



Monthly Lesson  
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### **“Accept the Gift of Love”<sup>1</sup>**

Those of us on the path find each other. As the poet John Burroughs wrote, “My own shall come to me.”<sup>2</sup> This illustrates an important principle in all relationships. If you want to establish wonderful relationships in your experience, ponder this truth: “My conscious oneness with God constitutes my oneness with all spiritual being and idea.”<sup>3</sup>

*“I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?”*<sup>4</sup> Do you believe this? As we learn to meditate, we become consciously aware of our Consciousness. I don’t like to use the word “contact” because the living Christ is always present and it is our recognition of that which *already divinely Is* that enables us to approach life as an adventure without fear and without relying on “*man whose breath is in his nostrils*”<sup>5</sup> or on any of the temporal forms of good. There is no need for us to rely on anything visible or tangible when we are consciously aware that the entire Kingdom of

Heaven is within us. God is expressing Himself as our individual being to the measure of our capacity to accept His Grace. As much Grace as you will accept, you may have! The principle is “*I and my Father are one*”<sup>6</sup> and “*Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.*”<sup>7</sup> It is our role to accept this gift of Love and Grace. It can only be accepted as we recognize this inner Kingdom and are conscious of It.

The inner and the outer of our being is one. For example, a drinking glass has an inner and outer form; the function of each surface is different but it is still one glass. The inner man has greater capacity than the outer man. Your outer form is only that which is appearing. But you receive and accept this great gift of omnipresent Love through your inner capacity to be empty of the finite image you have created of yourself. This self-image is not the image of God that is incorporeal, invisible and eternal. So when we are always catering to this self-image – criticizing it, loving it, condemning it, and trying to improve it – we are delving into the outer area that is so limited. But if we forget the little self, realize that there is a divine Self, the Christ, our true inner Self, and we let It reveal Itself, It will reveal Itself to the measure of our capacity to receive It. We should not be trying to adjust our capacity to the personal sense of body. Instead, we free ourselves of our limited self-image and let the inner Self define Itself for us and reveal our capacity to receive. The emptier the glass, the greater is its capacity.

One of Joel’s most beautiful lessons is “Incorporeality: God, Man and Universe.”<sup>8</sup> What does the word

<sup>1</sup> 1993 Maui Class, Tape II (9302), Side 1

<sup>2</sup> John Burroughs (1837-1921)

<sup>3</sup> Joel S. Goldsmith

<sup>4</sup> John 11: 25-26

<sup>5</sup> Isaiah 2:22

<sup>6</sup> John 10:30

<sup>7</sup> Luke 15:31

<sup>8</sup> Chapter 10, Beyond Words and Thoughts, Joel S. Goldsmith

“incorporeal” mean? It means non-material. God is Spirit and His universe and His image and likeness are spiritual. Love is the greatest synonym for Spirit and so this incorporeal Being is the image of Love. There are no parameters; It has no limited outline or form.

I have given the illustration of a “space suit” many times. When I was in London, one woman who had a claim of hearing loss told me that when she took off her “space suit,” she had the realization that all her faculties were spiritual. She said she could now hear and asked me if I thought she should go have her ears examined. I told her to accept it! That was a measure of her capacity to accept the truth of Being that we are incorporeal being and complete in Him.

Let us be born again of the Spirit by going through the body exercise. Let’s look down now at our feet and limbs and ask ourselves if we are consciously aware of being in our feet or legs. We each must agree that we have feet and legs but we are not in them; if we were, we would be aware of the muscles, bone, and blood. But we are not; we just know that we have limbs and if we are healthy, they are obedient to their natural function without our taking thought. Let’s look into our torso – are we in the stomach, liver, lungs or heart? If we were consciously inside the torso, we would be constantly aware of the circulation, assimilation, elimination, beating of the heart, and function of the lungs. We can truly say that we are not aware of being in the torso. Let’s go up to the head. Some people have referred to Joel’s statement that we look out from behind the eyes, but I don’t have any feeling on that one way or the other. I have seen a brain and know that I am not the brain. I’m not the eyeballs or ears. I recognize that these eyes see and these ears hear

because / Consciousness sees, hears, thinks and speaks. This body is in Me. Are you in agreement that this body is in your awareness? You are not in the body, but the body is in your *Consciousness*. This is your resurrection.

Now we have corrected the first misconception that makes us mortal – identifying with the body and believing that we are *in* it. But we are not *in* the body; it is an instrument. We are Consciousness. *I Am* conscious of the sun, moon, stars, oceans, hills, flowers, animals, and the millions of people on the earth. They are all in My consciousness. At this altitude of awareness, we can say, “*I and my Father are one*” because God is the one and only Consciousness, the creative Principle. This is the *I* of our being, incorporeal, invisible, spiritual, eternal and immortal. To know and accept this truth is to be conscious of our Immortality. What is our capacity to accept that we are Immortal Being, that there is only one infinite Being? This is where the rubber meets the road – can we accept this gift of Love? God so loved the world that He gave Himself to the world so that through this awareness of the divine Self, the world can be saved, set free from the prison of the fleshly mind by identifying with Truth, Love and Spirit instead of form and effect. Can you accept, “*Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine*”<sup>9</sup> ?

This divine Consciousness that is the creative, maintaining and sustaining principle of all life is your very own consciousness! “*Greater is [ I ] that is in you, than he that is in the world.*”<sup>10</sup> This consciousness that

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<sup>9</sup> Luke 15:31  
<sup>10</sup> 1 John 4:4

you are is God; God is expressing Itself as your very own being. But remember, we don't live Consciousness; It lives us. We don't have a Consciousness; It has us. Consciousness lives us, and if we want to live by Grace, we die daily to identifying with the body, personality, and self-image. We don't identify with our femaleness or maleness because neither of these has any consequence as far as Truth is concerned; Consciousness appears as both male and female and lives Itself spiritually, lovingly, eternally and immortally as individual being.

So now we have corrected a misconception and we have died to the belief that we are a body located out in time and space, acted upon by man-made laws of matter, diet, medicine, morality, and ethics. We have been set free because "*the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*"<sup>11</sup> If we understand this point, we are under God's grace as God is forever unfolding moment to moment as conscious Being, and creation is ever appearing and unfolding from this inexhaustible Source. This is the nature of all supply.

The basis of healing work is understanding or at least catching a vision of this truth -- I am not the body and Consciousness is not located in the body. The brain is not Consciousness. The brain and body are *in* Consciousness, and "Consciousness lives Itself – you do not live It."<sup>12</sup> This Consciousness is expressing Itself to Itself and as Itself according to our capacity to receive It. If we want just a little bit of God, we will get just a little bit. But if we are really hungering and

thirsting after righteousness, our prayer is "I'll take all of You; take all of me! For we are one, and I will be a living witness to Thy Glory and all that Thou hast."

Then we begin to live in the resurrection. Up to this time when we identified with the body, we were the walking dead, yoked and conditioned by the past and by our sexual or racial orientation. But none of this exists in My Kingdom. Divine Consciousness is not of this world, not of the human mentality or of the appearance world. The appearance world is a construction of mortal thought; it is the father of all lies and was a liar from the beginning.

We are told to know the Truth and to be born again of the Spirit. If we are going to be born again of the Spirit, we recognize that our body is in Consciousness. Consciousness defines Itself, reveals Itself and shows us the way because It is Omniscient (all-knowing, all-wise), Omnipresent (the all and only Presence), and Omnipotent (all Power). This is not a Power that can be used because there is no other power. It has no opposite or opposition, so there is no other force. And It is Life, Truth and Love. Life will reveal Itself through living – not dying. Truth will reveal Itself to us when we are open and able to accept It. Love will reveal Itself to us when we are beholders of God's Grace. Before we even think of what we need, it will appear. "*And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.*"<sup>13</sup> "*Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.*"<sup>14</sup> "*Seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you...for it is your Father's*

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

<sup>12</sup> Wisdom of the Infinite Way, Joel S. Goldsmith

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<sup>13</sup> Isaiah 65:24

<sup>14</sup> Matthew 6:8

*good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”*<sup>15</sup> These added things are incidental to Being because this Consciousness is the reality.

So your body does not exist in time and space. It exists in Consciousness, and this Truth corrects any discord that would come from believing that you occupy time and space or that your body could faint and fall on its own; it can do neither. Your body is upheld, maintained and sustained by Consciousness and it can never be outside of God's Allness. This is what is called a "treatment." We are not treating anyone; we are treating ourselves to the truth of Being. When this truth is fully realized, whatever is unlike the realized truth disappears because in this Consciousness, there is only spiritual law and order. Order is Heaven's first law, so how can there be disorder in the presence of God? God is a law unto Himself and to His creation and this law that is working is a law of like begetting like. Since God is the only Presence and Power, He is begetting Himself eternally as individual being.

Can you feel your burden lighten as you let go of that false self-image and body that occupies time and space? This is our resurrection and ascension, our rising from the tomb of material sense. When you find yourself thinking about self-image, persons, places, things or conditions, let go, meditate, and lift the Son of God up out of the tomb. Take off those grave clothes, that space suit, and emerge into the great forever of Being in which you live, move and have your being in God. Accept this gift of Love! This is your resurrection and ascension.

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*May you have a blessed Easter as you realize "I Am Life Eternal."*

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<sup>15</sup> Luke 12:31-32