

“THE DAILY LESSON”

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By Joel S Goldsmith

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 11, 2016

“CHAPTER II

KARMIC LAW

All the suffering the world is experiencing today is because of a sense of separation
from God, because it has not accepted a God who is ‘closer . . . than breathing, nearer
than hands and feet,’ a God who is not only able but willing and desirous that we bear
fruit richly.” ~Joel

Rom 8:9

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

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 12, 2016

“In paganistic times, probably out of a sense of gratitude, people worshiped whatever it was that seemed to bless them, and began to endow those things with the powers of Deity. As men rose higher in consciousness, there appeared the teaching of one God, but apparently men were not prepared for a realization of God as God really is, and so we find a very strange kind of a God in Hebrew Scripture.

Just as we know that the sun, moon, and stars are not God, so do we know now that the Jehovah God of wrath and vengeance is not God. The God of the Old Testament is not God: It is karmic law. It is the law that says that as ye sow, so shall ye reap. It is the law that says that if we do good, good will come to us, but, on the other hand, if we do evil, evil will come upon us.

As a man ‘thinketh in his heart, so is he.’ That is not God: That is karmic law which came to be known as God. It never was God, as John realized when he revealed that ‘the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.’ There is a great difference between the grace and truth of Christ Jesus and the law of Moses. There is a world of difference between karmic law and God, and while it is necessary for everyone to know and understand karmic law, it is also vitally necessary that one go beyond this age-old law into the realm of Grace. We shall never accomplish this by violating karmic law, but only by understanding its meaning and place in our life.” ~Joel

John 1:17

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

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“The Ten Commandments, with which we are all familiar, constitute part of that law: For example, there is the command, ‘Honour thy father and thy mother.’ Would anyone call that a very spiritual teaching? Anyone who has been touched by the Spirit of God, even in the slightest degree, would be unable to do other than to honor his father and mother and to love his neighbor as himself.

Is there anyone who would even dream of having the presumption to tell Christ Jesus, John of Patmos, Buddha, or Lao-tse to honor his mother and father or to love his neighbor as himself? Would anyone who has been touched by the Spirit of God have to be told not to be bigoted, biased, or prejudiced against races and religions?

Such laws are for human beings who have not even reached the state of being very high human beings, but are in such a low state of consciousness that they still need to be reminded that they must not envy their neighbor's property, his wife, or his farm. True, there is a time in our lives during our earliest stages of humanhood when we need the law, when we need to be told how to act toward one another, but if we remain in that state we will not advance very rapidly toward our spiritual freedom.” ~Joel

Rom 8:13,14

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Gal 5:14

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

“While we still see a person that can be good or bad, right or wrong we are living after the flesh and will need laws to govern us. Instead, let us be Lifted to behold and love our neighbor as their True Self, as the Individual Expression of God. We are then free from having to – with great effort - be good. We just Are Good. We are God's Good living Itself. God's Divine Law effortlessly, Graciously IS.” ~Al

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“Everyone on earth must some day inhabit heaven. Everyone on earth must some day rise above being a sick and sinning mortal and accept the inheritance of his divine sonship, but no one will be able to do this by living under the law, nor will he do it by learning to be a good human being. It cannot be accomplished merely by some human form of worship, nor by becoming honest or moral. Those are only first steps.” ~Joel

Rev 21:6,7

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

“I surrender Father.... I can of mine own self do nothing...

My only thirst is to Know thee Aright... Thy will be done... ... ~al.within

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“Only by losing our carnal desires, our mortal, selfish, human desires, do we prove that we are making advances toward a higher state of humanhood. Ultimately, there comes a day when we actually attain a realization of the Spirit of God that dwells in us, when we come face to face with It, when It touches us on the shoulder, on the head, or in the heart, when in some way or other, It announces Its presence. From then on, we are no longer simply good men or women; from then on we are no longer under the law of punishment or of reward: From that time to the end of our days on earth and throughout eternity, we are under Grace.” ~Joel

Rom 6:12-14

12 Let not sin [lack of some kind] therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts [thoughts] thereof.

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead [Consciously Aware], and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God [do God’s Work]

14 For sin [desires of the ‘self’] shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

“All sin is some form of: ‘I can of mine own self do something...’ Any appearance of a sin or lack is actually an erroneous sense that we are somehow separated from the Omnipresence of God. We are Included in Omnipresence.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 16, 2016

“Then it is that we begin to catch the first glimpse of this great truth that all we have been doing throughout our many struggling days is living under karmic law, violating it or coming into agreement with it, believing that if we are good today, the good things of the world will flow to us, but that we can cheat ourselves of them tomorrow by being bad.

We are told that if we sin, God will punish us, but that was the Old Testament version of God, and no such teaching appears in the New Testament sayings of Jesus Christ. On the contrary, it is made clear that God has more pleasure in one sinner who comes to the realization of God than in ninety-nine people who just walk the earth as good people. Should it not cause us to stop to think that all the ninety-nine good people do not please God as much as the one sinner?

The God of most people on earth is a God that punishes evil and rewards good, and there is no such God. We do not have to fear God and we do not have to attempt to influence God or sacrifice to God. God is the same to the saint and to the sinner. God is good; God is love; God is the eternal, immortal, spiritual, creative principle of the universe, its maintaining and sustaining principle; but can anyone believe that God is that today and then because we happen to make a mistake tomorrow God becomes something else?” ~Joel

Luke 23:39-43

39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

“The Christ lifts everyone that is Ready and Receptive.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 17, 2016

“It is little wonder that the Hebrew world reacted violently when it heard Jesus Christ preach that God has no pleasure in animal sacrifices or even in monetary sacrifices. The people of those days believed that God had to be pleased, God had to be assuaged and placated; they believed that God could in some way be influenced by a person's conduct. It is much the same today when some devout worshipers light a candle to God, tithe—thinking to bribe God—or observe fast or feast days, all subconsciously done with the idea that such conduct can influence God to act favorably in their behalf.” ~Joel

James 4:3 (to 3rd ,)

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

“Is it possible to inform an all-knowing God?”

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 18, 2016

“God never rewards virtue. God never punishes sin. True, sin is punished—by the sin. In other words, the person who makes the wrong electrical connection will be burned, but he cannot blame the electricity for this. The electricity did not punish him: He brought about his own punishment by his incorrect act. The person who goes into the water, becomes frightened, flounders around, and finally almost drowns cannot blame the water, but rather, his ignorance of how to behave in the water. No one can violate law and not be punished for such violation; but no one should blame God for the ensuing punishment. The fault lies not in God but in individual conduct and in individual misperception of the nature of the law.

Once we understand that there is a karmic law and that human beings are subject to that law, our first task will be to bring ourselves into harmony with it. In other words, if there is a punishment for stealing, we must first learn to stop stealing. If there is a punishment for lying, we must train ourselves not to lie, even if at the moment some good seems to be derived from indulging in falsehood. True, we might lie or cheat in our business and thereby gain some temporary profit, but if we understand that any lying, deceiving, or cheating that we do will ultimately wreck us, we shall more than likely begin to train ourselves not to indulge in unscrupulous methods or actions in our personal, social, and business life. The first attempt, then, when we understand that there is a karmic law, is to free ourselves from the evils that will bring evil consequences upon us.

It is undoubtedly better to live in such a state of consciousness than to live in a lower one, but we should nevertheless realize that this stage of life is actually the Hebraic stage as lived under the thou shalt nots of Moses: Thou shalt not do this, and then thou wilt not bring upon thy head a punishment. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, and then thou wilt not bring trouble upon thyself. Thou shalt not steal; thou shalt not commit murder; thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother, which means that thou shalt not forget them or ignore them or treat them unkindly. There is no arguing the fact that when we become obedient to the Ten Commandments, we bring ourselves into harmony with karmic law and benefit by it, but we must not forget that we are still under the law, because another violation tomorrow can bring trouble, and as long as we live only by the Ten Commandments, we are still living humanly and by human laws.

This is the God the greater part of the Bible reveals, but this is not God: This is the law, the Lord God, the Law-God, the karmic law, the law of cause and effect: *As ye sow, so shall ye reap*. That is not God, that is *ye—as ye sow, so shall ye reap*. It does not mention a thing about God: It just warns us that when we do the right or the wrong kind of sowing, we do the right or the wrong kind of reaping, but surely it must be clear that God has nothing to do with either the sowing or the reaping.

None of this has any real reference to God. It has reference to karmic law, the law of cause and effect, the law as found throughout the Bible. But because this was once believed to be God, it has been perpetuated by people who dare not read the Bible

objectively, and so today even though they call themselves Protestants or Catholics, they all go on accepting the same old Hebraic God of the Ten Commandments, the God of cause and effect, the God of karma.” ~Joel

John 1:17

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Matt 5:6

6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness [Spiritual Kingdom of God]: for they shall be filled [with Awareness, Gratitude and Love Loving].

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 19, 2016

“Now let us find out, if we can, what God really is, because on this point our whole experience hinges. It is right and proper to be a good Hebrew, that is, to obey the Ten Commandments. It is right and proper to be an honest businessman instead of a dishonest one, and a healthy human being instead of an unhealthy one. But that has no relationship to the spiritual path, nor to our ultimate destiny, which is to return to the Father's house, to God-consciousness.” ~Joel

I Cor 13:10

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

John 4:23,24

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

“Now is the time to let go of limited sense. Thy will be done Father, on earth as it is in Heaven.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 20, 2016

“In order to achieve our ultimate goal, the nature of God must be understood; and therefore, there must be but one question in our thought and that is: What is God?”

First and foremost, we must realize that our prayers and meditations do not influence God—to do good for us or to do evil to us—that we cannot bring the glory of God to ourselves or to anyone else. All that we can do is to recognize that God in the midst of us is mighty, not because of us—it is just that we have been given the grace to recognize the *IS*, that which already *IS*. That is why the Master told the disciples not to glory because the devil was subject unto them, but because their names were written in heaven. That is why no one ever dares take glory unto himself because of a healing, for no human being has ever brought about a healing—it was brought about by a divine state of spiritual being, which operates and can operate only through and as the consciousness of one who knows the nature of God and can therefore bring healing into visible manifestation. That is our part in this glorious spiritual work. That is our only part—to know God, to know God whom to know aright is life eternal.” ~Joel

Mark 10:17,18

17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

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

“Our Good flows from the Infinite... Look up!” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 21, 2016

“When we know the nature of God as love and as life eternal, never again will we deal with death, old age, or disease as if it were a reality that we could change by bringing God to it. We shall understand that this has nothing to do with God: It has to do with *as ye sow, so shall ye reap*. If we believe in a law of sin, a law of matter or disease, or a law of punishment, that is the experience that we are bringing into our lives and the lives of those who look to us for spiritual guidance.

When we understand the nature of God as Love, we shall understand the word *Grace*. Then we shall understand that our good comes by Grace, not by deserving it or being worthy of it. What human being can ever be good enough to deserve God! As a matter of fact, the more of human qualities we have, the more have to be wiped out before we can realize God. We cannot be brought to a place of deserving God—we can only be brought to a place where that part of us which wants to be worthy or appears to be unworthy is thrown out of the way and our true Selfhood is revealed. Our good—physical, mental, moral, and financial—is ours by divine Grace as the gift of God. We cannot earn it or deserve it; we cannot influence God to give it to us, and no act or deed or thought of ours is powerful enough to prevent God from operating and continuing to operate.” ~Joel

I Cor 2:16 (to ?)

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him?

I Cor 2:12

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

“Beloved, Now are we the Sons of God. Thank you Father.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 22, 2016

“Though our sins be scarlet, we are white as snow in the very minute we realize our true identity. True, while we are accepting karma, that is, while we are accepting ourselves as human beings, there may be a law of karma operating in our experience, but that law stops operating as soon as we realize, ‘I am coming out and becoming separate, and now I am going to live under Grace.’ The moment we realize that we are living under Grace, we drop the word ‘I.’ We stop boasting that ‘I’ is good and worthy and we stop condemning ‘I’ as bad or unworthy.

We even forget the past and come to acknowledge that we did not live an hour ago and that we cannot live an hour hence. The only time we can live is *now*, and *now* we are living under Grace. The past is gone; the future will never be: *Now* we are under Grace. *Now* there is no sin, no disease, no death, no iniquity—nothing operating in our consciousness except love, the love of God, not your love or mine.” ~Joel

Rom 6:14

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

“And I Am with you Now. ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 23, 2016

“If only we really and truly could come into some measure of realization of the nature of God, how we would throw the years off our shoulders, how we would throw off the memories of our past acts of omission and commission, how we would throw off the memories of our wrong thinking and begin to understand that *now* are we the sons of God. Now in this instant of divine Grace, the entire memory of all our past years is gone. Now we are willing to forget our good deeds as well as our bad ones. We are willing to forget the masquerade, the part we have been playing in this particular production, and drop it along with our costume and all that belongs to it.” ~Joel

Gen 1:27

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Eph 4:4-7

- 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.
- 7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

I John 3:1-3

- 1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
- 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
- 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

“We are Included in the Omnipresence of God.

God is never absent from us except in our belief that we are somehow separated from Him.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 24, 2016

“If we could call to mind the highest and best example of fatherhood we know, we would then see that no real father ever permits animosity, impatience, or intolerance to interfere with his father-love for his son. In such understanding all this nonsense about a punishing God, a God of vengeance, would disappear.

God is too pure to behold iniquity. The Master claimed that he came to earth not to do his own will but the will of the Father. And what is this will of the Father? It is to heal the sick, raise the dead, forgive the sinner. Then, is there a God of punishment? The Master said, ‘Neither do I condemn thee.’ Is there a God of punishment? He said to the thief on the cross, ‘Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.’ Is there a God of punishment? And he said, ‘Thy sins be forgiven thee.’ ~Joel

Hab 1:13 (to :)

13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity:

“God can’t stop Being Omnipresent. He is an Infinite activity of Love Loving.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 25, 2016

“There is no record in the entire revelation of the Master of damnation or punishment by him, but there is this: ‘Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.’ Does he say that God will visit it upon us? No, our sin will visit it upon us, not God. The very misdeed will return unto us. We do not even have to perform a sinful deed; we merely have to have a desire for it, a wish for it, as Jesus pointed out when he cautioned against even looking upon a woman with an adulterous thought. One need not carry out the act because the very mental state brings back to one something of its own nature. This is not living under the law of God: This is living under karmic law, because when we are under God there is no possibility of there being any sin.” ~Joel

John 5:14

14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

“Once you have Awakened into Wholeness do not stumble back to a sense of separation from God.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 26, 2016

“Current paganistic beliefs that God is going out before us to punish our enemies were brought over from ancient days. So today all over this world people are praying for peace on earth, and they are praying to God for that peace, but God is ignoring them. All over this earth men and women are praying for their children—for their health and their safety—but God is ignoring such requests, too. If God does not answer our prayers for good, what chance is there that God will pay attention to any prayer for evil? What kind of a God do we worship? Has there ever been a race of people on earth so much better than any other race that God would destroy one for the sake of another, or one nation for the sake of another? Have we ever had a perfect race even humanly, or a perfect nation?

During the last century, there have been three major wars, and those who were vanquished were as Christian and democratic as those who were victorious. What a stretch of the imagination it would require to believe, for example, that Russia was on the winning side of the war because it was Christian and democratic! Is it not clear that God has been given credit and God has been damned for things for which God had no responsibility?

As long as we accept the law of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, we are setting in operation the karmic law. As we do unto another, that is what is done unto us. In our criminal courts, this ancient law is carried out by sentencing to death a man who has committed murder; yet, on the other hand, when a government sends the men and women of its nation out to commit murder on a mass scale, it dares to hope that they will not be murdered in return. But that is because it knows nothing about karmic law and the inevitability of karmic law. There is no escaping the penalty for the violation of the Ten Commandments. There is a punishment for every violation, but it is not a punishment from God: It is a punishment that comes to us as a result of the act or thought that we have set in motion.” ~Joel

James 4:3 (to 3rd ,)

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

John 13:34

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

“Jesus didn’t mean his own ‘self’. As always in his message, he was speaking of the I that I Am Spiritual Self. All sin [erroneous thinking] is based on a belief that we are somehow separate and apart from God and acting on our own. In earthly consciousness Jesus said, ‘love one another’ and treat each other as nice human beings. Or, do unto others as you would have others do unto you.

In high Consciousness, he said, 'Love one another As I have Loved You'. Love Soul to Soul. Love Spirit to Spirit. Be the Divine act of Love Loving. Recognize only Divine Action. As in Heaven, so on earth." ~AI

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 27, 2016

“In other words, we are creating our tomorrows by our todays. Everything that we do today determines something that is going to happen in our life tomorrow or tomorrow's tomorrow. Very often we wonder why certain disasters come into our experience, thinking that we do not deserve them—but that is not true. We do deserve them, if not personally, then because of our being a part of the race or national consciousness. As citizens of a country, we are responsible for the acts of our government, and when we sanction acts that violate the Ten Commandments, we have set in motion the karmic law and its inevitable results which return to us. The only way that an individual can escape the karmic law of his government is when within himself he disclaims its acts.

When a citizen sanctions the throwing of a bomb which wipes out whole cities, that citizen has entered into the karmic experience of his government, and the day must come when that person is repaid in like coin. If, however, the citizen not only repudiates the act, but actually can go so far as to say, and mean it, ‘I would rather be hit by a bomb and have my whole family destroyed than approve of my government's destroying another with it,’ in that state of consciousness, the individual frees himself from the karmic law invoked by that act.” ~Joel

II Chron 20:17 (to 3rd ,)

17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you,

“No matter how real an illusion appears reacting to it is foolishness. Stand ye still and bask in Reality.” ~AI

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 28, 2016

“It is not necessary to fight the government; it is not necessary to get up and preach to the government about its sins: It is only necessary that within ourselves we do not come into agreement with any violation of the Ten Commandments.” ~Joel

Prov 7:1-3

- 1 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.
- 2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.
- 3 Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

“Thou shalt not bear false witness... Bearing false witness is an illusory notion that we, our neighbor and our government can be somehow separate and apart from God. It is the opposite of witnessing the One Source of All Being, One Law and One Government.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – FEBRUARY 29, 2016

“When the Master gave us the true spiritual religion, he threw nine of those commandments out the window, dropped them entirely, and substituted for them the First Commandment: ‘Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,’ and added to this first one another ancient commandment, ‘Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.’ These are the only two commandments to which Jesus gave any spiritual significance, and they are a guide to us in our humanhood.

To ‘love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind’ would be to bring ourselves into obedience to God and God's laws. To love our neighbor as ourselves completely removes us from karmic law because we would then neither think nor do an injustice, a wrong, or an evil to another any more than we would do it unto ourselves or than we would wish to have it done unto ourselves. To pray to God to harm or injure another is a form of pagan ignorance, and to pray to God for one's own personal gain is but another form of paganistic stupidity.” ~Joel

Matt 22:37-40

37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matt 5:43-45 (to :)

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:

“Practice the Presence – Practice the Father's Love – Inherit the Father's Love – Be Love Loving. ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – March 1, 2016

“Therefore, in our relationship with one another we are living completely in the sense that we are one, or as the Master counseled, ‘Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.’ If we look upon one another as brothers and sisters, there is then no karmic effect being generated within us because our life is a life of love, service, devotion, and sharing.

If our relationship to one another is pure, we want nothing from anyone but the opportunity to work, share, or in some way be an instrument of blessing to our other Self. In return we ask for nothing. The opportunity of sharing, loving, and co-operating is enough because all that the Father has is ours, and the Father has means of bringing our supply to us without our desiring it or asking for it.” ~Joel

Matt 23:9

9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

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 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.

THE DAILY LESSON – March 2, 2016

“Such an awareness of our true identity creates a spiritual bond among all those who are on this path. In such a bond, no one is thinking of taking advantage of anyone else; no one is thinking in terms of self-gain, of self-aggrandizement, or of any form of self except the idea of a sharing of the Self.” ~Joel

Rom 8:28

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Matt 18:20

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

“Dear friends, I am so grateful to be with you all in Oneness. The Blessings have been many. All that I have is thine.” ~al.within

THE DAILY LESSON – March 3, 2016

“Eventually, this will be the universal relationship on earth, and the law of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, the karmic law of punishment, will not be operative in our experience.

The thoughts to which we give expression as human beings come back upon us because that is the nature of the karmic law of *as ye sow, so shall ye reap*, but God is not to blame for that. We have set in motion the karmic law, and that is what is returning to us. All of us by the very nature of having been born have been guilty of offenses of omission or commission and have therefore brought ourselves under the operation of karmic law. Naturally, then, the question arises: Can this karmic law be broken? Can it be ended? And the answer is, Yes.

We can stop the operation of karmic law at any moment in our life when we recognize that we have set this law in motion by our own thoughts and deeds or by the acceptance of racial or religious or national consciousness, and then begin renouncing it. The way to break the karmic law is through repentance and by living constantly in an atmosphere of love and forgiveness. Then we are no longer human or mortal because we no longer harbor thoughts and deeds of mortality.” ~Joel

Rom 8:5-8

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.

“I surrender the thoughts of my self and await Your direction, Father... I can of mine own self do nothing. Only through You can I be of Loving Service. I seek only the Mind of Christ – for in that activity of Consciousness alone is Included the Allness of Being... Speak Lord, thy servant heareth... ..” ~al.within

THE DAILY LESSON – March 4, 2016

“From then on the only karma that comes into our experience is racial or national, and this, too, we must disavow in our own consciousness. If there were a war tomorrow and if we should be called to service, we must answer that call. We ‘render . . . unto Caesar the things which are Caesar’s’—we must fulfill our obligations as citizens because if we do not do our part, we are only removing ourselves from that temporary trouble by compelling someone else to serve in our place and putting someone else in the position where we should be. This is far worse than ourselves accepting the call to service because at least in answering that call we can disavow the act and pray as earnestly for the enemy as for ourselves. We can pray for the freedom, safety, and security of the enemy and, even while rendering ‘unto Caesar the things which are Caesar’s,’ thereby free ourselves from the penalty of the karmic law by performing whatever is required of us as citizens without hate or vengeance and with detachment.” ~Joel

Luke 20:21-25

21 And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly:

22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no?

23 But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me?

24 Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's.

25 And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's.

“Dear friends, I live my worldly life in a very normal appearing way. I mow my lawn, tend my garden and brush my teeth just like everybody else... I am honest and true and follow the laws and provide for my family. I serve my community in any loving way I can. I would never allow anyone to be hurt at my expense. By all outward appearances, I live in this world – but somehow I Know that I am not of it. Deep within I Feel the Truth of Being... I Know a better Way. The Father Within speaks - and I follow... ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – March 5, 2016

“Only one thing can free us from the law of *as ye sow, so shall ye reap*—to stop sowing. The only way to stop sowing is to recognize our spiritual identity because then we need not reach out, scheming, plotting, planning, grasping, or even desiring that which another has, but we can be beholders and watch what wonderful ways the Father has of providing for us without depriving another.” ~Joel

Matt 6:33

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

“Stop taking thought for the things of this world. Sow to the Spirit. All that the Father [Spirit] hath is already thine...” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – March 6, 2016

“In The Infinite Way we recognize that there is a law, but we also recognize that there is something called *Grace*. Let me illustrate it in this way. If we have not been taught in modern metaphysics, we are subject to material laws because there are laws of matter to plague us on this human plane—laws of climate, infection, heredity, environment, time, and space. Every human being in the world is under the law of time. In fact, all we have to do is to look at a calendar long enough and we begin to feel weary, weak, and depleted.

Those of you who have had any experience at all with metaphysical or spiritual healing have already learned that these laws of matter are not power in the presence of spiritual understanding. They are theories and beliefs, but there is a *Grace* which sets them aside. That does not mean that on the human level there is not a law of matter; it does not mean that there is not a law of mind: It merely means that there is a state of *Grace* that sets aside both the laws of matter and the laws of mind.

When we come under *Grace*, no laws operate. In the spiritual realm, which is a state of *Grace*, there are not two powers operating, one over another, one overcoming the other, or one removing the other—there is but one. There is no opposition; there is no contention in the realm of Spirit: There is only a state of *Grace* which is itself the law of elimination to every phase of materiality. When we come into a state of *Grace*, we no longer have good health or bad health, nor do we have abundant or meager supply: We live in a state of spirituality in which there is neither good nor evil—no degrees and no comparisons: There is only Being, divine Being, spiritual Being, one Being.” ~Joel

John 1:16,17

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

John 18:36 (to :)

36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world:

Rom 12:2, 5

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

THE DAILY LESSON – March 7, 2016

“It is only when we stop thinking in terms of health and sickness, wealth and poverty, and begin to think in terms of spirituality that we transcend not only bad humanhood but even good humanhood; we transcend the Ten Commandments and rise to that consciousness which Christ Jesus revealed in the two great commandments, which acknowledge but one power—one God, one Spirit, one Soul—and each and every one of us that same One.” ~Joel

Mark 12:29-32

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

“Illumination dissolves all limitation and exposes Omnipresence.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – March 8, 2016

“Acknowledgment is only the first step. These commandments have to be lived. They have to be accepted in consciousness so that actually we learn how to forgive our enemies. We learn how not to criticize, judge, or condemn the person who has made a mistake, not to condone it, but in proportion as he seeks to rise above it to give that helping hand by perceiving the nature of God as the very Soul of every person. Any good human being can piously overlook the faults of others and even forgive them their sins. Any good human being can do that, but it takes spiritual vision to be able to say, ‘I cannot see anyone. The face of God is all that shines. The Soul of God looks out through all eyes.’” ~Joel

John 7:24

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

Gal 2:20 nevertheless (to 3rd ,)

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,

“There is no difference between what we see and what God sees. The difference is in the interpretation.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – March 9, 2016

“Such a realization does not heal sick or sinning people: It makes them ‘die’ more quickly so that their spiritual Selfhood can be revealed. The sooner mankind ‘dies’ to his humanhood, the sooner will his Soul come forward and be revealed.” ~Joel

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

“Father, I realize that I can of mine own self, do nothing... I surrender daily to Your Creative Principal, Your All-Knowing Wisdom and Your Will... I rest now, in silent meditation awaiting your Gentle Presence. Speak Lord, thy servant heareth...”
~al.within

THE DAILY LESSON – March 10, 2016

“A well-known and wise man once asked me why I spent so much time doing healing work. For example, he wondered what good it would do for a very elderly woman to be healed because in a year or two she would pass on anyway and in the meantime what would she do with even a little good health: ‘What is she going to do with her healing—knit more booties for her grandchildren?’

While I understand that viewpoint, it is not my point of view. I have no interest in whether grandmothers knit booties for their grandchildren. I am interested only that the Soul of every person here on earth be revealed, the Soul that will remain here eternally. I am not interested in preaching to sinful people in an effort to make them good, nor even in giving sick people treatments so that they will become well. I recognize the place of all this in the ascending scale, but that is not the ultimate of our destiny. That is not the goal toward which we are working.” ~Joel

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.

John 6:45 (to .)

45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God.

THE DAILY LESSON – March 11, 2016

“The time has come now, not to think in terms of being healthy or wealthy: The time has come to think in terms of being spiritual. The time has come to think of being, of having that Spirit of God indwelling so that we may claim our heritage as children of God, ‘joint-heirs with Christ’ to all the heavenly riches. The time has come when we have to give thought to this: If we are crucified, can we rise from the tomb? If we are crucified, whether on the cross or through the calendar, can we rise and walk this very earth again in a physical body—speak, eat, and drink?”

It must come to every single one of us that there is something more to life than being healthy and having abundance. There is something more to life than just walking around this earth enjoying ourselves. There is something more to life, and that is *Life*. Life is eternal, a Life that knows no grave, a Life that knows no infirmity, a Life that knows no sin, no poverty, no war, no lack. Can this Life be achieved?” ~Joel

Matt 19:23-26

23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

25 When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

“Yes, our Name is already written in Heaven. Our Inheritance will begin to be Realized when we learn to lessen the distractions of this-world and focus on our True Identity.”
~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – March 12, 2016

“Everyone who attains a tiny grain of spiritual vision can help in the attainment of this Life by healing the physical, mental, moral, and financial ills of his neighbor. We can help one another to a greater sense of abundance, and we can reveal spiritual truth and impart it, thereby helping our neighbor along the way. But that is as far as we can go.”
~Joel

Matt 10:7,8

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

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

“Christ Consciousness is Alive and available – and within You Now. Yes, we of our own selves can do nothing – but in the Presence of the Christ all things are possible. Be about the Father’s Work today – Let Him flow out and Love those around you, as ‘I Love you.’ ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – March 13, 2016

“After that, each one has to ‘die’ within his own consciousness to the old man so that the new man can be born. Each one has to do that for himself by recognizing that it can be done and that there are those who have been on earth who have never died, and if we can rise high enough in consciousness, we can tabernacle with them.

There are those who hold communion right now with Christ Jesus, with Moses, Abraham, Lao-tse, Buddha, and John. Why not? We can commune with friends who are sitting beside us. ‘Ah,’ but you say, ‘My friends are alive.’ And so are these other great Souls. No man ever dies after he has had spiritual illumination. A single bit of realization that there is more to life than matter, more to life than meets the eye, even that is enough illumination to prevent one from ever dying. It takes only a grain of God-consciousness.” ~Joel

John 3:6,7

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

“A split second of Awareness dissolves the rumor of limited sense - and in that period of Oneness All things are possible.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – March 14, 2016

“That does not necessarily mean that we will all walk the earth forever. That is not part of the plan. It was not meant that our children remain children forever. They have to become youths, adults, and finally attain maturity. There are different states and stages of consciousness, and no one of us remains in the same state forever. If every person reaching years of maturity would only realize that he has outgrown one stage of his life but to fit him for another, these middle and upper years of our life would be the most fruitful, the most joyous, the happiest, and the most prosperous of all.” ~Joel

I Cor 13:10-12

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

“Step by step, the sense-world loses its importance - and so it loses its hold on us. Limited supply yields to Limitless. Look up. The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” ~Al

THE DAILY LESSON – March 15, 2016

“There is within each one of us the Son of God. The Christ is not a man who walked the earth two thousand years ago. That man was Jesus, but the Christ is the Spirit of God in man. It was that Spirit which was the transcendental Consciousness of Jesus, and it is that transcendental Consciousness which is the Son of God in us. Its function is to heal disease, to feed, clothe, and house us, to be a protection, safety, and security unto us, even as it was in Galilee.” ~Joel

Gal 2:20 nevertheless

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, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

John 5:30 (to:)

30 I can of mine own self do nothing:

“It is the Father [Christ Consciousness] within that doeth the Work...” ~Al

The Daily Lesson – March 16, 2016

“In order to avail ourselves of It, we must give up the God of reward and the God of punishment and accept a God of love in whom is no darkness—no human qualities, no traits of mortality. When we know God in this way and when we no longer fear God or his wrath or punishment and understand that God is love and God is life eternal, we shall know that we are not under any threat of disease, death, or old age because there is no provision in God for such things.” ~Joel

I John 1:1-5

- 1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;
- 2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)
- 3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.
- 4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.
- 5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Matt 6:10

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

“God’s Kingdom is Present within us Now. His Light always Was and always will be available to Illuminate our Path. And so it is, we are Included in Omnipresence.” ~Al

The Daily Lesson – March 17, 2016

“The function of the Master, that is, the Christ within us, is to nullify age, sinful thoughts and desires, disease, lack, limitation, and ultimately the last enemy, death itself. If we sow to the Spirit, if we abide in the spiritual truth that I and the Father are one, inseparable and indivisible, even if we make our bed in hell, or even if we walk through the valley of the shadow of death temporarily, I and my Father are still inseparable and indivisible. We are one, and all that the Father has is ours, not because we earn it or deserve it, but by the grace of God.” ~Joel

Ps 23:4-6

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

“There is nothing you can do to separate yourself from God – except think it to be so.”
~AI

The Daily Lesson – March 18, 2016

“What God does, He does without any reason for doing it. Is God's love less than a mother's love? What a mother does for her child, she does without any reason: She does not ask for any return from the child. The mother knows that she is pouring herself forth for the child because of love. A mother never punishes her child—discipline, yes, but from a normal mother, punishment, no. Does a human mother love an erring child less than a good child? On the contrary, sometimes a little more. And does a mother know more of love than God? Is God less than a human mother?”

God is not a superhuman being. God is not a person with human emotions. God does not pity and God does not condemn. God is, and God is available to all who can acknowledge that God is. All of our nonsensical prayers of beseeching God to be other than He is will stop once we realize that God is not influenced by man, nor does He take orders from man.

God does not accept our idea of what constitutes justice, love, and mercy, but God imparts to us His idea of justice, love, and mercy if we listen for the still small Voice. Let us honor God by realizing God's omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence. God is the infinite intelligence and love that maintains universal law. Instead of praying up to God, let us be so silent within ourselves that we can hear the still small Voice.” ~Joel

Matt 6:5-8

5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

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

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

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