



**We who are on a spiritual path are being tested by world affairs.** In the Book of John Jesus talks about our relationship with the world. Spiritually we are not of this world, meaning that the belief of material cause and effect has no influence on us. Yet Jesus instructed his disciples that as the Father had sent him into the world, so should we stay in the world and sanctify it through the Truth. The spiritual principle behind this is oneness. “I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.” The “me” is the indwelling Christ, the “I” is the Father, and the “them” is the material appearance of humanity. No matter the appearance the love of God is universal and the comfort and freedom that love brings is through the Christ. We all have access to this indwelling presence of God that dissolves material belief and restores that which appears to be lost.

Joel taught us that the secret to spiritual healing is in the conscious realization of the presence of God. All of our meditations, prayers and treatments are meant to lead us into that realization; a realization that only takes place in the deep silence of My peace, and in the Now moment. So, as we practice “social distancing,” as we are now asked to do, we have been given the opportunity to bring into our experience the presence of God. As you can see, this prayer has nothing to do with changing the outer appearance; it has nothing to do with healing the world. What this prayer

is about is experiencing our oneness with the source of all life. If enough people do this, the world will be changed.

Joel accepted the Old Testament analogy that ten righteous men could save the world. He knew that as more and more people realized their spiritual oneness, the belief in the human condition that accepts a power or a cause other than God would dissolve for lack of attention. The power that material appearances display depends upon the attention paid to them and the acceptance of that power individually. When the individual withdraws power from material cause, and realizes the oneness of omnipotence, a shift in consciousness takes place. As that vision is maintained in consciousness it spreads faster than any virus. The world can come out of this situation humbled and receptive to the activity of God, which is love.

This world is the Adam dream. It is the illusion of power. Once we have experienced the presence of God, we see through the illusion and perceive the spiritual reality that is here and now. To the degree that we pay attention to the Spirit within we are perfected by It and bless the world by our awareness of the Truth. God does not enter the dream. The Christ is not part of your dream; the Christ snaps you out of the hypnotism into the truth. Like the photo above, we might see many strange phenomena, images that don't conform to our expectations but are still within the realm of our reality. Now is the time to go beyond all concepts of reality, to stop contributing to the influence of the dream, and declare the truth.