

Dear Friends,

Can you imagine that a world in turmoil can be a good reason for thanksgiving? Joel saw it that way, as evidenced in this quotation from his Thanksgiving message in the November 1957 Infinite Way Letter:

*“In reviewing the year, I note that it has been brought to human attention, and recognized and acknowledged on a wider scale than ever before, that material or physical force will not solve international problems. Treaties and promises continue to be broken to such an extent that few people and even few nations trust the word of another, or even their own word except when it suits the purpose of the moment. Strange as it may seem, that in itself is good reason for thanksgiving because from it we shall learn to ‘cease from man, whose breath is in his nostrils.’ Eventually, all will be compelled to place complete reliance on the Invisible, which is truly the Infinite Omnipotent, omnipresent. When faith reaches that point, the world will be saved.*

*“Throughout the world, there is evidence of man’s inhumanity to man—intolerance, prejudice, and bigotry. That, too, is cause for thanksgiving because a growing spiritual awareness is evident as these particular evils are exposed to the world instead of being covered up, hidden, and secretly practiced. Now we must pray with a greater depth of understanding that the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf be unstopped so that the vision of the great Master may be revealed: ‘And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.’*

*“In The Infinite Way we have a truly great reason for thanksgiving: We have learned and demonstrated that we need not reform people, or change them humanly, but rather our work is to destroy material sense and thus free mankind from its only bondage. We have discovered the secret of the destruction of material sense—to realize that material sense is but ‘the arm of flesh.’*

Joel could well have been speaking about the world today, and today we can still be thankful that the “overturning and overturning” continues. We can stand as midwives to the birth of a new world consciousness by accepting the responsibility to practice diligently the principles he taught us so well.

At Thanksgiving and in all seasons, our deepest appreciation flows forth for the glorious blessing of The Infinite Way message; for all the spiritual teachers who have dedicated their lives to showing the Way, sharing their revelations, and lifting us up; and for each and every one of you, our treasured fellow travelers on the spiritual path. May the radiant Light of the Christ continue to shine in your hearts and carry you into the fullness of life by Grace, in liberty, love, joy, and fulfillment.

Our abiding Love and Recognition,

*Liz and Marty*