



Monthly Lesson
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“Spiritual Tithing”¹

Benevolence on the physical or human level is very necessary at a certain stage of our development when we consider money very “dear,” or there is a sense of limitation in us. But a greater tithing that we can give is a spiritual tithing where we take many periods during the day to sit down and meditate. We realize that we are that place where Divine Love, the light and love of this great *I Am* flows through. We have no feeling of giving or withholding, but we are *being* – being still, being without desire and not judging after the flesh. We are not judging the world as a sick world, a sinning world, or a warring world, and we are recognizing that this world is God’s world, a spiritual universe. We realize that if people would only open the door of their consciousness, they would find that they are children of Light and Love.

We are meditating in the recognition that this is already true in the only real consciousness, Divine Consciousness. We recognize that this material sense of world is illusory, a conceptual world, a mental projection without reality, and that there is only one world, a spiritual world. There is only one Life, a spiritual Life; one Being, a spiritual Being; one

Body, a spiritual Body. As we enter the silence and stillness, our attitude is “Father, let Thy Light shine in every nook and corner to dispel all the shadows of material sense.” We know that when the Light shines, the darkness disappears. We recognize that this *I* is the Light of the world, and that It is not only the Light but also the Life of the world. This Light enters everyone who comes into the world and every single one is spiritually endowed from on High with divine Sonship Consciousness.

We know that Life is without birth or death – it is a circle. Giving and receiving Love is the activity of the circle. Everything about Life is an unbroken circle of Love without beginning or ending. There are no parentheses on this Circle of Eternity. Birth and death are but appearances that do not occur in Consciousness and do not happen to individual being.

So we release God from doing anything. We cannot inaugurate the Light. “*And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*”² But the Light does shine. It has always been shining and It will always be shining. If we live in the Consciousness of *I* as omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent, this Light shines and dispels material sense that would limit or bind. Not only must we release God from doing anything, but we must also release man from condemnation. There are no mortals; there is only individual Being. The appearance of mortality is just that – an appearance that must be recognized as illusory. So regardless of

² John 1:5

¹ 1986 Asilomar Retreat, Tape 6 (8639), Side 2

appearances, let us recognize that what *Is, Is*. This is God's world and the government is on His shoulders. Acknowledge God as the substance, law, cause and activity of all that is. *"From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."*³

God changes not. Life changes not. Life is God, changeless Consciousness, infinite, immortal Consciousness, always present. This Consciousness has always been you and me, and it will always be you and me. As we discard this belief in two powers for ourselves and for others and live virtually without any power in the realization of Omnipresence, the Omnipresence of the one infinite Consciousness, we are beholders of Grace in action.

If we tithe this way three of four times a day, realizing the *is-ness* and *now-ness* and perfection of Being here and now, and then we sit quietly and let that inner Peace flow – rest in that inner Peace – we are really tithing Love. We are giving our "first fruits" (*"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase."*⁴) to the Lord. When we wake up in the morning, we recognize that this is God's day! This is Love's day and we live in the light of Love. This is God's day and in this world, there is no sin, disease or death. These appearances of limitation are without God power and without person in whom or through whom to operate because this Infinite Individual Being, this Divine Reality, this *I* is untouched by appearances. Dedicate this day to living in the Light – listening, resting, abiding, and

³ Psalm 90:2
⁴ Proverbs 3:9

watching *"the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works."*⁵ Watch what God does. He brings to you all who can help and removes those who cannot be awakened. This divine law of adjustment is forever working. That is a capital "My" – *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."*⁶

And so we abide and wait, not wearily, but resting instead in that precious Peace. As we go forth in our daily activity, rather than a mid-morning coffee break, we can have a meditation break in which we do the same thing in a new way – the recognition and realization of the *is-ness* and *now-ness* of Perfection. *"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."*⁷ Perfect means fulfilled. Realize that your fulfillment is in the great *I Am*. *"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."*⁸ You were created not for your own glory, but for God's glory. You were born to be a living witness to God's Grace, here and now. *"To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth."*⁹

This is a ministry of reconciliation. We first reconcile man to God, recognizing that man is never separated from God. God constitutes individual being and there is no separation. Even man's body is the temple of the living God: *"God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."*¹⁰ After we

⁵ John 14:10
⁶ John 10:27
⁷ Matthew 5:48
⁸ Psalm 19:1
⁹ John 18:37
¹⁰ 1 John 4:16

reconcile man to God, we reconcile the animal kingdom to God, recognizing that the animal kingdom is a spiritual idea that has a spiritual nature. In My Kingdom, animals do not express violence. They are not predatory and there is no conflict or warfare because in My Kingdom there are not two powers operating. There is no conflict or warfare in this atmosphere – there is only My peace.

And so we reconcile the animal kingdom to the Kingdom of God through spiritual being - and there really is no other kind of man except spiritual being. Then we reconcile the world of nature, realizing that even in plants, trees, and weeds, there is no hurt or evil. They can only reflect God's goodness and grace. Therefore, if there is an appearance of poison or a harmful substance of any kind, we recognize that this only reflects a belief in two powers. If that belief in two powers is ruled out of our consciousness, and we recognize that *"the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein,"*¹¹ there cannot be anything harmful in this world.

And then we recognize the mineral kingdom. We realize that the property and activity of all minerals is really energy. We realize that there is only one kind of energy and that is Love and Light. There is no destructive force in My Kingdom, and we do not need to fear atomic energy or nuclear power because there is only one Power. This spiritual Power and Presence pervades the whole earth because it is the substance and activity of Creation. When we look at

¹¹ Psalm 24:1

the weather, we realize that there is no "good" or "bad" weather. When each of us dwells in My peace, weather is unconditioned and it, too, is Divinely ordered and maintained without destructive elements.

Everything is subject to the mind of man because what we call "this world" is a mental world. But when we know that there is only one Mind and the belief in two powers is an imposition without God authority or ordination, then we restore ourselves to our rightful mind – a mind at peace and unconditioned. Then every other facet of nature is governed by the illumined mind of man. When we rise high enough in Consciousness, we do not have to go out and do anything. But we must know the truth and the truth will make us free. Scripture tells us: *"...the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."*¹²

All of nature has been made subject to discords through the acceptance of the belief in good and evil in the mind of man. As long as that belief is accepted as a reality, there will be an outward response. But let's remember, "One with God is a majority."¹³ If we are knowing the truth, not responding to the appearance of evil as a power, and knowing that

¹² Romans 8:21-23

¹³ Martin Luther

whatever good we see in the appearance world is reflecting God's goodness and grace, then we are living in the consciousness of one Power. Our consciousness is free of warfare and conflict, and everything around us will reflect this harmony. How important it is for us to daily reconcile first ourselves to God, and then realize this as a universal truth for all mankind! "*I and my Father are one,*"¹⁴ is a universal truth, but it must be recognized, acknowledged and realized. Then we can reconcile every facet of our natural world and bring it under God's Grace. This is real tithing – this is spiritual tithing.

I can guarantee you that if you do this three or four times a day consistently, your problems will disappear as darkness disappears before the light. Why waste energy trying to solve problems on the level of the problem when we can lay the axe at the root and eliminate that false belief in two powers? Then we enter into My Kingdom, the kingdom of Grace and Harmony where there are no problems, and we can live in My Kingdom. We can be a housewife, mother, husband, businessman or businesswoman, but by consciously making this adjustment several times a day and entering the Silence so that the spirit of God can bear witness to this truth, we are praying the highest mode of prayer. We are establishing My Kingdom *here and now*, and surely this is a new Heaven and a new earth. "*And the world passeth away...but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*"¹⁵

Dear Friend,

Each day is a call to stay "awake" and to see and hear only the true. This means that we continually practice the Presence - "In thy presence is fullness of joy."¹⁶ So as this year ends, we look back and see the unfolding of Consciousness revealing opportunity and spiritual fruitage.

Each day, I rejoice in the truth of Oneness, realizing that Consciousness lives Itself and I do not live It. This makes every day a Christmas in which we see the Christ reveal Itself in our experience as peace, love, joy and fulfillment.

Merry Christmas to All,

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¹⁴ John 10:30
¹⁵ 1 John 2:17

¹⁶ Psalm 16:11