



Monthly Lesson  
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“The Way of Non-Power”<sup>1</sup>

All teaching is the amplification and clarification of truth that is already known. There is no such thing as new truth. Truth may be new to us because it is our first exposure to it, but truth itself, that Consciousness of truth and love that God has always been and always will be, will continue to maintain and sustain creation including man in its integrity.

Our individual discovery of truth makes life a tremendous living adventure, an experience that is extremely exciting. We live in worlds within worlds that have no end. Last night, I entered into a new world and it was thrilling! I’m hoping that somehow this thrill can come to you.

There is a question on the desk: “What is the difference between soul and spirit in mankind?” If we function from the traditional theological standpoint, the soul is a spiritual element in man that expresses as body. In the traditional orthodox religion, when a child is born, it is viewed as “conceived in sin,” and baptized to recognize the spiritual reality of Soul purified of the belief in sin.

The orthodox view of the soul is Eve who sinned by eating of the knowledge of good and evil; that is the basis of the concept of the sinning soul.

Metaphysics and mysticism have a very different view. The soul of man is God so it can never sin; it can never be born and will never die. It is the spiritual element of man usually symbolized as the female or feeling nature, and every spiritual formation proceeds from this aspect of man. In Revelation, “woman” is the revelation of the soul.

(The following allegorical description of the soul is taken from Revelation 12 with metaphysical meaning noted by Virginia.)

*And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun [completely illumined], and the moon under her feet [dominion over the mental realm], and upon her head a crown of twelve stars [twelve means completeness and the crown means dominion].*

*And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered [she is giving birth to the new Christ consciousness].*

*And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads [the dragon represents the Knowledge of Good and Evil, the totality of erroneous beliefs and concepts in “this world”].*

*And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was*

<sup>1</sup> 1983 Asilomar Retreat, Tape 4, (8350), Side 1

*born* [the dragon duality is ready to rob us of divinity within our humanity.]

*And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne* [the Christ consciousness sits on the throne of God].

*And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days* [symbolism that the soul is in a protected atmosphere].

*And there was war in heaven: Michael* [truth] *and his angels* [intuitive inspirations that come to us] *fought against the dragon* [false beliefs] *and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.* [In the presence of Truth, error vanishes.]

*And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world* [with deception via human knowledge of good and evil]: *he was cast out into the earth, and his angels* [false concepts] *were cast out with him.*

Today we still have ancient and modern hypnotism in the form of activities claiming to bring “light” to people such as regressing them through hypnotism, “rebirthing,” and so on. This is the old deceiver with his angels, mentally manipulating with hypnotism and mesmerism. These things have occurred for centuries and have no spiritual value. Many young people today are vulnerable to such activities because they have not been taught spiritual principles. Perhaps their parents have not read them the Sermon on the Mount or shared with them Bible

stories illustrating the experiences of great souls who did not yield to the “modern” thought of their day.

The prophets of the Old Testament, angel messengers of their day, were living in the midst of cultures where the highest sense of worship was fertility worship! We had a version of that fairly recently with the “free love” movement. The old deceivers are just working under new names today. Nevertheless, the Christ has come forth in consciousness.

*And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now* [now, now then, and now forever] *is come salvation* [freedom, mental and physical health], *and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.* What is this voice? It is the carnal mind, the belief in two powers always accusing us, “You should do this and you should do that!” Carnal mind is always trying to make us feel guilty. As long as there is a feeling of guilt and fear, the belief in two powers is operating in us. When we have access to the Soul realm in our prayers and can hear the “still, small voice” of God uttering Itself to us, there is no accusation because there is only purity. We are then a transparency for the Christ activity.

*And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.* “Blood of the lamb” means the life of innocence we recognized in Jesus Christ; he did not resist evil because he knew its non-power. He forgave the woman taken in

adultery but cautioned her not to continue her behavior when he said to her, *“neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.”*<sup>2</sup> He never yielded himself to those material concepts, keeping his mental purity. When he saw the crippled man, Jesus said, *“Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.”*<sup>3</sup> Why? Because at that time, many believed in karma or cause and effect, thinking that this man had done something to cause his condition.

When Jesus healed the blind man, his disciples asked him, *“who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.”*<sup>4</sup> This is innocence, the Lamb state of consciousness – no cause! Why? Because God is the only cause and creator. This expresses a purity of mind that will hold to the fact that there is only one Cause and that Cause is God.

If God is not the cause of sin, disease, death and suffering, we must be laboring under a misconception. And so that misconception is forgiven and we are set free. This is the Lamb of God, the innocent mind, unconditioned and pure, that takes away the sins of the world and puts no power into any human theories, concepts or beliefs. This Consciousness does not give power to persons, places or conditions but worships only God realizing that God is the only power and only presence.

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<sup>2</sup> John 8:11

<sup>3</sup> Matthew 9:2

<sup>4</sup> John 9:2-3

No powers are needed to fight other powers because God is omnipresent, omniactive, omniscient and omnipotent. This then is the innocence, the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world. This Consciousness does not fight error or resist evil but impersonalizes it and nothingizes it. We must know error can have no channel through us; we will not agree to be a witness to a power apart from God because God is the only power. *“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb [the life of innocence], and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”*<sup>5</sup> [They had no sense of self-preservation but were willing to stand for what they believed as living witnesses to the living God.]

Joel has a beautiful chapter on Soul in his book, *The Infinite Way*; I recommend review of this chapter. The soul realm is that dimension in which all spiritual power, inspiration and spiritual form is operating and it is represented by the female. The male represents the Christ. This description of the Christ is given in Revelation:

*And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire [the hairs of his head represent that pure understanding and his eyes, the flame of love, that vision, understanding, and perception that sees with love];*

*And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they*

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<sup>5</sup> Revelation 12:11

*burned in a furnace* [his understanding reflected all of the truth because what we stand upon is our understanding]; *and his voice as the sound of many waters* [symbolizing the word of God purifying human consciousness].

*And he had in his right hand seven stars* [complete illumination]: *and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword* [the word of God; we when we hear the word of God, it is the sharp, two-edged sword that pierces soul and spirit, revealing what is real and what is unreal giving us spiritual discernment]: *and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.*

Spirit is the substance and activity of all that is, but it is *invisible* substance and activity of All that Is. Spirit takes form and expression through Soul. Our greatest powers are in Soul; we know what our mental powers are. Perhaps the greatest positive mental power we have is concentration and the greatest negative mental power we have is condemnation. When we condemn ourselves or others, it is a form of mental murder.

The authority of the Christ is “*who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?*”<sup>6</sup> “*For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.*”<sup>7</sup> This is a new life. The life of Soul is a life without birth and without death because the Soul was never born and it never dies.

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<sup>6</sup> Galatians 5:7

<sup>7</sup> Ezekiel 18:32

*Dear Friend,*

*Leslie has been traveling on the mainland much of June, so I am writing this message in May. The Lesson will reach you at the usual time.*

*This is an example of living between two worlds; the world of time and space and the world of Now in which All already is.*

*Regardless of appearances, time, and space, God's grace is operating Now. Dying daily to the beliefs of duality, we perform what is given us to do in the everpresent Now in which All is in divine order.*

*Let us all practice living in the Now and feel the freedom of Soul-being.*

*Blessings of peace and love,*

*Virginia*

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