



Monthly Lesson
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“Righteous Judgment Clarified”¹

Let's continue with the principle, “In my conscious oneness with God, I am consciously one with all spiritual being and idea.” Every one of us wants a sense of fulfillment, and what is the ultimate fulfillment? It is to know yourself as you are known and to see yourself as God made you in His image and likeness, the manifestation and expression of infinite Love, Christhood. Isn't that the only healing there is? Other forms of healing – addressing a pain here or a pain there - are just band-aids.

Joel talked about the philodendron plant in a wonderful tape, “The Thunder of Silence.” He said if we saw each branch of the philodendron as a snake, a mental projection or illusion, when we cut off one illusion, we find another. So the projection machine is the universal belief in two powers, projecting pictures of sin, disease, lack and limitation. When we try to “get rid of” one problem, another problem materializes. Joel tells us in no uncertain terms to “lay the axe at the root of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil!” We consciously root this out of ourselves. Say to yourself:

“No longer do I believe that any appearance has power in and of itself for good or for evil. There is only one power and that is *I* in the midst of me. It is the only power and the only presence, and only that which comes from this one and only Cause can express, manifest or unfold in my experience. Nothing else can come into my experience regardless of appearances. There is no power in the appearance. All power has been given unto me and that power is inside myself as I return to that deep silence of My Peace. There I recognize Christ, the spirit of God, enthroned in my being.”

This Christ fulfills, unfolds and discloses Itself in our individual experience. Often, we call this “healing” but it is really a *revealing* of the truth of Being. It is the revealing of our spiritual nature, character and identity -- the *I Am that I Am*.

In the beginning of our awakening, we must train ourselves to judge not by appearances but to judge righteous judgment. It is absolutely imperative that we judge righteous judgment. When we look at an appearance, whether it is “good” or “evil,” we recognize that it is an appearance, a human concept, a mental projection. We don't call it “good” or “evil,” we just let it be. We go back to the question of Who is creating, maintaining, and sustaining the universe. It is *I*, and that *I* is projecting, manifesting, unfolding and disclosing only purity, harmony, integrity, beauty, infinity and eternity. That can never be encompassed in a human concept - no matter how beautiful a human concept is, it is still a limited projection in the universal “Adam Dream.”

¹ 1986 Asilomar Retreat, Tape 4 (8637), Side 2

Infinity is the measure of our Being and nothing less can fulfill God's plan for us. God is the only *I* or *Us*. We have no limits to our horizon; it is unlimited and unfettered unless we judge by appearances. And we must make righteous judgment by judging no man after the flesh.² That is why the principle of impersonalization is so important. If we come to a teacher or practitioner and we judge by appearances, we will not make any progress. We must see through the appearance of a human teacher to Consciousness, recognizing that Christ is the only teacher. Human consciousness cannot teach; it may voice the words but it doesn't have the realization and fruitage of the Christ consciousness.

So when you look at your fellow man, practice righteous judgment: "*I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.*"³ Or, you can say, "The Spirit of God indwells you, the self-same Spirit that raised Jesus Christ up from the dead also indwells you." No one can see the Spirit, but we can see that Spirit animates, maintains and sustains all creation. We recognize that activity; we acknowledge Spirit as the substance, activity, law, and cause of all that is. That is righteous judgment. You can also say, "*Get thee hence, Satan,*"⁴ not accepting the picture. This is righteous judgment because the human concept is never the spiritual reality.

I would like to read to you an editorial that was written recently in Time Magazine:

² See 2 Corinthians 5:16

³ Mark 1:24

⁴ Matthew 4:10

"Perhaps the deepest cause of moral confusion is the state of language itself, language that has been leached of its moral distinctions, turned neutral, value-free, non-judgmental. When that happens, moral discourse becomes difficult, moral distinctions impossible, and moral debate, incomprehensible. The trouble with blurring moral distinctions even for the best causes is that it can become a habit; it is a habit we can ill afford since the modern tolerance for such distinction is already in decline. Genocide, for example, has been used to describe almost every kind of perceived injustice from Viet Nam to pornography to third world birth control."

We must watch our language because language is a tool that conveys an idea. There are ethical and spiritual principles on which we build character including a sense of morality. God is truth, so whatever is untrue is unethical and immoral. Joel talks about this in his book, Living Between Two Worlds, chapter two, "The Nature of Spiritual Attainment, *Total Morality Alone Can Safeguard the Use of Mental Discoveries:*"

"As long as we remain in the mental or cosmic realm of the universal mind, we remain in the realm of good and evil. Why learn the secrets of mind and then find that sometimes they are used for the purpose of malpractice? Why learn the laws of mind and then discover that they are used for propaganda or advertising purposes and not necessarily advertising of the right nature?"

"Today, we do have access to the mind; we have access to the laws that govern nature. The next step we must take is to gain access to the world of morals. I am not speaking merely of sexual morality, but of morality in its wider sense, of the morality that should govern business, art, literature, government,

and all our human relationships. We must find access to total morality in order that these great discoveries may eventually be used by man solely for a productive and fulfilled life.

It is only when an Element that is not human, that is neither physical nor mental, enters consciousness that our moral or spiritual capacity is developed.”

So a non-judgmental attitude can lead us to an amoral viewpoint. Therefore, it is very important that we understand the meaning of righteous judgment. Spiritual discernment is another way of saying this – it is the discernment to see that which destroys and that which builds. Richard Maurice Bucke’s book, Cosmic Consciousness, tells about the spiritual experiences of great men followed by what later took place in their lives. One of the shared characteristics in their experience was a heightened sense of morality.

Whenever we meet a God-illuminated person, we can trust them with anything. We don’t need a written contract because they have an ethical nature – they are trustworthy and they have integrity that includes morality. Here’s an illustration from my experience. When we went to Europe in the late ‘60’s and early ‘70’s, some of the students wanted tapes, but to make a tape available, someone had to translate the lesson into German and then read it for recording. Needless to say, this was quite a job and the value of spontaneity was lost. Since I had a translator on the scene, they asked for my tapes and received permission. There was no business arrangement or compensation for these recordings

but I realized I was there to give, not receive. To my surprise, the next time I went to Switzerland and Germany, in addition to the class fee, money was provided for my expenses! When I asked where the money came from, they told me it was from the sale of my tapes. I never asked for money, but each time I went there, expenses were met. That is integrity! Those who are drawn to the Christ have a developed ethical nature. The Light illumines them and they must live like the son of God. Like begets like and “*God created man in His own image.*”⁵ When we demonstrate or discover integrity, honesty and beauty, it is the beauty of Holiness or wholeness and completeness.

We can trust God with our heart, mind, and soul. God will never let us down if, in humility, we enter that secret sanctuary of our being and surrender our humanhood. We will never be forsaken or deserted, but will be fulfilled and lifted up. However, there is a standard of perfection given us in the Sermon on the Mount and it is very strong. This is our standard of brotherly love and it is the way the universe is governed by God. Each time we meditate and recognize that the government is on God’s shoulders, we are bringing it into fruition. Where does spiritual discernment come in? We all must make a decision for Christ, a commitment. The Bible tells us that Jesus said to the churches, “*So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.*”⁶ We cannot be lukewarm but must take a position,

⁵ Genesis 1:27

⁶ Revelation 3:16

and that position is “*I and my Father are one.*”⁷ Only that which emanates from God in the consciousness of man is power. Therefore, immorality, disease, and unethical attitudes are not power, but those who are indulging in them are not living in their Christhood and something will have to give! The Bible illustrates this with the story of Ananias and Sapphira,⁸ a wealthy couple who were joining this new Christian community. While everyone else was contributing everything they had to the effort, Ananias and Sapphira decided to withhold some of their resources for themselves. In the story, Peter tells Ananias, “thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God,”⁹ and both are removed.

And so it is with everyone in our lives, if anyone lacks integrity, they won't stay in our orbit, and will either be healed or removed. As Jesus said, “*Loose him, and let him go.*”¹⁰ We recognize everyone's Christhood and hope that they arise from the grave clothes of material sense into their true selfhood and awareness of their moral integrity. And so with all the business we do, I never sign contracts without knowing that I deal with the Christ. Our agreements are based on love, equity, respect, giving and sharing. I know this can work for the entire world. “*Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine*”¹¹ - all the beauty of wholeness.

⁷ John 10:30

⁸ See Acts 5

⁹ Acts 5:4

¹⁰ John 11:44

¹¹ Luke 15:31

Dear Friend,

The greatest blessing in life is to live in the Christ peace and the Christ joy. The only Way to experience this is to “seek ye first the Kingdom of God”¹² within you. Seeking and finding is the great joy of the spiritual journey. Seeking Who am I? Finding that you are a spiritual being complete in Him needing no other Consciousness, then letting this divine Consciousness unfold Its treasure trove.

This is the Joy of Life – living the beautiful, the good, and the true, forever free from personal sense in the Blessed I.

Aloha,

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¹² Matthew 6:33