

“THE DAILY LESSON”

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to take into your meditation and live with throughout the day.

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“Living the Infinite Way”
By Joel S Goldsmith

THE DAILY LESSON – October 14, 2015

CHAPTER VI

I AM THE VINE

“Somewhere back in the days of our old theological beliefs, we were under the
impression that God’s goodness to us depended upon our being worthy or deserving,
and that if we were bad or had sinned, God withheld our good. If anything should be
clear to those on the spiritual Path it is this: God is *love*, God is *law*, God is *principle*,
God is *divine intelligence*, and God is *eternal life*.

If life were dependent upon our virtue, and if our badness could interfere with life, or if
anything at all could touch the harmonious flow of life, what would become of the
spiritual teaching that life is eternal and immortal? Does it say anything about life’s
being immortal *if, when, and as, we do certain things*? No! That would make immortal
life dependent upon you and me, and it is not. Immortal life is dependent upon *God*, and
there is nothing we can do to earn it, and there is nothing we can do to cause God to
withhold it. We cannot pray to God to give us life, and there is no sin that can prevent
the immortality and eternity of life.” ~Joel

Matt 28:20 and

20 ... and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

“If Christ Consciousness is Omnipresent how could it be withheld? And so it is, that we
are Included in the Ever-Present Source of All-Being... Our work is in the Realizing,
Feeling and Proving this Truth, and then resting in It.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – October 15, 2015

“God is love. What, then, could you or I do to change the nature of God? Could our own child do anything that would change our love for him? No, of course not, and if, from the human standpoint, we are able to give love to our children often when they do not deserve it, how much more love is pouring forth from our heavenly Father!” ~Joel

Ps 147:5

5 Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

“If God’s understanding is Infinite – then His understanding [Love] must also be unconditional. ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – October 16, 2015

“Can we accept the fact that *God is love*, not God is love if we behave in a certain way, or not just when we are worthy and deserving? Can we accept the fact that *God is love*, and that God’s rain falls on the just and the unjust alike? Did the Master, Christ Jesus, withhold good or healing because somebody was a sinner? Did he at any time ask the multitudes if they were good or if they squandered their money or saved it? In raising the dead did he ask if that person had been moral or immoral, honest or dishonest? Or did he, in beholding what the world calls death, destroy all belief in it by raising the individual to life? We all know the answer to that. At no time in his ministry did Jesus withhold healing, supply, forgiveness, restoration, or reformation because of anyone’s unworthiness or temporary sense of evil.

The principle is this: Since *God is love*, our good must be infinite without any ifs, ands, or buts, because God’s grace is not dependent upon something that you or I do or do not do. The grace of God cannot be withheld. We can turn the electricity on or off and we can turn the water on or off, but we cannot start or stop the flow of God. *God is, and God is love* in its completeness and fullness.” ~Joel

Matt 5:43-45

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

“A constant activity of Love is God’s Work [Love Loving]. Be His Love.” ~Al

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“Let us now consider the principle: *God is life*. This does not mean that God is life at the age of six years or at sixteen. *God is life*. Then why is this not so at sixty, ninety, or a hundred and twenty? The reason is that the words ‘I,’ ‘me,’ and ‘you,’ enter the picture, and we say *my* life or *your* life, and immediately we think of the date on a birth certificate. If God is life, of what consequence is the date on a birth certificate? God is the *only* life and that life is infinite. Is it God’s fault then if we change or get old or become sick and weak and decrepit? The life of God is infinite, eternal, and immortal, and as that is the only life, we can forget your age and my age.” ~Joel

Eph 4:4-6

- 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

“Thank you Father for Your Life...” ~*al.within*

THE DAILY LESSON – October 18, 2015

“In the same way God *is love*, so let us forget your conduct and my conduct, because some of us may be good or bad today, some better, some worse. Perhaps some of us were better last year than we are this year, but the love of God for His children has not changed, nor has the power of God been stilled. The right arm of God is mighty; the hand of God is not shortened. *God is power*, but God being good – *God is good power*. Can God then withhold help, supply, or peace from anyone? No, but you and I can block it by bringing in the words ‘I,’ ‘me,’ and ‘you.’ ‘I’ may not be deserving, or ‘I’ may not be ready or have enough understanding, but it is not *dependent* upon my understanding.” ~Joel

John 5:26

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

“And so it is, I can of mine own self, do nothing. The Father hath given us Life. Rest now in this Understanding that my Good is His...” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – October 19, 2015

“As we go into the healing work, the first calls will be for what the world calls ‘lesser claims,’ and in a short time we may begin to think, ‘Oh, I have some understanding,’ or ‘I am getting results through my understanding.’ If we do, we shall never become successful practitioners or teachers, because we can *never* heal through *our* understanding, God forbid that God’s presence and power should be dependent upon *our* understanding!

Healing is an activity of the Christ; it is an activity of *God’s* understanding. We have been thinking in terms of *my* life, *my* health, *my* supply, *my* worthiness, *my* understanding, and these are not involved at all: *It is God’s life, God’s health, God’s supply, God’s worthiness, God’s understanding.* The Master made that very clear when he said that of his own self he could do nothing; it was the Father within; therefore, it was the *Father’s understanding.* The moment we open our consciousness to the flow of God and stop all this nonsense about *our* understanding and *our* good or bad behavior, we can be assured of this: The flow of God will erase and purify whatever of error or deed is in our thought today and will wipe out all penalty for past infractions. We must come into the realization that it is not our understanding that does this, but God’s, and we must come out from the old Judaic ideas and beliefs of a God of punishment and reward. God is not a God of punishment and reward. *God is love. God is life.*” ~Joel

Prov 3:5-7 (to :)

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.

7 Be not wise in thine own eyes:

“Surrender your understanding for His.” AI

THE DAILY LESSON – October 20, 2015

“Every one of us still has some idea of God, carried over from his childhood training under orthodox and theological teachings, to the effect that God’s favor can be gained by certain acts of omission or commission. Many still believe that God’s favor can be gained by certain forms of prayer, worship, or self-discipline. This is not true. Of this we must be sure: *God is not influenced by man*, that is, God is not influenced by individual you and me. *God is the light, and if we walk out into the light, we will be in it. God’s rain falls, and if we want it we must walk out into the rain. God is, and God is love.* God is pouring its *infinite* grace, but because of the use of such words as ‘I,’ ‘me,’ and ‘mine,’ we are not accepting it.

We must drop this belief that we play a part in obtaining God’s love, God’s grace, or God’s givingness, and remember that the only part we play is to accept it by opening our consciousness to receive it.” ~Joel

Rom 8:1-9 (to .)

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.

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

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

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.

“Our focus, each day, is to open an avenue of Awareness to Feel the Spirit Dwelling Within.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – October 21, 2015

“The writings of The Infinite Way contain hundreds of truths, but actually there is only *one truth* that we must know. This one truth is *the nature of God*. Take this one thought into meditation: What is God? What is the nature of God? What is the character of God? What are the qualities of God? What is the true God – not the God we were taught to worship as children, or that we ignorantly worship?

Try to empty the already too full vessels, because they cannot be filled with the new wine. Even if you are seventy, empty your old misconceptions and be willing to begin all over with the admission that you do not know God or you would be showing forth more of God's grace. Forget all that you have thought or been taught about God and start afresh with this question, ‘What is God?’ The moment you begin to realize that God is *love* you will know that that love is flowing, unfettered, unlimited, and free, because the nature of God is infinity.

It would be impossible for God to hand us just a thimbleful of love; it would be impossible for God to give us ninety percent health; and it would be impossible for God to issue us sixty, seventy, or eighty years of life, although it is true that we are only *demonstrating* a thimbleful of love and supply, and just sixty, seventy, or eighty years of life and strength. It may be perfectly true that there is not much love coming in or going out from us, but that has nothing to do with God. It has to do with the false belief that if only we can find the magic formula, in some way we can *start God's good flowing*, or that for some reason we have *stopped* God's good. Is it not rather fantastic to believe that we should live only sixty, seventy, or eighty years in good health and strength when the only life we have is God, and God's life is infinite and is not dependent upon what we do about it? Life is dependent upon God's ability to maintain Its own life immortally, eternally, and infinitely.” ~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;

“All that The Father has is thine.

All Life Living.

All Love Loving.

All Conscious Understanding.

All Be-ing.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – October 22, 2015

“Is it not strange that many have so few of the comforts of life when the Master told us that *Truth is the comforter*? He did not say that God would send a *limited amount* of comfort, but he said the *Comforter, the wholeness of the Comforter*. All this time we have been satisfied with a small portion because we have believed that is all we have earned or deserved.” ~Joel

John 15:26,27 (to ,)

26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

27 And ye also shall bear witness,

“Our only limits are the ones we accept.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – October 23, 2015

“In making a will, we should not ask how much each one of our children deserves and say, ‘This one has been fairly good so we will leave him a fair amount, and since this one wasn’t very good at all, we will cut him off, but because this one has been very good we will leave him a large amount.’ No, we should say, ‘we have three children and we will divide equally among them.’ How much more bountiful is our heavenly Father, and *how much less does the Father judge than do we*. God is not sitting in judgment or condemnation because of our sins, because the only reason behind our sins, faults, and errors is ignorance.” ~Joel

John 7:24

24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment [see with the mind of Christ].

“When presented with an appearance - ask within, ‘What would Christ see and do right now?’

There is only one sin, and appearance of sin is always an erroneous sense of a separation from God. Period.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – October 24, 2015

“Are we responsible for our ignorance? No, we have listened first to this one and then to that one, and through a feeling of obedience, loyalty, or fear, we *have accepted these false beliefs*, but the school of life is open to any of us at any time we wish to begin learning, *and in our enlightenment we will find freedom*. It is only in ignorance that we find discord, limitation, sin, disease, and death. In our *enlightenment* we find infinite abundance, freedom, immortality, and eternity, so regardless of what our age may be, remember that there is only one subject on which we need to be enlightened and that is: *What is the nature of God?*”

‘God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.’ Can you see God as the *great love of the universe* in whom is no hate, envy, jealousy, malice, revenge, or even remembrance of the past? Can you see God as *immortal, eternal, and infinite Life*? If so, you can bring harmony into your bodies and lives overnight. It is only the belief that you are, or are not, doing something that is causing sickness and sin in the flesh. It is only the *belief* that the error lies within you, and *it does not*. So please try to remember this truth: *Man can never influence God*. God is all good, and God’s grace endureth forever.” ~Joel

Ps 118:1

1 O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.

“Omni-Present - Always Present everywhere. There is no room for us to inform God or a lack or in any way be separate from Good. There are no memories or what if’s either – just Ever-Present Now, Always Good.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – October 25, 2015

“Eliminate the use of ‘I,’ ‘me,’ ‘mine,’ and center your thought wholly on the word *God*. Ask yourself these questions, Is God withholding any good? Can God withhold? Is there any reason for God to withhold? Does God have the power to shut off Its own benevolence, love, protection and care? There is no one on this earth great enough to make God do more than God, Itself, is doing, and no sin great enough to stop God from being God.” ~Joel

Matt 6:31-33

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

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles [unillumined] seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

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

“God already Included you in His Kingdom. Be still and rest and Watch His Will be done.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – October 26, 2015

In the fifteenth chapter of John, we read:

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

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.

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.

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.

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

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

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

JOHN 15: 1 – 12

Now go back to 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. . .ye are the branches.' In your mind's eye, visualize a tree trunk from which grow many branches. Now, remove the trunk. All that is left are loose branches hanging in space, unconnected with each other and unconnected with anything, each under the necessity of supporting itself up there in the air. This is, of course, an impossibility, and in a short time each of these branches will have used up the little life that was in itself and will have fallen away.

Now, let us restore the trunk of the tree and notice what happens to the branches. We find them all connected with the tree, and the tree itself *rooted and grounded* in the earth, from which *it is drawing into itself* all the elements of the earth. From this great earth in which the tree is rooted, the moisture, sunshine, substance, and minerals of the earth are being drawn into the tree, and all that is necessary for the growth and development of the tree is flowing into the branches." ~Joel

"The Father provides all that is necessary for the support, peace and harmony of Itself."
You are Included. ~AI

THE DAILY LESSON – October 27, 2015

“I [Christ] am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandmen.’ The Christ is the vine, or the trunk, and we are the branches. Each individual seems to be a branch all by himself, unconnected, separate and apart from every other branch, and each is probably wondering how he can get along by himself. Where does he get his life, wisdom, and supply? What supports him? Each one is hustling along, struggling and striving by his individual efforts for happiness and salvation, as if that struggle would maintain and sustain his life. And here Scripture clearly states that *we are branches, but that we are connected with the vine*. The Christ is that vine, so although invisible to human sense, each branch is connected with every other branch. Not one of us is separate and apart from the other, because we are all connected with the vine. We call that the Christ, the invisible Spirit of God, or the invisible Son of God, and each one of us is connected to the other because of this central vine or trunk, and because we are connected with this central vine, we are less dependent upon our *own* power and strength and wisdom.” ~Joel

“Thank you Father, for the Circle of Christhood, that is self evident in this group of dedicated students encircling this globe we call home. I surrender my last bit of self and join You All in Oneness.” ~al.within

THE DAILY LESSON – October 28, 2015

“Because of this vine there is no need for us to live off one another, or to struggle and fight against each other. *We are united in the vine – we are one in the Christ.*”

We are one in the Christ, but we go a step further and learn that *‘my Father is the husbandman.’* God, the universal Truth, the universal Life, the divine Mind, the infinite Love, is the husbandman, or the equivalent of the earth in which the tree is rooted and grounded. We are branches invisibly connected to the vine, which in its turn is at-one with God. ‘I and my Father are one...The Father is in me, and I in him,’ and so this *invisible Christ*, this invisible trunk of the tree or the vine, rooted and grounded in God, *receives all of the good into it and pours it out into us.* Do you not see that our supply is not dependent upon us, any more than the supply of the branch of the tree is dependent upon *itself*? The branch is dependent only upon its *contact* with the vine, and the vine’s contact with the ground, the husbandman, or the Father within.” ~Joel

Ps 91:1

1 He that dwelleth in [makes contact with] the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

“Feeling’ the contact [Dwelling] is deeply Knowing that we are included in the Father’s Kingdom. And therefore, the entire Kingdom is Within us, and so it directs and supplies our entire Being.

So then, rest now and Trust the Lord with all your heart and LET His Will be done in thee.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – October 29, 2015

“As a student you are a branch, and when you go to a teacher or practitioner, he may temporarily be the vine, the Christ, but only however *if* the teacher knows that of himself he is nothing but that vine. God, the Father within, is the husbandman, and the teacher is one with the husbandman. In his oneness with God, the husbandman, all the truth, the healing, and supplying power *flow from the Father, through him to you.*

It was through this realization that the Master was able to feed and heal the multitudes, and it is through this same realization that any teacher or practitioner can be the avenue through which good flows to you. Is it dependent upon you? No. Is it dependent upon the practitioner or the teacher? No. It is dependent upon *God's grace flowing through the vine into the branches, and as long as the vine remains rooted and grounded in God, just that long is God flowing through the vine into you.*” ~Joel

John 10:27-29

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

John 10:37,38

37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.

38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

THE DAILY LESSON – October 30, 2015

“Please remember that you will not always need a teacher or a practitioner to be your vine. That is only a temporary relationship. The Master told his disciples, ‘If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you.’ In other words, *after* this truth has been demonstrated by contact with a teacher or practitioner, and after you have gained wisdom in the realization that the healing did not come *from* him but merely *through* him, from the Father within, you are ready for the next step.” ~Joel

Phil 4:13

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

“All that the Father hath is already thine. Our Purpose is to be His Instrument.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – October 31, 2015

“It is then that you will realize, ‘The invisible Christ, the vine, is not necessarily a person, not even a Jesus, but the Christ is the very invisible part of *me*. Therefore, I, as the branch, am connected with this invisible part of me, and it in turn is rooted and grounded in God. *It* is the Son of God in me. So, the Christ is in the Father, and the Father is in me.’ That realization is the healing truth.” ~Joel

John 14:7-12 (to 2nd ;)

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

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

“The Infinite Invisible Christ is Life Living As – and It is All Inclusive and ever expanding...” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – November 1, 2015

“At this point you may be wondering if there is anything you might do, or not do, that would stop this flow of good. Yes, there is one thing. You can *forget* that there is an invisible vine to which you are connected. You can *forget* that the Father is the husbandman and that all of God’s good is flowing forth. You can begin to believe that I am separate and apart from you or that you are separate and apart from me, and that if you withhold something from me you will benefit. ‘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.’ *Unless you recognize your conscious oneness with the invisible vine, the Son of God of you, you can do nothing.* You will be purged, and you will be a branch using up its little old threescore years and ten of life, and finally you will dry up and fall off. You are purged, *not* by God, but because you did not abide in God and let His word abide in you.” ~Joel

John 15:4-7

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.

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.

“Our only error [sin] that we can make is if we “think” that we of our own selves can do something. We must Know that we, by Divine Birthright, are connected and thereby Included in The Vine [God’s Kingdom]. ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – November 2, 2015

“The moment you set yourself apart as a branch and *forget* your union with the invisible Christ, just because you cannot see, hear, taste, touch, or smell it, and so decide you do not have it, ‘O ye of little faith,’ you will be purged. Always remember, even in your direst troubles, in your worst disease, or in your most dreadful sin, *that you are still connected with this invisible vine, and that it in turn is rooted and grounded in the whole of the Father, the whole of the husbandman.* The very nature of God prevents God from withholding Its flow into the vine and through the vine into you and me. ‘If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.’ But that does not mean that you are to ask in the sense of ‘Give me a more beautiful home and a better automobile.’ No, no, no. You merely have to ask what you will, ask for the continuance of infinite Grace, *ask for the continuous realization of Omnipresence.*” ~Joel

Amos 5:4

4 For thus saith the Lord unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live:

I Thess 5:16-18

16 Rejoice evermore.

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

“Seek ye only, the Kingdom of God...” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – November 3, 2015

“Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss.’ God is Spirit, and one does not ask Spirit for material things, which is just what we do when we pray for *things*, and then wonder why they are not received. It is then that someone might say, ‘Well, you don’t go to church very often, and you aren’t very kind or forgiving, and you don’t have your dishes washed by noon, so you really are not very deserving.’” ~Joel

John 4:23 (to :)

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth:

“Father, I surrender to Your Understanding... I take no thought for my life, or for what I should need or do. I await Your Direction... Thy will be done.” ~al.within

THE DAILY LESSON – November 4, 2015

“*God is the infinite Father.* Think to what degree you are a father or mother, and then think of God as *infinite Father.* God is infinite Father, no respecter of persons, and through the invisible vine is continuously filling us with everything necessary for our unfoldment. ‘Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit.’ Do you understand the meaning of that? Your Father is glorified *only* in proportion as you bear much fruit, rich fruit. Your Father is not glorified by penny-pinching, or by going into a market asking for the less expensive cuts of meat and the cheapest products. Your Father is not glorified when you have to get along with a third-hand automobile. No, no, no that does not glorify the Father.” ~Joel

John 15:7 ye shall,8

7 ...ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

“Can there be less than abundance from an Infinite Source?” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – November 5, 2015

“The Father does not require that you have anything in the material realm, but *what you do have of good is but the evidence of the Father’s glory and not yours*. If you do not have a good home or a good income and begin to believe that you are responsible for them because of *your* understanding or *your* personal goodness, be not surprised if you are cut off from them. That would be because you were glorifying your *own* qualities, your *own* nature and character, and those you do not possess. ‘Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God,’ and when you realize that the glory of God is showing forth through this good that has come to you, you may expect even greater fruitage because you have acknowledged the Source. ‘In all thy ways acknowledge *him*,’ and He will give you unlimited and abundant good. ‘If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love.’” ~Joel

John 5:30 (to :)

30 I can of mine own self do nothing;

John 15:10 (to ;)

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love;

“There is only One Good, and it is the Father’s. Abide in His Infinite Way.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – November 6, 2015

“The Master gave only two commandments: One was to love God, and the other was to love your neighbor as yourself. How can you love God except in the realization of God as Love? How can you love God if you believe that He is withholding some good or is punishing you, or doing something that you would not do to your own children? You can love and honor God only if you can see Him as *glorious, infinite life – life unfettered, unhindered, and unaffected by man’s virtue or transgression*. To love God and your neighbor as yourself is to visualize that tree, and remember that every branch is your neighbor and that your neighbor is deriving his good *through the same invisible Christ, from the Father, the husbandman*”. ~Joel

John 15:9

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

THE DAILY LESSON – November 7, 2015

“It may be necessary occasionally, even while you voice this prayer for your neighbor, that you temporarily lend or give him some of the world’s goods in order to help him over an acute stage of lack or limitation, but you will never have to undertake continuously to uphold or support the deserving poor, *because there will be no deserving poor if you love your neighbor as yourself*. Every time you see an individual in some form of sin, disease, lack, limitation, deformity, or even death, just catch a glimpse of your tree and silently realize, ‘Thank God for that trunk.’ That trunk unites all in oneness, and enables each one to draw from the one infinite Source, and not from one another. It is then that you are loving God supremely and your neighbor as yourself, because you are knowing the same truth about your neighbor that you are knowing about yourself.” ~Joel

Luke 10:27

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

John 7:24

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

“Thank you Father, for showing me The Way.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – November 8, 2015

“The Master was careful to describe ‘neighbor’ so that no one would make any mistake. Your enemy is your neighbor, and therefore, when you pray for your neighbor, be sure to include your enemy, for unless you pray for them that persecute you and despitefully use you, and forgive them until seventy times seven, you are loving only *certain* neighbors, and people have found themselves in a great deal of trouble from doing just that.” ~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.

“Do not attempt to correct matter into perfect Spiritual Being. Your neighbor is Spiritual Being - see him As He Is... See me As I Am.” ~AI

THE DAILY LESSON – November 9, 2015

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.’ You lay down your life every time you declare, ‘I have no life – God is *my* life and God is *your* life.’ God is the *only* life, the *only* love, the *only* substance, and the *only* supply. Every time you reach out to Truth, someone is laying down his personal sense of life in the realization that his life, being God’s life, is *your* life. Your life, being God’s life, is *his* life, and it is *one* life. So, when you give up that personal sense of life and say, ‘This is not my life, this is the life of *God*, which is mine,’ you automatically bid good-bye to a sixty- or seventy-year span and are resurrected in the *realization of good as the infinity of your life.*” ~Joel

II Cor 3:16-18 (to .)

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.

18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

“Where the Spirit is Realized, Felt, Lived...given, shared, Practiced and Loved, there is Liberty Infinitely Expressed. ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – November 10, 2015

“In these passages from John is found the true vision of God, the Infinite Invisible, as the Source of all good, which can in no wise withhold any good. Good is forever pouring Itself forth individually in what is called the Son of God, the Christ, which is the invisible part of you, and then, through that invisible you, out into the physical body, out into the mind and Soul and Spirit of individual being, *to show forth the glory of God*. The branch cannot bear fruit of itself, so there can be no personal goodness, health, or wealth. The branch must draw it *through* the vine, *from* the Godhead.” ~Joel

Ps 19:1

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.

“Want to see your Self? Look Up!” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – November 11, 2015

“The Master’s statement, ‘Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away,’ might lead one to believe, after all, that God punishes in some manner, but that is not true. *If you do not abide in this truth*, if you do not maintain your conscious oneness with the Christ *within you*, and *through it* your oneness with the Father, you will be purged. It will be *you* separating yourself from God’s grace, and thus being purged, destroyed, burned up, or withered away. To *abide* in this truth is to live and move and have your *being* in this consciousness of your oneness with the Christ, and the Christ’s oneness with the Father.” ~Joel

John 15:4-8 (to ,)

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.

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.

8 Herein is my Father glorified,

“Dwelling in the Spirit is Practicing in the Spirit. Dwell with me now, in the Secret Place if the Most High...” Al

THE DAILY LESSON – November 12, 2015

“This, of course, does not mean that you are connected with people, but connected with the Invisible, so that were you set down in mid-ocean or in the desert, you would be able to say, ‘Ah, but I am *still* a branch of the vine, and the vine is *still* connected with the husbandman, God, and therefore the place whereon I stand is holy ground.’ Every time you think thoughts of hopelessness and despair, it is as if you were acknowledging that you are a branch cut off from the vine, and the vine from the husbandman, and that cannot reach either; yet all of the time *it* is right here where you are. *It* is within you, *and it is Omnipresence.*” ~Joel

Luke 17:21

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

“We are always included in the Omnipresence of God.

Any sense of lack or aloneness is an erroneous sense of limited human thought.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – November 13, 2015

“I go to prepare a place for you. . . .that where I am, there ye may be also.’ You may be wondering, ‘where is *I am?*’ Wherever you are there is the vine, and the Father, the husbandman – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.” ~Joel

Matt 28:20 lo

20 ...lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

“I Am Included in Omnipresence. Amen.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – November 14, 2015

“You must always remember that the husbandman, God, does not give and does not withhold – *It just continually is*. The vine of you, the Christ, is not sitting in judgment, but is here to bless and to forgive, to supply and to love. What was the mission of the Master? ‘Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers and cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.’ The Christ is here to support, supply, maintain, sustain, heal, forgive, and regenerate. It is here to resurrect from the grave and to bring about the Ascension.” ~Joel

I Cor 2:16

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

“If you knew you were Included in Allness, what would you ask for?” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – November 15, 2015

“There is no word in the entire message and mission of the Master that gives any reason for self-condemnation. ‘Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.’ If you return to the old material state of consciousness and do not abide in the Word, you will be purged again and again. Every time you forget that you are a branch connected with the invisible vine, which in its turn is connected with the husbandman, the Father within, you are committing a sin. You can be a prodigal twelve times if you wish, but you will pay the penalty.

If you go back to the belief of a selfhood separate and apart from God – a branch hanging in space – you will bring upon yourself lack and limitation of supply, health, strength, and eternity, but ‘if ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.’” ~Joel

John 15:10

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

“Coasting along in our work-a-day world will lead us to a sense [thought] of separation from God. This is the only error. We must Practice, and Pray and Live God's Life without ceasing. We bear abundant fruitage when we Feel the impulse and Know the Truth that we are Included, right now, in His Kingdom. ~Al