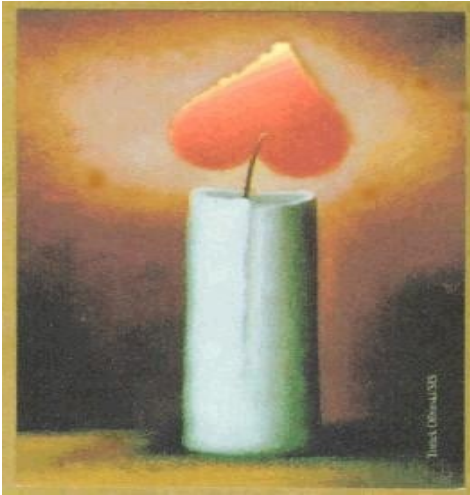


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162 E. Ohio St., Chicago, IL 60611 (Mezz. Level)

Second Tuesday – **On-line Meeting** – 7:30 P.M.

Third Sunday - **Home of Bob Harper** – 11:00 A.M.
259 Skyline Dr., Carpentersville, IL 60110 - **Please R.S.V.P.**

Fourth Tuesday – **On-line Meeting** – 7:30 P.M.

Every Thursday – **Book Study Meeting, On-line** – 7:30 P.M.

Meetings Conducted by Bob Harper

Please Arrive **15 min. Early** for Meditation

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Books by Joel and Other Infinite Way Teachers Are Available at Most of the Meetings and by Mail Order.

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STUDY CHAPTERS FOR JULY

JOEL S. GOLDSMITH: CONSCIOUSNESS IS WHAT I AM, Chapter 7: "Attaining A Measure of Spiritual Consciousness;"
VIRGINIA STEPHENSON: THE JULY, 2011 MONTHLY LESSON, "Spiritual Power Does Not Contend With Nothingness;"
JOEL S. GOLDSMITH: THE JOURNEY BACK to the FATHER'S HOUSE, Chapter 7: "Living Out From Conscious Oneness;"
JOEL S. GOLDSMITH: AWAKENING MYSTICAL CONSCIOUSNESS, Chapter 7: "Concept or IS?"
LUELLA OVEREEM: DEVELOPING SPIRITUAL CONSCIOUSNESS – Vol 1, July, 1979 Lesson: "Disappearing Horizons;"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARGARET PONGA RECORDINGS: In July, we will start featuring the recordings of Margaret Ponga's 2017 NASHVILLE CLASS during our First Sunday meetings. Margaret is an Infinite Way teacher from New Zealand. mjponga@gmail.com

CLASS IN LAGUNA WOODS, CA: October 14 – 15, 2017. More Info. To Follow. Contact: deniseiddesigns@gmail.com

WEEKLY BOOK STUDY MEETING: The first 2017 **Thursday Evening Book Study Group** meeting for this month will be on July 6th, and we will be continuing with Joel's THE JOURNEY BACK to the FATHER'S HOUSE, **Chapter 7**, "Living Out From Conscious Oneness," (a.k.a. THE JULY, 1979 INFINITE WAY LETTER). Later in the month, we will move on to Luella's **July, 1979 Lesson** and her **July Recording Transcript**. **Registration for the 2017 Book Study Group is now closed.** (Luella's Books are also available in eBook editions: http://www.amazon.com/Luella-S.-Overeem/e/B01BUI0LRC/ref=dp_byline_cont_pop_ebooks_1)

CHICAGO GOLDSMITH GROUP ON-LINE TAPE MEETINGS: **See individual meeting excerpts for connection info.** Meditation begins 15 min. before scheduled meeting time. **NOTE: If the on-line meeting room is full, try connecting by phone.** Meeting times CST.

SATURDAY ON-LINE TAPE MEETING: Liz and Marty Parker. Info: <http://www.goldsmithglobal.org/>

EXCERPTS FROM TAPES FOR STUDY, PRACTICE, AND MEDITATION (by Bob and Friends)

SUNDAY, JULY 2nd – at THE INN OF CHICAGO - 11:00 A.M.

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JOEL S. GOLDSMITH: THE 1964 SAN DIEGO SPECIAL CLASS

"Attaining A Measure of Christhood," (#0455B) (Attend In Person, On-line, or by Phone!)

Now you can measure the degree of your spiritual unfoldment by the degree in which you realize the truth, and the truth is that "I am infinite and that I embody within myself infinite supply and therefore no more can be added to me. No more can be added to me. I cannot **get** the supply of anything." Scripture ... *The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. Son thou art ever with me and all that I have is thine.* All that God has is mine. Then I have infinity. I have **all** that there is.

Ah, if you come down to material consciousness, you say, "No that can't be true." No, the Rockefeller's have more than you, and the Ford's have more than you, and we know a few other families that have more than you—not true at all. Not true at all. That is only true when measured from a materialistic basis, which would divide.

Now in Spirit there is **no division**. There is no such thing as **numbers** in the spiritual kingdom. There is only one number, and that is the **number one**. And **I am** that number, and I embrace within myself that number. I embody within myself the fullness of number one.

I and my Father are one and all that the Father hath is mine because of my oneness with God. The materialistic concept says that we are four billion people, and the four billion must divide up what is on Earth, and that's communism. That is their basis. Four billion people, so many dollars, so much gold, so much silver, so many trees, so many crops, and they must be divided. There you have your materialistic concept.

Spiritual consciousness reveals that if I have only a few loaves and fishes I can feed the multitudes. Why? Because there is no such thing as division; there is only multiplication. One multiplying itself over and over and over again.

For Meditation: "How many of us have for many, many years believed that others were holding us in condemnation, unforgiveness, holding grievances against us, not realizing that it was we who were doing it and not they? No one can free us until we first free them. No one can forgive us while we hold unforgiveness within us." - **Joel, From the Recording**

For Study: CONSCIOUSNESS IS WHAT I AM, Chapter 7

July 2nd Meeting, Continued **Lecture Series:** "A Return to Knowing," by Bob Harper – (12:15 – 12:45 P.M.)
– Followed By Margaret Ponga's Recording. (Use Same Connection Info. as 11 a.m. Meeting)

MARGARET PONGA: THE 2017 NASHVILLE CLASS

"Reaching Conscious Oneness," Session 1 (#0196-1)

[When Margaret wondered if she would be able to teach] ... I was acknowledging that "I can of my own self do nothing. The Father within does the work." That is a principle that we need to work with. Now I remember telling somebody this, somebody who was inquiring about the Infinite Way, and this person was shocked, shocked that **anyone** would accept, believe, that God would work through **them**. "How egotistical," he said, "is that!" But I can assure you that Jesus was not being egotistical when he said that; and certainly, neither was I when I was thinking that. What that did for me was to take me right out of personal sense ... that in some ways had me "sinking through the floor". It was an attitude for me, took the "Margaret" of me right out of the way. No hopes for the class, no expectations, no hopes, no fears. We let it go. This too is impersonalization, and **impersonalization is world work**. Joel says in one of our study books, CONSCIOUS UNION WITH GOD, "My conscious oneness with God constitutes my oneness ... with all being, with all being and things, or with all spiritual being, or with the whole world. My conscious oneness with God constitutes my oneness with ALL spiritual beings, ideas, actions, presence." Do you see that, but your conscious oneness is not within you until you have reached that point of resting within you. You know the principles, you read the books, you listen to recordings, you ponder within you. But there is always a point where you must stop. Maybe you can't stop the thinking, but it is as if it becomes no longer important, and instead, you find that there is a love in you for this Being that you've never seen, maybe never heard, that no one seems to be able to be really explaining it; and yet you are listening with all of your heart, and soul, and mind. Isn't that the first principle, to love God with all of your heart and soul and mind. And the second is, and your neighbor as your self.

For Study: THE HEART OF MYSTICISM, 1957 INFINITE WAY LETTERS, Chapter 5.

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VIRGINIA STEPHENSON: THE 1994 ASILOMAR CLASS

"Spiritual Power Does Not Contend With Nothingness," Session 6

Question: "As a first time university student my mind is very often overfed from hours of classes, reading, and study, meditation is difficult. Do you have any suggestions for helping to clear out the overfed mind short of quitting school?"

Answer: "Meditation is the pause that refreshes. Remember the old [soft drink] add, 'The pause that refreshes'? So it is, that the art of meditation is to take many, many periods [a day for short meditation]. I can remember when I worked in an office, years ago, that was very busy, and I could not close my eyes, I looked up in the corner of the room and took that pause that refreshes with my eyes open. If you do, say once every half hour, all day long, no matter what you are doing, and just open your consciousness, *speaking Lord thy servant heareth*, and have that pause that refreshes, you will have opened the door to the activity of the Christ, and you will find that, *I can do all things through Christ that strengtheneth me*. I can do all the reading, all the studying, and still be unburdened; and it will be joyous, because in that moment of pausing you have opened the door to Omniscience, Omnipotence, and Omnipresence to take over your life. So you can have as many meditations a day [as you choose], short ones, and you will find you will go through the day [at peace], if you are a business person, or you are a student, or whatever you are charged to do, or even if you are a mother, and you have three or four children that keep you very busy, you can have that pause that refreshes; and this is called 'practicing the presence of God', and that is our First Degree work."

For Meditation: "God is not an activity of time or space, God is your Consciousness, and the moment you become receptive and open the door to the Presence of God, and realize that this Consciousness, this Divine Consciousness, which animates you, maintains you, and sustains you, is omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent, you are under that government. Therefore, you can say like Paul, *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me*, You can take care of the children, you can do the housework, you can be the business man with hundreds of clients, you can be the attorney, you can be the doctor, whatever your profession is, a student, *you can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth you*. [So realize that this pause that refreshes], with this turning within, with this Spiritual Consciousness that formed you and brought you into expression to fulfill this Spiritual Purpose, not only to fulfill you humanly as a wife, a husband, a businessman, a teacher, a student, a son, a daughter, or a grandparent, [but also] to fulfill you intellectually and spiritually, [you are complete already in this Divine Consciousness expressing as you]." – Virginia

For Study: Virginia's July, 2011 Monthly Lesson; and THE ALTITUDE OF PRAYER, Chapters 6 and 7.

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JOEL S. GOLDSMITH: THE 1962 HOLLAND CLOSED CLASS “Attuning to Consciousness,” (#0500A)

Now, the first great lesson of the spiritual path is this: as we appear outwardly to be separate people, with separate interests, and humanly we live our lives in that way, so on the spiritual path we learn that this is not true, that there is in the midst of us an invisible tree. We call it the Tree of Life; we can call it that. There is an invisible tree right here with us, and it has invisible tentacles, vines, small vines, reaching out; and it is attached to each one of us, or rather we are attached to this invisible vine that is attached to the tree. Therefore, the life of the tree, which is God, flows out through these vines and becomes the life of us.

Now, see what this does to us. First of all, it breaks down the belief that I am just an individual over here with a life of my own, because immediately I see that my life is the life of the tree flowing through me, and in that way I lose concern about my life. I need take no thought for my life, because the life of the tree is my life, and it is doing all of the taking thought. It is concerning itself for me; it knoweth my need before I do; it is its good pleasure to give me the kingdom. Always I see this invisible vine with which I am one, and therefore, there really isn't any “me” to take thought for, because the only “me” there is, is the life of the tree. There is no separate me from the tree; there is no separate life from the tree. There is the one life flowing as individual me, as that one life flowing *as* individual me.

Now, this is only the first part of the vision, because now I'm beginning to see that I live and move and have my being as, really, this life of the vine, life of the tree. I live and move and have my being in the good that is flowing from the source; and it is in me, as I am in it, and this constitutes oneness. Therefore, I can say, *I can of my own self do nothing* –but I don't have to. The Father is doing the living of my life. The Father is my life. And I can go further and say, “The Father is me,” because the life of the Father is my life; the mind of the Father is my mind; the soul of the Father is... there is only the Father and I, and this is one, not two—one. I am that place where God is individually manifest.

For Meditation: *“Now, the within of me is the within of you. When you reach down inside of you, you're reaching into divine Consciousness. That's where I reach. Divine Consciousness in me is the same divine Consciousness in you. We don't each have a separate consciousness any more than we each have a separate life. If the branch of a tree were to reach back for sap, if there's a thousand branches, don't they all reach back for the same sap; aren't they all reaching back to the same source? So wouldn't they get the same substance? When we meditate it is as if we out here were just turning down inside the trunk. Well, when we get down in there, we're all in the same place. We're all in one place, of one mind, drawing up the same wisdom.” - Joel*

For Study: THE JOURNEY BACK to the FATHER'S HOUSE, Chapter 7; and DEVELOPING SPIRITUAL CONSC., Vol. II, July, 1979 Lesson

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THE NEW HORIZON SERIES: JOEL S. GOLDSMITH: THE 1954 PORTLAND PRACTITIONER CLASS

“Flesh and Flesh, Conclusion,” (#0095A)

Heretofore I have known you as human beings and students, but hereafter I must never know you that way again, but only as Christ, as Spirit, as the spiritual being, the offspring of God. Heretofore you have known your friends and your relatives and your patients and your students as human beings, some of them good, some of them bad. Henceforth you must not know them either as good or as bad, but as spiritual. Remember, it is just as wrong to know a good man, as it is to know a bad man. It is just as wrong to know a rich man as a poor man. You must not know any man after the flesh, whether good flesh or bad. Henceforth you must know as Christ. Therefore, *if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.*

For Meditation: “Now the moment you give up holding yourself or others in condemnation to being a good man or a bad one, a sick one or a well one, drop that condemnation of both, and know them henceforth only after the Spirit. Then the old things will pass away. Old habits, old forms of the flesh, old fleshly appetites: greed, lust, ambition, desire for health, wealth, fame. All of these things will pass away, and *all things will become new.*” - **Joel, From the Recording**

For Study: AWAKENING MYSTICAL CONSCIOUSNESS, Chapter 7

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LUELLA OVEREEM: THE 1992 GREEN BAY CLOSED CLASS

“Spiritual Identity as Supply,” Session 3

He [Joel] starts out talking about a minister who was ... experimenting with plants. And having one group of plants... one group of people praying for a group of plants, and positively, and the other group praying negatively, malpracticing the plants. And the ones that were getting the good prayer grew, and flourished, and got bigger than normal. And the other ones that were being malpracticed didn't do very well, and some of them shriveled up and died. But... and he was calling it prayer, but that is not prayer – that's the point he's making. Prayer is our communion with God – or God speaking to us – and prayer cannot be used and it's not for good or evil. Anything good and evil is the mind of man – the beliefs of man, the so-called human mind, and human thinking. Right thinking and wrong thinking, this isn't prayer. And yet, it can do a great deal of good in the world – human good. But that isn't... it doesn't get you into heaven. It doesn't get you any more spiritual consciousness; it's just improving humanhood. It's good thinking and bad thinking, and it's not a power. It's not a power in the presence of spiritual consciousness. And it's certainly not the spiritual path. Although on that level it does a lot... it can do and does a lot of good. But it has nothing to do with spiritual healing. Prayer is our communion with God. It's our making ourselves transparencies through which God can express. And God expresses as our body, and our supply, and our activity. And it can appear as a healing; it can appear as money; it can appear as the Red Sea opening up; or food to feed five thousand people loaves and fishes. But these things were not mental tricks; the person... the illumined individual was communing with God. And when you commune with God and are at one with God, that means you have no object, no desire for anything out here at all. That's the human level; that's the thinking mind. That has nothing to do with prayer and nothing to do with God expressing AS. ... It's already there; it's what God is revealing to us as already present. It's what's happening. It's not our desires being demonstrated, because we weren't desiring anything when we're in prayer. It's our letting go of this outer human scene – not desiring anything, not asking for anything, not trying to change or reform anything. All we're doing is making our contact with God and making ourselves an instrument, a transparency through which God can shine, reveal Itself. It's showing forth the consciousness of the presence of God. And it can appear as... what it appears as to the world, of course, is that they call it miracles, or they call it tricks of magic, or they'd like to be able to do it. The world would like to be able to have all these things that come by Grace when we're living in the realization of God. But the world has cut itself off from that Source and they're living by the belief in good and evil. And the way they have figured out – we, the world, all of us accepting this belief and being conditioned to it – is that you either have to work for a living, or you have to take it away from somebody else by war, or robbery, or some other way. But we have to make it; we have to get it for ourselves by physical or mental might. And when you are living by Grace, you'll find a lot of things working out, by almost the way the world would call, like magic. But is it so miraculous? I mean, we don't even think about it being miraculous that here's the earth with all the gold, and silver, and uranium, and water, and air. It's pretty miraculous, to start with, that all this is here. It isn't any more miraculous, if you're in contact with God within and desiring nothing, that God fulfills your needs as they appear. And that could mean some kind of a healing; it could mean a ten dollar bill floating down in front of your feet. There's no reason it couldn't! And that's what he says: there's... it's only human sense that calls it a miracle. We've already been given everything there is – all of infinity. What else is there?

For Meditation: “When you correctly understand the inner significance of the story of the prodigal son, you will have the secret of life. In the beginning, you are the Father-consciousness. You are not just a favored son in the beginning; you are one with the Father, the Father-consciousness.” - Joel, From **THE HEART OF MYSTICISM, 1958 LETTERS, Chapter 8**

For Study: LUELLA OVEREEM: THE 1992 GREEN BAY CLOSED CLASS, Session #3 [Recording and Transcript](#) ; and **THE HEART OF MYSTICISM, 1958 LETTERS, Chapter 8**



“The worlds are held together by the heat of the sun; each of us are atoms held in position by that eternal Sun we call God. Within us is the same central power we call the light, or the love of God; by it we hold together the human beings within our sphere, or, lacking it, we let them fall.” - Hazrat Inayat Khan

July 1979 Lesson

DISAPPEARING HORIZONS

When your material “house” has blown away, when you have no one left upon whom to lean – no person, no thing, no God, nothing outside your own consciousness, then you are blessed. You are blessed when you have no place to turn but Within. What blew away was an “outside;” now it’s all Inner. Now you have gained all of Infinity. Your house is no longer a little, walled-in space in a vast outer world. The walls are gone, the horizon is gone, and the universe is your home, all of it within you. You have discovered God as the Self of all being, God as spiritual Identity.

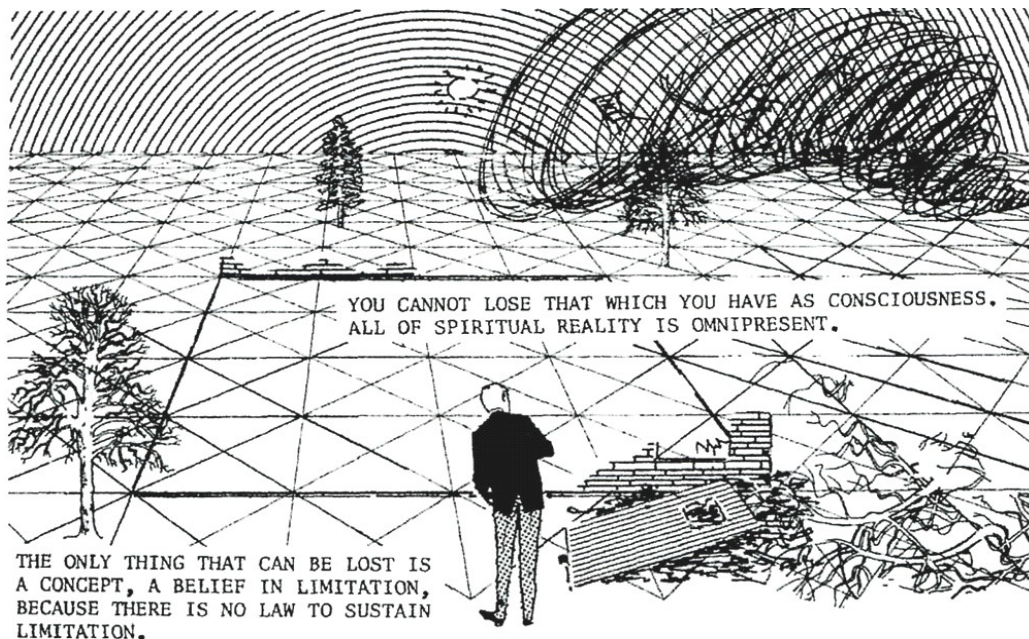
Every limiting sense we let go of widens our horizon. True, if we do not consciously release it, it may be blown away, and if we feel lost or deprived, it is because we haven’t yet let go. So, if it’s gone, let go, and see how much farther you can see without it, see how much your horizon has been extended. Accept nothing less than infinity as the measure of your good.

Saul was struck blind by the Light – blind to material sense, blind to illusion. You can’t see aright until you lose “your” sight. There is no resurrection until personal sense is crucified. You have to lose “your” life before you can gain Life eternal – the awareness of eternal Life, the experience of eternal Life.

“Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.” - Luke 17:33

“And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and they which see might be made blind.” - Jon 9:39

There is no more Reality to good humanhood than to evil humanhood. The human scene is material sense, and we have to be willing to let the good material sense disappear along with the evil. We have to be willing to overcome all desire for the peace the world can give, and look only within for fulfillment.



LUELLA OVEREEM: DEVELOPING SPIRITUAL CONSCIOUSNESS, Vol. II, July, 1979 Lesson, Pg. 19



"Awake. Be the witness of your thoughts. You are what observes, not what you observe." - The Buddha