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(See below for the complete lesson.)

Chat: Discussion and Debate

Advice From Our Fellow Man

Joel Goldsmith

Tape 515

"Any of us could seek advice from our fellow man as to whether we should follow this religion or that religion, or this teaching or that, and we could get as many opinions as there are teachings. And then where are we? But no one in all the world can go within themselves secretly and sacredly and say, 'Father lead me, direct me,' without very soon being led right where they need to be."

Never Permit A Student To Give Us Their Idea on Anything

Joel's Teaching on Discussion and Debate

Tape 510 side 1

"I had to answer a letter yesterday of a student who wants to come here to have a series of appointments with me to discuss the after life, reincarnation, theosophy, and so forth. And I wrote back that I found

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- ◆ Georgina Letter: CS
- ◆ Georgina Letter: Error
- ◆ Georgina Letter: Fear
- ◆ Georgina Letter: Lazarus
- ◆ Georgina

no profit in such a discussion because any person seriously interested in those subjects could find lots of wonderful books and that would make discussion unnecessary. And, of what avail would my opinion be on those subjects? Is anyone going to accept my opinion on them? No. Then why take up time discussing them?

"I take up very little time mentioning them in the writings for that reason, and I don't ask anyone to take my...I will reveal my unfoldment on it, but I'm not going to discuss it and compare it with your unfoldment on it because I am not interested. So it is in our teaching work-whether it's with one patient in an office or a class, we never permit discussion. **Never permit the patient or a student to give us their idea on anything.** Not interested in it one bit, not one bit. If they have such good ideas let them go out into the world with it and establish it and prove it."

Do Not Run Around

Joel Goldsmith

Tape 420 side 1

"So if you have illuminations or revelations, do not run around and ask each other whether they are true. And, don'e even ask me, because it may be so new that probably even I haven't received it. So why should you believe me or anyone else?"

From Internet Experience

Comments from CC:

The Infinite Way is a lonely path when old friendships and past-times fall away. Until our new friends come to us, we sometimes think to seek out companions. One of our modern vehicles is the internet. It brought you here to this site and will introduce you to many other places of study as well.

When we enter new "territory" or meet new people, when we seek out others for help or companionship, we have a tool to use in this work. Before we make a contact or outreach, we go within for a moment of connection with our Source. If we have not experienced God Contact, then we simply rest in the knowing that God will lead us to our correct guidance and companionship. We let IT show us the way, and then rest in the outcome.

We may find a site where we see students asking one another for advice, for their opinion or for understanding of a principle. But on a message board, we have no way of knowing another person's background, intention, depth of consciousness. Our path is not based

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

on the opinion of others. We must seek those for help who know how to heal, who have experience in this message and know how to meditate, know what to watch for, what steps to take when faced with Error. Our guides must be able to direct us to lessons, to Joel's tapes, to disciplines that will help us grow in the mysticism of the work, not the philosophy and letter of truth.

Often we are too shy or do not think to ask: Who have you studied with? How many tapes have you studied, how many do you own? How many books do you own? Have you had illumination experiences? What is your healing experience? How do you feel about Joel and teaching me his works exclusively? What is your commitment to teaching the Infinite Way free of other philosophies?

Unofficial Infinite Way chat rooms are set up so that all are equally able to participate and say whatever they like. Members can post anything, and the new members may not realize what is and what is not IW principle. Not all input is correct. Not all members agree that the IW is the teaching of Joel Goldsmith and deserves respecting his directive to only teach with his tapes and books. As you can read on another page here, we are not all of equal consciousness. Even the Infinite Way leaders and guides have different consciousnesses. We learn this in time, with experience. We become very careful with our sharing and careful where we go for help.

Further, when we chat, discuss, debate, we are in our intellect. If we ask another student for their view on something we do not understand, we are asking them to do our work. In The Infinite Way we either "get" the principle or we do not. If we do not, we go to our human teacher or we are driven deeper within to find the answer in meditation. The struggle drives us further on the path as IT teaches us. By asking the group for their input, their understanding (often each member having a different view) we are preventing IT from teaching us and we loose or postpone our demonstration.

In the IW we strive to get out of the mental and become more and more comfortable in the spirit. That we can only do with meditation. As we learn more about spiritual consciousness, we begin to learn in a new way, a way that most of us have never learned before, from our inner teacher, our own Christ consciousness unfolding through Grace.

Rather than spend time chatting, tape work and meditation may be a better use of our study time.

From Tape 557 Side 1

I have always suggested that, in the conduct of our tape groups, that it be opened with a meditation, closed with a meditation, and no discussions.

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

That is a rule that, if you break it, it will not mean that you are disobeying me, it will just mean that you have no interest in a successful activity.

Because it is an impossibility to have a discussion group in truth. As a matter of fact, it is impossible to discuss truth.

Truth is a subject that does not lend itself to discussion.

And the reason is this. Truth isn't human. It isn't something that is subject to your opinion or mine. It is not a subject on which you are entitled to an opinion any more than I am.

Truth is, well you may really say truth is God, or God is truth.

And in our human experience God, or truth, is revealing itself.

Now, as I sit in our class work, some of you do not realize this, but there are times when messages come through me that I never knew until that moment when it came through.

We had an experience of that kind last week when I was on the platform in Portland, and a whole new principle came through of which I've never heard before. And I had to sit there listening to it coming through my lips. And since then several of us have witnessed wonderful fruitage from that message.

And that message was not subject to discussion. It was not subject to your opinion or mine.

If you had heard it, probably it would have sounded strange to you. And you'd loved to have discussed it with me.

Well, there's nothing to discuss because I had nothing to do with it and no opinion about it.

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I, myself, would never discuss a single one of them with anyone.

I state them. You take them or leave them. But I will have no discussion.

The reason is that from the beginning of my work the principles that have come through have proven practical, workable, with me and with other students. Therefore, how can I accept any question about them?

At one time a publisher wanted to publish one of my books, and after having it read in his organization said yes, they would love to publish it, and here are a couple of pages of corrections. My answer was I welcome them. Just tell me how many healings this corrector is

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

responsible for, and how many years they've been practicing so that I will know that their corrections are better than my writings.

Do you not see that either the principles of The Infinite Way are correct, that truth itself has expressed itself, or not? If it has, you will know it by its works. If not, it will go out of existence very quickly.

But I think you have all seen in this class here today, in the groups that have come to hear our teachers, just as we have witnessed last week in Seattle and Portland, after seventeen years, not only that we have so many students here who have been with us from the beginning, but just think of the all the additional hundreds that you have seen.

And so, this message must stand, not on what I think of it or what you think of it, or what your hearers or students think of it, but on what it is.

And therefore, if you permit a discussion on any of our tapes, you are permitting someone who has not had our years of healing work tell us that we haven't had those years of healing work.

Therefore, I can prophesy, I won't forbid but I can prophesy, that those who have discussion groups will not be with us long.

Those who permit discussions on this message will not be in the activity long.

You know, truth is an impartation. It comes forth from the spirit, through the consciousness of an individual, and then it is received in your consciousness as a seed. If you keep it locked up in your consciousness, think about it, ponder it, meditate on it, that seed will spring forth into fruitage. Of course, if it isn't truth, it'll die stillborn.

It is for this reason that many of you know that I have never permitted in any class anyone to ask a question from the floor. You may write a question and place it up here and I will gladly answer it. But no question from out there. Why? I'm not breaking the rhythm of the impartation through me to you. Nor am I going to break your receptivity just so that somebody may have the floor of glory for a moment.

Now, this means that when a tape group work is started that it will start as a meeting preceded by a meditation. Then the tape, followed by a meditation and good night. No tea parties, no coffee klatches, no midnight snacks. Home to ponder what has been given.