



Monthly Lesson
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“Imbuing the Mind”¹

Let's look at the example of the parenthesis in eternity, and see how Joel has dealt with the limitations that take place between the cradle and the grave such as “good” humanhood, “bad” humanhood, and all those conditions that are warring with themselves. Joel tells us that we must recognize this activity as universal hypnotism no matter what the problem may be. The problem may be disease, lack, poverty, greed, lust, hatred, war, depression or rivalry - all these forms are universal hypnotism in operation and are without presence or power.

The “good” conditions of humanhood must be overcome just as the “evil” conditions must be overcome. As long as there is a selfhood apart from God, even a “good” selfhood, the good that we would do is often not good at all and may actually be interfering in other people's lives. One example of this is mothers. They are often so solicitous and loving that they face the temptation of not releasing their children to make their own mistakes and live their own lives. This form of good humanhood can have very crippling effects on children. So we learn not to tend God's

regulator. This is a very important lesson: it is the height of egotism for us to tell someone else what to do when God is their intelligence. So we must back off, and this is a hard lesson for mothers, probably harder than for fathers. It is difficult for us to “*Be still, and know that I am God*”² That *I* is the universal, divine Selfhood of every individual. No mistake is ever fatal. Many people find they must progress by making mistakes and learning through experience; others learn by seeking the truth. But we cannot tend the regulator.

It is the same with politics. For example, the welfare system, seen previously as a safety net has now become a way of life for some people. As a result, some people's capacity for supply has become crippled. This has been going on for several generations and is a good example of tending the regulator. We are not to do this. When we have an impulse to *do* something rather than to know the truth, we will know that we are tending the regulator. But when we know the truth, it will set everyone free. We will stop trying to tend the regulator and, because there is only one Mind, the truth will open the door for our child or patient to come to the same conclusion and they will find their way to fulfillment.

We have several students on the path who are doctors and psychiatrists. I have asked them how the study of the Infinite Way has affected their practice. They have told me that they don't have to *do* anything – they simply let their patients talk. The patients relate the problem, solve the problem themselves and leave healed! This way, the problem is going up to the

² Psalm 46:10

¹ 1993 Gold Coast Class, Tape II (9311), Side 2

Christ, and because there is only one Mind, the answer comes and the patient is imbued with the truth.

This is a Christ-ministry. Just think of the Christ, the Light of the World, this infinite Being who lives as every person who comes to you. Those who come to you do not need any human advice – they want the activity of the Christ. Your humility and emptiness of self allows that Presence to come to them. They will think you are kind and loving, but you will know the truth – you are NOTHING. And since you are nothing, you have no responsibility except to remain in that state of humility and emptiness as a transparency for the Light. To me this is wonderful. I would hate to think I had to heal people because that would be impossible. I know that I am just a transparency for the Infinite Invisible and that my body is merely an instrument. The patient can be illuminated by the Christ, and receive help.

The beautiful part of this is when people write me and send a gift; when I thank them, they say, “You do not know how many times I have reached out to you and received help!” But personal sense was never involved and I never knew about it. It was the Christ activity, and since that Christ is their Christ, It is “closer than breathing, nearer than hands and feet.”³ Many times people will say that while they were writing me a letter, they received their answer. This was because they were looking to the Christ who is omnipresent where they are. This is an impersonal Christ ministry. It is the Christ’s healing love and there is no personal responsibility except to keep ourselves responsive to the Christ! Do not interfere with the activity of the

Christ consciousness but rather enjoy watching It work.

All our treatment work is self-treatment. When we respond to a problem, it has touched our sympathy or law consciousness and the thought might come, “Oh, a law has been broken.” Then we realize, “Christ is the only power.” There is only one power and even if a law has been broken, we can know that there will be restoration of the lost years of the locust.⁴ There is no condemnation or judgment in us because we are “hid with Christ in God.”⁵

It is true that when people continually break cosmic laws, they get put in jail or have disastrous results in some way. Eventually they wake up and realize there must be a better way to live. Then when they receive the spiritual truth that they need, they learn the principles. Most of our students are capable of being a transparency for the Christ. Sometimes we think our understanding is not deep enough, or we don’t know enough. But that isn’t necessary since God’s understanding is infinite. If someone comes to you, don’t turn them away even if you don’t think you have sufficient understanding. Accept the call and realize that this demand is not on you as a person, but on the Christ. Then lift up that *I*, get into the Infinite Now, be receptive and peaceful, and you will see the miracle of grace. We can’t sit in the “parenthesis;” when a call comes to us and we are thinking that we don’t feel well, we don’t hesitate to help the caller. No, we rise up from the tomb and find that not only will the patient be healed but we are healed as well. When we rise from

³ Alfred Tennyson, “The Higher Pantheism”

⁴ See Joel 2:25

⁵ Colossians 3:3

the parenthesis of personal sense into the Circle of Eternity, we are in the presence of God's grace, functioning as the Christ activity of truth and love. This is not our love or activity, but the activity of this infinite One. Truth feeds us as It goes out to feed others, and we are fed as people come to us, so it is important not to turn them away.

So it is that every treatment that we give to ourselves to lift up the Son of God, to see the universal One, goes on forever and remains in consciousness. When there is a healing, it is not just for one person, but may take place for hundreds of people all over the world who are suffering the same claim. When we think of the scope of healing work, we realize how important it is to engage in it. Just before he passed on, Joel said to me, "Many people will not be as interested in healing work when they read Parenthesis in Eternity, but will be more interested in living in the Circle of Eternity. You will find that it will be a different world." I have found this to be so.

When people live in the Circle of Eternity, their discords disappear, naturally and without effort. They find that the more they live in the consciousness of Oneness, everything that is unlike God disappears so there isn't the interest in healing as there was in the early days of metaphysics, Unity, Christian Science and New Thought because people are more interested in living without problems. This infinite Consciousness does not have problems so allow It to live as you. If you keep your mind focused on living in the Now, not returning to the past or projecting the future, you will be truly alive and whole, because Spirit, Soul, Mind and Body will all be in alignment. When we are in

alignment, there is no reason for us to take thought for our life. In Joel's early writings, these quotes are in most of the books: "*Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?*"⁶ "*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*"⁷

Living without taking thought is really a discipline of Soul. Life becomes more interesting because we are spontaneous rather than outlining or planning. Consciousness is not outlined or planned, so if we are focused on living in the *now* moment, taking no thought and doing the task at hand, always with that inner ear open and attuned to My Kingdom, we are fed, guided and moved by the Holy Spirit. Then the unconditioned mind works – not the mind that is busy plotting and planning. One of Joel's most valuable books is The Thunder of Silence because it gives us such an understanding of the nature of the problem and the problem maker or human mentality. The problem maker is the believer in two powers, the mental state that is always trying to either "get" or "get rid of" something. That attitude is a prayer in reverse – it is drawing problems to you! When we get over "getting" and arrive at the state where we are willing to be a beholder of God's grace in action, we are no longer a "getter" but a "Be-er" and beholder of God's grace. Then we begin to see things as they really are. Isaiah, Jesus and Paul all use scripture: "*Having eyes, see ye*

⁶ Matthew 6:25

⁷ Matthew 6:33

*not? and having ears, hear ye not?"*⁸ *"Lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart... and be healed."*⁹ What does that mean? If you know that something is a mental projection that is taking place in time and space, then you are healed of being intimidated or manipulated by the projection. This is a wonderful wisdom to contemplate: "All that is objectively witnessed must be understood to be mental images or mind projections -- never spiritual reality."¹⁰

Just think if you lived with that in the *now*. Eventually, you'd become very detached emotionally from appearances. Sometimes people misinterpret that detachment, thinking it is cold, uncaring and unemotional. But we are living this way of Life because we want to know the truth, and that is the most loving thing we can do. So as this detachment comes, we are able to look at the pictures of material sense and realize the truth. For example, as I look at you, it appears that there are 60 -70 people in the room but I know that there is only one Mind, one Life, one Consciousness, and one Being. We are all being taught of God, reaffirming within ourselves that which is already true. We must be a living witness to the living Truth, and the Truth is that everything that you objectively witness must be understood as mental projections, never spiritual reality. And, since this is true, I can say that every one of you is God appearing as individual being; you are complete in Him lacking nothing. This is loving your neighbor as yourself.¹¹

⁸ Mark 8:18

⁹ Isaiah 6:10

¹⁰ Wisdom of the Infinite Way

¹¹ See Matthew 19:19

Dear Friend:

*"I have meat to eat that ye know not of."*¹² *We all have this hidden manna. As we live in and as the Presence, we are fed, clothed and housed. It is important living in and as the Christ-consciousness for us to BE the transparency for this hidden manna that awakens those receptive to their Self-completeness in God.*

*When Jesus sent out the disciples to administer to those seeking help, they returned saying "even the devils are subject unto us through thy name."¹³ The Master corrected them saying "rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."¹⁴ *Our Name is writ in Heaven – It is "I."**

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¹² John 4:32

¹³ Luke 10:17

¹⁴ Luke 10:20