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## "Children of a Spiritual Union"

### *Gift of Love*

Joel Goldsmith

### Chapter 7

A man and a woman who marry with the enlightened attitude that the children born to them have a higher destiny than to be born of the flesh alone are recognizing the spiritual truth that God is to appear on earth in another form, that another son of God is to come into expression, not their child, not somebody who looks like them, but somebody who looks like God and acts like God.

When two persons unite in marriage in that realization, their children will be born into their Christhood because before conception the parents will know that their coming together is just their part in giving the child visible expression, but will also recognize that no man on earth is its true father and no woman on earth is its true mother.

There is but one Father, God; and God is the creator, the maintainer, and sustainer of all. Parents are but the instruments through which God's Grace expressed as individual being comes to earth. God is the child's Father and Mother, his creative Principle. Therefore, all that God is and shows forth will become the nature of the child.

Once the Spirit of God is universally recognized, there will be a different breed of children brough forth on earth. Children then will show forth not the glory of their human but of their divine parentage, manifested as the grace and capacity of that divine Parent.

### From Tape 487 Side 1

1962 London Closed Class  
Being Unclothed and Clothed Upon

Our outer self, which we call our human being or the creature or the natural man, that which we were born, that is our outer self. And it is

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entirely cut off from God, but entirely.

So much so that a mother hardly knows whether her baby is going to be normal, natural or not.

Certainly this question could not arise if that newborn babe were already under the law of God. Or if the unborn babe were receiving the grace of God.

Nobody knows what is going to come forth until after they have seen it, and then sometimes it takes several years before they know whether or not it is alright inside.

Why?

Because that child is a purely human creation. It is not born of God. It is born of the will of man, the desire of man and woman. It is not born of God.

And it is for this reason that no one knows what they are going to get until they see it and sometimes not then.

And, of course, you know the exception to this rule is where individuals have come to the spiritual teaching and are fully aware of the fact that the marital relationship is but the result of a spiritually endowed relationship.

And therefore that really it is the carrying out of the will of God on human terms.

Then, of course, these prospective parents are not thinking in terms of my child or your child or glorifying me or glorifying you, but that this child is coming forth to glorify its Creator, the one Father, God, Spirit. And therefore will be spiritual in mind and body.

It is for this reason that we have every reason to look to a higher form of children and grandchildren from the generation that is growing up in the spiritual teaching.

Because at least they, even as a prelude to the marital relationship, will realize that this is merely the product of love, the effect of love, and whatever the fruitage will be, it will be God's gift and God's grace. Then we will know what children are coming forth.

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From The Foundation of Mysticism

Chapter 16, "Know the Truth"

pp. 296-7

Tape 265, Side 2

1959 Hawaiian Village Closed Class

1. This question says: "*Will you please say something about parenthood?*"

A. To me, a child is very much like a bud, a blossom.

1. It is new and fresh and has infinite potentialities.

2. And, it can be molded, not molded to my will, but spiritually molded.

B. Parenthood often seems too much of an animal emotion.

1. It does not permit the parent to be objective or to see their child spiritually.

C. To see the child spiritually means to understand the child.

1. Not as your child,

2. But as a **child of God**.

3. As another of the infinite forms and varieties of God Being, sent to earth with all of the potentialities of God Being.

D. If one can love their child that way, and understand that its nature comes forth from God,

1. That it was sent to this plane of consciousness not to be anybody's child,

2. But to be **an instrument for good on earth**.

a. As much of an instrument as Jesus Christ was an instrument, or Moses or Buddha,

b. Every child has that potentiality.

E. Understand that the child is not limited mentally by its parents or grandparents or great-grandparent.,

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1. It is the offspring of God.
2. And Mind of God.
3. Its source of intelligence and wisdom is God.

F. Is to free that child from the limitation to family relationships.

G. In the same way, to raise a child without making it fear.,

1. But rather with the spiritual understanding of releasing it unto God.

2. There again parenthood, at that level, is quite a different thing than human parenthood.

H. Human parenthood is a selfish emotion.

1. Almost entirely such.
2. And one has to rise far above that in order to be able to see that:

- a. We are the caretakers of children.
- b. **We are their providers.**
- c. **And until such time as they can take over that**

**responsibility, we are their guides.**

**I. And to be able to do it spiritually means to do it through inner communion with God.**

1. It does not mean to be a dominating person dictating to them out of your human knowledge what they should do or should not do.

2. But it means, rather, to raise them with a minimum amount of talk and conversation.

3. And a **maximum amount of holding them in that inner communion with the spirit.**

4. **Permitting them to be God governed instead of man dominated.**

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"The foremost religious races, notably the Hebrews and the Greeks, were great adepts in the cultivation of the imagination of their children. Imagination is a mental capacity of the first importance for every aspect of life, but peculiarly so for religion. The power to see, to forecast, to anticipate, to discover, and to value what is implicated or involved in the normal experiences of life is an essential spiritual capacity. It is what the New Testament means by faith, what George Santayana calls "the soul's invincible surmise." It is fully as important as that power to apprehend and describe facts, which we have learned how to train with such success. But matter of fact people as we incline to be, we are apt to be afraid of imagination.

We assume that it has to do with "what isn't there," with the world of illusion, with exaggeration and untruth. It is, however, a gift of major rank - this faculty of vision, this capacity to feel realities which elude the senses, but which are there for seeing souls and for those who have "the single eye."

It is as necessary for religion as the power to see perspective is for drawing, and it is no more difficult to cultivate than is the latter. But we have not done it, and we do not do it. We train children to see and to dodge passing automobiles, a skill which is essential to survival, be we neglect the cultivation of the capacity to see the invisible, which is essential to art, to poetry, and to religion. I am advocating no slackening of attention to the automobile, but only more attention to the subtler realities which form and build the dimensions of the soul."

Rufus Jones New Studies in Mystical Religion Chapter 'Mysticism and Religious Education'

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### *The Prophet*

*by Kahlil Gibran*

### *Children*

*And a woman who held a babe against  
her bosom said, Speak to us of Children.*

*And he said: Your children are not your children  
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.*

*They come through you but not from you.  
You may give them your love but not your thoughts,  
For they have their own thoughts.*

*You may house their bodies but not their souls,  
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,  
which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.*

*You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.  
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.*

*You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent  
forth,*

*The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,  
and He bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far,  
Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;*

*For even as He loves the arrow that flies,  
so He loves also the bow that is stable.*

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### *Prayer*

*I cannot teach you how to pray in words.  
 God listens not to your words save when  
 He Himself utters them through your lips.  
 And I cannot teach you the prayer of the  
 seas and the forests and the mountains.  
 But you who are born of the mountains  
 and the forests and the seas  
 can find their prayer in your heart,  
 And if you but listen in the stillness of the  
 night you shall hear them saying in silence,  
 "Our God, who art our winged self, it is  
 thy will in us that willeth.  
 It is thy desire in us that desireth.  
 It is thy urge in us that would turn our  
 nights, which are thine, into days which are  
 thine also.  
 We cannot ask thee for aught, for thou  
 knowest our needs before they are born in us:  
 Thou are our need; and in giving us more  
 of thyself thou givest us all."*

*Awake, asleep, at work, at play*

*God is always with me, night and day.*

*There is no place where God is not.*

*This is a happy, happy thought.*

-Minerva MacManus

*Teaching The Infinite Way to Children*

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## *The Monthly Letter March 1956*

### Across the Desk

The questions have been asked: What are we to do about teaching this Truth to our children? What about Sunday Schools?

I shall answer the last question first. So far as Sunday Schools are concerned, that is an individual matter. Sunday Schools will not solve the problem of teaching because it is doubtful that anyone can teach a child a principle of life in an hour and expect it to remain with him. Truth cannot be taught in any set period of time; it is a continuous unfoldment and development, and the more one lives in this consciousness, the more will these principles become embodied as consciousness and, ultimately, come forth as demonstration.

If you have accepted the fact that The Infinite Way is a Principle of Life, who is better qualified to teach your children? Who in a Sunday School is equipped to teach the principle that you, individually, have adopted? Truth cannot be taught in an hour or two a week, and, actually, it cannot be taught at all purely in the sense of teaching. Children must be taught much as we ourselves are taught; every time a problem or need arises, we must apply the Truth of Being, and this is done not so much in the sense of teaching, but of reminding.

Certainly, you are desirous that your children and grandchildren grow up with the Truth, rather than having to take the hard way forty or fifty years hence. Clearly, the job is up to us, if we desire our children to grow into manhood and womanhood with a higher spiritual sense than that of the last few generations, but this cannot be accomplished through our present human teachings, doctrines and codes. The one way to accomplish this is to start your child where he is now, whether an infant or twelve years of age --start where he is now, and build a consciousness of Truth until it becomes a completely natural way of life. It is up to you to build that consciousness, or else let them grow up outside - a prodigal, being something of himself, and then praying to some kind of divine Providence to get him out of his troubles. That there is no such divine Providence you know from your own experience; the only divine Providence is your individual realization and awareness of the Presence - that is your refuge, your Christ.

The secret of the Christ principle with which we are working is the omnipresence, omnipotence, and omniscience of God. In fact, the entire message of The Infinite Way can be summed up briefly as understanding the infinite nature of God - Its omnipotence, omnipresence, ever-availability. And that is the principle you wish to give your children - a sense of God's presence and power. There is absolutely no way in which that can be built in an hour or two; rather, from morning till night it must be built into the child's consciousness, until it becomes the very fiber of his being.



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If you can bring God to a child's conscious remembrance several times as day, either with a sense of gratitude or with a sense of omnipresence, great and wonderful results will follow. An undertaking such as this will entail much patience and persistence. It may be difficult to resist the impulse to say: "Mother will do this for you" or "Daddy can give you that." Instead, turn the child's thought to God as the infinite source of good, by teaching him that God provides all his needs; that God never withholds good; and that God is with him constantly.

Each hour of the day a parent and child must meet some new experience, and the manner in which each situation is handled determines whether or not the child is learning the principle. For instance, suppose he falls and hurts himself. It will be of no benefit, other than comforting him, to say: "Come to mother, and mother will make it well." What better opportunity to say: "What's this? You are crying? Can't you close your eyes and feel God's presence with you?" This is where the practice must begin, to make it clear to the child that the Father within his own being is the answer to his hurts.

No child will ever learn this principle unless he is taught meditation, but it can be done gradually by beginning each day, before the start of any activity, with the gentle reminder: "Let us stop for just a moment, and realize that God is with us today and that He is holding your hand." That is enough, because the child has been reminded to think of God as an active Presence and Power. A child might learn this on Sunday morning, but by Monday morning that thought is far from his mind, and again it must be brought to conscious remembrance.

There are innumerable opportunities for such promptings. As you set his food before him, remind him to stop for a second of gratitude: "Thank you, Father, for providing our daily food." this need not be said audibly; instead and perhaps a better way, is to teach the the child to say and think inwardly, "Thank you, Father." Before he runs out to play, gently prompt him, "Wait just a minute - have you stopped to let God take your hand?" At nap and bedtime he should never be permitted to drop off to sleep without the conscious remembrance of God is omnipresent, in one form or another, and this is also a good opportunity to instill the idea of opening himself to God whenever he awakens during the night, and first thing in the morning. If the child is taught that the divine Father is always present to provide for all his needs, he will have taken a great step forward.

One of the most difficult for parents to overcome is the tendency to say something like, "You must eat this because it is good for you." This often seems to be the best way of cramming down unwanted food, but we are going to do an about-face - we are not even going to agree that it is good for him. If we ourselves have come to the conviction that nothing is good but God, then certainly we must stop forcing a child to eat this or to do that because it is good for him.

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Begin now to teach him to acknowledge God every time he eats a morel or drinks a drop. Never permit him to leave the house without hesitating for a moment to say: "Thank you, Father. Thou art with me." Always be sure, however, that the thought of danger is not brought to his mind, but just a simple "Thank you, Father, for They presence." Before he falls asleep, have him again acknowledge the Presence with the thought of gratitude that his Father-Mother-God is with him always, whether asleep or awake. Day in and day out, direct his thought toward God, until God within becomes the prime reality of his consciousness. We students of many years would not be able to accomplish much toward the Christ consciousness if we did not live with it from morning till night; therefore, you can well understand the importance and necessity of continually building this truth into the child's consciousness, until such time as it becomes his normal and natural way of life. After a year or so, you will find that he will acknowledge God as his Father-Mother and the source of his good, that God has become his constant companion, and wherever he goes God will walk beside him.

Do not wait until your child is twenty years of age before teaching him that the kingdom of God is within his own being, and that it is unnecessary and futile to pray to a God in heaven. Start at the very beginning of his life to teach the habit of gratitude, of love, of acknowledging the Presence - implanting in his mind and heart the thought that his relationship to God is a sacred and secret one - just between God and himself. Impress upon him that his gratitude and acknowledgement must be spoken secretly and silently, and never openly or outwardly where he might be robbed of his treasure. Many a child has lost his treasure by making his religion public, where it is often held up to ridicule and shame. No one has the right to parade his religious beliefs before others; instead, we must go into the secret place, into the sanctuary of the temple of our being, and pray in secret and in silence - there, away from the thoughts and things of the world, we commune with God.

This does not mean that we are not to offer a cup of cold water when the occasion arises. Offer the cup, but offer it in a way that does not flaunt your religion or give someone the opportunity to tread upon it. It is difficult enough for adults, when friends and relatives think they are somewhat mentally deranged because they actually rely upon God, so think how much more difficult it would be for a child to have his or her faith taunted and laughed at by unthinking persons. He is not prepared for that, because he has not yet arrived at the place of unshakable inner conviction. It is vitally important that his religion be practiced in secret - something which he holds and treasures within his own being; and you may be assured that whatever he learns from the Father - Mother God within himself will be made manifest in his experience.

Children, even the very youngest ones, should become acquainted with

God and with the kingdom of God within their own individual beings. There is no prescribed formula or set of rules, no rote, no ritual - each situation must be handled in an individual manner, and your own divine wisdom will guide and direct you in what to do and say in any situation. The main point to observe is to make God a living reality, so that after a few years of teaching and training, the child will have attained a measure of the consciousness toward which you have been building through your own years of study and practice. If children are enabled to come into an early realization of God, Omnipresence, as the mainstay of their lives, it will be unnecessary for them to go through all the things that we, their parents and friends, have experienced. There will arise a generation of young people who, from infancy, have learned to trust God - not only trust IT, but rely on IT and prove IT! Then there will be an opportunity for world peace, because these young people who have attained a measure of Christ consciousness will have no thought of enmity or hatred or envy in their hearts, and their lives will be devoted to giving, sharing, and helping, rather than acquiring.

### **Making the Principles Practical Comments from C.C.**

*These comments are from the author of Circle of Christhood (C.C.) not Joel:*

One of the hardest things we will be called upon to do is to teach this message to our children. To be a teacher, we must understand and embody the principles ourselves. Happily, we also remember the saying: the way to learn something is to teach it!

"Yet, if you would benefit your children and your grandchildren, if you would benefit all who turn to you for help, when you sit down to do your meditation and healing work, you will have to leave your children somewhere. Toss them outside somewhere. Do not let them into your consciousness. Keep them out, if you would really bless them. Keep them out. Make believe you can trust them to God, just make believe for a little while. Sometimes it has been found to work, that really God does take care of those children after you have released them to God."

Each day is a challenge as a parent. We are to live the principles, find time to meditate, recognize the Christ in every person we encounter: on the playground, in carpool, in traffic, at the market, on the soccer field. How do we stop thinking and listen to God while rap is on the radio, play station is blasting, the news spews war and hate while dinner is

late, the dog is sick, the toilet is backed up and homework is all over the kitchen table?

There is only one way to approach this, live in the NOW. Right now, you can pause for a breath and silently whisper GOD! Right now, you can recognize that your child is God's child, as all children are, under Its care and guidance. Individually the Child of God.

Learn well and completely the lessons on The Nature of Error. Error will find us. That is a given. Get familiar with it, known its signs, its smells, how it looks, what it feels like. Then, respond accordingly...."Get thee behind me. You are no part of me, or my family."

Whenever possible, simplify your life for yourself and your children. Set limits for worldly distractions. Discipline is not evil. It is a way for all of us to manage our lives. It requires discipline to find time for study and tape work, for meditation. Do what you can, but do it regularly. Have a plan. Set time aside and let your family do the same thing. Quiet time is good for everyone, parents and children. It is a matter of commitment and intention. Make a priority, want to do it, make it happen.

The only possible way to give your children the principles of The Infinite Way is to live it. (Memorize Joel's 1956 words above if you have to!) Joel made an excellent tape for parents and children (#3 "Sunday School"). We must know the principles and practice them faithfully.

Here are the major points of The Infinite Way with some suggestions. (Since we each have individual human circumstances, the suggestions are only for you to consider and help you to formulate your own practices.)

**Meditation:** First and foremost, we must meditate often, short periods throughout the day. Set a timer on the stove, wear a beeping watch, do what you must to focus every hour for a moment on God. No requests, no needs. just a communion, if only for a moment. Teach this to your children. Meditate in the silence of their bedroom when they are falling asleep. Spend a few moments in the garden, quietly thanking the Infinite Invisible for the plants and animals. Begin when they are small, and add time as they grow. No music while you meditate, no distractions. We only need a moment in the beginning.

**Silence:** Have quiet times for reading or drawing when the family can just be, in the silence. BE. Communing together. This will introduce the feeling of quiet communion which later you can use to teach communing with God.

*"Mothers in India begin to train their children in silent meditation long before they are taught letters or counting. . . ."*

*"One of the greatest debts I owe my family for my early religious culture is due to the custom of silent worship every morning after breakfast. It was a busy home with heavy burdens of duties and labors, but we allowed nothing to interfere with the hush of worship which fed our lives with vital energies for the tasks of the day. The habit of turning the mind from outward things and events to an attitude of love and confidence toward an invisible presence became as natural to me as breathing. Children are far more mystical-minded than their elders suspect, and mystics would not be so rare if we made better use of the culture of silence in the lives of our children."*

*Rufus Jones  
New Studies in Mystical Religion*

**Nature of God:** If you accomplish nothing else, giving your children a belief and understanding of God will set them on a spiritual course. If you live The Infinite Way, your children learn even more. God must be the foundational understanding of our lives. God is not a person, God is Mother-Father, IT, who made us and cares for us. We do not ask God for favors. God, our Mother-Father, IT is everywhere with us, knows all, is all powerful. We insult God by telling him his job. His/Her job is to love and care for us, to give us everything we need, to guide and direct us in all we do. IT does this automatically if WE LET IT.

**Nature of Prayer:** We only go to God for God's company. We do not have to ask for anything, for God knows what we need and it is ITs pleasure to give it to us. We have to realize that what God gives us may not be what we think we want, but IT knows what is best for us. So, we pray by getting quiet and listening for a "still, small, voice." Perhaps God will whisper something, show us an image, or give us a feeling. Any of these are possible. If we practice a listening prayer, we come to learn how God shares Itself with us.

**Nature of Error:** All sorts of things happen in the world. The world is made up of opposites. Not good and bad, just opposite. High and low is an opposite, but not really good or bad. Thick and thin are opposites, also not good or bad. Sometimes we like our hamburger thick, but our turkey sandwich sliced thin. Opposites are the way of the world. Even our battery has a + and -.

Opposites also attract. So it is not unusual for a good deed to be followed by a temptation. Parents need to explain this to children and get them to see through the opposites.

An understanding of Error allows them to accept the practice of "love thy enemy" and "forgive seventy times seven." It is not one's fault, it is this belief that we are something other than God's children that causes

the problem.

**Nature of Man:** Even though we see people as bodies, they really are more than a physical body. They have a spiritual body, rather like an invisible light around them. Inside of this is their soul. It is also invisible, but something some of us can feel. Animals are really good at noticing people's souls. That's why they like some people right away. Animals can feel what people are really like inside. No matter how people look or act, they all have souls. Souls have no race, religion, nationality, etc. Souls aren't even male or female. No matter how people treat us, we remember their soul-light. We don't have to stay around people who are not nice to us, but we always remember who and what they really are inside.

You may like to work with the image presented in New Unfoldments here to create an explanation for your child that is more concrete, especially for young children.

This principle understood also is applied to lessons on love and forgiveness.

**Protective Work:** Each day, morning and night, acknowledge that this is God's day you will be living. God goes before you as you leave the house. God drives all cars, flies all planes. God goes before each of us to make the crooked places straight. God blesses all we pass. Each day, I encounter the Christ in all I meet.

Each evening, we retire knowing that even as we sleep, God is with us.

Study the 1960 Denver Closed Class tape, Protective Work. Read "Protection" in the 1955 Infinite Way Letters. Know this principle and teach it to your children. There is nothing to be protected from. God is our constant companion, "closer than breathing, nearer than hands and feet."

**Thanks and Gratitude:** Gratitude is expressed with every meal, every kindness, every acknowledgement of blessings in our life. We do our benevolences in secret and silence. Before we rest our heads at night, we acknowledge the blessings God has provided.

**World Work Prayer:** Once a day let us teach our children (joining them) to take a few moments to go to God just for the sake of communing. In this communion meditation, we ask for nothing and merely recognize that we are children of God as is each and everyone of our family, friends, countrymen, and fellow citizens of the world. Should our country be in a political conflict, we recognize that our enemy is our brother as well and we pray first for him.

As your children grow, you will be able to add lessons as you learn them from your studies and own experiences (keep spiritual experiences sacred and secret). Learn about how children think and

how their minds grow. Your lessons will have to fit their mode of conceptualizing. Remember that they cannot grasp certain concepts until physical and chemical changes happen in the brain. Sometimes, children will ask to listen to a tape with you. If this happens, fall on your knees! You are truly blessed with a special child.

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## A Lesson to Sam

"Now, Sam, this lesson is important because it is not just a lesson for one day. If you are faithful in putting this into practice, it will be sufficient for the rest of your life, even if you never receive another lesson from me.

"I have been thinking about your going away to school and of how you will be able to live The Infinite Way when you are away from our personal influence, your mother's and mine, and when you may not do too much reading in my books. While I hope that you will do some reading each day, if only a page in one of my writings, even more would I like to have you learn this lesson, which I am about to give you, so well that, if you were alone on a desert island or out in a rubber boat in the middle of the ocean and had no person around you and no books with you, you could still survive and demonstrate your safety, your security, peace, food, clothing, housing, and everything necessary for your unfoldment.

"I want to tell you the secret that has brought me happiness, joy, success, prosperity, and the ability to be of help to my fellow-man and to children throughout this world. I want you to know that secret so that you can go and do likewise.

"First of all, whenever you are faced with any problem, whether it is one of health or one concerning your lessons at school, or let us say one that concerns your relationship with other boys in school or with your teachers, here is your first step: Get comfortable; close your eyes; put your feet on the floor; and now remember that God is closer to you than breathing, nearer than hands and feet. Right there, where you are standing or sitting or playing, God is. You have only to close your eyes, get quiet for a moment, and God will solve your problem.

"It may sound strange to you that you don't have to tell God what your problem is or that you don't have to ask God for any favors, and that you don't even have to make any statements or affirmations. All you have to do is to close your eyes, get still a moment, and realize that God is as close to you as inside your own chest. Then be patient for a



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few minutes, and the Spirit, Itself, will take over. If you need help with your lessons, that instruction will come forth very quickly, just as you have seen here in our work together that, when you have been stuck with a mathematical problem, instead of my working it out for you, we meditated. And then when you went back to your book, you found the answer as plainly stated there as if it had been written out especially for you.

"So it is, if you have a problem in your studies or if there is some subject that you are not properly grasping, stop what you are doing for a moment, close your eyes, and realize God right here, closer to you than breathing. Wait for just a minute or two, and you will find that God, who is the divine Intelligence of your being, knows that you are coming to Him and what you are coming to Him for. Always remember that it is God's good pleasure to give you the answer. In fact, it is very much like a radio station: God is always talking to you; God is always revealing the answer to every problem, whether it concerns your lessons, your health, or your human relationships; but you cannot receive God's guidance, direction, protection, or support unless you are tuned in to accept it.

"It is like your sitting here in this room and receiving instruction in spiritual wisdom from me. But suppose that you had your ears closed and weren't listening, or suppose you were outside playing, or suppose you were downtown at the movies, how then could you receive that which I so willingly offer you? The answer is: You couldn't.

"Now, as a human father, I would gladly give you every spiritual secret I have, just as readily as I would give you every dollar I have, if these would prove a blessing to you. But do you not see that I cannot give you any of these things unless you are receptive to them, unless you are giving back in return your attention, your gratitude, your love, and your obedience?

"Just so it is with God. You must give God obedience, attention, lovingness – not by loving a God whom you cannot see, but by loving the boys and girls with whom you come in contact, and your teachers. Always remember, as you leave this home, that you are to express the same respect toward the boys and girls whom you meet as the mutual respect that you have witnessed taking place in this home. You know the love and respect there is between your mother and me and between you and me, and you know that, when your mother and I go out into the world, we give this same love and this same respect to everyone we meet. That is the example you must follow and carry out into practice. And why? In order that you may receive God's grace because, even though God is present with you, you cannot receive God's grace unless love, joy, and respect fill your mind and your Soul.

"Each one of us is responsible for himself. There is no God sitting up

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in a sky, looking down upon you and judging your actions; but there is a God-center within you that knows everything you do and which brings back to you that which you send out. Therefore, the love and the respect that you send out are the love and respect that you get back, and not only that, but they are pressed down and running over.

"Now even though you went out into the world and loved your neighbor as yourself and were humanly good in every way, this would not be enough, for that is only fulfilling the Ten Commandments, and what you are now being taught is how to fulfill the Sermon on the Mount.

"The Infinite Way is really a revelation which says that you do not have to speak to God, but that you must have periods of the day or the night when you listen to God; and even though you may not hear a voice, remember that just by opening your ear to God and being silent for a minute or two you have permitted God to rush into that vacuum which you have created.

"It operates like this: Close your eyes, put your feet on the floor; listen way down inside of yourself; and then remember that this day which lies ahead of you is now God-governed, God-protected, God-maintained, and God-sustained because you have consciously opened your consciousness to the presence and the government of God. Remember that, if you do not do this every morning, you go out into the world just as a human being, subject to all the trials and tribulations of the human world, and without divine guidance.

"Actually at your age and with the teaching that you have had here in your home, you should be ready to have four periods a day – early in the morning, at noon, about dinner time, and before retiring – in which to take two minutes each time just to sit down and turn within and say, "Here I am, Father; speak Lord, Thy servant heareth. I am obedient to Thy will." And then just be still for one minute. I can promise you that if you do that, your life in school will be a success, and even more than that, you will be laying the foundation for a completely God-governed life.

"What the world does not always understand is that it is not too important whether or not you go through church rituals or church forms or ceremonies. A church can be helpful if you go to it with your mind open: It can be an opportunity for you to be quiet and hear the still small voice. Therefore, I say to you that if the boys in your school go to a church service, I would certainly suggest that you also go to the service – and remember, this is only a suggestion, for your life is free for you to make or to break – and if they go through a ritual, you go through it; if they go through forms of worship, you go through them. Because you are all united in that service in the name of God, it can do you a great deal of good; but the real good comes because you are there

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to acknowledge God's grace and God's glory.

"The important thing that I want you to see, Sam, is that, in any instance and in every instance, at any moment of the day or night, God is instantly available to you merely by closing your eyes and inwardly listening. I'm trying to emphasize that it isn't the statements you make, it isn't talking to God, it isn't asking God. None of that is necessary because the secret that I have learned is that God is infinite intelligence and He already knows our needs, even before we do. The way God fulfills our needs is through our inner listening – not through our talking, not through our saying words or thinking thoughts, because the Master said, "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on . . . Your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things . . . for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Do you see that?

"It is His good pleasure to give you the kingdom, and God does not even hold you in punishment for your sins. Even though you may make a mistake, even though you commit a sin, if you are truly repentant in the sense that you realize that you have sinned and that it wasn't right, in that instant you are forgiven. You do not carry around the penalty any longer than you carry around the obstinacy of believing you are right when you know in your heart and Soul you are wrong. Do you understand that? You cannot go around and do wrong and not acknowledge it to yourself and expect that you can receive God's grace.

"You receive God's grace every time you acknowledge within yourself, "I know I've done wrong," or perhaps, "I don't know that I've done wrong, but if I have, wipe it out, because it wasn't intentional. I never mean to do wrong, but always want to do unto others as I would have others do unto me." In that way, you purify yourself. I have been healed of illnesses merely by asking God's forgiveness for my sins; and of course, my sins are not major ones because you know that is not our mode of living. But whatever it is – when we are guilty of holding people in criticism or condemnation, or when we are not loving enough or forgiving enough – we are sinning against the Holy Spirit. So it is a wholesome thing once in a while to go to God and say, "I realize that humanly I haven't been perfect, therefore, forgive my sins, forgive my trespasses, and let's start all over again."

"In this way, Sam, you will learn the greatest lesson that I have ever learned, and that is that the place whereon I stand is holy ground. God is right here where I am, and God is available the very minute that I stop talking and stop thinking and turn within in humility, acknowledging God's grace, God's power, God's Spirit within me, and then relax for just a minute or two and let that Spirit take over. That really is all there is to the whole Infinite Way.

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"All the writings of The Infinite Way are only for the purpose of leading people to this revelation of God's omnipresence and ever availability, without taking thought, without words, without anything except the humility to sit or stand or lie down, close the eyes, and acknowledge, "I, of my own self, can do nothing. The Father within me doeth the works . . . Speak, Lord; for Thy servant heareth." Then wait for just one minute or two minutes before you get up and go about your task. If you learn to practice this four times a day as I suggest, it will not be long before you realize that you are doing it many more than four times a day.

"And now, just one thing more. Never forget that one of the greatest statements in the Bible is, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." This means that, when you awaken in the morning, your first thought has to be, "Thank you, Father, for this glorious day that is before me." When you eat, you stop for that blink of the eyes, as you know we do here in the home, and even if all you say to yourself is, "Happy days," "Good appetite," or whatever it is that you want to say with your lips, you mean with your Soul, "Thank you, God, for setting this table." Right?

"So it is, that when you go out to play, blink your eyes and realize, "Thank you, Father, for Thy presence." When you go swimming, when you participate in sports, when you do your homework, acknowledge God's presence there, and then you won't have to rely on your own ability because, if you do, I can tell you in advance that you will not be equal to it. I know because, alone, I am not equal to my job. If it were not for God's grace at every step that I take, this work that you witness here could not be done.

"Well, Sam, I don't know that anyone could add anything to this, but if so, I'm sure that it will be done some day. I am going to have this typed for you so that you can read it over once in a while as a reminder. This is the secret of life and, with this that I am giving you now, you can carve out for yourself a grand life of service to others, a blessing to yourself, and a joy to your parents, and the whole thing for the glory of God.

"Always remember, God made you, and therefore any good thing you do is to the glory of God. Your parents brought you into this expression and are your human guardians, supporting, supplying and protecting you, and on the human plane, every good thing you do becomes a glory to your parents, something in which they can take pride. And so, you have your spiritual Father, in whom you should glory and to whom you should give glory, and you have your human parents, to whom you should give the opportunity to glory in your accomplishments."

Joel

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## CHILDREN: LETTING GO

Many of the troubles of the world – individual troubles – come from the one fact that we do not maintain our spiritual integrity. Out in the human world, people do not maintain their human integrity. Parents will not free themselves from their children, or children will not free themselves from their parents. There is too much of a clinging, instead of a breaking loose. The birds are better off than we are; they push their young out of the nest and set them free to fly. We do not, if we can help it. We rarely ever set our children free. And seldom do we give our husband or wife the freedom and independence that he or she is entitled to. There is too much of a clinging, a holding on; maybe because of jealousy or fear. For the most part, I think it is fear.

From [The Master Speaks](#)

Chapter 8

*The Healing Ministry*

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## *The Message Must Be Lived*

"Every great teacher that has ever shared truth with others has stressed that his message must be lived, not simply heard. It cannot last long if it is not lived, but if by the zeal of its followers it does survive, then it does so simply as a sterile philosophy or another cult.

"How can we keep the Infinite Way a living way of life in our homes? There is a way, the only way: by accepting the principles within the message, and making them a part of our daily lives. Just how this is done will depend upon the one or two in the family accepting the responsibility for developing spiritual awareness in the family. The home must become our place of worship, in the understanding that "the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." We have no churches or organized meeting houses, for the very reason that, if it is to be a life-giving message, it must find its temple in the hearts of men. Then their homes as well as their bodies become temples of God, because they have accepted Him as a living God resident within them, and know they cannot depart from His presence.

"Is this not the closeness with God that we want to feel, and have our children feel? We would walk freely in love, knowing that we owe no man anything except to love him as ourself. This cannot come about by desiring it, or hoping for it, nor will a great deal of spiritual reading bring about any appreciable change unless we are also practicing daily the type of life that testifies to our living as sons of God. Our lives are different in many respects now, but one distinct change is that we feel we can share freely, for we are constantly aware that all that the Father has is already ours, and we must make a way for its release through us. There is in man an up-welling spring of life, energy, love, whatever you want to call it. If a path is not made for its flow into expression, it turns the ground around it into a swamp.

"In an aware household, no member of the family should ever start his day without sitting quietly and realizing, 'Right where I am, God is, now.' This feeling of 'now-ness' and 'is-ness' of God will stay with one throughout the day like a secret word, a shibboleth that will keep God ever present. Encourage your child to feel this closeness, for if we parents fail to include this awareness in his training at home, we have

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not done our jobs fully. We have made it more difficult for him to grow up into the fullness of life promised to every man: 'I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.'

'The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof,' and we are part of that fullness, but how ungracious we are in our appreciation of the gift of life and all this fullness. Open your child to this appreciation...Open his eyes, his ears, his heart; let him be aware early that he is citizen of the world and a fellow child of God with every other inhabitant of the earth.

"Only in this way will encourage succeeding generations to believe that what they think and feel and do affects not only them, but will also ripple through this one consciousness that we are, and touch every one to some extent. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto me." Read the Sermon on the Mount and become acquainted with the quality of life that we are expected to live as the child of God. Not that God enforces this degree of living upon anyone; but until we do live this way, we are not allowing God's Will to be done on earth. God does not hear the words and prayers of men; he only hears the message of their hearts, and what a man believes in his heart, he lives out in his life. Let us, then, turn our hearts toward God so that

'the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.'

"Teach your child that what is most important in his life is his personal relationship with God. Show him how, and encourage him to make his relationship the most important one in his life. If he is right in his response to God, then he will be right in his response to every man."

*Awakening p. 269-70*

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## *The Infinite Way Monthly Letter*

### *Lesson for Children*

*April 1956*

*"Love"*

This is the first lesson I have given especially for children and so I would like to explain the reason the word Aloha is used so often.

Aloha is an Hawaiian word, used both in greeting and farewell, but it carries a much deeper meaning than our ordinary "Hello", "How are you?" or "Goodbye." When using Aloha as a greeting, we are really saying, "Love greets you" or "I trust that Love is with you." In the same way, Aloha at parting or farewell means "God speed you" or "God goes with you."

Love is the most important and universal word in all the world, regardless of language. You have read in the Bible that the beloved disciple, John, said: "God is love." Whenever you think of love in that respect you must remember that Love, God, is finding an outlet through you; and that every time love comes to you, it is the very gift of God. And so for our first lesson in the Message of The Infinite Way, I would like to impress upon you a message of Love, and it will never be difficult to understand the meaning of Love if you will memorize the lovely Hawaiian word "Aloha," and remember that it means "Love to you...Greetings of Love---Love goes with you."

Our lives run very much like a piece of machinery which, of course, requires frequent oiling. The oil in our lives is love, and it is by bringing the love of God into our lives with as ordinary a thing as a little word of greeting that life is made smoother for ourselves and for others. As you become accustomed to that idea, whenever saying "Hello", "Good Morning," or "Good Evening," actually you will be saying, "I greet you with love," which really means "God greets you with love." If you remember the word, Aloha, every time you say Goodbye or Goodnight, you will be saying, in effect, "Love goes with you."

God fills all space. God is really our true Father and Mother. God is



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All-in-All in our experience, but somehow, God does not come into our lives often enough. This is because we, ourselves, do not admit God into our lives. It is true that God fills all space, but you must let God into your life by bringing Him into all your relationships - with parents, teachers, friends, and everyone with whom you have even the least contact. The Spirit of Love is with you always, as long as you are opening your minds, your hearts, and your mouths to express and to receive love and kindness and thoughtfulness.

Of course, not everyone is interested in God in quite the same way that we are. Some people think of God simply as something connected with Church or Sunday School, and it really never has occurred to them to bring God into their lives as a constant Friend and Companion. therefore, it is not necessary to go around talking about God in their presence, but that does not hinder our using the word love in our inner thoughts, nor does it prevent our utilizing every opportunity to express Love in many simple and unobtrusive ways every day.

When leaving home for school or play, it is a loving thought to call out, "Aloha, Mother and Dad," thereby reminding them (and yourself) that Love goes with you, and is present with them also. That is why Aloha is such a charming word to use - especially in your silent thoughts - because every time you think "Aloha," you are thinking of Love - Love is God. Because of our daily habits, much of the time you greet your schoolmates and teachers merely with the usual "Hello" or "Good Morning," but at the same time you can see how easy it is to think within yourselves, silently and secretly of course - "Aloha - Love!" Your greeting really doesn't carry much meaning unless inwardly you also think, "Good Morning, God shines upon you," or "Goodbye, Love goes with you and greets you wherever you go." There are many times throughout the day when Love, and all the word conveys, can be used in your inner thoughts, as well as in your outer associations.

The Master taught that whatever we say or think or do in secret will be shouted from the housetops. In other words, whatever you think inwardly, that is what people will receive from you and know about you openly. Perhaps you have never before thought of this great Truth of Life. Perhaps you think it is possible to have secrets from the world; that is it is possible to cheat another, to be cruel to an animal or bird, or to be rude and unkind and no one will know about it. Divine Law teaches that whatever you think in that little secret place within your heart is shouted to the world. You can prove this in your own experience by noticing that when you have thought of love or sharing or giving, everyone is aware of that love; but the moment you are rude, cruel, disobedient or disrespectful, there is created an atmosphere in which you do not shine too brightly. Actually, a miracle takes place in your life once you let the word Love come into your thought, because every time you think of Love you are thinking of God, even if you never mention His Name, because God is Love!

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Love is the relationship between you and your parents, friends and teachers, and that love unites us all as one happy joyous family. God is the cement that holds us together. God is the tie that binds, and God is Love. So you are really experiencing and expressing God when you are experiencing and expressing Love. When you understand that Love is the bond that unites us, you are understanding that God is the bond that unites us. Love is God, and so you can see that God is the real relationship between you and all the members of your household and circle of acquaintances.

All the good that comes into your experience really comes from God. Naturally, your parents, sisters and brothers, teachers and friends, all do many wonderful, kind and helpful things for you-indeed they do! But it is God's Love they are expressing - all this good really comes through the Spirit of God wihin them! It is well that you realize this truth: all good comes through Love, therefore it is of God! Then you will understand that you are fed, clothed, protected and taught through Love. Is it not because of your parents' love that you are provided and cared for? Is it not because of love for your parents that you are obedient, kind and considerate?

Whenever you say, "Thank You," remember you really are saying, "Thank you Father, for Love." For, whatever has been given is some expression of God - you have been given something of God. Whenever someone expresses gratitude or thanks to you, it is for some bit of God that you have given them. Whenever you receive a birthday or Christmas gift, or even some little gesture of kindness or thoughtfulness, always remember that you are being given Love, and so you are being given God. Everyone who gives is giving something of God. Every time you give to another, you are giving something of God. Whenever you do something to please and help your parents or teachers, it is really Love that prompts you and, in return, it is Love that makes them appreciate and be proud of you.

Is it not a beautiful thought to remember? Is it not wonderful to know that all the good, all the gifts, all the care, and all the love that is bestowed by parents, family, teachers and friends, is a sharing of God with you? And is it not also wonderful to know that whenever you bring something of good into your home, whenever your conduct and progress in school is good, you are bringing a gift of God into your own life and into the lives of others?

In closing this lesson, I leave with you the reminder that God is Love and Love is God, by saying that wonderful word that conveys my love to you and your love to me, Aloha.

*Aloha*

*Aloha means "Farewell"*

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*Aloha means "Goodbye"*

*Aloha means "Until we meet again under a sunlit sky."*

*Aloha means "I do not want to leave you,"*

*Aloha means "Forever I'll be true,"*

*But the best thing that Aloha means*

*Is "Peace to you."*

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*Naskapi Indians*  
*from Awakening Your Child to Truth*  
 by Eileen Bowden  
 p. 236-7

Tell your children the story of the Naskapi Indians who live in the forests of the Labrador peninsula. They live far from one another in separate family groups and so they have not been able to evolve tribal customs or collective religious beliefs. Because the Naskapi hunter is so much alone, he must rely on his own inner voices and unconscious revelations. He has had not religious teachers to tell him what to believe, and so he has discovered for himself what Jesus meant when he said, "Before Abraham was, I am." He has discovered that the soul of man is simply an inner companion. He calls him, "my friend," as did Abraham, or Mista 'peo, meaning "Great man." Mista 'peo dwells in the heart and is immortal.

These people are taught by way of dreams that they interpret, as were the old Bible prophets given messages by the Lord in dreams. Those Naskapi who pay attention to their dreams and who try to find their meaning and test their truth, can enter into a deeper connection with the Great Man. He favors such persons and sends them more and better dreams, which of course is parallel to this saying in John: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

In their simplicity, not being contaminated by modern thought, they have stayed close to their source and have received daily manna. Each individual Naskapi accepts it as his major obligation to follow the instructions given by his dreams, and then to give them permanent form in their basic meaning in art. The Great Man is driven away from one's inner realm by lies and dishonesty, whereas generosity and love of one's neighbors and of animals attract Him and give him life. These dreams give the Naskapi complete ability to find his way life, not only in the inner world but also in the outer natural world: he is helped to foretell the weather; and he gets invaluable guidance in his hunting.

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Children, more readily than adults, can accept a way-shower, and so they can be told that they have this inner guide. They must be encouraged to take the time to listen, and to heed, trustingly and confidently, the directions given them from within. We can give them this confidence when we assure them, and its constant activity is to bring them to perfect physical and spiritual maturity. We also tell them that they can interfere with this perfect maturing if they resist letting go of things that they have outgrown in their lives, their habits, or their behavior.

The Spirit teaches and guides in any and every way, those receptive enough to listen, look, hear, and receive. We can, by proving it in our own experience, tell our children that "there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding."

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all fles; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.- Joel 2:28

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## *The Infinite Way Monthly Letter*

### *Lesson for Children*

*June 1956*

*"Obedience"*

Aloha! Young Friends:

Do you recall our last lesson in which was emphasized the fact that it was your responsibility to be the emissaries to carry God's love and peace wherever you may go? I wonder if you memorized the Master's loving words.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you"

and if you are remembering them as you go about your daily activities? If so, you are obeying the two greatest Commandments- to love the Lord with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and will all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself; and you are being a good Child of God. By the way, these same two Commandments appear in the Old Testament as well as in the New Testament. If you will take your Bible and turn to the 20th chapter of Exodus, you will find the first and greatest Commandment stated in somewhat different words but having the same meaning: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." And in the 19th chapter of Leviticus, you will find "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Why not look up these passages right now?

Just as these Commandments are teachings of the Hebrew faith as well as the Christian, they are also the teachings of faiths the world over. Someday, perhaps we will take a journey into some of the other Bibles of the world where we will find that love for God and love for our neighbor is a teaching older than time, and one that has been embraced by all other religions and by all other peoples. When we understand this, it makes it much simpler and easier to love our neighbor. We must realize, of course, that the term "neighbor" does not necessarily mean the people who live next door or down the street. It is more far-

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reaching than that. Our neighbor is every person or animal or thing that lives in the world, in Asia, Africa, China, Europe, North America, South America. Our pets are our neighbors, and even the plants growing in our gardens.

Let us now take another step on the Path of The Infinite Way. If you looked up the Ten Commandments (and surely you recall them!) you found one which says: "Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Now, we must be perfectly honest and straight forward with each other and realize that if we are to receive God's Blessings we must obey His Commandments. There is not other way. So ask yourselves this question: Am I honoring my father and mother? Think this over very carefully, and meanwhile let me show you how to obey this Commandment in a very simple and beautiful way.

Have you ever stopped to consider that when you apply yourself and receive good marks, both in schoolwork and in conduct, you are honoring your father and mother? You are being a credit to them, and you are showing forth the results of their care and discipline and love. Whatever commendation you receive, they receive by reflection. Every time you receive an honor in the way of a medal, an appointment, or even an A on your report card, remember that you did not do it all by yourself; your parents helped you to that distinction, and without their help you would never have achieved it - no more than you would have achieved it without the help of God!

In everything you do, you have three partners - God, your father, and your mother. Without their help you cannot accomplish very much, so always be sure to acknowledge the parts they play in your experience. The world, however, will acknowledge their help, even if you forget, because the world knows that you would have no achievement for which to be honored were it not for the love and blessings of God and the love and care and protection of your parents. If you become known as an obedient and thoughtful son or daughter, or if you are a good or outstanding student, do not make the mistake of thinking that you receive all the glory. God is glorified in your achievements and your parents share that glory. All the good that the world thinks about you reflects a credit upon your parents, and so if you do nothing more than achieve good marks or a reputation for being kind and good and generous, you are honoring your father and mother, and thereby honoring God.

Now let us look at this from another angle. Whenever you get into trouble, or do an unkind thing, or get poor grades, you are, in a measure, discrediting your father and mother. Whenever you are inclined to neglect your studies or chores and let things slide by, or whenever you are thoughtless, disrespectful, or selfish, an unfavorable relection is cast upon their care and discipline. So when these

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temptations come to you, do not think there is no one but yourself to consider. Think whether or not your would be honoring, or dishonoring, your father and mother.

There is a spiritual reason behind the Commandment to honor your father and mother. God is your real Father-Mother, and your earthly parents are His direct deputies to who are entrusted the responsibility and privilege of representing and establishing God's care, protection, discipline, and love in your lives. Therefore, in honoring your parents you are honoring God. You can readily see that your obedience towards your parents, your attitude and conduct toward all people, and your application to studies and work, all go hand-in-hand; because when you remember the Commandment to honor your father and mother it will follow naturally that you will remember to love God, and that in turn, will lead you to remember to love your neighbor as yourself.

These three Commandments always go together, side by side. They entail rather a grave responsibility for young people, but it is a responsibility that you must assume. You do not love and honor God except as you love and honor your parents. You do not love God except in the love you exhibit to your neighbors, whether they be everyday friends or people whom you will never meet. Therefore, in honoring your father and mother and in loving your neighbor, you are automatically loving God. As you ponder and meditate upon this idea you will realize that Love, Peace, Obedience, and Honor all blend together in one beautiful theme to make your lives, and the lives of others, joyous, happy and harmonious.



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### Evolving Consciousness

#### The Only Freedom

by

Joel Goldsmith

...."When you were a little child, you had an entirely different body, but you did not die out of the infant body to get that one: you evolved. And then you came to a period of maturity where you functioned as parents-father and mother. How did you get rid of your child body that could not be a father or a mother? Did you die out of it? No, you evolved out of it, and you evolved into the body that could function as a parent.

"With this same process, the day must come when you no longer desire or have the capacity to be a parent, because you will have evolved out of that stage. Being a parent and bringing children into this world never was meant to be a permanent stage in anyone's life any more than infancy or childhood was supposed to be a permanent dispensation. So the days of parenthood are a period of years which must be outgrown for the next higher form of unfolding consciousness. That is when you begin to live above the physical sense of the body and more in the spiritual sense. That is a completely different form of life. By that time, through "dying" daily, you have "died" to the person who was an infant, a child, or a parent. Now you enter a fuller state of maturity in which your higher spiritual development begins.

"Many persons miss that glorioius period, wither and die of old age because they are kicking every day against the loss of the capacity to become a parent. They want so much to go back to those days that they try to relive it by being grandparents, but they are not content to be grandparents. They want to be parents of their children's children and very often are a detriment to everybody.

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"A parent should perform the duties of a parent, and the grandparents should have their function. Their function now, however, should be the higher unfoldment of their spiritual faculties so that they do not age, wither, and die, but rather that they make still another progressive step in consciousness and in body. Spiritually illumined people do not die and wither away. They come to a fulfilled period of ripe mature years, and if or when they pass from this scene, they evolve out of one form into the next. Instead of dying they make a transition. That is reincarnation, the constant incarnating and reincarnating in one form after another which, if we permit it, will be spiritual development and unfoldment instead of a withering away with old age." p. 170-1

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## Infinite Way Book For Parents

Joel wrote very little about parenting. During his life, he helped raise step-children, but he never had children of his own. We have tried to incorporate as much information as possible. There is an article from the 1956 Monthly Letters, various passages we have found, and the recommendation to get Tape #3, the Sunday School tape.

Eileen Bowden was a devoted student and mother of three who was directed by Joel to begin teaching lessons to parents. Here is the introduction to her book, approved by Joel, [Awakening Your Child to Truth.](#)

"This material was originally published under the title Teaching Children The Infinite Way. It was written in the form of monthly letters (1962 - 1973) sent to parents who were wishing to teach their children a spiritual way of life.

Mrs. Bowden has been studying The Infinite Way message, revealed by Joel S. Goldsmith, since 1950. Mr. Goldsmith was most eager that children be taught the principles of spiritual living. This was not evident in the earlier years of his ministry, but in his later years he recognized it was most imperative that children live with these principles, grow with them, and make them a natural way of life. It was his understanding of this need to convey this message to children that brought the "Letters" into being. In order to accomplish this, he asked Mrs. Bowden to write what she had learned from her personal experiences in raising three children by Infinite Way principles. In response to his request, she answered, "It is my belief that parents should be taught, since they are the child's first teachers." So these are really guidelines for parents."

### From Chapter One

"This, then, is our function: to show them by the fruits of our lives - the fullness, the love, the sharing - that truly 'I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.' People in general, especially children, can emulate only that which they see expressed in form or in action.

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"To bring this out in our children or grandchildren, we must first be standing on a firm foundation ourselves. The groundwork, then, would begin with ourselves, to first develop within, the understanding that God is our creator, sustainer, and provider, which necessarily is His relationship to all mankind. As difficult as it appears, and certainly it is not easy to transform conditions, we have to start with our reaction to them....

"...Understand first that our goal is to have the experience of god in our own lives, and through understanding, help to bring this experience to our children. This entails quiet times with them to encourage the development of quiet listening, waiting for a sense of 'I am with you, I am your gude, your protector, your abiding place.' Not the 'I' that is the parent or the grandparent that is talking to the family,or the 'I' that is the child, but the one universal *I* that is in every living creature, the *I* that 'lighteth every man that cometh into the world.' With this we are arming our child with the vestments of immortality, and whether he is from a poor or wealthy home, his heritage will be priceless."

#### From Chapter 8

"This way of life we would pass on to our children by acquainting them with the source of their life, consciousness, which first forms them, and then through them, forms that with is necessary to their development. We pass it on by degrees, as their understanding and awareness of life around them grow. They cannot fit into the environment in which they find themselves until they begin to comprehend that environment, and then they begin to relate themselves to it. Small children accept the valuations we place upon the things we introduce to them, but the wise parent ceases from naming objects, creatures, people, the elements, and things that grow upon the earth, as good or evil. The difference in their functions and uses can be explained without the conditioning element of "good and evil" being brought in to affect the child's mind in years to come. Instead, as the emphasis is placed upon the fact that "God saw every thing that He had made, and behold it was very good," .....

Your child will learn, as you continue with this teaching, that people learn how they must live only when they know that they are taught from within, and that no one outside of them can deter them from being that which they are equipped to be. Our wise old Lao Tzu says, "the way to use life is to do everything through being." We do not have to tell our child that God is love or life or truth or wisdom; we have only to tell him that we have access to all of these qualities of God because we are His children, and He has endowed us with all that He has. Exactly like the human state of father and child, we remain in this close relationship only as

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long as love flows between us and we actively identify ourselves with our Father's household. If we depart form our close association and lose touch with our Father, we deprive ourselves of all the benefits that we would naturally have as members of His household.

As we live out our life span in the role of human parents, we must realize that we have been granted that function only by the grace of God. Our true function in life is "to glorify our Father which is in heaven" by the completeness of our outpicturing of His qualities, and to teach our children this so they in turn can glorify Him and pass it on. This is the "tree of life." It includes a family tree, yes, but in its fullness it is the tree of life of which it is said, "and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. As each member of a family unit lives out in the family circle his allegiance to his Father within, then as a family they shall contribute to the soundness of their community and city.

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates to the city."

## The Need to Love Man and God

The need to love man and God, and the need to worship, are instinctive parts of man's being, and if at least a semblance of this need is not met in man, he perishes. We see the sad results when, in ignorance, the urge to love turns inward and becomes self love, or when it becomes possessive and smothers. As necessary as human love is to man, he must dive into greater depths of it, for only then can he feel the oneness of all being and comprehend that each one's need is as real as his own.

We can define this oneness in the family relationship as continuity of being - God, constantly appearing as father, mother, child, in endless forms and combinations. We are secretly aware, deep within us, that his life is a gift, but we choose to forget it most of the time and act as if we are totally in charge of our lives. This violates the way of life that Jesus came to teach us, because believing thus, we are separated from one another and from God. Jesus knew this; he knew his and our root source, and knew that unless man understands this elemental need in himself, he can never truly understand himself or his neighbor. "I am the vine, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

We are indeed one in physical fact as well as in our spiritual depths, and until this is comprehended by man, he is rootless. As Jesus put it: "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned."

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Let us teach our children the "I" of their being. This "I" that is within us, "that we might have life and have it more abundantly," is the knowledge of God's life implanted in us. It eternally draws us into consicuous oneness with God and men, continuing year after year through all beings and all forms, never leaving us or forsaking us.

Our traditional sense of family continuity and of honoring our forebearers is simply this same sense of continuity traslated into a way of life. No one group or age should be honored more than another. the Chinese erred in allowing respect for their ancestors to become ancestor worship in times past, and we in this present age are allowing the worship of youth and their activities to become a cult. This creates imbalance. No one generation is complete in itself; each on needs the other for what it contributes to the whole. We parents can share with our children the "big picture," in which the past, the present, and the future must be accepted in order to have the wholeness of now.

Once again, the generations can be welded together as one nation under God, as one whole civilization - not as segments loosely held together or necessity, with generation gaps accepted as natural consequences of life. These gaps are not natural, and tend to create another schizophrenic world that man has miscreated for himself. Do not accept as natural that which splits and separates man, either inwardly within himself, or outwardly from his fellows. The whole message of the Christ was oneness - first our oneness with God, and then our oneness with each other.

Let us begin again to build our homes the foundations of a secure nation welded together in oneness. Our homes, our families, and our people are our national strength. We cannot let them be weakened by the false doctrines of the anti-Christ. We must listen to our ears, which report to us that we are one with the Father through the indwelling seed of His spirit within us. "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us."

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## The Key For Parents

*From Realization of Oneness*

*pp. 142-145*

"How are we going to demonstrate the truth that Christ lives our life? How are we going to demonstrate that we can do all things through the Christ? The first step is to give up the personal pronoun "I": "I" fear; "I" doubt; "I" am not able; "I" do not have the ability; "I" do not have the time. That personal sense of "I" must be given up, and we must remember that our hidden manna is our awareness of this indwelling

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Christ.

"As long as we abide in the awareness of our indwelling Christ, the things of "this world" must lessen and lessen and lessen until they disappear. The longer we carry around in our thought the fears of 'this world' the less chance we have of losing them. They must be dropped first! They cannot be dropped psychologically - that has been tried. We cannot psychologize ourselves out of fears. There is only one way in which we can drop the concerns of the human world, and that is to let the Christ fill our consciousness, to have the constant awareness of this hidden manna: 'I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me.' (Galatians 2:20) We cannot live up there with that, and hate or fear something down here. The Christ is come to our consciousness that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly. But it is our conscious awareness of this that brings it to our experience.

"We must know that we have this hidden manna, and what it is. We cannot have a blind faith that it is a something-or-other. IT is not a charm: it is the understanding that God is our consciousness, that the Christ is our mind, that the Christ is the law that operates through us. This is our hidden manna. This is the secret we cannot tell the world because we would be crucified for it, as others have been before us. It will not be crucifixion on a cross, but we will be crucified in our Soul by being laughed at and ridiculed. So, we must keep this locked up in our consciousness, and, when the world sees the practicality of this way of life, sees the harmonious lives that unfold, there will be no argument or criticism left. Be still; be still abot this hidden manna. Then, even if the world does not believe, there will be no argument left.

"Everything about our human world - its customs, language, and mode of operation - makes life difficult for us as we try to hold steadfast and maintain this Word in our consciousness. The difficulty is that we pay lip service to the conversation of the world, and at the same time always have to maintain our own spiritual integrity within, and yet not voice it without.

"That is why it is imperative to have many periods of ten, twenty, or thirty seconds or minutes for pausing in the midst of the day or night to relax, to remember, and to float back on the Sea of Spirit. That is why it is so essential to close our eyes at times to sense testimony and remember, 'Thank You, Father. *I* in the midst of me is my hidden manna.'

"All this time we are lifting up the *I* in us, lifting It from the personal sense of 'I' to the *I* that we really are. We are crucifying that personal sense of 'I,' and if we keep it up long enough it will be 'dead,' and there will be nothing left but the *I* that we are, and with it My peace and My grace, My wholeness, My completeness, My harmony, My justice.

"We have to remember often that the Christ-Self is our true identity,

whereas the 'natural man' is that part of us which was imposed upon us at birth and to which we are now 'dying.' To the degree in which we lift up the *I* in us, we are 'dying daily' to the personal sense of "I." In the degree that we take no thought, but rest in the Sea of Spirit, we are letting the Christ live our life, and then each moment of the day we do those things given us to do.

"An understanding student will not believe that this way is a way of doing nothing. In one sense, it is; but this 'doing nothing' makes us lead a very busy life because the 'doing nothing' is not really a doing nothing; it is doing nothing of a personal nature. It is doing nothing through personal fear or personal doubt; it is doing nothing that is purely of our will or our desire. In this sense, it is doing nothing, but it really is a very active existence because God is fulfilling Himself as our individual experience."

### Give Your Children Back To God

*From Tape 489 Side 1*

"Seek ye the kingdom of God.

Stay up there with spiritual truth about God and spiritual man, the spiritual offspring. Never permit your thought to come down to the level of the patient. Never permit your thought to come down to the patient's claim. You stay up there, and you will find that, if you are lifted up there, you will draw your patient right up there into the kingdom of God where you are. Very soon you will hear from them that they are free or on their way to freedom.

Now this sounds as if it might be relatively easy, and for a lot of people it is. But then there is a special class of people who find it difficult. They are parents and grandparents.

They have a difficult time, because the Master has been very specific to them. You are to leave mother and father, sister, brother, and children. And you will find it is much easier to leave Joel out of your calculation than it is to leave your children and your grandchildren, because that is the rub.

That is the Achilles' heel, anything but them.

Yet, if you would benefit your children and your grandchildren, if you would benefit all who turn to you for help, when you sit down to do your meditation and healing work, you will have to leave your children somewhere. Toss them outside somewhere. Do not let them into your consciousness. Keep them out, if you would really bless them. Keep them out.



Make believe you can trust them to God, just make believe for a little while. Sometimes it has been found to work, that really God does take care of those children after you have released them to God.

But be assured of this, if you are going to take them or their problems into your consciousness, you are not going to do a good job of spiritual healing. And the very ones you want to help the most, you will end up helping the least, because God is not any more concerned with your mortal children than He is with you.

That's difficult medicine. No wonder they said the Master, his Word was severe, huh? This is severe medicine that you're handing out.

God doesn't care for our little children, and here we do.

Therefore you will have to raise your children up to their spiritual identity, and the only way you can do this is to drop them out of your thought. Get up there into the kingdom of God and realize that God has no step-children, and God has no illegitimate children, and God has no sick children, and God has no bad children.

God has only His Son, his beloved Son in whom he is well pleased, and this Son is the immortal and eternal and universal. Ye shall know this truth. This Son is really the Life of all individual being.

Do not bring that human child up there. Leave that human identity out here while you are tabernacling with God and with the Child of God, the spiritual Offspring of God.

Then when you come out of it, you will find that you have lifted your child up to that kingdom of God. Not the mortal child, but now you will have revealed to you the spiritual Child, or the spiritual identity of your child.

I, if I be lifted up, will raise all men. All those who are in my consciousness will be lifted up. . . .

. . . They do not have to grow from young children to older children. They do not have to be protected.

You are speaking now of the Children God gave you, His own Children, fully matured. In the spiritual kingdom there are no immature beings. There are no immature beings growing from childhood to adulthood.

This too for the school teacher is the one sure way to have successful classes, never to acknowledge that they are dealing with immaturity, or that they are trying to pump intelligence into stupidity. But rather, even while going about the normal tasks of imparting wisdom, holding fast in that inner secret place of the most high, that this that is appearing before me as a class of immature children is not such.

They are the matured mind of God receiving wisdom at this level.

And so it is, we will not be able to deal properly with our children in the home or in the classroom until we realize that we are not dealing with immature beings and actually treat them as if they were the risen Christ.

And then, as they explore this world, as was said last Sunday, they'll bump their knees and bump their head, they'll fall down and hurt themselves, but that's all part of the experience of growing up.

Just as we on the spiritual path fall down too. Not one of us ever attains the spiritual kingdom in a straight line upward. We all stumble. We all fall. We all drop back. Everyone does. Some into sickness, some into sin, some into lack, no one goes straight up.

And so it's not going to be with our children either. But the point is that we should not deny them the privilege of growing. " - Joel

### God Revealing Himself As Christ On Earth

Another one of the evils of the human world is that it looks on human conception and birth as if it were something human, and sometimes even evil or sinful, and at the best physical. And you see it misses the whole point, because it isn't. It's something sacred.

It is another individualization of God appearing. That's what it is. And in that light it isn't a human being that's born, and it isn't the product of a carnal act that is taking place. It is I and the Father becoming one, and out of that oneness is coming another one.

When our young couples, through spiritual study, realize this, and realize that conception is not a carnal act, not something to be afraid of, or ashamed of, or something that's merely an act of pleasure, that actually it is a part of the nature of living. Then you will discover that the seed will be held as something sacred, not vulgar. And it will be buried in the womb. And it will be held there sacredly and secretly, as if we're waiting now for God to appear, Christ incarnate. We're waiting now for Christ to appear.

All those months of gestation of Mary is the waiting for Christ to appear, the son of God to appear. And when we wait, when our youngsters now wait, with the understanding that they're waiting for the incarnation of Christ to appear, parentage will be something sacred. Children will be something sacred, and we will begin living spiritually on earth.

Well, a lot of people would like to convince us, then, that if we're spiritual there will be no sex relationships. But if that is so, then we'll be so spiritual that we won't have to eat either, or drink water, and I don't believe that for a while we're going to reach that. I do believe

that our spiritual life for a long time to come is going to be lived on earth, and the method of this progressive life will be as it is now. Only instead of being accepted as just a human act, it's now going to be understood as God's way of revealing himself or his son on earth. It's God's way of expressing Christhood on earth.

From Tape 523, Side 1  
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## *The Infinite Way Monthly Letter*

### *Lesson for Children*

*May 1956*

*"Peace"*

It is a beautiful, calm, serene and peaceful day here in Hawaii, and from my window I look out upon a bright blue sky, filled with lazily moving, fleecy white clouds. Close at hand is the rhythmic sound of the surf, and in the distance the little grey doves can be heard calling softly back and forth. All about there is an atmosphere of Peace, which is an atmosphere of Love. There can be no doubt about that Love: evidence of it can be seen everywhere, especially in the beautiful colors and varieties of the flowers and foilage. Why, just the other day, I was told that on the Garden Isle of Kauai there are five thousand species of one flower, and so you can imagine how many, many colors and forms must appear in just that one flower. Only God's Love for His Children and for His Creation could bring forth such abundance of beauty of form, color, variety and fragrance. And so today, as I send you my Aloha Greeting of Love, it comes to my thought that Love is another name for Peace. Whenever I think of God, I think of Love; and whenever I think of Love, I think of Peace. For, God is Love and God is Peace!

The dictionary defines Peace as a state of tranquility or quiet; freedom from fear and conflict; harmony. This definition brings to mind a wonderful and beautiful message from our Master and Teacher, Christ Jesus, wherein He says: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Jesus always told us that, "My doctrine (that is, Jesus' teaching) is not mine, but his that sent me." In other words, Jesus came to earth to give us God's Peace. Every word of the Master is meant to be used for the glorification of God in our experience; every word is meant as a fulfillment of Love, of Good, to you. When Jesus says, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly," He was really saying, "I am the Son of God, and I am bringing the Love of God to you. God's Peace

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reaches you through me."

This is true in your own experience. Just as Jesus was a Child of God, the Messenger who brought "My Peace" - the Peace of God to you - so are you young people the Children of God who must bring the Love of God and the Peace of God to your families and friends, and into your homes and schools. You children must accept the same responsibility that our great Teacher accepted, and wherever you go you too must be willing to say (silently and secretly, of course) "I bring the Peace of God to this home, to this schoolroom, to this playground.The Peace of God in me I bring to you." There may be an occasion, now and then, when you may speak this in words, but you will remember what I told you in our first lesson - *You do not have to say it aloud*. For instance, when you come home from school, instead of rushing in helter skelter, pause for just a little moment and remember that you are bringing the Peace, "My Peace," the Peace of God into your household and when you do that you bless every member of your family.

In the same way, when you enter your classroom or a store, or any other place you may happen to go, remember that *You* now carry with you the Peace that the Master gave to you, and always be ready and willing to give it forth to others. In this realization of God's Peace, there will be no need for any students to fall back in their studies or fail in their examinations; there need be no unruly, unkind or thoughtless children; there need be no harsh or impatient teachers. Part of the responsibility for your schoolmate's success and for your teacher's good nature, rests upon *You!*.

Up to now, perhaps you have thought that all the responsibility was upon your parents, or your older brothers and sisters, or your teachers, but now you must accept some of the responsibility yourselves. And the first responsibility that you can accept is Love. You, as Children of God, must bring the same message of Love into your circles that the Master brought into His when, in speaking to His disciples, his mother and brothers, He said, "My peace I give unto you." You must bring that same peace into your homes, schools and playgrounds.

The Master once was asked which of the Commandments was the greatest, and He answered that the first Commandment was to love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind; and the second was to love your neighbor as yourself. In order to be an Infinite Way student at all, you must make Love the central theme of your whole existence: First, in your love to God; and secondly, in your love to all those with whom you are brought into contact.

There is a systematic and orderly way to do this and, if you are really sincere in being students of The Infinite Way, it is a way which you can practice with very little effort or trouble, and without forgetting. First of all, remember these words of the Master, Christ Jesus: "Peace I

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- ◆ Joel's Spiritual Orders
- ◆ Joel's Transition
- ◆ Joel's Will
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- ◆ Love
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leave with you, peace I give unto you." Memorize these words, learn them by heart. "My Peace I give unto you" and every time you enter or leave your homes or your schools, just remember: *God's Peace I leave with you.*

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## Joel's Suggestions for Reading

"..When the child is six years of age, the parent could start to read to the child; with some children, at five years of age the parent could begin to read from one of the books he names, progress to a second one in six months, and continue in this way, with a shorter period spent on each book as the child gets older. Then too, the child might prefer one book over another, or when he begins to read for himself might want to read them alone. This would be splendid, but the parent should then talk over the book with him and make sure he has grasped the fundamental principles brought out. The parent would also have to be alert to remind him that unless these principles were actively practiced, they would be useless, just as scientific principles left untried in a science notebook would be.

This is the list that Mr. Goldsmith recommended for reading to children, and later for them to read for themselves:

*Living The Infinite Way* by Joel Goldsmith

*Any of the Infinite Way* pamphlets by Joel Goldsmith

*Practicing the Presence* by Joel Goldsmith

*Essays* by Emerson

*The Prophet* by Gibran

For older children:

*Song Celestial* by Arnold

*The Way* by Lao Tzu

"The parents would read something from each one of these books in the course of a year, always encouraging the child to read something for himself from one of the books each day. Of course, as their interest in one certain book developed, no restriction would be placed upon them against reading it as often as they wished. It would be well to let Bible reading wait until a more mature age, because of the many confusing parts which seem to conflict, especially in the Old Testament. According to Mr. Goldsmith, 'A ten-year program like this

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would make for love of each other's scriptures, a respect for each other's morals, and an interest in foreign countries, deeper than a tourist's.'

"We have to make a New Year's resolution, let ours be 'Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,' the mind that knows that of itself it can do nothing, but that the Father within does the work." p.35-6

### **Junior High Reading**

All Men Are Brothers by Simon (Portrait of A. Schweitzer)

Clara Barton, Founder of the American Red Cross by Baylston

Herbert Hoover: On Growing Up

Mr. Bell Invents the Telephone by Shippen

Young Thomas Edison by North

### **Teen-Age**

Clarence Darrow for the Defense, Stone

Einstein, Profile of the Man, Michelmore

Henry Ford, Burlingame

Justice Holmes, Natural Law & Supreme Court, Biddle

Madam Ambassador (Pandit), Guthrie

My Own Story, Baruch

- From Eileen Bowden, Awakening Your Child to Truth



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## *The Infinite Way Monthly Letter*

### *Lesson for Children*

*July 1956*

#### *"The Universality of Truth"*

Uppermost in our hearts is the desire to be good Children of God. It is the purpose of The Infinite Way to teach us that God is our Father-Mother, and that in order to be good Children of God we must obey His Commandments. The two most important Commandments are that we love God, and that we love our neighbor as ourselves. And so, if we are to love God we must love every other Child of God, regardless of race, religion, color, or creed.

As this is our last lesson for the time being, we shall sort of review the various points which have been brought forth in our previous lessons to see how they all fit together, and we shall find that it is in observance of these various points that we are obeying the laws of God. As I promised, we will take a little journey into some of the scriptures of other peoples, whereby we will find that many of their teachings present the same Truths as those presented in our own Bible.

First we will go to China: "Be always studious to be in harmony with the laws of God, and you will obtain much happiness." Did we not learn the very same thing - that if we are to receive God's Blessings we must obey His Commandments? Obedience and happiness always seem to go together, do they not?

Previously we learned that whatever we hold in consciousness will be shouted from the housetops. In other words, whatever we think or say or do in that little secret place within our hearts will be sensed and known by all the world. In the Hindu-Buddhist scriptures of India we find this same thought presented as follows: "If a man speaks or acts with a pure thought, happiness follows him like a shadow that never leaves him." Also, "Be kind to all creatures that have life. Do not speak harshly to anyone." We stop for a moment in Persia: "He is happy to make others happy." Now we go to Turkey where in the Mohammedan scriptures, we read: "There is not animal on earth, nor a

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flying creature flying on two wings, but they are peoples like unto you." Is this not what Jesus said about loving our neighbor as ourself?

We will linger a little longer in Turkey because as we read further we come across a very beautiful passage: "Your God is one God. He it is who created you and all of us in the earth. He taketh care of all things. Not a leaf falleth but He knoweth it; nor a grain amid the darkness of the earth. Do thou remember the Lord within thyself, humbly and withal; behold thy breath at morn and evening, and in the night time also; hymn Him His praise and at the setting of the stars." In our own Bible this same Truth is given in these words: "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord." As we search further we are always finding similar Truths. For instance:"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. Therefore, rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him."

If you will turn to the 5th chapter of Matthew, you will find the Sermon on the Mount wherein Jesus set forth a model way of life. Later on it would be well for you to read and study this entire chapter, but just now we will touch on only a few verses. "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth...Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

All of these scriptural passages bring out the universality of Love, Obedience, and Peace. When we took up the subject of Love, we learned that God is Love and that our purpose on earth is to admit love into our lives and to be a channel through which it finds its way to others. If you studied these lessons well you will remember that Love is just another name for Peace. When Jesus taught, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God," He was saying that you must assume the responsibility of carrying love and peace into all your everyday endeavors, indentifying yourself with the idea that you are a peacemaker bestowing the Love and Peace of God upon all whom you encounter. If during the course of the day you chance to meet someone who is ill or unhappy, speak these words silently within yourself: "MY peace I give unto you." You will almost be able to see the peace of mind and soul, health and happiness steal over the faces of those so lovingly blessed. If the Peace of God rules in your hearts, truely you can say: "In him we live, and move, and have our being," and be able to convey this peace to others.

Hawaii is called the Crossroads of the Pacific because our population is composed of native Hawaiians, Japanese, Chinese, Filipinos, Samoans, Fijians, as well as natives of North and South America, England,

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Europe, and all the other countries of the world. All these races, cultures, religions and creeds cross and intermingle constantly, but they are able to live and work and play together harmoniously, joyously, peacefully. Instead of arguing or discussing differences, always they are able to find some common meeting ground of Truth upon which they can unite. In observing these people, I have learned that there are three things we must do, and for which we are responsible, that will hasten the day when there will be true peace on earth and goodwill to all men. First: obedience to the Commandment to love God. Second: to love our neighbor as ourself. The third is the lesson from last month - honor your father and mother by being deserving of honors; because if you will recall, all the honor and respect and love that the world pays you is in reality honoring your father and your mother - and thereby, honoring God. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good words, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Love, obedience, honor and peace - these are the messengers heralding the Kingdom of God on earth. In farewell, once more I say, "Aloha." May the love of God shine upon you and keep you in perfect peace.

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## *Who Am I?*

From

### *"Form"*

Awakening Your Child to Truth-Bowden

Every parent has, at some time, looked at his child or some other person very close and dear to him, and said to himself, "I do not know you at all." That moment, when it comes, is a moment of truth. We never know one another, because the one we know is the vacillating, changing human with so many different sides to his nature, and we only see the sides presented to us. This can be disturbing if we do not pursue this revealing flash, but if taken as an opportunity to learn the truth about that individual, it is a step forward in spiritual growth. Accept it as the wonderful invitation it is to know him as he should be known, in spirit and in truth.

Take the individual into meditation, and in silence and receptivity wait for an answer. Just as Mr. Goldsmith has given us the drill to use when we are finding our own true identity - "Am I in my head, in my arms? and so on, down through the whole of our body, coming to the final question, "Who am I?" - We can practice this for finding the true identity of our children or any loved one in the family, or any friend. If our meditation has gone deep enough for us to lose the sense of separate selves, then we might hear, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God," or an inner sense would give us this feeling of his Divine Source. This is the only way any of us can ever truly know the other, and when we know them in this manner, our relationship is a bond unconditioned by time, space, age, or sex. It is a knowing that needs no defining of any name or nature, and whenever we behold another in that relationship, they also recognize it and are uplifted.

No one can do this as an act of will, or every parent in the land would do it. It can only be done by the receptive consciousness that has developed a degree of spiritual awareness through meditation. All who have been studying and are earnestly trying to live out the truth in their households, would be alight to that home to the degree that they could

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meditate in this way for each member. This then makes it clear to us as parents and grandparents, that we have accepted a trust by the very fact that we have become aware of our own Source, the divine impulse active within us, and to which we are now responding in meditation.

### *Comment by C.C.*

This is a very tall order for most students, let alone young parents. Parenting issues have changed greatly since the time Eileen Bowden wrote for the families of Joel's students.

This is an advanced lesson even for experienced Infinite Way students. For this reason, if ever there are issues with "not recognizing" members of your family, especially as in the following, it might be advised to ask for the help of a practitioner until you are able to handle the appearances alone.

Disobedient children

Learning Disabilities

Rebellious Teens

Gender Identity and Homosexuality

Divorce

Substance Abuse

Sexual Abuse

Mental Abuse

Alcoholism

Post Traumatic Stress

Alzheimer's

These human cases are more and more common, but very demanding when we are living the experiences and so very close to the ones involved. In time, we learn to step back and impersonalize, but error hitting our family is one of the most difficult tests. Do not hesitate to ask for help.