



Monthly Lesson
February 2012

“Protective Work”¹

Love is the fulfilling of the Law. Love never injures anyone; therefore the Ten Commandments are all fulfilled in Love. Love never covets a neighbor’s wife or home; Love is never jealous; Love is never “puffed up” or envious. When we awaken spiritually, we find the Kingdom of Heaven within us: *“I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness”*² for we are the image and likeness of Love, incorporeal Being.

If there were hundreds more words expressing Love, they could never do justice to what Love really is because Love is what we are. When we take no thought for our life, when we are not concerned or anxious about ourselves or our personal image or its health, wealth, position, success or failure, that real Self is there. It needs no titles or labels and is felt by everyone. It is here and now, our divine inheritance, our real Self. Love is felt in the silence. The Christ, the spirit and activity of Love and Truth, reveals Itself in this silence of My Peace. *“My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.”*³

¹ 1991 Asilomar Retreat, Tape 1 (9104), Part 2 of Side 1 and Tape II, beginning of Side 1

² Psalm 17:15

³ John 14:27

This Peace silences all anxious thought, all heavy burdens, all pain. *“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them”*⁴ in the image of Love, incorporeal. So you and I have an invisible dimension. Joel often repeats the Bible description of this when he says *“greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”*⁵

This Love that is within us encompasses the world and reveals to us that we are infinite Being. If we are the image of Love and It fills all space, then this Love is omnipresent (unlocalized) without any finite limits. This is the Christ within us that is greater than the personal form we see in the world and It is our true identity. As we awaken to this truth, we inherit all the Grace embodied in this Christ Consciousness. Then our spiritual journey takes over and our true sense of life begins: a Life that is Love. This Love that is reflected in love reveals to us the whole Kingdom of God which is here and now. Without the awareness of this Christ love within us, we do not have access to this inner Kingdom.

Only Love can enter the Kingdom of Heaven and only Love flows out from the Kingdom of Heaven. Love is changeless, so in truth, this Divine Selfhood, this Christ being that is our true self is changeless, the same yesterday, today and forever. It is the image and likeness of God; God is the same yesterday, today and forever. This image and likeness that I am and you are in our true identity is changeless being. /

⁴ Genesis 1:27

⁵ 1John 4:4

was never born and I never dies. *“I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”*⁶

Every time we try to “localize” ourselves in the body, we are asleep in the dream of material living. This is called “material sense.” But when we turn within, contemplate the nature of God as Love, realize that Love is the substance and activity of all form -- and that we are the image and likeness of this infinite Love -- then we have risen from the confinement of the parentheses into the Circle of Eternity and we are complete in Him (Love).

When Jesus came out of the tomb, he said to Thomas, *“Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father.”*⁷ Many of you will come out of the tomb this week and if your companion begins an idle conversation, you can say “Please don’t touch me – I am risen.” Then they will know you have emerged from the prison of material sense into that divine Consciousness. Even one tiny moment of realization of That which you divinely are gives you a taste of eternity – a taste of My Kingdom. Scripture says *“O taste and see that the LORD is good.”*⁸ During this class, we are having a communion feast. We are eating the bread that cometh down from heaven and we are drinking the wine of eternal life. So this class is a sacred experience and it is wonderful to give this experience that recognition and love.

⁶ Hebrews 13:5

⁷ John 20:17

⁸ Psalm 34:8

When we started this class, we received a passage about protective work from Joel’s book, Awakening Mystical Consciousness.⁹ If you would just go over that italicized passage every morning before you start your day, you will find that your day will be far more beautiful. Those words from Joel are not to be followed or memorized slavishly as if they had power in themselves, but they will give you an idea of what “protective work” means. It is important that we have that awakened state of consciousness that does protective work. If you will keep this with you and refer to it, you will be liberated from many things that could give you a reaction. You will find yourself having a beautiful experience without being troubled by material sense.

This is very important. If you are a new student, it may not make sense to you at first, but do it anyway. Recognize that whatever discords – sin, disease, lack, limitation, storms, wars, infections, contagion, or anything of a destructive nature – may take place throughout this day is actually the operation of the universal belief in two powers. Every discordant, negative, destructive circumstance is the activity of this belief in two powers and it is NEVER personal. There is no personal evil. Even though a person may in his or her ignorance allow himself or herself to be an instrument for discord or inharmony, the evil is never personal but is a universal imposition. To be truly awake, we must understand that we never personalize evil; we need never be helpless victims. We must daily recognize that whatever is of a

⁹ See *The Nature of Protective Work*, p.154, Awakening Mystical Consciousness

discordant or destructive nature is the operation of the universal belief in two powers and is met by recognizing and acknowledging God as all-Presence and All-Power.

Since this universal belief has its rise in the belief of a selfhood apart from God and a power apart from God, it must be rejected and you and I must realize that universal belief has no person in whom or through whom to operate. It can't operate through us as judgment, condemnation, criticism, or sympathy. One of the worst ways to bring ourselves under the belief is through human sympathy. It is difficult for a sympathetic person to be a practitioner; practitioners can be tender and soft on the outside, but on the inside, they must be very strong, knowing that no such person can be a victim. That very person who is appearing as a victim is the God Self. There is only one Self and that Self is God. So the belief can only operate because we have accepted a power and a selfhood apart from God. A basic principle of mysticism is that there is only one Self and It is God.

When this God Self is individualized, It is called the Christ. You have never seen Christ with your third dimensional mentality. You cannot touch, taste or feel the Christ with your humanhood. We say that Jesus is the highest human concept of this divine Idea, or if we are Buddhist, we might say that Siddhartha is the highest concept of this divine Idea. Though we can't see the Christ, we can sense it, but we don't sense it through our material senses such as touch, taste or smell, but with our spiritual sense. Joel calls that a seventh sense or spiritual discernment, intuition being a sixth sense. We have to get very, very still inwardly

to have that spiritual sense which experiences the Presence that is always omnipresent.

We couldn't be here if Christ were not our life. He is the trunk of the Tree of Life, and we are its branches. However, we can have no awareness of this with our third dimensional consciousness, but by consciously knowing the truth, we can build a mental purity and an expansion of our awareness of this "Otherness" until the fourth dimensional consciousness opens to us – to the deep silence of My peace. Then we become consciously aware of this Presence. This awareness of the Presence doesn't stay with us continually because the imposition of the belief in two powers acts as a universal hypnotism and it intrudes. It makes our mind busy, it creates desires, guilt, fear and all the negative emotions that drive us to do things we would not normally do if we had inner peace.

When we attain a peaceful, quiet mind, our intuitive faculties operate and we are led of the Spirit. But because this universal malpractice is continually broadcasting in human consciousness, we sometimes wake up in the morning feeling fearful, sick, or as if we are a hundred years old! All of this is never personal and we must be alert enough to realize we can reject it. This belief can have no person in whom or through whom to operate – I know it is an illusion and it cannot operate through me! "I consciously reject the belief that there is any power or presence but God, Spirit. I consciously reject the belief that there is a material or mental law with power because God is Spirit, and God is the only law

and lawgiver. Therefore all law must be spiritual.”¹⁰
This makes you a law unto yourself and this is what you must be because God has given us dominion. There has never been a time that God took our dominion away from us. He gave us our dominion in the beginning, in the first chapter of Genesis which sets the entire tone for our spiritual life: “*And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*”¹¹

And there is nothing so creepy as the carnal mind! It creeps in when we least expect it. “*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply ...And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.*”¹² There is no provision for anything in this universe but goodness because God is good and his good is not a relative sense of goodness. A relative sense of goodness is one that is dependent on person, place, thing, circumstance or condition. But God’s goodness is not dependent on externals: It comes from the Source within us, and goes out from It.

Now, turn to the book of John in the New Testament and ponder John 17, the beautiful words in Jesus’ prayer of eternal love.

¹⁰ Awakening Mystical Consciousness, Joel S. Goldsmith, p. 155

¹¹ Genesis 1:26

¹² Genesis 1:27, 28, 31

Dear Friend,

The use of the internet has greatly enhanced the sharing of this Message. Currently there are quite a few websites offering weekly and daily lessons and www.goldsmithglobal.org is one such website. Every Saturday, listeners around the globe can tune in – truly a Circle of Light.

This month, John will have a 4-day class here in Waikiki (see below). Please join us in Spirit if you can’t be with us in person. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Aloha,

Virginia

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