



Monthly Lesson
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“Nullifying the Carnal Mind through the Living Christ”¹

Let us understand world work and see what a gift of Love this is to mankind. *“For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. Because 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.”²*

The only way influences of selfishness, self-preservation, fear, hate, and man’s inhumanity to man will be wiped out is when we obtain our freedom. Even the creatures of this world cannot be free until man is free. They are waiting for this higher Consciousness to come into manifestation, and we can start experimenting right where we are at home. Joel said we don’t have to look far to see the operation of carnal mind in our households. If we have a troublesome family situation or even bugs on our roses, we can begin to recognize that anything in our household of a destructive nature can be eliminated by the realization that there is only one Mind and that Mind is unconditioned and pure. As we

realize our oneness with God and feel the release of this inner Peace, we see that our entire family, household, and even our garden are all in our consciousness. As we sit in our garden and let this Peace come forth, we will see a completely protected atmosphere in our household. We will see that the flowers bloom more abundantly and many other beautiful changes will occur. In this way, we can prove the principle that in my conscious oneness with God, Spirit, I am one with all harmony, wholeness, peace and abundance.

Joel said, “When we can perceive that the carnal mind is non-power in the realization of the presence of the Christ, we are helping to nullify it for the world. It is not enough to know that the carnal mind is not power. We must know that it is only in the realization of the presence of the Christ that it is not power. The carnal mind is power on its own level of action.”³

Mankind as a whole is functioning either from the rule of law or from lawlessness and has no realization of the Christ presence. We know from the crimes reported in the news that there is a great deal of lawlessness, but man’s law cannot keep crime in check. There is only one solution: realization that the carnal mind is not power in the presence of the realized Christ. We demonstrate this Presence by releasing into human consciousness this inner Peace. There is no darkness in the presence of Light. *“In thy presence is fulness of joy.”⁴* “Wherever

³ Beyond Words and Thoughts, “World Work for All Infinite Way Students,” Joel S. Goldsmith

⁴ Psalm 16:11

¹ 1983 Asilomar Retreat, Tape 6, (8352), Side 2

² Romans 8: 19, 21& 22

Jesus moved with his Christ-activated consciousness, sin, disease and death disappeared on his coming.”⁵ What does “his Christ-activated consciousness” mean? It means that he knew the letter of truth and there was always in his consciousness an activity of truth. But there was also an atmosphere of love – no condemnation or judgment. Jesus discerned the real Being. He knew the difference between the real and the unreal, between darkness and light, and between right and wrong. And he did not condemn because he knew that man is not to blame because he is asleep.

Those who do not understand their relationship to God and do not have access to their Soul faculties do not feel this divine Impulse and therefore do not understand and cannot hear the “*still small voice*”⁶ and feel My Peace – the living Christ. But they are not to blame because they are in bondage to what Paul calls the *rudiments of this world*: “*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*”⁷

These elemental forces are functioning mesmerically and subliminally in human mentality, appearing as hate, fear, desire, lust, envy, pride, passion for power and control, and in many other ways. This constitutes what is called the carnal mind. Other aspects of the carnal mind are apathy and inertia which are very subtle. God is omniactive, and as

⁵ Beyond Words and Thoughts, “World Work for All Infinite Way Students,” Joel S. Goldsmith

⁶ 1 Kings 19:12

⁷ Colossians 2:8

children of God with the activated Christ-consciousness, there must always be an activity of Truth operating for sin, death and disease to disappear. “*For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.*”⁸

So it is with each of you, wherever you move with some measure of spiritual endowment, some measure of sin, disease and death must be dissolved. Since we are two or more in agreement that there is but one carnal mind, there is no reason why ten righteous men should not nullify carnal mind in the whole world! Wouldn't that be wonderful? To me, that is the vision of the Infinite Way. But we must be born again of the Spirit and have a Christ-activated consciousness before this takes place. Good intentions won't do it; even if we have the letter of truth in our mind, if we are not living in accordance with the spiritual principles so that we are experiencing the Presence of God – “*the peace of God, which passeth all understanding*”⁹ – when we sit down and pray for the world as occurs in many churches, nothing will happen. This is because Christ activation is not present.

This Christ activation is the *still small voice*, *Truth uttering Itself to Itself and as Itself* in an attitude of Love and Peace with no condemnation of anyone or anything. We must know that we are not dealing with persons but with a universal hypnotism that operates through people. It cannot operate if it does not have a person in whom or through whom to operate. Evil

⁸ Psalm 36:9

⁹ Philippians 4:7

is a subliminal suggestion, an abstract idea in the mind of man until it has a "body." We can be exposed to all the evil broadcasting in the world, but if it can't use a body or human mentality, it cannot operate. Someone must eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, make it their own opinion and act it out. If we can say like Jesus, "*get thee behind me, Satan,*"¹⁰ then evil cannot operate.

Start working with the realization that carnal mind is nothingness. Watch the news, continually identify it as carnal mind and know that it isn't a power or presence because there is only one Mind and one Being that is unconditioned and pure. In this Mind, there is no self-interest and no selfishness. Mind is an avenue of awareness for Truth and Love which is conscious being. After you have watched the news, you may want to talk about it. Correct what you have seen. The discord is not in all the individuals and circumstances that are shown on TV - no, we are dealing with carnal mind! People are continually seeking solutions to a myriad of problems but there is only one problem - carnal mind - and it is not personal.

And so we begin to impersonalize and nothingize all error. We begin to see that carnal mind is universal hypnotism, the fabric of nothingness, non-power. After the news, meditate! If we meditate together, we will see some wonderful things happen. We do not need to be worried by the news because we know the government is on God's shoulders.

¹⁰ Matthew 16:23

When we fulfill the deep Silence of My Peace, the Christ arouses our dormant understanding. We all have spiritual understanding as part of our spiritual endowment. As we see a problem, if we are awake and aware, we hold to principle and without doing anything, everything will be done because on the spiritual level, we are a united spiritual universe. "To live spiritually is to know that all is; then do not name, label, define, or judge what is."¹¹ "*And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.*"¹²

Dear Friend,

What a blessing these ten years have been working with Leslie on the monthly lesson. Now there are new horizons before us both. In early spring, Leslie plans to relocate to Bradenton, Florida and I will be posting short monthly messages on the alohamystics.com website. The monthly lessons have been translated into German and French, and dedicated groups all over Europe are participating in the Circle of Christhood.

For 35 years, I gave classes in England, France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland and for this privilege, I am so grateful. A year ago, a lady from Belgrade attended John's class in France and gave him a letter about her first experience in a class I gave in London. I share with you what she wrote:

¹¹ Wisdom from The Infinite Way, Joel S. Goldsmith

¹² Genesis 1:31

"I see myself sitting in a large room, about 35 years ago, with more than 100 English men and women. Virginia, a lady in her 50's with a young look and very lively, yet at the same time with a peaceful face and calm demeanor, takes her seat at a table in front of us and turns her eyes downward while her students become quiet. Finally, the tape recorder and microphone are ready, the background noise and the murmur of voices quieted, although there is still sporadic coughing. Cool, wet, weather outside ensures that a large number of people are suffering from colds while a flu virus is spreading across London.

After 15 minutes of silence, Virginia starts the lesson but has to stop because of loud coughing. Still appearing very calm, she closes her eyes and we follow her example. I am not sure how long that silence lasted – perhaps 10 minutes or so, but the coughing gradually subsided and finally completely ended. During the whole of the next hour during the lecture, not a single cough was heard. This was also true for the following hour and for the duration of the class."

This is the Infinite Way of working. When carnal mind is active, instead of resisting the appearance, we go within to establish ourselves in the silent, unconditioned mind and we let the living Christ, the Light of the world, dissolve material sense. I have done this in large auditoriums and theaters where this same appearance presents a picture of discord, and have seen without doing anything physically or mentally - other than staying in a state of receptivity to the living Christ - that harmony is established in all those who had no awareness of this Omnipresence.

Our mission in this world it to keep the inner silence and peace by living in and as the Christ presence so that wherever we go, the gentle Presence of peace, love, and joy is felt, dispelling the illusion of material sense. This is our Christmas gift to the world – to carry "My Peace and My Joy" wherever we go, releasing this hidden splendor into human consciousness.

"How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given; so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.

*No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in."*¹³

With much love and gratitude,

Virginia

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¹³ "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," Phillips Brooks