SUNDAY, AUGUST 7th - at THE INN OF CHICAGO - 11:00 A.M./12:30 P.M.

JOEL S. GOLDSMITH: THE 1955 KAILUA STUDY GROUP
"Understanding the Body," Tape 4, Side 1 (Attend On-line or by Phone!)

JOHN STEPHENSON: THE 2011 WAIKIKI CLASS
"Our Satisfaction Within," Session 5 (Attend On-line or by Phone!)

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 9th – On-line Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

VIRGINIA STEPHENSON: THE AUGUST, 2011 LESSON/ THE 1994 ASILOMAR CLASS
"Surrender – Listen - Imbue," Tape 4, Side 2 (Attend On-line or by Phone!)

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 21st - at 259 SKYLINE DR., CARPENTERSVILLE - 11:00 A.M.

JOEL S. GOLDSMITH: THE 1964 HONOLULU INFINITE WAY CENTER
"Spiritual Fruitage Through Understanding,” Tape 3, Side 2 (Attend On-line or by Phone!)

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 23rd – On-line Meeting – 7:30 P.M.

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"Understanding the Body,” Tape 4, Side 1 (Repeat of 8/7 Recording.) (Attend On-line or by Phone!)

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STUDY CHAPTERS FOR AUGUST


SEEK YE FIRST, by Joel S. Goldsmith: Chapter 8, “Spiritual Fruitage Through Understanding;”


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SATURDAY TAPE MEETINGS IN CHICAGO: Hyde Park. Phone Barbara: 773-991-6887. holt-barbara@comcast.net

SATURDAY ON-LINE TAPE MEETING: My good friends, Marty and Liz Parker, who have a study group in the San Francisco area, are now offering a recording of Joel’s each Saturday. Info: www.goldsmithglobal.org

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Digital downloads and CD’s of Bob Harper’s 2011 Laguna Woods Class are now available. Please email or phone Bob for details.

CHANGE IN MEETING SCHEDULE: Due to an ongoing commitment, I will be changing the start time of our third Sunday meeting to 11:00 A.M, CST. Hope that everyone can join us as usual.

EXCERPTS FROM TAPES FOR STUDY, PRACTICE, AND MEDITATION

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“...Yet in my flesh I shall see God,” [JOB 19:26] in my spiritual consciousness, individuality. “... I will pour my spirit out upon all flesh.” [Joel 2:28] In other words, we, in our flesh, as spiritual identity, we can know God. We can be as God. We can think it not unseemly to do the works of God, in our spiritual identity, which we are (regardless of this “thing” out here) in our inner being. The word “flesh,” as it is referred to in scriptural passages [such as] “Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God,” … “There shall be no flesh justified in His sight,” … “No flesh shall have peace,” can be translated into the word “concepts.” These earthly and human concepts will never be spiritual, and they will never reveal God. That body which is observed by the human senses is not body. It is the universal concept of body. It has no existence except in the mind. The body is the Word made flesh, but because the physical sense has intervened, all you can see is the concept of body. That concept must die. Even the concept that you entertain of your self must die, for that concept can never know God. As you entertain a concept of yourself as “man,” as “effect,” as “sinful,” as “sickly,” as “human,” that concept of yourself must die until you become aware, “No, I AM THAT I AM, and that is what I am!” When that realization comes, your old concept of yourself has died, and you have fulfilled Paul’s statement, “I die daily,” … “Ye must be reborn of the spirit.” … That concept [of yourself] must die; it can never know Reality.


For Meditation: “Spirit, God, has created all in and of Himself. Spirit never created matter. There is nothing in Spirit out of which matter could be made, for, as the Bible declares, without the Logos, the Aeon or Word of God, 'was not anything made that was made.' Spirit is the only substance, the invisible and indivisible infinite God.”

- M. B. Eddy
JOHN STEPHENSON: THE 2011 WAIKIKI CLASS

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I think I will continue to talk about this idea of impersonalization, “I, me, and mine.” I remember that when I was much younger in the Infinite Way, that was always kind of a “password.” We had other friends in the Infinite Way, whenever we saw something that was demonstrating error, we’d go to each other, “I, me, and mine,” just to remind ourselves. If you want to ask what is the root cause of error: “I,” “me,” and “mine.” It's personalizing the good of this world and striving to attain that good. When there is a sense of detachment, there is a greater freedom. I think that one of the difficult areas to understand, in mystical living, is how does something that is spiritual, invisible, incorporeal, unseen, how does that manifest in our lives, because we talk about that. O.K., we go into the silence, we go into this presence of God, and we have, if we’re on this path, our rational mind has a certain expectancy. “O.K., what's going to happen now? I've had this beautiful meditation …,” and in the back of your mind there’s always a few problems, or something is going on, and then you start looking around. “All right, how is this going to happen, how is this going to appear?” And Spirit, really, it's not a quid pro quo. It's not just out of nothing, boom, there's a brand new Mercedes or something. It's something that is an attitude, and the attitude of truth really is an attitude that is self-satisfied. Not self-satisfied materially, but there is a self-satisfaction within that renders this world less potent, because we are not looking to this world as much for things.

… If you desire, if you really want things, lots of times there is a resistance to it, because in this world there’s always opposites. With every desire, in this world, there’s a resistance, or an obstacle to overcome. Or, you want something, you don’t have enough money, and you have to save up for it, or whether you see something beautiful. I've been with people that have been in museums, looking at beautiful art, and they've said, “Oh, I love that! I’d love to take that home!” and [I've] felt, “Why? Why would you take that home? You could come here and see it, and it's with all of its friends. ….”

So, the way that things manifest in our lives is not through any mental effort, it isn't through striving, and it isn't through kind of the backdoor thing, “Well, I'm not going to desire that, so that it will come into my life.” That's just using that mental process in reverse. To experience this spiritual Presence, we have to step out of that mental process completely.

For Study: THE CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE, Chapter 10 .

"Our true home is in the present moment. To live in the present moment is a miracle. The miracle is not to walk on water. The miracle is to walk on the green Earth in the present moment.”- Thich Nhat Hanh

“Nirvana is not the blowing out of the candle. It is the extinguishing of the flame because day is come.” - R. Tagore

“When the moon of your mind becomes clouded over with confusion, you are searching around for the light outside.” - H.G. Inye
So now, when there comes up that there is a medical law that can bind you, or there is a law of contagion, or there is an economic law operating, that says that business is terrible, or there is a belief that the government is going to the dogs, what do we do? We realize, “What is the law of life in the way that Christ Jesus taught?” He taught us, “Fear not, I am with you,” and that there is only one Law, and that is the presence of God. I AM is the law of God.

… Remember, spiritual power does not contend with nothingness. Engrave that on your forehead. Recognize that whatever is being presented to you as law is only temporal power, is only operating where there is no illumination, or there is no Light. Now, that I in the midst of you is the Light; it’s the Light of the world. So, when these negative laws, or these laws of limitation and lack, come to your awareness, and you turn to the I in the midst of you, what does that Light do? It dispels the darkness, doesn’t it? “Not by might, not by power, but by my presence.” (Zech. 4:6) It’s an activity of grace. You didn’t do anything. You didn’t bring any mental strengths to bear upon the problem. First of all, you realize that all of this is taking place in the carnal mind, it’s all hypnotism. That’s the first step, but then turn within and realize, “The law revealed by Christ Jesus has made me free of any mental or material law; and my body is free, my life is free by grace;” and then, watch it happen.

If there is a problem of supply, we realize [that] supply is spiritual, within us. It is the very presence of God, for God is fulfillment. Now, when we have supply, we always think of it as something coming to us, and it isn’t: it’s something that flows out from us. “What have you in your house?” [See 1 Kings 17:10-16] … The principle, here, is take whatever you have and start to pour. Reverse the flow, and let it go out from you. … Joel tells on a tape that a man used to come to him for help, and he walked two or three miles and gave Joel the ten cents that was the car fare, to learn the truth; and that man prospered, because when his mind was imbued with truth, he was fulfilled of the Life-force, and the Life-energy, the Life-love, of the nature of God as the fulfillment of life. When you think of a tree, how the sap comes up from the ground and goes up through the tree, defying the forces of gravity; then it goes into every branch of the tree. There is some metamorphosis that takes place, and that sap becomes the leaves on the tree, and the blossoms on the tree, and eventually becomes the fruit on the tree. So, the fruit isn’t the supply of the tree, is it? It is that life-force that transmutes itself and goes up into every branch of that tree and feeds it. That is the supply; and if you don’t pick the fruit, it falls down on the ground and rots! The fruit isn’t the tree’s supply. It is the activity of the indwelling life that is the supply of the tree. So when you ever are disturbed by supply, think on that. Thinking, “I don’t have a job,” or “how am I going to get a job?” or “I don’t have enough money … I’m ‘over the hill,’ age-wise … I’m too old to work … I’m living on a Social Security pension” - don’t think that way! That’s putting yourself in the prison-house. Christ has lifted us out of that captivity. … The way that supply is demonstrated is to recognize the Life-force in you that has nothing to do with the outside appearance world, that comes up and enables you to give. Now, … we worship money as supply, but money isn’t supply! Our supply is our awareness of the presence of God. So if we were on a Social Security pension, and we wanted to increase the sense of our good, the sense of service, the sense of supply, we would start recognizing the Christ in everyone we meet. We would realize that, “The place whereupon I stand is holy ground, because now I know that I am being supplied, moment by moment, with this Grace that indwells me; and I am realizing that this is true about everybody, whether they are homeless, or whether they have a mansion. I am realizing the truth of their being, that there is an invisible Supply, and it is the Life of the tree, the Life of God, which is the Life of the branch, which appears as the leaves of the tree, which appears as the blossoms, which appears as the fruit. So, I’m not an old, dead tree!! I’m still living, and there’s a Life-force, going through me, of Love; and I can recognize this and pour silently and sacredly this recognition that the Life of God is the animating Principle of everyone I meet. And that Life of God is ageless, diseaseless, and deathless. I am putting on immortality. … ‘This mortal must put on immortality.’” (1 Cor. 15:53)

For Meditation: “When all material streams are dry, Thy fullness is the same.” - Anonymous (From Maria)
For Study: Virginia’s Monthly Lesson For August, 2011; Subscriptions for Virginia’s Monthly Lessons: Leslie Lewis, 3731 Kanina Ave, #231, Honolulu, HI 96815. Tel: (808) 779-9817. Email: llewis002@hawaii.rr.com
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Therefore, at this stage of the Work that we have reached today, we go into this meditation, first of all, realizing, “God is spirit, and I am going within to bring forth spiritual realization, spiritual demonstration, the actual presence and power of God in spiritual form. I am going within for the purpose of realizing God’s grace, and I will not recognize it unless I am looking for something of a spiritual nature to take place. I must not be looking at my body for results, I must not be looking at my pocket book for results; even, when I come out of this meditation, I must remember that I am seeking to realize something of a spiritual nature. Otherwise, my prayer is wasted, my meditation has not been fruitful, and I have not entered the Way; and therefore, the Way will not provide for the wayfarer. The only way in which this Way will provide for the wayfarer is if I really am on the Way. This is a Way of Spirit; this is a Way of seeking the realization of the activity of Spirit, here where I am. This is the Way in which I look ONLY for God’s grace in Spiritual form, Spiritual activity, Spiritual abundance, Spiritual love, Spiritual life. I’m not thinking in terms of longevity, I’m thinking in terms of that Life which is immortal, that Life which was mine before I was born; the Life I had with thee, Father, in the beginning, and that Life which I will still have after the experience of passing; that Life which I will still have unto eternity. This is what I am seeking through my meditation. I am not seeking another twenty-four hours of life, or another ten years of life. I am seeking the realization of that Life which is eternal, which is infinite. Therefore, as I enter this meditation, I acknowledge that my goal, the goal of this meditation, the goal of this inner communion, is to be spiritual awareness, the awareness of the nature of the kingdom of God, the awareness of the nature of God’s grace, and God’s blessings, and God’s gifts.”

“Now, having come to that place of realization, in this contemplative part of the meditation, I enter the second step, or stage, and that is where I recognize that God is Omniscience; and therefore, I am not in this meditation to tell God anything, to ask anything of God, to seek anything of God. Actually, I am here to recognize that God is Omniscience, the All-wisdom, the All-knowing. Therefore, God knoweth my need. God knoweth the need of all his children. I do not have to pray for Mrs. Jones, or Brown, or Smith. I do not have to pray for my children. My prayer is the recognition of God’s Omniscience. God knoweth, not only my need, God could not possibly know my need without knowing the need of all. For there is no one more important in the eyes of God than another, not even the saint or the sinner. We are all equal in the presence of God, we are all ONE. For God is the Father, and we are the children. The Omniscience of God, the All-wisdom, God, the All-wisdom that is God, assures me that God knows why I am here in meditation. In fact, I myself am the one who probably knows least about that. I think I have some idea of why I am here in meditation, but ultimately it will be proven that that wasn’t the reason at all, that was only the decoy that got me here. Actually, there is a far better reason for our being in meditation, and that reason is that God’s grace may be done through us, and it cannot be done in any other way. The reason we are in meditation is that we may receive God’s gift; and it cannot come in any other way than through our own consciousness when we are still.”

For Meditation: “Healing is not forcing the sun to shine, but letting go of that which blocks the light.”

- Steven & Ondrea Levine

For Study: SEEK YE FIRST, Chapter 8.

“The experience of eternity right here and now is the function of life. Heaven is not the place to have the experience; here is the place to have the experience.” - Joseph Campbell
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The Infinite Way writings declare that the secret of life lies in right identification, that is, in knowing our true identity, in knowing what I am, or who I am. All of the error in the world, all of the sin, disease, death, lack, and limitation in the world, is based only on one ignorance, and that is, ignorance of our identity, not knowing who I am or what I am. Now, of course, in this book THE INFINITE WAY, the subject is treated quickly, briefly, and with just a statement here and there, because it becomes necessary for an individual, for a student, to follow that through to its ultimate conclusion, not for somebody to put it into words for them, because then they would be living on words instead of inner individual unfoldment. Also, as this book came through, it came through in such a manner as not to shock the world into just disregarding it. So, you must naturally expect that ideas are softened here, which when you examine them you say, “Do you really mean that that’s what it means? And I do: I mean exactly that.

… Just about the time when we no longer have faculties to become parents, we look on this as a horrible thing that has happened to us, because it is old age, and now we have nothing left but death, or being a grandparent. But in spiritual wisdom, we find that this is not true, that everything up to the period of being finished, as parents, has been only a preparation for our leaving behind the material sense of the world with its cares, and the preparation for entering the spiritual unfoldment of life.

The body, itself, is as spiritual as we are! This that we see is a mental concept of that body. It’s only a concept because it isn’t what it is. If this were what it is, then it would always be what it is; but because this is my concept of what it is, it changes. One day it seems healthy, and one day sick, and one day young, and one day old, one day pretty, and one day not pretty: all depending on what, it? No, on what my view of it is. So therefore, we are never seeing the body, we are seeing a human concept of body.

**For Study:** THE INFINITE WAY, “Metaphysical Healing.”

**For Meditation:** “What is God?” and the answer is, ‘I AM.’ God is the mind and the life of the individual. Any mental hedging or inner reservation on this subject will result in ultimate failure.” - Joel, from “Metaphysical Healing”

“The morning glory blooms but an hour and yet it differs not at heart from the giant pine that lives for a thousand years.” - Matsunaga Teitiku

“Just as it was when you were born, mind – without any ‘prayers’ - becomes Buddha.” - Buddha

“As one particle of dust contains thousands of sutras, so the wisdom of all Buddhas is complete in the bodies of ordinary people who do not realize it. - Chinul
LUELLA OVEREEM: THE 1985 CLEVELAND CLOSED CLASS

“Awakening Manifests As Healing,” Tape 1, Side 2

Joel said this, and it seems hard to say it to people, some how:

“Formerly, when answering mail or phone calls, if a student said, ‘I have a cold,’ or ‘I need a job,’ ..., I would reply that I would take care of it, assuming they knew that I was going to take care of a spiritual realization. I discovered that they didn’t know, and I stopped that practice about a year ago. My answer, now, is this: ‘I do not know anything about that type of work. It’s a form of metaphysics I do not understand. All I can do is try to lift you into a spiritual consciousness, where you can become aware of the presence of the Christ. I can do nothing about those other things.’ You can see that even if taking thought did serve as an introductory way to get you on the spiritual path, it has to be abandoned before you can make spiritual progress.” - Joel, CONSCIOUSNESS TRANSFORMED, 1/19/64 Talk

You can’t always say this, but there are times when you can, and sooner or later, everyone has to hear it, because that isn’t what we’re doing: we aren’t in this Work to heal “things,” to heal pains and diseases and lacks, or to get jobs for anyone, or sell their houses, or all the million things that people want help with. … They get the house sold, or the lump goes away, and they think it’s an outer, material thing that’s happened. It isn’t! It didn’t! There is no physical body, and we have nothing whatever to do with healing a fever, a lump, measles, or whatever you can think of. We don’t have anything to do with that. We drop it, totally! Drop it, turn away from it. What do we do? We realize spiritual I-dentity. If you aren’t seeing it in that second, you have to remind yourself for a word or two. But what you have to do is be still. There isn’t anything going to come of the words you say, to yourself or to anybody else. The words are an after-effect. Whatever is happening is taking place in Consciousness, and it appears to us, or we hear it as words. … We have to make a transition, a shift, to where we’re are more and more conscious that “this” [appearance world] is just outer stuff that doesn’t count, that that’s really going on is going on in Consciousness, and we have only a very dim awareness of it at this time. Even if it’s a lot more than it was a few years ago, it’s still just a glimpse. We have to begin to see that we are living as Consciousness. You see, as long as you think you’re a human being with a physical body and a mind of your own, you don’t know God, you don’t know God at all! You don’t know God unless you know God as your own inner Self, the I of you, the I of all being.

For Study: CONSCIOUSNESS TRANSFORMED, 1/19/64 Talk

For Meditation: “Let go over a cliff, die completely, and then come back to life – after that, you cannot be deceived.” - Zen Saying

“If we always sought spiritual guidance in every activity of our experience with no attempt to translate it into the human realm, we would be so spiritually fulfilled and illumined, that that illumination would lead us not only to our true spiritual teaching, but even to such mundane things as finding the right dress, the right car, or the right apartment. In the scale of God, there is no difference in these things… In simple things or in the very deepest experiences of your life, you will find completeness and perfection by seeking the Father in Spirit and as Spirit. Do not seek to divide the garment….” - Joel, THE ART OF SPIRITUAL HEALING, Chapter 12 (From Maria)
The August 1973 LETTER Lesson

SPIRITUAL FRUITAGE THROUGH UNDERSTANDING

"The Infinite Way is a revelation of specific principles, each of which is startling, radical," and contrary to human belief. Spiritual fruitage is the result of a crystal-clear understanding of these principles. If your understanding is fuzzy, your fruitage will be fuzzy, or missing. You have to recognize the importance of the principles and make the necessary effort to understand them if you are to experience spiritual fruitage.

How CAN I love him when he is saying all these things? ?

God should tell me which THING is better. Is this good or evil?

I felt God's presence, but the pain did not leave.

"Take no thought..." O.K. I'll just sit here and wait for the money to appear. ? ?

When do I take human footsteps? When do I rest in the Word?

FUZZY ON THE PRINCIPLES? THAT MEANS FUZZY FRUITAGE.

Surrendering Concepts

There can be no permanent change in your outer experience without an inner realization of the truth. You may experience healings due to the consciousness of a teacher or practitioner, but these are not really your demonstration; your demonstration is your inner realization of the truth. Human concepts have to be surrendered and you have to live by every specific principle of truth. Each one has to make this transition within his own consciousness. Ignorance of the truth is a barrier to the spiritual life, but it is not an insurmountable barrier; it is an illusory barrier which dissolves into its nothingness in the presence of the realization of the truth.

Seeking Spiritual Fruitage

God is Spirit. You cannot realize the nature of Spirit with your mind, but you can acknowledge it, and seek in meditation to have it revealed to you. Because you are spiritual being, you can come into the realization of Spirit, and the only way is through meditation. Meditation is the inner Self revealing Itself to you. The spiritual faculty of discernment is a faculty of God, of Spirit; it is God knowing the truth within you.