



Monthly Lesson
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“Love and Marriage”¹

We have several questions on the desk. The first asks:

“If I is the only substance and power, then how can there be good or bad, nutritious or non-nutritious food? Does not I dictate the nutritional value of all food?”

Yes, in truth, God is the substance of all form. It is true that we imbue everything with quality and power according to our state of consciousness. We can choose to take away all power from the world of effect, knowing in essence that God is the substance of all form, and also selecting pure foods. If a woman is pregnant or raising young children, wisdom would prompt her to eat the most nutritional foods she could find. Today, doctors tell pregnant women to avoid smoking, drugs, and drinking coffee or alcohol because it affects their unborn children. The Infinite Way is not an absolute Message; it teaches us how to live between two worlds. Today I find I do live between two worlds and I do not sit in judgment, calling anything “good” or “bad,” but when I go to the grocery store, I look for the most nutritious and wholesome foods. Another question asks:

“The Thunder of Silence says, ‘When mind receives the light of spiritual wisdom, the appearance conforms more nearly to Mind’s pure form.’ If the outer must conform to the inner realization, how is it that practitioners and even teachers

have long-term appearances of disharmony? I know Joel ended up very ill in the hospital, but as soon as he realized the Truth, he was up and about.”

Yes, and in those two years after his illness, Living Between Two Worlds was written. It was then that Joel sought help from his most illumined students. He was living in the resurrection and it was a miracle to watch him demonstrate the Christ peace and joy, but he was uncertain about whether he could fulfill the many commitments this Message required. The reason many of us suffer from the universal hypnotism of this world is because we become physically depleted and don’t take time to spiritually renew ourselves. It is absolutely necessary for us to have periods of complete quietness free from the malpractice of this world. Jesus said to Mary, “*Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father.*”² When you see a teacher or practitioner who is on call continually 24/7 and their humanhood comes through at times, don’t judge but pray for them instead, knowing that Christ is their being.

Joel said that to go into this work, you must be taken by the nape of the neck and dragged in – this was certainly true for me! I left my previous church because the God *experience* was a missing link in my understanding. Through the consciousness of Joel, I had the God experience and afterward, I would have been thankful to live a mundane life basking in this beautiful realization. But the Light is not given to us to hide under a bushel basket, and as soon as the Light came, students were drawn to me. If people come to us, we cannot withhold. If they do not come to us, we must wait until the Spirit ordains us. It was in a meditation period in a class of Joel’s when the Holy Spirit came upon me with such force that I felt I should have been vaporized! It was very powerful. It was an ordination I did not choose and I did not even know it was possible. This is the way of

² John 20:17

¹ 1986 Asilomar Retreat, Tape 5 (8638), Side 1

the Spirit. We walk the way of *I Am*, and “*Thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit.*”³ Until I experienced this ordination, I didn’t truly know the way of the Spirit; I studied metaphysics, discussed it with others, and did all the things we do when we are so alive learning metaphysics. After the mystical experience occurred, I no longer cared about what anyone else thought or did because this interior Life is rich, wonderful, loving, compassionate, and understanding. Where there is no human judgment, only righteous judgment or an understanding heart, there is rich fruitage.

After I came into this Message, I realized how oblivious I had been to the subtleties of this wonderful unfolding of Consciousness. As I look back at how Grace operated in my life (as I know Grace operates in everyone’s life), I can see that It operates best when people hear and obey. If we hear but don’t obey, we exist in a state of discontent. We give a child a wonderful gift when we give him or her the importance of listening. We keep teaching him or her “Listen, there is a voice of Truth in you always uttering Itself. Listen and obey!” I had a mother and father who continually gave me this message. Another lesson they taught me was “No human will power, no rebellion, no ‘doing your own thing’ (the anti-Christ).” There is a straight and narrow way, and that way is surrender to the Heavenly Father within. Our body is not our own but was bought at a price – a life was given to us through sacrificial Love. We have no right to speak or to put into our mouths anything impure. We teach a child that the Master, that great *I Am*, is within him, and that each one of us came into this world for a holy purpose – to glorify God. There is no limit to the spiritual destiny of man, and at each step of the way is an applicable principle of living the beautiful, the good and the true. In other words, Love in action.

³ Ecclesiastes 11:5

We don’t pray to the principle of mathematics to imbue us with mathematics; we study the principles of mathematics because we have the capacity to learn. It is the same with spirituality – we learn how to live spiritually because we have the capacity to learn. We are not sitting in judgment of anyone, but we live up to our spiritual integrity, knowing that Life is a sacred experience when It is lived out from the standpoint that “*I and my Father are one*”⁴ and “*Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*”⁵ Parents and grandparents must teach their children so they don’t walk in darkness because they have not been given the discipline of Soul. The staff upon which we stand is the truth; give everyone the truth and impress upon them that rebelliousness is the anti-Christ. “*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*”⁶

So we conform to that vision shown on the Mount of Revelation to Moses when he received the Ten Commandments for the natural man, and for the man who has his being in Christ, the Sermon on the Mount. For those who grow spiritually into their full maturity, there are only two commandments: “*Jesus said... ‘Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.’*”⁷ The mystic is able to live by these two commandments. Another question asks:

“I’m a new student and I catch a glimpse of my true identity when I meditate, but I lapse back into my old ways when I carry on a conversation with other students. If one is not discussing humanhood, is there anything else to talk about?”

⁴ John 10:30

⁵ Matthew 22:39

⁶ Romans 12:2

⁷ Matthew 22:37-39

This is so natural and we all do this to a degree. I recall a saying from years ago: “Small people talk about personality.” The next degree of enlightenment talks about world events and travel. The next degree of enlightenment talks about great ideas such as wisdom, beauty, truth, music, art, literature, justice and so on. Seldom do we reach that stage of discourse.

When my husband and I meditated frequently together, we almost stopped speaking and were eventually able to communicate without words! Arthur developed the ability to play the organ and sing, filling our silence with music. If we can companion without talking about people, humanhood, finances, food, or weather, we can have a very loving, peaceful, and joyous home dedicated to the joy of living. There is so much to discover about living spiritually! It has a beautiful rhythm and is called in spiritual literature, “the dance of Life.” Another student asks:

“Please explain the manhood and womanhood principle, the mystical marriage and the balancing of love with wisdom.”

There is a Chinese symbol, a circle with the yin (female principle) and the yang (male principle). The yin is the receptive or passive and the yang is the active. In Christian mysticism, the circle is the symbol of eternal life. While we don’t have the configuration of the yin and the yang, the soul of man has always been spoken of as female. In the original Trinity, it was Father, Mother and Son. This was later changed to Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but the male and female principles were originally spoken of in Genesis. “*God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; Male and female created he them.*”⁸

The Soul has always represented this female principle, and when we go beyond the mental realm or activity of reason, contemplation, or intellectualizing, we enter another

dimension we call *intuition* or spiritual discernment. It is actually the silence of the Soul realm. Joel called that silence the “womb of Creation” because here we receive spiritual ideas. When we are mentally receptive and silent, the Holy Spirit enters that womb of silence; then creation takes place and new ideas come to us through “intuition.” We pull these new ideas from the womb of silence. What actually happens in the silence is Soul and Spirit come together in a mystical union. The Spirit is the activity of love that fructifies the spiritual idea of Oneness in the womb of silence. In this state of prayer, the Christ idea takes perfect form that comes forth as the new man or woman – this is the second birth. With this new birth, the world is new to every soul that Christ (Spirit) has entered in. This is the new heaven and earth; the old heaven and earth have passed away, meaning human consciousness passes away and the spiritual consciousness or the Christ is unveiled in us revealing My Kingdom.

As we meditate in this way, resting without effort in this sea of Spirit, we experience the mystical union. We gain an awareness of a new world we did not know existed, but we must nourish the experience in prayer. Prayer returns us to that mystical union and nourishes the experience. This is really what “Immaculate Conception” means. Joseph and Mary represent the male and female principles; the reason that Mary is said to have had a virgin birth was that this experience of conscious union is always an immaculate conception. This doesn’t mean that nature was set aside, but that Mary in her self-conscious communion with God really had the experience that man is not a creator - that God is the only creator. This consciousness brought forth a different kind of man who was frequently tempted, but followed his integrity and was able to make righteous judgment and say, “*Get thee behind me, Satan.*”⁹ He could discern the real from the unreal. Every man or woman now

⁸ Genesis 5:1-2

⁹ Matthew 16:23

who enters the world has this capacity, but if it is not recognized, understood and nourished, self-will and rebellion challenge us. We can miss many opportunities by not yielding to the Master within to stay on the straight and narrow path. Jesus' ministry was over in 33 years. By age 12 he taught in the Temple – he didn't waste any time! Every child has this capacity if he is taught that God is his Father and Mother and if he listens within, there is no limit to his wisdom, understanding and love.

Of course, saying that all women are "wise" or "passive" is foolish. This principle is embodied in both male and female; all of us are whole and have both aspects in our nature. Let's look at it spiritually. We have the receptivity to hear the word of wisdom and we have the will to act upon the Word, Truth and Love. If we receive the word of God but do not act on it, there is no fruitage. To be a do-er of the Word, the male aspect of our being must be realized. This last 40 years of my life was a raising up of my "manhood" as well as my "womanhood." For many years, I studied and received the word and my husband supported me; when the time was right, our roles reversed and we became Self-complete in God, able to live in peace and joy.

When you find your Self-completeness in God, that perfectly balanced companionship appears – and when you are each perfectly balanced you are like two pillars standing straight, your temple or home stands strong in wisdom and love, and is God's dwelling place. The proper balance in a marriage occurs when each partner includes both the male and female principles that are embodied in their consciousness. Wisdom supports love; love without wisdom can be foolish and dissipate itself with no spiritual discernment. Wisdom without love can be very harsh so we need both Love and Wisdom to be in balance. When there is perfect balance, our manhood supports our womanhood and Truth and Love are in perfect balance in the blessed I.

Dear Friend,

At this time, much spiritual work is given us to do as we witness wars and man's inhumanity to man, along with harsh weather, droughts and forest fires. The weather is the out-picturing of the belief in good/evil. We saw two hurricanes dissolve into tropical storms on the Big Island while the other Islands were untroubled. Our local students were resting in My Peace knowing that the Government is on God's shoulder, not at the mercy of material beliefs. We must continue this work, knowing consciously that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. We also realize daily that I is being, the image and likeness of God, having that mind that was in Christ Jesus. In this way, MY Peace can enter human consciousness and dissolve all material sense of division and religious difference. Please devote meditations at least 3 times a day to this love and recognition of the truth. Jesus left to all his disciples, MY Peace and MY Joy. It is our grace to live in this attitude and altitude of prayer continually. My peace give I unto you.

Aloha,

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