



Monthly Lesson
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“The Healing Presence of Love”¹

Let's continue our lesson on the subject of love. *“A teacher of the Law came up and tried to trap Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he asked, ‘what must I do to receive eternal life?’ Jesus answered him, ‘What do the Scriptures say? How do you interpret them?’ The man answered ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind’ and ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’ ‘You are right,’ Jesus replied, ‘do this and you will live.’ But the teacher of the Law wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, ‘Who is my neighbor?’ Jesus answered, ‘There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead. It so happened that a priest was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he walked on by on the other side. In the same way a Levite [man of the letter of the law] also came there, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by on the other side. But a Samaritan who was traveling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him, his heart was filled with pity. He went over to him, poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged*

them; then he put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Take care of him,’ he told the innkeeper, ‘and when I come back this way, I will pay you whatever else you spend on him.’ And Jesus concluded, ‘In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbor toward the man attacked by the robbers?’ The teacher of the Law answered, ‘The one who was kind to him.’ Jesus replied, ‘You go, then, and do the same.’ ”²

This lesson reveals the transcendental experience of Love when it comes through us – it is love in action and it takes care of the human need of the moment regardless of race, color, creed or religion. In this case, the Samaritans had no dealings with the Levites or with the priesthood. Although he was of a different religious understanding, the Samaritan acted responsibly and lovingly. So it is with us. When we look through appearances and consciously know the truth, recognizing the Christ in our family members, friends and neighbors, in a sense, we are administering unto them. This recognition and activity of truth in our consciousness can bring about healing when there is receptivity. The individual you see as the Christ feels and responds to this activity – it is transcendental, piercing the veil of illusion. So in this way, there is always an activity of love going on in our consciousness through the recognition of the Christ in and as individual being. That is the recognition that our neighbor has the same Presence and Power as we ourselves have within us. You might say that this / of our being is like a diamond with many facets. This /

² Luke 10:25-37 (Good News version)

¹ 1993 Maui Class, Tape 1 (9301), Side 2

is really Love and the substance of our true identity as Love. I'd like to read something to you about the many facets of love from a Christian Life New Testament; I have found the footnotes in this version very illuminating.

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering [patience], gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance [self-control]: against such there is no law."*³ The footnotes say that joy is Love's strength and that peace is Love's security. You can see how valuable joy and peace, attributes and activities of Love, are in our experience especially when we are having a problem. The joy of Love is our strength; those who allow inner joy to operate in them can eliminate almost any problem from their experience, not by doing anything humanly except allowing this facet of Love, omnipresent in each of us, to work in them because joy is Love's strength.

Peace is Love's security – not only is peace security but it is also protection. When you have inner peace, you cannot be made to respond on the human level; you do not react to appearances. That is great security and great safety, eliminating fear.

Patience is Love's way of overlooking appearances that would be distracting, testifying to something other than God's Grace.

Kindness is Love's conduct. Goodness is Love's character. Remember. God is good so our inheritance is that we are the image and likeness of God, the image and likeness of Love. We are not physical but

³ Galatians 5:22-24

spiritual beings. The character of our being is goodness. Faithfulness is Love's confidence. Gentleness is Love's humility. Self-control is Love's victory.

When we understand that the whole "I" or "Us" is made up of all these different facets of Love, and we see that it takes all these to make the whole, we understand *"against such there is no law."* What does that mean? It means that no law of disease can act upon us, that there is no physical law, law of age – there is no material law that can act upon us because Love is our protection. And this is being *"hid with Christ in God."*⁴ In Romans, we read, *"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."*⁵

I have a note on the desk from a student who was given a death sentence by *materia medica*. Here is the answer: Recognize every day your spiritual Identity as Love, the image of Love; consciously realize that you are not physical, you are spiritual, and that the law of the spirit of Life in Christ Jesus is living as you. That means that this transcendental Presence is in you. Jesus proved this principle, so there is a law working that will dissolve in you all material sense and free you from the "human" laws of sin and death. Accept this gift of grace and acknowledge it.

Paul was so confident in God's everlasting love that he said, *"Who shall separate us from the love of*

⁴ Colossians 3:3

⁵ Romans 8:1-3

*Christ? [Spirit of God in us] Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us,”*⁶ [through consciousness of this composite reality of Love that we are when we have this realization.] *“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*⁷

So Love is your safety, security and protection. When you ponder your divine nature as Love, you will see these different facets of Love working in you – peace, joy, love, patience, kindness – these are your birthright. They are qualities that cannot be diseased, discordant, or operated upon by any material law.

This law of God, this law of Love, is operating at all times. It is omnipresent. You cannot inaugurate God action. We love because He first loved us, and because He first loved us, He gave us his own Nature and Character that is Love. It is indestructible, eternal and immortal, and nothing can attach itself to this Character, this Reality that defileth or maketh a lie;⁸ therefore we are always safe because that inner peace is our safety and security. When problems arise, we do not fight them, and certainly we cannot ask God to heal a problem when God doesn't know anything about it! Love knows nothing about hate, discord, pain or fear. Love is totally unaware of these material, transitory emotions. They arise from the

⁶ Romans 8:35 and 37

⁷ Romans 8:38-39

⁸ See Revelation 21:27

belief in a selfhood apart from God, and Love has no consciousness of them. So if we are to be free, we must rise into that Consciousness that knows no opposite or opposition.

So how can we pray? We pray in this way – we consciously know we were created in the image of Love. We are not physical. This “space suit” may be interpreted through the five physical senses; this body that seems to be a physical body is actually a spiritual body regardless of how we see it. God is Spirit and God can only create form spiritually, immortally, and eternally. So we may call this a material body but God knows it as His temple. Paul recognized this when he said, *“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”*⁹ *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God [Spirit of Love] dwells in you.”*¹⁰ If that spirit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trust is working in you, then *“...we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”*¹¹ If a problem continues, we are told in the wisdoms that *“the initiate will remain as quiet as possible under the adverse circumstances, endeavoring to refrain from fighting erroneous conditions and insofar as possible ‘letting’ the warfare go on until the moment of transition arrives.”*¹² Why is this? *“Because greater is He that is in you, than he*

⁹ 1 Corinthians 3:16

¹⁰ Romans 8:9

¹¹ Romans 8:28

¹² Joel S. Goldsmith, “Wisdoms of the Infinite Way,” The Infinite Way

*that is in the world.”*¹³ And so our only function is to stay in that atmosphere of Love.

The last attribute of Love is self-control – victory over our emotions and ourselves. When we have the self-control to endure temporary pain or discomfort and we can turn within and find that inner peace, this Presence within us will reveal harmony to us. Years ago I broke my arm. The doctor x-rayed the arm, told me that the wrist was crushed and would have to be reconstructed, and gave me a prescription for pain pills. I didn't have time to fill the prescription before bedtime and had to decide how to handle severe pain. So I turned within and asked to be taught the spiritual way to suffer. As I prayed, I felt warmth throughout my body, and peace came over me; then I felt the bones of the wrist go back into place. The pain went away, and I fell asleep. When I returned to the doctor the next day, he was astonished to see that the arm was whole and that every bone was in its proper place.

You see, when you turn to the Master Consciousness to be taught, you are taught. And you are taught through experience because *Love is an experience*. You and I can be in no circumstance where the Master Consciousness is not present. We can always turn to It in humility and ask to be taught.

I don't believe that Love requires us to suffer. I asked Him to teach me the transcendental way of Love, and as a result, experienced the evidence and proof of the omnipresent Way-shower. This Presence is always with us individually and consciously and It can be drawn upon to solve problems. This Presence has always existed and It never leaves or forsakes us.

¹³ 1 John 4:4

Dear Friend:

As I read this Lesson prior to print, I was reminded of the experience of asking the Master to teach me how to suffer. I knew from the human standpoint that Jesus must have suffered on the cross. As the Peace descended on me with Its healing love, I realized that in His Christhood, Jesus did not suffer, even as I did not suffer. After this experience of the Presence, I realized how close Jesus is to those who love and appreciate the Christ message.

The New Year is giving us opportunities to turn within and be guided by the Presence of Love and to know the government is on His shoulder. Please join us in Spirit as our annual February 15 – 18 class unfolds. Blessings of peace and love,

Virginia

P.S. I was away during Christmas and returned to many holiday greetings and letters. Thank you for your lovely cards and thoughts!

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