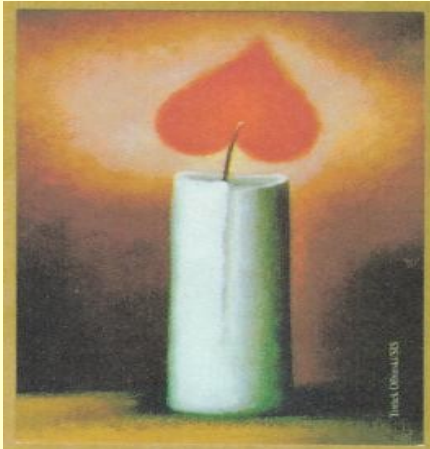


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First Sunday - **The Inn of Chicago**
162 E. Ohio St., Chicago, IL 60611 (Mezz. Level)

Second Sunday - **The Home of Carol Stuehrk**
227 E. Blodgett Rd., Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Fourth Sunday - **The Home of Bob Harper**
259 Skyline Dr., Carpentersville, IL 60110

Conducted by Bob Harper

Please Arrive **15 min. Early** for Meditation

SUNDAY, JULY 4 - at THE INN OF CHICAGO - 11:00 A.M.

JOEL S. GOLDSMITH: THE 1958 HOLLAND CLOSED CLASS: "Untitled," CD #808 and #808A

12:30 P.M.

JOHN STEPHENSON: THE 2009 ASILOMAR RETREAT "An Act of Love" Tape 4, Side 1 # 0908

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VIRGINIA STEPHENSON: THE APRIL, 2010 LESSON/ THE 2003 DENVER CLASS

"The River of God," Tape 1, Side 1 (No. 0314)

SUNDAY, JULY 18 – NO MEETING.

SUNDAY, JULY 25 - at 259 SKYLINE DR., CARPENTERSVILLE - 1:30 P.M.

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Books by Joel and Other Infinite Way Teachers Are Available at Most of the Meetings and by Mail Order.

Go to: www.infinite-invisible.net/cggspring-fall2010booklist.html

STUDY CHAPTERS FOR JULY

AWAKENING MYSTICAL CONSCIOUSNESS, Chapter 7: "Concept or Is?;"

VIRGINIA STEPHENSON: THE MONTHLY LESSONS OF 2010, July: "The River of God;"

LIVING BY THE WORD, Chapter 7, "Except the Lord Build the House;"

DEVELOPING SPIRITUAL CONSCIOUSNESS Vol. I, by Luella Overeem: July, 1971 Lesson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTEND OUR MEETINGS ON-LINE: Promises, promises! This should start in August.

I will email everyone with info. on how to listen on-line.

BOB HARPER CLASS: July 16-18, 2010 – Laguna Woods, CA .

Go to joelgoldsmithoc.com or call Dorothy 949-583-1240.

BOB HARPER CLASS: October 15-17, 2010 – St. Columba Retreat Ctr.

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NEW TAPE MEETINGS: Sat. 10:30 am, in Hyde Park area of Chicago.

Contact Barbara Holt, 773-991-6887, holt-barbara@comcast.net

EXCERPTS FROM TAPES FOR STUDY, PRACTICE, AND MEDITATION

SUNDAY, JULY 4 - at THE INN OF CHICAGO- 11:00 A.M.

JOEL S. GOLDSMITH: THE 1958 HOLLAND CLOSED CLASS, "Untitled," CD #808A/B

... Some will perceive, tonight, that The Infinite Way is something more than a solver of problems, it is something more than a "truth teaching," that it is a certain set of principles, unique principles, which in order to be understood and demonstrated requires that one wipe out all the "old bottles," wipe out all that they believe they knew about metaphysics, and see if they cannot open themselves to principles which they never saw in the books. Some can do this, and some will find that too difficult to do, for the present, and the others will make no decision about it but will let time solve it for them. This always happens this way. You know it isn't easy to break with our past. ... So it is with religion. There are people so enmeshed in religion that if it [a spiritual teaching] promised heaven itself, there are those who could not make the break for new fields, for new pastures. They couldn't leave the synagog to follow Jesus Christ.

Well, following truth, whether through Christian Science or Unity or New Thought, as you have all seen, does produce great miracles in the lives of people. I don't suppose anybody is more qualified to bear witness to that than I am, for if anybody has ever seen miracles from Christian Science, I have. Rest assured I have. So I know the miracles that can come through any of these teachings. But for me there comes a higher stage than miracles, than just having diseases healed or lack healed or sins healed. There comes the ultimate question, "What is truth; what is God?" And that's what separated me from all teachings, because I wasn't interested in "teachings," I was interested in the principle of life. I wasn't interested in holidays or holy days. I wasn't interested in reading prayers. I wasn't interested in merely going to church, to be in church. I wanted to find that which we call "God." I wanted to know, "Is there a God?" You see, the mere fact that these miracles take place in truth is no proof that there is a God. I don't care what miracles you have witnessed in any truth-teaching, that does not prove that there is a God. Why? Because it does not meet everybody's need equally, and if there is a God, God would meet everybody's need equally. There is no exceptions.

For Meditation: "The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting; give me understanding, and I shall live." - **Psalms 119:144** ... **For Study**: THE HEART OF MYSTICISM, 1958 LETTERS, Chapter 12.

SUNDAY, JULY 4 - at THE INN OF CHICAGO - 12:30 P.M.

JOHN STEPHENSON: THE 2009 ASILOMAR RETREAT "An Act of Love" Tape 4, Side 1 # 0908

Loving God with all your heart and mind and soul, in my sense, is the Yin, it is the passiveness, it's the beingness, it is what centers us into this consciousness of spiritual reality. Then this center must be expressed. It is like the breath of life, it comes in, we inhale, and we come into the center of our being. We inhale, and we are in that consciousness of loving the Lord, thy God, with all of our heart and mind and soul. Our whole being is going into this act of love, and it is within, and it rests, and it is complete. Then we exhale, and that exhale is loving our neighbor as our self, because we realize that everyone that we come in contact with is that one Self. Where is that love? It doesn't project out in a human sense, it is an expansion of consciousness; and that expansion of consciousness envelops the whole world. That exhaling of breath covers this planet in love. And when we inhale, we bring back into our self this awareness: "Oh, yes. God IS. God is the center of my being. God is the source of all life. God is the substance of all form." We bring it all within, and then, as we exhale, we are acknowledging, "God is the life of this planet. God is the life of everything that exists in this planet. God is the life of the universe." This is a rhythm, and this rhythm that is coming in and going out, is one. This "in" and "out" are not separated, because what is out there is also in here. It is the form, the expression, that the inner takes when it is moving into the outer. So if we practice that commandment, what are we doing? We are including all of the world with this centering of our self spiritually, and then we are expressing this to the world, and the world is doing this to us. As each of us do this individually, ... when we do this in the world, in our workplace, in our home, in our community, we are giving the greatest gift we can give to the world, which is the gift of peace, which is the gift of spiritual recognition. And this gift is always emanating out from us, but to renew so we have this gift to give, we are constantly going back in to this state of Love, this state of Oneness. All of our heart and mind and soul goes into this being, this consciousness, and then it can be expressed.

For Study: A PARENTHESIS IN ETERNITY, Chapter 13.

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LUELLA OVEREEM: THE 1983 MINNEAPOLIS CLOSED CLASS

"Illumination Dissolves All Material Ties," Tape 1, Side 1

The subject of the book [THE MYSTICAL **I**], really, is the unveiling of the truth. What truth? Well, that truth: the truth that I AM, and **I** is God. The truth that I already am. But saying it doesn't do anything, it has to be the experience of spiritual identity; and the only way that you can experience it is through meditation. What is this "veil" that has to be removed. It's not on something out here, like a statue that you are going to take a veil off of, and reveal it. The veil is on our own eyes, any veil there is. We're "looking through a glass darkly," looking through a veil, and all it is is a belief in two powers, human sense. When you have the truth unveiled, or have your eyes unveiled so that you are discerning the truth, then it isn't just the **I**, the Self of you that you realize is God, the Self of all being is God, but it's the whole universe. You're seeing the whole world as a spiritual universe. You don't have a spiritual being, a Christ, walking around in a material world. The whole universe is seen for what it is, as spiritual. That is the goal of this teaching, to realize the spiritual nature of the universe. All being, and everything that concerns individual being, it's all one **I**, one spiritual Self.

There is no God in this human world: there isn't any human world, this is all illusion. There is no God in the human scene. You can't get God to fix up or improve the human scene. If you do, that's a veil hiding it. It's seeing God amiss, seeing the universe amiss, seeing your Self amiss. It's a sense of separation. As Joel says, ... if you can't accept this, that there is no God in the human scene, you really won't be able to accept anything in The Infinite Way.

For Study: DEVELOPING SPIRITUAL CONSCIOUSNESS, Vol. I: "July, 1971 Lesson."

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 7:30 PM, at 227 E. Blodgett Rd., Lake Bluff, IL

VIRGINIA STEPHENSON: THE JULY, 2010 LESSON/ THE 2003 DENVER CLASS
"Realize Spiritual Wholeness," Tape 1, Side 1 (No. 0314)

So our lady who slipped on the ice, Mary Patterson (later Mary Baker Eddy) had caught the divine nature and name of God. She couldn't tell anyone how the healings occurred. Actually she was in constant communion with God, receptive and responsive to the spiritual impulse within her. The healings happened so instantaneously that she prayed to the Father, "Please don't let them recover until I get there so that people will know that it is this Message!" Of course it never worked out that way – when people asked for help, they were immediately healed. So she developed her message the best she could at that time. It was called Christian Science and it opened the way for Myrtle Fillmore, Unity, Science of Mind and Religious Science – all were offshoots of this experience that occurred in America. From the time that the textbook, Science and Health, came out in 1875 until 1975, there was the greatest explosion in the understanding of science that had ever occurred before with a multitude of new modes of communication and transportation.

Mrs. Eddy had opened the door to another realm, but when the message became an application of mental

⁵ Genesis 1:26-27

effort – taking a problem into human consciousness and denying or affirming – then the healings were lost. The healings occurred only in the metaphysical movements where there was a mystical awareness of Oneness and the practitioner was able to make conscious contact with the Christ within, going beyond all words and thoughts.

In 1948, Joel wrote The Infinite Way. His books that followed such as The Art of Spiritual Healing and The Art of Meditation opened more doors and brought us back to the mystical Message where we go beyond words and thoughts. Words and thoughts are only auxiliary to put us in the position to experience the presence of God. The correct letter of Truth is necessary but it is very simple; it is in all the metaphysical movements. The greatest gift that Unity gave the world was silent Unity. That is where healing takes place – in the silence of Soul where there is an individual who has lost all personal sense of self, has surrendered to the Holy Spirit, and becomes a transparency through which the Light dispels the darkness.

For Meditation: "We are the One that we've been waiting for." – **Hopi Elders**

For Study: Virginia's Monthly Lesson For July, 2010; **Subscriptions** for Virginia's Monthly Lessons:
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JOEL S. GOLDSMITH: THE 1958 HOLLAND CLOSED CLASS "Untitled," CD #808A/B

... The blind have their eyes opened, the deaf have their ears opened. By what power? By not acknowledging that there is any power but **One**. One power, and that power is God. Now, when you sit down to heal, and you pray God to remove your diseases or your sins, you may as well save your breath. Because if you don't, you will be as ludicrous as these people who write about Lourdes. A hundred thousand people make a trek to Lourdes, all praying to God, and all praying through the same church, and all praying through the same priests, and out of a hundred thousand, fifteen get healed, and they give God the glory. They don't say a word about what God did to ninety-nine thousand, nine hundred eighty five! He just ignored their prayers, as if they weren't on Earth. Do you believe that God healed that fifteen? Then you don't have the least idea at all of the nature of God. If God healed those fifteen, He would have healed the whole hundred thousand. The fifteen were healed, in some way, because in their own mind they broke through the limitation of this "double power," and rose out of themselves; they became bigger than themselves. But if you think for a minute that God had anything to do with it, what must you think of that God that turned His face away from ninety-nine thousand, nine hundred eighty five, and look at the lives of those fifteen, and see whether you think their lives were any more worthy Never again will you be made to believe that you can pray to God for a healing and get it! You don't get a healing by praying to God, you get a healing by conforming your life to the Christ-principle of living, learning how to purge yourself so as to be one with God, which you can't be unless you are forgiving, unless you are loving, unless you're praying, even for your enemies, unless you are taking all mankind into your prayers, and saying, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do," "Father, open their eyes. Give them grace to see thy kingdom." Then you'll be healed. You will be healed, and you will heal others! But don't waste your time asking God to heal you, because that is as much a waste of time as it is to ask God to feed you. God isn't going to feed you, God has filled this Earth with His goodness: "Cattle on a thousand hills;" farms loaded with food. It is man that is wrecking it, not God! God has filled these waters with fish and the air with birds and the land with crops. There isn't God that is withholding. God can't add to that. If He had a sense of humor, He'd look down and say, "You better give me some more land to place it in, I'm already placing gold and diamonds and platinum and uranium, and apples and peaches and pears and birds! What more do you want me to plant down there? Take better care of it after you get it. See that it is divided in a better way. Don't sit there holding it because you want a monopoly on it, and this country won't let loose of it, and that country That has nothing to do with God! But that doesn't mean that you should ever know lack; and you will never know lack. If you are out in the desert, manna can fall from the sky and Ravens can bring you food: **IF YOU KNOW HOW TO PRAY.**

For Meditation: "Soul is the substance, nature, action, and law of *all form and is never separate from the form.*" - **Joel, Wisdom #77**

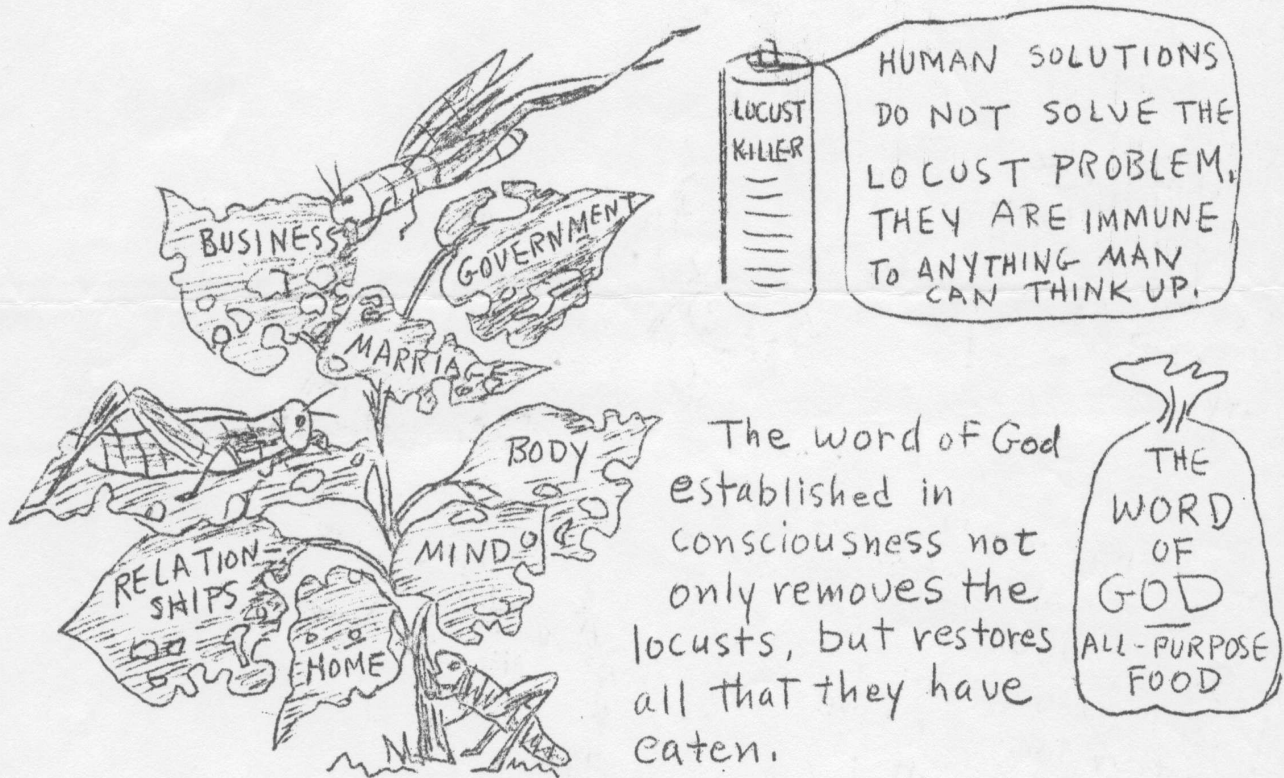
For Study: THE HEART OF MYSTICISM, 1955 LETTERS, Chapter 6.



"Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished." - **Lao Tzu**

"There is a secret One inside us; the planets in all the galaxies pass through his hands like beads. That is a string of beads one should look at with luminous eyes." - **Kabir**

We must consciously bring God into every experience. Only a change of consciousness, an opening of consciousness, will restore the years that the locust has eaten. (Page 4).



If you follow such a program as is set forth in this Letter for two or three months, you will see many changes in your inner and outer experience. It is the word of God established in consciousness that brings about healings, and that gives equality and freedom.

Peace on earth cannot be legislated; it must come forth from consciousness. Love is the only thing that is going to settle the problems of life. Love is of God, and love can be instilled only through the word of God. Integrity, loyalty, fidelity, justice, and charity are instilled through conscious living with the word of God. Our work is to release spiritual love and let it enfold the whole world, and to teach our children how to do this, how to live by the word of God. Through a generation that is living by the word of God, peace will be established on earth. This Letter shows how to build our house of spiritual consciousness, and how to teach our children to build theirs. Through this work it will not be long before the whole world is living by the word of God..