. There can be no such thing. It can't operate. Well you know what happened?" ~Joel

John 10:30 30 I and my Father are one.

Luke 11:33

33 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light.

(Fear is personal. It is only in the mind or thoughts of man. It stops, stifles and hinders our work. Fear tempts us to believe that we are alone, in need and that we are somehow separate from God.

Spirit is impersonal. It is the Mind of God, and it appears as an activity of Christ Consciousness. It is unconditional and it operates as Love Loving. It opens, directs and illuminates the Way. Let Christ Consciousness shine in, through and As you today! Better yet, let's all shine together, as two or three gathered together as One. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 19, 2013

"When I became First Reader there the average attendance before my time had been 8-11 men on Sunday for that service and during the first four weeks of my reading, we still averaged 8-11 men. But right after that realization, we increased. And, if I'm not mistaken, it was six weeks after the four weeks, 77 men came to that service.

And do you know something – that at the end of two years, 200 men were attending the service, and we had 15 men doing healing work in the prison! Yes, it was a record there that is very difficult to ask anyone to believe and it all came about through one awakening: the awakening to the realization that we don't go to prison to heal sinners. Sin is a belief of a selfhood apart from God. It's a belief that man has a mind apart from God, and a body apart from God, and a will apart from God. But do you see that one with God is a majority and that one Christ-idea can carry a million men across the sea of illusion? Certainly. One individual in the realization of beholding, witnessing God in action, number one, and then witnessing error as a universal illusion changes the whole work." ~Joel

John 12:32

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

Ps 40:8

8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

John 19:11 (to:)

11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above:

(Christ Consciousness is an Experience that fulfills Itself.

First, He <u>maketh</u> me to lie down in green pastures [rest and study]: then, he <u>leadeth</u> me beside the still waters [be still, surrender and listen]. So that, He can <u>restoreth</u> my soul [awakens His Consciousness]: and <u>then he leadeth</u> me in the paths of righteousness [my work is given me to do]. And then, just to top it off, He stands me up and preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies [ultimate proof that there is no other power besides God]. I can do All things through Christ - but first, the person has to be gone... You see? ...Thank you Father. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 20, 2013

"I tried to tell this – this is in some of the recordings because I've told it to class after class – because <u>unless our students recognize this, they will not do the greater works</u>. People out in the metaphysical world wonder that an inexperienced speaker, and a person with no religious background, can go into city, after city, after city and draw the crowds that come to hear the message of The Infinite Way. Witness the large classes that form around the message of The Infinite Way and they wonder how it's done, when all over the land others are not able to do it.

And I say very honestly and very frankly it has nothing to do with me. It has nothing to do with books. It has to do with bearing witness to God in action and bearing witness to evil as a universal illusion. Because, just as in that prison, that realization took the burden of guilt off of men who never heard me say this. They just felt no condemnation in my consciousness and they were drawn to that light.

And so it is in this work wherever I go, I am sure that people feel the lack of condemnation in my consciousness, that I hold nobody in any form of error – not that I'm trying to be holier than thou. I'm trying to bring to light that not one of us is responsible for the sicknesses or sins that we commit." ~Joel

Isa 2:22

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

John 7:24

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

(Unconditional Love sees no person or human traits. It doesn't judge, correct or condemn, it only Loves. When we feel love we respond with more love. Here is our greater work - to love without condition. ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 21, 2013

"We are only responsible in the degree that we have not achieved the realization of <u>God as</u> our individual being and of all error as a universal illusion – no presence, no power, no law, no cause and no effect. Do you see that?

That lifts the burden of guilt from everybody. And so those individuals who really are walking around with a sense of human guilt for something in their lives feel their freedom when they come in contact with this message, and they feel that sense of 'Go and sin no more,' even though it's never said to them.

So it is with the burden of accepting these universal beliefs of disease, of lack, no use of preaching. There's no room in this work for preaching to anyone or at anyone. Preaching isn't going to do any good. There is no such thing as a 'holier than thou' person in all of this work." ~Joel

John 14:5-7

- 5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?
- 6 Jesus saith unto him, <u>I am</u> the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me [I Am].
- 7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

(My Father is the infinite invisible I that I Am. That's what you are hearing and seeing. The Spirit, in this case, is the visible and audible Christ As. Not the visible personal man.

All aspects of this work have to be impersonal. Anything personal will come with a condition, judgment, fee or expectation.

So then, if we were to preach to someone, what would we be doing? Expecting them to think in some way? Think what? And, for what purpose? Jesus taught the opposite - he taught to take no thought of your own. Why? Because the Spirit within doeth the work. So, let It do it.

Divine inspiration canot be given - it is an impulse of Awakening from within. Loving you, ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 22, 2013

"This is a work of a revelation of universal truth. Accept it or reject it – that's your individual demonstration. But, on my part, there must be, in my seat, this realization that I am beholding God in action, and that I am beholding the activity of a universal illusion trying to appear as sin, disease, death, lack and limitation. And with those two points my work is done – whether in class, whether in a healing work or any other part of my ministry. When I go into these corporation and union activities, you know right well that if I had a sense of condemnation even for the worst of the labor leaders that I would come out just the same as anybody else would come out – nowhere. And, on the other hand, if I believed for a minute that capital was some kind of an angel walking around without visible wings, I would also be on the wrong side of the fence." ~Joel

Rom 8:1,2

- 1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

(Do not be distracted by the noise of this world. It will persistently tempt you to plug into it. Walk after the Spirit - for where the activity of the Spirit is, there is Liberty. ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 23, 2013

"Now, regardless of who is humanly right or humanly wrong, that is not your function or mine when we are engaged in this work. As a matter of fact, living The Infinite Way we are not entitled to judge, criticize or condemn. We are entitled to this: If I present this truth to you, you having come for it, and then over, and over, and over and over you bear witness to the fact that you are ignoring this truth and that you are going to live your life your way and have your will be done, undoubtedly the time will come when I will say, 'Look, please don't take up my time. There are enough people in the world ready to give up themselves for thee Self so that I am not going around being your personal confessor or personal healer for the rest of your days. You either come into line or please cut me free to work with others.'

I will do that, and I have done it, and I'm still doing it over and over again – not with judgment, not with criticism. There are just these individuals who, for the moment, can see no higher than their own will, their own desires, their own ego. And because of that the Master could say, 'I come to those, only those, of my own household.' And that's why the woman at the well of Samaria was surprised that he would even take time talking to her because it was known that he understood that his mission was among the Hebrews because the Hebrews of that day were seemingly the only ones really seeking the light of a one God. And so he knew it would be useless to preach this to people who did not have their inner ears open or their inner eyes open." ~Joel

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James 4:3 (to 3rd ,)
3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss,
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(The natural man prays to God. The Spirit within sees no separation from God and naturally recognizes Itself.

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I Am with you - recognizing You, ~AI)
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THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 24, 2013

"Well so it is today. Only we draw no lines of whether they are Jew or Gentile, Greek, bound or free, black or white when we make our sense of separation. But we do have a sense of separation and that is this: I come also to those of my own household. I do not go out into the world to carry this message. I go only into those places where I am invited. I do not go out on street corners nor hire big auditoriums. Why?

I will sit right here in this room and let the Father lead those to me. Or I will travel to those cities where it is <u>evident</u> that there are those assembled and waiting, and who have given indication that they are waiting for this word. Then I will go and be as free in speaking as I am here.

That does not change the fact that I am not holding the rest of the world in condemnation, but I am recognizing the self-evident fact that you cannot ask those who have founded their lives on the one word, 'me,' 'I,' 'mine,' 'myself' – you cannot ask them to give up that until they are ready for the experience." ~Joel

John 6:44,45

44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

John 12:32

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

(Well... Are you ready? ~Love)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 25, 2013

"You may not realize it, perhaps, you haven't thought of it — that any one nation on the face of the globe could end war forever and forever and forever in any one hour that they willed. It would be a possibility in any hour of the day or night to see peace established on earth with never again a discharged bullet. How?

Only one nation would have to publish to the world, 'you can kill us if you like, but we are not going to kill you. We've decided 'thou shalt not kill.' We have decided it would be much better for us to die to find life eternal than to live at the expense of taking your life. In other words, we are going to follow the teaching of the Master.' That's all.

How could war take place after that? There could be no war. There never lived a nation that could take up arms against somebody that had no arms. There never could be anyone take up weapons against the person who leaves themselves defenseless in God, who takes God as their sure defense. There's no question about this. This is a matter of revelation, of unfoldment. 'Those who live by the sword must die by the sword.'" ~Joel

Matt 26:52

52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

Zech 4:6 Not

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

(Not by physical might, nor by mental might. The Spirit is Love experienced As. Be Still... Resist not evil, it has no power of its own. ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 26, 2013

"Now I could call this to your attention that every parent that permits a child to go into uniform is virtually saying, 'here is my nice 18-, 20-year old child, take him and kill him so that we can live. Let him take the chance of dying so that we older generation can stay home and live.' That's all it amounts to.

It would be just as easy a matter to say to the government, 'No, take us for your army and leave these children home. They had nothing to do with this condition and it is far better that we, who are already in middle years, die in war than the youth who haven't had a beginning, do it.' You would quickly see that war could be ended. Ah, but how are you going to end war while we, ourselves, say, 'here are the 20- year olds. Let them die for us'? And we all consent to it." ~Joel

Matt 5:43-48

- 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.
- 46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?
- 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?
- 48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

(And so, practice The Presence inside, no matter what you are presented with on the outside...

If you Love God, you <u>are</u> Loving your neighbor. You are not separate and apart from God, and he's not either. You see? ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 27, 2013

"There is no movement yet anywhere in the land by any parent to keep their sons from being killed to save them. Think of that. Nowhere is there a movement yet. That movement alone would be the beginning of the end of war because it would hold up to parents the horror of what they're doing.

We're all guilty of it. I'm not pointing fingers at anybody. I've had stepchildren in war, and if I had had children of my own, they'd have been in war. I was in war; my parents knew I was in war so I am not criticizing. I am stating that which is a fact: that we are letting 20-year olds die so that 50-year olds may stay home and live. And it isn't intelligent even from a human standpoint. But from a spiritual standpoint there should be a movement in which it should be known — and I don't mean a human organization — a movement of consciousness, in which it should be known that we accept the truth 'I'd rather die than save my life at your expense.'" ~Joel

John 15:12

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I [Christ] have loved you. [And Am Loving you]

(Spiritual or Christ Love is Loving without a condition, intention or agenda of any kind. There is no such thing as Love making a sacrifice. Love has nothing to give up, loose or gain, it only gives and gives...

Spiritual Love is an activity that loves without thought for one's life. Spiritual Life is the activity of Love Itself.

The human idea of death is that something is lost. So what is there to loose? A dream? A thought? Fear? A temporary vessel? The Love and Life of Christ isn't going anywhere. It isn't aware of anything but Itself Loving, Loving, Loving... ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 28, 2013

"Then see the power of the Christ teaching on earth because that is the Christ teaching: 'You cannot find your life until you lose it.' 'Greater love hath no man than this that he lay down his life for his friend.' Sacrifice self because can you die? No, and you know it. But there are those who really believe that they can die, and for them going out to battle, for them being killed, is a horror. But for the spiritually illumined, there's no horror about passing out of this human sense of existence. Everyone else has done it before. We will do it in our time – a few years younger, a few years older. There's no horror about that.

Now let us see this vision. We behold God in action, but we behold any and every form of error as universal belief. Now that is being done on earth in this very day. There are those who are holding no one in judgment, criticism or condemnation for errors which are not personal to them, but which are universal beliefs. But, those who understand that universal belief is not a power and cannot forever perpetuate itself will bring an end to it and that is taking place on earth today." ~Joel

Matt 16:24,25

24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

(The importance to cling to this-world fades in proportion as we let go of its universal beliefs and we are raised in Spiritual Consciousness. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 29, 2013

"There are those all over the earth who are consciously realizing that the men who are the instruments for evil are not the evil – that if you remove them, others will spring up to take their places. I can go back in memory to the days of the czar and the horrors of life in Russia for those who had to live under czarism. I guess it was a wonderful thing for the few families who constituted their upper New Deal.

It was a horrible thing for those who contributed to it and it was thought that when you removed the czar that you were going to remove the evils. And so a worse evil grew upon them, and there isn't any question that this that is there now is a worse evil in and of itself. But just as the czar had to make way for this other as a step away from centralized control, so will this be removed in its time because the very nothingness of the universal evil is an assurance that, in time, it will all be wiped out, and 'this too will pass.' But there will be no use of it passing by revolution. It must pass by evolution." ~Joel

John 19:8-11 (to :)

- 8 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid;
- 9 And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer.
- 10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?
- 11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above:

(Jesus didn't react or defend against the temporal power of his day, even when it appeared to have control over his body's life. His evolved Christ Consciousness could only express the Truth about Omnipotence. You see, he didn't respond to Pilate because, if he were to react to another power he would be plugging into the illusion that there was a power separate and apart from God. The more we react, the harder it is to not react... Be still. There is only one answer - God Is.

Where there is Christ Consciousness, there is Liberty. ~evolving upwards)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 30, 2013

"It is the same with the evils in our country. Certainly you know that I lived in New York City when a financier said the public be damned. And you certainly know that nobody has even accused Wall Street of having wings. Certainly we know the evils of Wall Street. Certainly we know the evils of some of the old forms of capitalism.

Certainly it is in my memory that a steel corporation called out the militia and had men shot down for asking two dollars and fifty cents a day wages – a day, not an hour. We know all that, but does revolution change that? No, evolution changes that. Evolution changes that, not revolution. Certainly there were times when Negroes were sold on a platform. Certainly they were beaten. Certainly they were ill treated. You don't think for a minute that the Civil War changed that. Evolution changes that – not revolution, evolution." ~Joel

John 12:35,36 (to .)

35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.

(How do we overcome darkness? What darkness?

Does the sun set? Un-evolved thought thinks, yes - because that is what it looks like when the sun "goes down". The Truth is that we have simply turned away from the Light... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - AUGUST 31, 2013

"How did the evolution take place? Through enlightenment. Through enlightenment, but whereas the enlightenment of education, as a rule, comes first ultimately it must lead to spiritual enlightenment. It must come to a state of enlightenment in which every individual can say, 'I would rather lose my life than take yours. At least in losing my human sense of life I am acknowledging the immortality of my own being. Whereas if I were to take your life, I would be declaring that I have only a limited life, and I'm going to hold on to it.'

So you see, the Master's message is the clearest ever given to the world, that you must not call me good, not even a 'me' who wears the white robe of Jesus Christ. There is but one good; the Father in heaven. But that same ministry he declares to Pilate, 'Thou couldest have no power over me, unless it came from the Father in heaven.' In other words, even you, with your high legal power, political power, even you have no power except God's power." ~Joel

Matt 19:16,17 (to :)

- 16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?
- 17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God:

(I can of mine our self, do nothing. Why? Because the Father within doeth the work.

This chapter really ties together the basic steps of The Infinite Way:

- 1- Witness good as an activity of God.
- 2- See evil as universal belief. There is no person. No-thing.
- 3- And then Rest back... Feel It... Bask in Oneness.

Thank you Father, I love You. ~Al)