



## WEEKLY BOOK STUDY MEETING PURPOSE AND GUIDELINES FOR 2017

**Dear Friends,**

The purpose and goal of our Weekly Book Study Meeting is to create an atmosphere where all participants may go deeper into the understanding and conscious realization of the principles of the Infinite Way. The activity of this meeting will be the cooperative study, practice, and meditation of/on the principles conveyed in the book chapters which we will work with throughout the year. To that purpose, the following is requested.

**1. Please commit to attending all the meetings throughout the month** (including before meeting meditations). There are extenuating circumstances, of course. However, if the consciousness of our group is to unfold, students should make their best efforts to attend regularly. For **2017**, you will need to obtain Joel's book **THE JOURNEY BACK TO THE FATHER'S HOUSE** (1979 Infinite Way Letters), and Luella Overeem's **DEVELOPING SPIRITUAL CONSCIOUSNESS, Vol. 2**, which are available from [Mysticsoftheworld.com](http://Mysticsoftheworld.com)., [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), Or The Chicago Goldsmith Group.

**2.** The meeting format will be: 15 min. silent meditation. Then each participant will read a section of the chapter, with a short period of silence after each reading. This will continue for approx. 60 min. Following, there will be 15-30 min. where those who have questions regarding the material covered may put them to the group facilitator. Also, those who wish to share a spiritual principle which was particularly meaningful for them from the night's lesson may do so. Others may have questions or principles to share, so please be brief. The meeting will end with a short, meditation. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the reading and sharing activities of the meetings. **After roll is called, please make sure your phone or mic is muted until it is your turn to read.**

**3.** When joining us on-line or by phone, **a headset and mic are required.** We have found that those trying to use the built-in mic and speakers of a computer (or a speaker phone) can cause **echo and feedback.** If this is the only setup you have, you may be asked to mute your mic and not read out loud, until you have the **necessary equipment. Please make sure that the area you will be joining us from is quiet and free of distractions.** Please make sure that any other phones in the area are silenced.

**4.** Please make a commitment to work with the Monthly Chapter material before and after each meeting. As we all know, as consciousness unfolds, material read multiple times will seem brand new. This will be especially evident as the consciousness of the group unfolds. If so led, make notes and write down questions as you are studying and meditating on the material while studying alone or with the group. Then share as you feel comfortable to do so. **No question is too basic; no revelation is trivial.**

**5.** Students who are joining us for the first time are required to **register for participation** and to receive the on-line/ phone connection info. Register at [bob.harper@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bob.harper@sbcglobal.net). or by phoning me at 847-428-4759. Please keep this info. confidential.

**6.** Please know that these are basic guidelines, and as with anything of this sort, nothing is written in stone. However, as this activity has progressed over the last 6 years, we have found that the guidelines have helped to create an atmosphere of stillness and openness where Spirit is allowed to flow as the group consciousness unfolds, moving the group participants into a natural, inspired altitude of awareness. Therefore, your cooperation in following the guidelines is appreciated. Looking forward to your joining our deep exploration of Joel's Writings!

**7.** As with all the activities of THE CHICAGO GOLDSMITH GROUP, this meeting is available on a donation basis.

**Peace, and Blessings,**

**Bob**