



Monthly Lesson  
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### **“Freedom Under the Law of Love”<sup>1</sup>**

There is a question on the desk that reads, “Is God moral?” God is Love and Love never injures another. God is Law, and in Living the Infinite Way,<sup>2</sup> there is a chapter entitled “God as Law in Operation.” God’s law is in three words: “I AM ALL.”

One of the great spiritual principles was given in the Old Testament: “*Hear O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD.*”<sup>3</sup> One good, One. So the law of God is One, and on this law of One good is based the healing principle. Spiritual healing can take place because this oneness is a unity. EACH HAS ALL. Anything that injures the all or breaks the law is not under God’s grace. So if we think of God as law, and if we are going to live an immoral life, we have to ask who will be injured? Are we injuring the community, offending our neighbor, parents, or children? Is our behavior wholly in accord with Love? Love injures no man and this is the guide for our behavior. I don’t think God is “moral” because I don’t think He knows that term, but God functions as Law, “I AM THAT I AM.” God is Love and in love there is no injury to any being.

In ancient days, the Hebrews created a society in which their citizens were safe. They were known as “the people of the law” and they were secure under the law. Other countries where there was no safety or security respected their law. When conquerors raided the Holy Lands, they always captured people who knew the Law because they fit into the conquerors’ governments. A government that condones lawlessness is one that needs a strong police force, an army, a navy, hospitals and all manner of other institutions.

When we live under the law of Love, we don’t need doctors, policemen, hospitals or jails – we are free because that law of Love is operating as grace and truth. Jesus said “*That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees [lest you go beyond even the Ten Commandments], ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.*”<sup>4</sup> Then he laid out the Sermon on the Mount. Let’s turn to this because it is the basis of living the spiritual life and healing and we are all interested in both. I have never known a healer who was immoral; every healer I have known has shown complete love, caring, gentleness, and kindness, and would never injure anyone or bend the Law for their own purposes. They always met the mark because they were the embodiment of Love.

So we turn to the Beatitudes. Remember, Jesus did not give the Sermon on the Mount<sup>5</sup> to the multitudes; he gave it to his close followers:

*“And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

<sup>1</sup> 1991 Asilomar Retreat, Tape III (9106), Side 2

<sup>2</sup> Living the Infinite Way by Joel S. Goldsmith

<sup>3</sup> Deuteronomy 6:4

<sup>4</sup> Matthew 5:20

<sup>5</sup> All the following biblical quotes in italics are from Matthew 5

[And we could almost say, blessed are those who are poor in the spirit of “this world,” who don’t enter into the games of this world, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.]

*Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.* [I know many of you have had days or mourning over conditions of the world, but the Comforter, the Christ comes to us in this state and fills us with peace.]

*Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.* [The greatest attribute of meek persons is that they listen to others, and do not impose their own thoughts. Listening without resisting is an act of Love and its result is that everything unfolds to those who listen. When we listen both inwardly and outwardly, we gain understanding. What is required of us? An understanding heart. Because we live between two worlds, we are acting as the open door for mediation of the Christ.]

*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.* [This means hungering and thirsting after the right understanding, an understanding beyond the law. Righteous judgment is being able to see this invisible Reality that is operating and cooperate with It.]

*Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.* [This statement is clear. Love is reflected in love.]

*Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.* [The pure in heart are those who are always turning within and asking, “Father, what would you have me do?” “You lead the way.” “This is Your life, reveal Yourself.” In my God experience, it came to me that my only desire was to understand and know the way of the Lord, and to do His will. This is purity of heart and I can tell you that if this is your only desire, you will see God.]

*Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.* [If you do not react to the outer world, whether good or bad, and if you will remain “*hid with Christ in God,*”<sup>6</sup> that Peace will flow through you at all times. As you continue to meditate and to feel that inner Peace, maintaining It will become the most important activity in your life because you are maintaining your oneness with God.]

*Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* [Believe me, people do not like the lesson we’ve had this morning, but this is how we develop compassion.]

*Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.* [I have experienced this -- it gives us the opportunity to forgive 70 X 7.]

*Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.* [This is the way Love unfolds through you.]

*Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.* [At that time, salt was used in the Middle East like coins, and the word “salary” comes from the root of the word for salt. Taxes were collected in salt pellets and when travelers approached a border, the salt pellets were dipped into water where they partially dissolved and became smaller and smaller. Salt is also a purifying agency. When Jesus said “*Ye are the salt of the earth,*” he was saying that if you lose your way and allow your spiritual understanding to be drained from you, you will lose your purity, strength, and value.

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<sup>6</sup> Colossians 3:3

*Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. [This way of life is not to glorify us but is for the glory of God.]*

*Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. [It is destined for this world to be governed by a law that does injury to no man and protects the rights of everyone. All will have freedom under the law. In this Message, we will have our individual freedom under Grace. I don't believe there will ever be freedom in Grace for all mankind until everyone has freedom under the Law. It is interesting that U.S. law is taken from the laws of England that says persons are innocent until proven guilty. In some countries, law that originates from the Romans says you are guilty until you prove your innocence. If there is a corrupt government, people who are incarcerated in those countries have a hard time proving their innocence. To know that man is innocent and the government must prove his guilt is really a great freedom.]*

*Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

[Jesus goes on to show that murder begins in the heart:]  
*Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou*

*shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. [So before we pray, if there is a grievance in our heart or an injustice or hurt that has been done to us, we must resolve this within ourselves. If we cannot forgive, we can say, "Father, I don't know how to forgive, but let thy Grace operate and release me from the prison house of grievance." There is no greater prison house than to have a chip on our shoulder that becomes a millstone around our neck, whereas to forgive is freedom.]*

*Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing. [Come to terms immediately with grievances. This is also important where there are racial grievances; this burdens everyone. Individuals worldwide must slough off this yoke that destroys unity, and come to see that there is only One Father of us all.]*

*Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. [Hell is desire. Carried to its ultimate limitation,*

desire can cause fascination, frustration, and agony until we are consumed by it -- and that is hell.

*And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.*

Today we don't sit in judgment of each other; we know that marriage is sacred but that there are circumstances for divorces that are legal according to the laws of the land in which we live and we can forgive.

*Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: [yes or no] for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.*

When we begin to communicate with our loved ones in the silence, and we begin to be at peace, we find we have little to say, but take joy in companioning. When we are of One mind, we easily communicate without so much conversation. The Love that is communicated in the Silence is beyond human comprehension. It opens the very floodgates of Heaven.

(Note: The lesson will be continued from this point next month.)

*Dear Friend,*

*Love is the healing influence that releases us from the hellish prison of desire. When we can be inwardly at peace, embracing not just our family, but embracing the world in "My peace" and "My joy," we will see weather respond to our atmosphere of Peace and Joy.*

*The destruction that has taken place in our country this Spring need not be. It is our privilege to understand that we have been given the grace and truth to see these violent weather conditions dissolved without loss of life and extensive damage to homes, schools and property. Let us all unite often during the day embracing our world in "My peace" and releasing this divine Influence of Love. After all, "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." <sup>7</sup> "Son, thou art ever with ME, and all that I have is thine." <sup>8</sup>*

*With much aloha,*

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<sup>7</sup> 1 Corinthians 10:28

<sup>8</sup> Luke 15:31