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JOEL'S TRANSITION 1964

About Joel's Transition in London

This is a personal reminiscence for a few who have asked for it, of the events surrounding Joel's transition in London, June 17:

I had a great compulsion to go to London for Joel's work there and on the Continent. There was much that made it seem impossible, but somehow, through Grace, the way opened. I arrived in London on Sat. June 13th. Joel had completed his class in Manchester and had some work in London the preceding week. On Sun. June 14th, he gave two talks. They were at the home of Mary Salt, a dedicated Infinite Way Leader in London. Her home is a quaint studio-like place in a picturesque London mews, with a gay, wee English garden in the rear. Every nook was filled in a downstairs room and an upper room equipped with a loud speaker.

The first of the two meetings was an open talk to students at 5 o'clock, the second at 7, to teachers and practitioners. In the interval between the two talks, tea was served in the upstairs room – a beautiful English high tea, lovingly served by many handmaidens. But better than the many and varied delicacies they served was the spirit of quiet communion that pervaded the room. With Emma, Joel sat in a corner beside a window. He didn't speak but occasionally. He glanced from one to another with a smile that was like a loving benediction.

In the 7 o'clock group were advanced students and teachers from London and other parts of England, those who had come from America and from the Continent, from Australia and South Africa.

In his first talk Joel spoke of the meditation he had had just before, which evidently was still strongly with him and became the subject of his message. He spoke of experiencing the "Womb of Silence" in which he saw the original, unfolding creation: the trees appearing, the rocks, the streams, the skies, flowers, different kinds in the North and South – everything sustained in this same rhythm.

The second lecture continued on from the first and spoke of the Womb of Consciousness out of which comes fruitage in a perfect rhythm.

On Monday night he gave another talk, to a larger group in a public

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hall. The subject was the "Stature of Spiritual Manhood." It was a crowning glory and finale to his work, as were those other last London talks.

After the Monday night lecture, I talked with Emma about an appointment with Joel. Because he had no work scheduled for the next day we thought it might be a good time to see him. But somehow when Tuesday came I had a great sense of fatigue from the trip and the preparations before leaving and felt it was not the right time to see Joel. It would be best to wait until the next day.

On that Tuesday I said to one of the students, "Don't you feel that Joel is preparing to leave us?" "Yes, I do," she answered. There was no evidence to prompt the question or indicate that the "leaving" was imminent, although for the past year Joel had given many evidences that he was preparing us for the closing of the chapter.

On Wednesday morning I went to Lorraine Sinkler's room for the early morning meditation which three of us had been having with her. There was no answer to my knock, so the three of us went back to our rooms. That was about 9 o'clock. It was but a few moments before Lois Randolph called me. I think I felt the news she was to tell me before she spoke: Joel had passed on. He had made the transition but a short time before, quietly, at 8:30.

The shock, of course, was indescribable, coming just after the transcendental talks he had just given, in what appeared full vitality and vigor. On that day before, he had experienced a sense of fatigue and a dinner engagement he and Emma had was canceled. In the night he had some discomfort, a brief preliminary, then a peaceful passing in sleep.

There was no death, truly a transition, for immediately there was communication with Emma, a joyous expression of release, of freedom, and the word that now he could make the message clearer to those attuned to his consciousness than he had been able to do in this dimension. Within a very short time, after the first shock and grief, all who were there felt his presence. Each of us experienced a sense of uplift, of actual joy difficult to describe.

Not only was that sense of his living presence communicated to those about him but there was a noticeable change in each one, a loss of personal sense and a new stature of dedication. An inexpressible bond drew all together, expression of a spiritual oneness.

Immediately each one questioned: "What can I do?" The answer was "Carry on." The message conveyed was that the work would go on in every direction, with increased momentum. The most important thing each of us can do is to express the teaching we have received.

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- ◆ 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
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- ◆ Joel's Will
- ◆ Lao Tzu: Losing the Way
- ◆ Life of the Soul
- ◆ The Light of Truth
- ◆ Love

expressed wishes before he went. The only memorial was the sense of uplift we all felt, the welling up of what could be termed a celestial joy.

Before leaving for Europe Joel had said in a letter I had from him, "This is going to be a wonderful safari." I'm sure it was for him.

The personality of Joel is gone; the form has passed from the visible to the invisible. His Consciousness lives. His message in this last year has stressed impersonalization. In his preparation of the students for this transition he wrote that he wanted no memorials of any kind when he went, nothing to glorify or memorialize the man. His sole contribution was to the consciousness of the world: the opening of men's consciousness to the indwelling Christ and the realization of world peace.

His work here was finished. I feel he had given to the world all the world consciousness could take at this time. Now he has passed, unquestionably to a higher state of consciousness and if we turn to that Consciousness, we will receive. Rather than indulging a sense of loss, we have, each one of us, a commitment to express the legacy he left to us.

Every one of us for reasons we may not understand was drawn to the Christ Consciousness in this man. He was a transparency to transmit a message that certainly the world had never had to the degree that it came through Joel Goldsmith. It is an on-going consciousness and we can, through attuning our consciousness, at any time we need his help, receive it.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." If anyone laid down his life it was Joel Goldsmith. He gave us the gift of himself. Humanly he demonstrated more than should have been asked of anyone. No one who ever asked of him was turned away empty-handed.

The Manchester Class is his last class. The book, "A Parenthesis In Eternity" may be said to be his spiritual autobiography.

As a postscript I would like to add that there have been a number of wonderful evidences of Joel's help and guidance since his passing and frequent experiences of his presence. To cite one instance a student who was facing a serious crisis and was greatly disturbed was awakened out of sleep with Joel's voice giving her the guidance she needed. He even answered questions that she asked. It was, she said, exactly like a telephone conversation. She would never doubt, she said, that Joel is with us, his help as available as when he was here.

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