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## Joel's Spiritual Orders

### 1971 Letter From Australia about Norman Letter

October 17, 1971

"Dear Emma,

...."I meant to give you this letter from Joel to Norman, written in 1964. Norman had asked Joel if there would be tapes made of Lorraine's work in London that year and this was the reply.\* " [See Letter to Norman below.]

"Emma, we all appreciate the wonderful work you do. I hope you can have a quiet Christmas at home with the family.

"Very much love from us all,

Joyce [Glen Burns]

\*"Irene is now playing Virginia's tapes to the Melbourne students. Emma, what will happen to the sale of Joel's tapes and writings if all the teachers start making tapes and writing pamphlets and books? I can't help feeling concerned about it, which is why I am enclosing this letter from Joel to Norman for you to have.

End of Letter

*This communication was sent just weeks before Joel left the earth. It went to the thousands of students and their teachers around the world **Letter to Norman Stachan (at the time in charge of the work in New Zealand) - April 10, 1964** This letter was sent to Joel's teachers and practitioners and submitted into the public record in 1984 as evidence in the lawsuit Lorraine Sinkler brought against Emma Goldsmith. It is complete and original.*

“Dear Norman,

“It is indeed a joy to have this letter from you today, and of

- ◆ Children: Imagination
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- ◆ Children: Letting Go
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- ◆ Class/Practitioner Listing
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- ◆ Daily Drill
- ◆ Daily Quote
- ◆ Darwin
- ◆ Death
- ◆ The Deep Things of God
- ◆ Disciples and Apostles
- ◆ The Disobedient
- ◆ Doctors, Nurses
- ◆ Do You Need a Doctor?
- ◆ Dominion Tapes
- ◆ The Dream
- ◆ Editing
- ◆ Editing: Sinkler Horizons
- ◆ Editing: Student Comment
- ◆ Emma's Tape List
- ◆ Error
- ◆ Error:Activity of Error
- ◆ Every Infinite Way Student
- ◆ Facing a Problem
- ◆ Family and Friends
- ◆ First Letters
- ◆ Food
- ◆ Foundation of Mysticism
- ◆ Freedom
- ◆ Fresh Manna
- ◆ Georgina Letter: CS
- ◆ Georgina Letter: Error
- ◆ Georgina Letter: Fear
- ◆ Georgina Letter: Lazarus
- ◆ Georgina

course I know that there could be a continuing fruitage in your activity, because inherently you have the consciousness that heals and draws to you those who can be comforted, healed, supplied, companioned. No, there will be no tapes of anyone other than myself, and this is the strictest rule that I have laid down for this work, that there will be no tapes of any teacher other than myself, and one thing that is assured by this is that whatever messages are taped, students can rely on as coming from the Source. While of course I know that this would likewise be true if Lorraine's were taped, but the difficulty is that once one individual is permitted to tape an Infinite Way message, there will be no way of stopping the next dozen, and then, of course, what would become of the message is the same that has happened to Christianity, to Buddhism, to Taoism, and to all teachings where others have advanced their particular concepts of the Master's revelations.

The principles of The Infinite Way and the consciousness behind those principles have proven themselves now for so many years and in so many parts of the world that there can be no question as to their authenticity and integrity and power. Then why not stick with the message as it is, since no one can complain of any lack of material. I believe that twenty-six of my books and about a dozen booklets are being published in England, a Monthly Letter is sent out from there, and for those who can make a very small contribution to pay their costs and postage, there is a weekly article, one of which I am herewith enclosing, available to those students who desire them, or even better than this, you in New Zealand, or Joyce in Australia can have my permission to have these reproduced, as long as I can be assured that they will be properly proofed, and you can distribute them in New Zealand and Australia for as little as it costs you to produce them down there, and with no obligation to me whatsoever. In other words, our students here in the States receive these from Mrs. Mary Newall, and they pay her the cost of her reproducing, mailing, postage, and so forth, but none of this is for me, since I am happy for the students to have it in this way. If you would like to write to Mrs. Mary Newall, 2231 Ala Wai Blvd., Honolulu, Hawaii, and have her send you copies of these, you could reproduce them for as many students down there as would like them, and charge them whatever you feel right to cover their cost. With all of this material available, and more and more books being published all of the time, I am sure there is a sufficiency for the needs of the students.

**Above all things, I would like it understood among all students that no one can rise high enough in the message of The Infinite Way as to receive permission to publish Infinite Way material in any form.** The Monthly Letter being published

- Letter:Malpractice
- ◆ Georgina Letter:The New Hori
- ◆ Georgina Letter: Personal Se
- ◆ Georgina Letter: Soul Expres
- ◆ Georgina Letter: Spirit
- ◆ Georgina Letter: Spiritual Se
- ◆ Georgina Letter : Truth
- ◆ Georgina Letter:Ye Ask Amiss
- ◆ God Contact
- ◆ God Contact:Judge Fruitage
- ◆ God Is - I AM - Live Now
- ◆ Grace
- ◆ Gratitude and Fees
- ◆ The Great Mystery
- ◆ Guided Meditation
- ◆ Harmony
- ◆ '59 Hawaiian Healing Tapes
- ◆ Hawaiian Healing Outline
- ◆ Health, Error of
- ◆ Health, Insanity of
- ◆ Health: Above Thought
- ◆ Health: Mrs. Eddy
- ◆ The Home
- ◆ Horizons in Consciousnes
- ◆ Humor
- ◆ I - That is All
- ◆ Infinite Way: Purpose
- ◆ Inner Kingdom
- ◆ IW History
- ◆ Infinite Way Europe
- ◆ Infinite Way - French
- ◆ Infinite Way - German
- ◆ Infinite Way - Portuguese
- ◆ Infinite Way - Translation
- ◆ Infinite Way Study Cente
- ◆ Jasha Salter
- ◆ Joel: Reading Newspapers
- ◆ Joel's Education
- ◆ Joel's Eternally With Us
- ◆ Joel's Library (Partial)
- ◆ Joel's Personal Letters
- ◆ Joel on Psychiatry
- ◆ Joel's Spiritual Orders
- ◆ Joel's Transition
- ◆ Joel's Will
- ◆ Lao Tzu: Losing the Way
- ◆ Life of the Soul
- ◆ The Light of Truth
- ◆ Love

by Mrs. Eileen Bowden, 1270 Roslyn Road, Victoria, B.C., Canada, for parents, grandparents and teenagers, is an exception to this rule because Eileen has been a student of mine since 1949, has been in class with me months, and months, and months every year, in every part of the United States, and even was in England to help start the tape work there in the very beginning. And since she permits me to edit her Letters before publication, this exception has been made. In addition to this, there is a seventeen-week strenuous Study Course now published, but not yet announced to our students, because only a few can be handled at a time, which is published by our Lorene McClintock, but also was formulated under my jurisdiction. I am really trying to keep the message of The Infinite Way pure and completely free of concepts of others, so that those who receive it now or in the future may be assured that the message they are receiving is from the Source and the Fount."

Aloha greetings, Joel

*(You will notice names in the letter above listed in another section of the website under those who make tapes. Our only conclusion is that they were tempted by error, as we all continue to be. We remember that those higher on the path are tempted most. Let us forgive and bless.) Here are some teachers who did not publish or tape: Shugamora, Glen, Howe, Kuys, Marshall, Koehler, Hoff*

### 1975 Letter from Australia About Students Being Confused

"We out here in Australia and New Zealand feel that this is a vital time, as so many student are being misdirected. We do wish dear Emma would put something in the Across the Desk as regards Joel's wishes re this matter of the teachers and others making their own tapes - maybe an excerpt from Norman's letter...

"The purpose of this letter of Joel's is to keep The Infinite Way message unadulterated in its pure Essence. When he wrote it, he was under spiritual orders.

"Freedom is a passion of The Infinite Way, but it doesn't mean a free for all. Of course, everyone is free to write or make tapes of their own, or write books, BUT NOT UNDER THE BANNER OF THE INFINITE WAY..."-Joyce Burns Glen, Sydney Australia, 8-12-1975

### Joel Asks Teachers NOT To Make Tapes

Here are his words:To the Student Body in **The Monthly Letter June**

- ◆ Love:Carnality
- ◆ Love: Divine
- ◆ Love: GLBT
- ◆ Love: Upholding Loved Ones
- ◆ Love Your Neighbor
- ◆ The Man of God
- ◆ Mantras and Music
- ◆ Marriage and Family
- ◆ Marriage and Meditation
- ◆ Marriage: Wedding Talk
- ◆ Allen Marsh
- ◆ Mrs. Eddy on Marriage
- ◆ McClintock Recording
- ◆ Meditation
- ◆ Meditation: Group-Join Us
- ◆ Meditation: Three Stages
- ◆ Mix Teachings: Do not
- ◆ Noonday Meditations
- ◆ Meditation - Spanish
- ◆ Melchizedek
- ◆ Mind: Georgina Letter
- ◆ Mind: Human Not Teacher
- ◆ Mind Not God
- ◆ The Monastic Life
- ◆ Money
- ◆ Money: Practitioners
- ◆ More About Grace
- ◆ Mountain Path Articles
- ◆ The Mystic Life
- ◆ Nightingale of the East
- ◆ Norman Letter
- ◆ Organization - Inheritance
- ◆ Pets
- ◆ Poetry
- ◆ Practitioners
- ◆ Prayer
- ◆ Preparation for Prayer
- ◆ Protective Work
- ◆ Ready to Help Others?
- ◆ Reincarnation
- ◆ Relationships
- ◆ Request Healing
- ◆ Rosecrucian Digest 1948
- ◆ Science and God
- ◆ Secrecy
- ◆ Separation and Loneliness
- ◆ Silence
- ◆ Sin: Go and Sin No More
- ◆ Sinkler vs. Goldsmith: Trial
- ◆ Sinkler, Lorraine
- ◆ The Spiritual Journey of
- ◆ Stages of Consciousness
- ◆ Virginia Stephenson

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"The question is occasionally asked as to whether Infinite Way Study Centers or Infinite Way Tape groups may sell any but Infinite Way writings. Please note that the Joel S. Goldsmith Book Department sells no books other than those of The Infinite Way. It is clear that if we start selling the books or poems of any other writer -- where will we stop? I respectfully request that no Infinite Way Study Center or Tape Group or Teacher or Practitioner of The Infinite Way, sell any writings other than The Infinite Way writings." - Joel (Photocopy of original 1964 The Monthly Letters in comb-bound version available from Mystics of the World.)

## Lorraine Sinkler's Opinion of Joel's Instructions

"I have read Joel's letter to Norman very carefully and I do not feel that including that in the monthly Letter is in the best interests of The Infinite Way, nor can I agree with Joyce that when Joel wrote it "he was under spiritual orders." If that were the case, then all Joel's writings and talk about spiritual freedom are a farce.

"...I cannot go along with broadcasting any such dogmatic statement to the world through the monthly Letter. To do that would make the Infinite Way more authoritarian than Christian Science or Catholicism, both of which many persons left to follow The Infinite Way for that very reason.

"...We cannot stop individual unfoldment, and our safest course is to follow the principle of resist not. Then whatever is of God will survive and what is not will fade away, but regardless of what happens it cannot take our good away from us or stop the onward march of The Infinite Way." Lorraine Sinkler, August 26, 1975

And so, the "teachers" went on to tape and make materials to compete with Joel's for the students' time and money. They went on to battle in court and leave a trail of error grand enough for all of us to learn from.

We will trust each student to determine for themselves what Joel meant, whether it was inspired, why he would have asked this of his teachers shortly before he knew the message was complete. Further, each will have to decide why the teachers themselves would be so intent on going against his wishes. At least we have the facts to share with you.

To accuse Joel of being authoritarian and dogmatic is a stunning attack

- ◆ Stories
- ◆ Study Outlines
- ◆ Subliminal Perception
- ◆ Suffering: Necessary?
- ◆ Tape Group Instructions
- ◆ Teachers: 1963 Names
- ◆ Teachers: How to Find
- ◆ Teachers: Caution Students
- ◆ Teacher: Contact Important
- ◆ Teacher Instructions
- ◆ Teacher: Ques. for IW Teacher
- ◆ Terminology
- ◆ Unofficial Infinite Way
- ◆ US News and World Report
- ◆ War
- ◆ We Know Only Through Revelat
- ◆ What is Religion?
- ◆ Why No Healing
- ◆ The Wisdoms
- ◆ World Work
- ◆ New Unfoldments
- ◆ Under The Law of Christ
- ◆ Construction
- ◆ Under Construction

which needs no defense for those who understand Joel, what he came to do and what his message gives us.

We are indebted to him, to Emma, and to the family for the tools with which to find Truth.

### "No One Can Rise High Enough In The Message of The Infinite Way As To Receive Permission To Publish Infinite Way Material In Any Form."

Some students new to The IW may find this turmoil distressing and might make you wonder if you are in the right place. Don't worry. You are simply seeing another version of the classic story of ERROR, that mesmeric force that operates in the world. Joel brought a message of oneness, and the world must try to divide it. Just remember that Error has no power. All we need to do to handle it is to know it for what it is, the impersonal belief in a self-hood apart from God. Then we drop our concern and rest in God.

By definition, this human world is duality. It will always be that way until the souls here wake up to their Christhood and live according to spiritual principles. Until that day, we must be vigilant and intelligent. The following information is intended to make you both as you "tile" at the door of your consciousness. We have to be careful and cautious regarding what we accept into our lives and our souls, particularly when it comes to spiritual teachings. Always, always meditate before making a move. Pay close attention and if you encounter something troubling, stop and meditate again.

Joel left a completed message of mysticism. This means that all that needed to be said, was said. All the lessons were given. One day in 1964, while lecturing in England, he was told that his work was finished on this plane and that he was to move on to continue working for The Infinite Way on the fourth dimension. As the story goes, he was upset not to be able to continue his European lecture tour, for at the end he was scheduled to vacation in his favorite castle in Scotland. IW is Joel's Spiritual Journey. The Infinite Way is the life's work and spiritual experience of Joel S. Goldsmith.

Shortly before he left the earth, Joel gave very clear and specific instructions to teachers of his work: NO TAPES and NO BOOKS are to be used to teach this message but those made by Joel. Joel always made a point of saying that although no one owns Truth, the message he taught the world, named The Infinite Way, was the

story of his personal unfoldment and it came directly through him as a holy revelation, just as that of Jesus, Buddha and other spiritual lights.

### Joel's Instructions to Students and Letters About Taping(Letter to Norman-below)

Here are some instructions found on Joel's tapes:

#### **Do not go to court to settle your disputes.**

See lawsuits: Lorraine Sinkler vs. Emma Goldsmith, Acropolis-Krupp vs. Geri McDonald.

#### **Give your benevolences in secret.**

Valborg and Lorraine Sinkler created Valor Foundation

A dance theatre was donated by Lorraine Sinkler and named for Valborg

<http://www.news.appstate.edu/releases/info/071301sinkler.html>)

#### **Do not organize.**

Joel rejected non-profit status for he did not want to operate under human laws. Further, benevolence should not be an exchange, but a gift of God's Supply.

See McDonald family trademarking The Infinite Way, Sinkler Valor Foundation, Infinite Way Library Work has a government not-for-profit tax status.

Virginia Stephenson Affidavit CIV 83-128-98-PHX-CLH

State of Hawaii County of Honolulu Judge Charles Hardy

Virginia Stephenson, being first duly sworn, upon her oath, deposes and says:

1. I am an Infinite Way Teacher and Practitioner and have been a follower of the Infinite Way principles for over 30 years.
2. I knew Joel Goldsmith during his lifetime and I know Emma Goldsmith, Joel's widow. I also know Geri McDonald, Emma's daughter by another marriage.
3. During the course of Joel's lifetime, I attended numerous closed classes conducted by Joel. I also visited Joel and Emma many times in their home in Hawaii.
4. I traveled to Europe with Emma Goldsmith in 1977. Emma could not sign her name to the hotel registers and this

had to be done for her. In the taxi en route to the airport in Boston, Emma became disoriented and did not know where she was or where we were going. She was carrying a mink coat which she absent-mindedly left in the taxi. Fortunately, the driver turned in the coat and it was recovered. Ellen Hack was informally appointed to stay with Emma and keep her company, since she needed constant supervision. During the trip, Emma avoided any Infinite Way students if they wanted to discuss the teachings.

5. During the 1977 trip, Emma was so disoriented that when we first arrived, Emma began repacking her suitcase for departure only one hour after arrival even though our stay was to be several days.

**6. I recall a 1961 private group during which Joel said that he would never register the name “The Infinite Way” as a trademark or incorporate the Infinite Way. At this same time Joel spoke of this incident with Jack Addington. Jack Addington of San Diego once urged Joel to register the name “The Infinite Way” as a trade name and to organize The Infinite Way as a tax-exempt organization. Joel was firm in refusing to do either. It was at this meeting in his hotel room that Joel cautioned us never to use “The Infinite Way” on a bank account, or “doing business as” the Infinite Way, as The Infinite Way is not an entity, but a spiritual way of life.**

7. I conduct Infinite Way classes throughout the United States. Emma Goldsmith has attended my classes and has heard me freely quote from the writings, tapes and letters of Joel S. Goldsmith. At no time has she expressed any objection to be doing so.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Virginia Stephenson (Signature )

Subscribed and sworn before me on this 18th day of January 1985. Notary signature.

**We cannot inherit consciousness or priesthood and no human can ordain us.**

See McDonald, Ropac, Stephenson, and any who claim authority/consciousness by association or family succession.

**Teachers wait to be invited to teach a class.**

It was customary for Joel to only give a class when he was invited to do so by his students.

**Teachers do not seek students, practitioners do not seek patients.**

See 1955 Kailua Tape 112 side 1

**Teachers to only use Joel's tapes and books for instruction.**

See Letter to Norman and Monthly Letter passage below.

**Teachers do not seek students, practitioners do not seek patients.**

1955 Kailua Tape 112 Side 1

"Only yesterday I had to write a letter saying, "No, I'm sorry I cannot give my permission for you to put a notice in the newspaper about an Infinite Way meeting." A newspaper notice serves as an advertisement. What are you advertising, that God will be given to you or some form of good? You want to put an ad in the paper, "God." Then no one will come in under false pretenses.

It is true that wherever I speak that sometimes a notice is put in the paper just to the effect that Joel S. Goldsmith of the Infinite Way will speak. That is a little different, because that is a notice to those who already know Joel S. Goldsmith and the Infinite Way and it is letting them know that he is in town. Otherwise, they may not have any knowledge of it. There's not an ad because there isn't a soul in the world who would answer that ad, except those who know. That's quite a different thing.

Anything that is designed to bring people to this, or to promise them that their problems will be met, is just misleading them. There is only one thing that we can promise anybody, and that is God. That we can do. We can bring God to their conscious realization. If that is their interest, they are of the household of God.

The moment they are seeking things, it's different. That doesn't mean that we don't have the right to suggest to those of our friends or relatives who we find to be in difficulty, that there is a way out for them. That is a perfectly legitimate activity.

In that case we have the right to hand them a book or a pamphlet or a tape and then leave it with them. If they go any further, that's their look out. If they don't, it is also their look out. That is giving to one's neighbor a cup of cold water in Christ's name. Certainly be as generous as you like in giving pamphlets and giving books or sharing tapes but go no further than that.

After that, it is up to the individual to do what they want to do, to make the overtures to ask the questions. You can see the reason. We are demonstrating cosmic consciousness and cosmic law, and that means the only demonstration we have to make is the demonstration of the



God Selfhood.

I can assure you that if you were to say to many people that this isn't the way of getting healthy, wealthy or wise, it's just a way of finding God-you would find many eager to have it on the 29th of February or the 32nd of May or the 4th Thursday in each week.

No, no. Let us understand the nature of this work. This work is spreading more rapidly than we have been able to take care of, not nearly as rapidly as it would if any of the human means were used to let it spread or be known. It will spread under divine impulsion.

Let us realize now that the function is first with us as individuals. We cannot save the world if we ourselves are not saved. "Physician, heal thyself," is the truth. If I can make my conscious contact with God, I can in some measure be a blessing to you.

If you can make your conscious union with God, you in turn can be a blessing in some degree to others. In that degree we can bless the world, but not if we stay in the realm of the intellectual knowledge of this truth without the spiritual apprehension of it. This comes when we understand what the principle is that we are doing." - Joel Goldsmith

### Lorene McClintock Recording

(This letter was mailed to students and previous customers. It had no date but was in late '90-2000.)

Dear Friend,

Recently I had a very deep and persistent urge to find a tape I made of my reading a transcript of a talk that Joel gave at the Honolulu Infinite Way Study Center on September 30, 1963. (Joel had not recorded the talk on tape, but it was transcribed in written form as he spoke; and many of us had received a copy of the transcript.) I read and recorded the talk on tape the day after Joel made the transition.

Emma had called me from London on Thursday morning, June 18, 1964 to tell me that Joel had made the transition the day before. The news was incomprehensible. It had been only two weeks since Joel had given a class in Chicago at which I spoke; and I had gone to the airport here in New York to see them off to London. I felt devastated and sad, and sat down to meditate.

Immediately, I heard Joel's voice as he spoke to me saying, "I'm dancing in the streets." This was a happy and freeing remark that Joel often made in my presence after he had given a class. It was an

indication of his feeling of joyful release upon having completed the delivery of a message. And I knew that by using this remark, he was telling me that he had completed his work here on this plane, and that he was “dancing in the streets.” Hearing Joel speak those words brought me assurance and an inner smile as well.

But then I realized that I had an Infinite Way Tape Meeting at the hotel that evening –and how was I going to tell the students that Joel had made the transition?

It occurred to me that I should read and record the talk that Joel had given at the Honolulu Study Center on September 30, 1963, and play the tape for the students at the meeting. This talk contains a very special message to all of us, his students. The tape (now available for purchase) is packaged in a beautifully designed album.

Lovingly,

Lorene (signature)

Order form followed to Lorene McClintock, 853 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019

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Question: If Joel handed out the talk for free, why would it seem more helpful to pay for a recording of it? Could the student read it to themselves, perhaps record it as the teacher did? The written transcript was not included in this offer, but later was published in CONSCIOUSNESS TRANSFORMED, the chapter, “An Eternal Relationship.” Interestingly, the point of the talk is that consciousness is everlasting, beyond anything material and able to be accessed by all at any time, Within.

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