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“Only One Law”¹

We have several questions on the desk. The first one asks: “Will you explain the scriptural passage ‘*For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them*’? Why must there be two when the Infinite Way and other scriptures indicate that God is with us always and is within each one of us?”

Let’s turn to that scripture: “*Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*”² One must realize that Jesus had a law background and the law is: “*Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*”³ God is lawful and there is no other law and order. “*I Am that I Am.*”⁴ When we think in terms of agreements, we are thinking about a contract. A contract must be witnessed and even today, we bring a witness to the truth to legal transactions because if there is a witness to support the evidence, then it is justified by law. Scripture says, “*Ye are*

my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.”⁵ “*Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.*”⁶ We accept this truth that our agreement is this inseparability of oneness: “*I and my Father are one,*”⁷ and “*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*”⁸ If these agreements are kept with love, there is never a sense of separation between the I that *I Am* and the *I AM* that God is.

There is another agreement: “*Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.*”⁹ This is because the one Life is appearing in infinite form and variety and that agreement of oneness is Allness. When we are in silent communion, this is a secret, silent relationship of Oneness with God and His infinite manifestation. We call this prayer. “*When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret.*”¹⁰ We have our inner communion and acknowledgement of Him in all our ways. We have silent adoration and love for that *I Am* that is harmoniously maintaining, sustaining and governing all life.

In this agreement, we have recognized God as the only power and God as universal Being. We realize that Being is lawful. Thus an agreement between God and man is an individual bond maintained by spiritual law as long as the agreement is kept: “*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*” That means that our love of God goes before

⁵ Isaiah 43:10

⁶ Jeremiah 23:24

⁷ John 10:30

⁸ Matthew 22:37

⁹ Matthew 22:39

¹⁰ Matthew 6:6

¹ 1983 Asilomar Retreat, Tape 3, (8349), Side 1

² Matthew 18:18-20

³ Exodus 20:3

⁴ Exodus 3:13

everything else. *“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”*

Love operates as spiritual law, *“I Am All.”* This agreement of the Allness of spiritual perfection is maintained in divine order, and It unfolds as we live this agreement of Oneness. We obey it. I hesitate to say “obey” because the word does not convey the adoration and love we feel when we perceive that this agreement keeps our body, mind and soul in perfect peace and order. It also includes others - the second part of the agreement is *“Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”* When we include others in our prayer of recognition, we are building a congregation. The Bible speaks of the congregation in another wonderful spiritual way. The Bible says that those born of the Spirit are the “Tree of Life.”¹¹ Think of the analogy of a tree: This *“I Am that I Am”* is the Tree of Life; the Christ consciousness, the divine Sonship consciousness embodied in the agreement that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit is One. So there is only one Christ and that Christ constitutes the roots, trunk and branches of the Tree of Life. So we can say that *I*, Spirit, Consciousness, appears individually as a living Soul who, because of Oneness, is appearing as the Tree of Life.

This is unseen – we cannot see this “Hidden Splendor,” but It is the basis of all Being. When It appears as a form, It is Mind-formed. It is not physical – remember there is no such thing as a physical universe even materially speaking. From a scientific point of view, this is a world of energy, and, if we have made conscious union with our Source, each one of us is a Soul-filled being appearing as branches on this Tree of Life.

¹¹ Revelation 22:14

When two or more are gathered together in *My Name*, the Tree of Life is formed because “In God’s Oneness is included Allness.” Another spiritual principle is “Each has All.” Think of the Christmas tree or evergreen tree as a symbol of the Tree of Life. The Christmas tree, an evergreen, never changes and it represents the changeless reality of Oneness. We see that each branch on the Tree of Life has all the sustenance that the Tree has. One branch doesn’t feed another branch; each is connected to the Tree. So *I*, the Father, *I*, the Life of the Tree, appears as the roots, the trunk and the branches. What would a tree be without its branches? The more branches the tree has, the more beautiful it is. The branches are on the tree to glorify God: *“...the leaves of the tree [of life] were for the healing of the nations.”*¹²

So when we have the Tree, we have the church, the congregation (although it is invisible), and the beauty of Holiness because we do not live for ourselves. You don’t grow in grace and understanding of your relationship of oneness and continue to think of yourself just as a branch on a tree; you must see that *I Am* the Tree. Yes, *I* appear as a branch, but *I Am* also the sap, the bark and the activity of the Tree. There is no place where the trunk begins or ends, or the activity of the sap or the branch begins or ends – there is oneness, wholeness. And so when we think of this *I*, this infinite, unseen Reality that is divine Consciousness, Spirit, It appears as individual being but It is all still One and each *is* all the Tree *Is*. It is indivisible just as the life in the branch is the Life of the tree, and there is a continuity or flow in Being.

We see that each form of Life is an activity of the Whole; the Whole is maintaining and sustaining each form. Remember, all the forms we see are mental forms of the spiritual reality. A change in the mind will change the

¹² Revelation 22:2

form! So we can see that we, the branches on the Tree, are living witnesses to the fact that the Tree is Life eternal. We are witnesses to the beauty of this holy (whole) activity of Life expressing Itself to Itself and as Itself, revealing Itself, unfolding Itself as the bark, sap, cones, nuts, pine needles, and oneness of the Tree - all one Substance, one Life appearing in infinite form and variety in this Universe of Spirit.

That which is holding ALL this universe together harmoniously is the agreement of divine Sonship: *“I and my Father are one.”* That is why each and every one of us must someday drop all personal history of belonging to any race or religion and must discard every name and label until we stand as pure being in our true identity as *“I and my Father are one.”* Each of us must be born again of the Spirit, calling no man on earth our father, paying allegiance to no king, to no religious hierarchy, to no rules or regulations of material sense. We honor the agreement that *“I and my Father are one,”* and there is no power other than this One. This One Spirit is the substance and activity of all good. There is no other good, no other life – Life eternal. *“And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.”*¹³ *“I am the way, the truth, and the life”*¹⁴

We enter into this agreement, dying daily to the man/woman of earth, and the Son is revealed when we accept our spiritual inheritance as the offspring of God. Then all that the Father has is ours. This is the agreement and this is spiritual law. If we break the agreement by calling man our father, we belong to another state of consciousness called the unilluminated state of consciousness. *“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness*

¹³ 1 John 2:25

¹⁴ John 14:6

*unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”*¹⁵

The natural man has no spiritual law operating in his life. The natural man belongs to a race where he accepts in his heart that he is of a certain color, a certain religious persuasion, and a certain national group; he pays allegiance to that human history. He is an Arab, a Jew, a Gentile, Greek, German, French, American, etc. If that is his basis of understanding, then he is connected to the “Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil”¹⁶ because he identifies with human consciousness, the consciousness of good and evil. There are only two trees (states of consciousness) operating in the universe – the human and the Divine.

Those who know their true identity acknowledge God as the only Father/Mother/Creative Principle, and belong to the household of God as children of God, the Tree of Life, OR those who are human beings attached to the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil who hope they will enter into a spiritual relationship when they die. We are attached to one or the other of these trees. If we are attached to the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, we are vulnerable to all the limited material concepts operating on that level of human consciousness. That is called world hypnotism and we are all under the karmic law of “as we sow so shall we reap.” *“For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”*¹⁷

Scripture says, “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.”¹⁸ So whatever you think in your heart, so it is for you. In

¹⁵ 1 Corinthians 2:14

¹⁶ Genesis 2:17

¹⁷ Galatians 6:8

¹⁸ Proverbs 23:7

this state of consciousness, you are not living by any spiritual law, but are living by your own concepts, writing your own script according to your highest sense of good and evil. But there is no Grace operating – you are being acted upon by every belief and opinion that comes with authority to you. So you are a servant of that which you believe. On this Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, the pairs of opposites are in operation, and “as you sow so shall you reap.” For example, on this Tree, we have health and sickness, wealth and poverty, success and failure, and war and temporary peace. Institutionally, we have theocracies, social states, democratic states – all have both “good and evil” aspects and their ideas can be used for good and evil. Universal hypnotism is the world’s state of consciousness. The only safety and security a person has who lives on that Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil is to know the Truth and to be born again of the Spirit. *“Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”*¹⁹

The secret of successful metaphysical healing is a practitioner who knows the truth that God is the ONLY law, cause, power, substance and activity: Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Omniscient and Omniactive. Therefore, any appearance to the contrary is the belief in good and evil which is not power or presence, but universal hypnotism – nothingness.

When there is conviction of this truth of the impersonal nature of all the fruits of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and the practitioner can settle into inner Peace and Joy, the illusion of duality fades out and what truly *IS* reveals Itself as wholeness and completeness. *IS* alone overcomes the world.

¹⁹ John 3:3

Dear Friend,

The question in this lesson asks, “Why must there be two when each has all?” In this world, we need a living witness to one who has the experience of Oneness blesses All. The Tree of Life is an individual experience, yet It includes All. “Individual” spiritually interpreted means “not divisible.” So spiritual experience that seems to heal and save one really heals and saves all.

This then, reveals the truth that what blesses One, blesses All. The Great I Am is Omnipresence that includes All who are receptive and responsive. This is world work.

With love and aloha,

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