

“Relationship of Oneness”¹

In the chapter “Relationship of Oneness,” Joel talks about our oneness with God and our oneness with every other individual. He makes it clear that it is our oneness with God that constitutes our oneness with each other, and he says that to experience oneness with others, “you must make your contact with the Father within, whereupon you automatically become one with every other individual within range of your consciousness.”

Not only is our oneness with God the basis for our oneness with each other, it is that relationship of oneness with God that constitutes our Self-completeness, so that we are never dependent on another: “Since God is the life, wisdom, activity, and supply of your being ... you are spiritually fed, clothed, and housed. Your utter and complete reliance is on this truth that all that the Father has is yours.”

*The essence of this chapter reflects a theme that is repeated throughout Joel’s work: “My oneness with God constitutes my oneness with all spiritual being and idea.” Joel says that this statement represents one of the highest statements of spiritual truth, “one which will bring you nearer the realization of heaven on earth than any other.” He calls it a true “pearl of great price,” and he explains it beautifully in the book *Conscious Union with God*, in Chapter 13, “Mysticism.” Following is an excerpt from that chapter.*

An Excerpt from *Conscious Union with God*, Chapter 13: “Mysticism”

The true meaning of mysticism is any philosophy or religion that teaches oneness with God. Mysticism reveals the possibility of receiving impartations or guidance directly from God, of communing with God, of being consciously at-one with God, and receiving good from God without any intermediary. And so the teaching of the Infinite Way is a mystical one because, above all things, its purpose is to achieve oneness with God.

One of the highest mystical statements of which I have any knowledge, one which will provide you with a passkey to heaven, a key to harmony of mind, body, and business, health and wealth and all other things is: Your oneness with God constitutes your oneness with all spiritual being and things.

This you will find in my writings, but you will also find that it has not been taken too seriously by most of those who have read it. Except in a few cases, it has not been recognized as one of the supreme wisdoms of the world, possibly because, in the first place, it is not stated in mystical or cryptic language, but in plain English, and secondly, because most people have not formed the habit of analyzing statements.

Our Oneness with God Appears as Form

My oneness with God constitutes my oneness with all spiritual being and things. Go back to the illustration of the telephone. You cannot get a telephone number anywhere in the world without

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first going through the central office, but once you have contacted the central office, you can reach any place on the face of the globe that has a telephone. So it is that if you contact God, if you have a conscious realization of God, if you become consciously one with God, then automatically and instantaneously you are at one with the entire universe of spiritual being and idea.

Everything that you see, hear, taste, touch, or smell is but a finite concept of a divine idea. For example, an automobile is a vehicle for transportation which will wear out or become obsolete and require another investment to replace it. But behind the idea, or object, of automobile is the divine idea of transportation, and transportation is really a spiritual activity; it is an activity of mind imparting itself as idea to individual being. Therefore, if you once contact God, or Spirit, you have contacted the spiritual law of transportation, and if your need for an automobile is a real one, you will be surprised how quickly you will obtain it. A seat in an airplane, a steamship ticket, or anything pertaining to transportation would immediately be available to you because of your oneness with the infinite Source of all good.

This does not mean that anyone should attempt to demonstrate an automobile. But suppose that I am in San Francisco and my home is in Los Angeles, and in a human sense I must bridge that four hundred odd miles. I have need of transportation, and apparently there is no immediate solution to the problem. So I sit down and realize my oneness with God. I realize my oneness in as many different ways as I can: I may think of the wave as being one with the ocean, or of the sunbeam as one with the sun, or of the Selfhood that is one with God. In any way that I can, I relate myself to God until finally I come into the realization: *All that the Father has is mine because we are one. There is no separation between God and man; God and man are one. I and the Father are one; all that the Father has is right here where I am.*

If I can achieve that realization, if I can obtain that inner sense of peace that we call "the click," very quickly I will find that my transportation to Los Angeles appears. It may be an invitation to ride with someone; it may be a railroad ticket; it may be someone down there sending for me. It could appear in any way, but I would not at any time have to think about transportation: I would only have to think about my oneness with God and about the immediate availability of God in every form.

Much the same thing can happen if there is a need for a home, whether in your present community or a different one. Again, you do not use this truth to demonstrate a house or a place in which to live; but if this truth does not, or cannot, bring fulfillment and harmony, it would not be the truth of being, because Jesus said, "*I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly*"¹—I am come that ye might be fulfilled. Certainly, a home and companionship are part of your fulfillment. Having arrived at a place where you know that you have a need for a home, now forget the home, turn within, and realize God. Realize that the only home there is, is in your own consciousness; realize that you live and move and have your being in God, in true Consciousness. True Consciousness is omnipresent as your own being. As you realize the true nature of home, embracing all the spiritual qualities of God, such as protection, love, joy, beauty, cooperativeness, safety, and security, your home will appear. Conscious oneness with God is what brings it into manifestation—not going outside to demonstrate things.

¹ John 10:10

Remember always that the basis of our work is: "*Seek ye first the kingdom of God.*"¹ One of the ways of seeking first the kingdom of God is this realization of oneness because, when you have demonstrated your conscious oneness with God, all the *things* are added unto you. Therefore, oneness with God constitutes oneness with every spiritual being and idea.

It may be that some person is needed to bring about the happy adjustment of your affairs—the right real estate agent, the right banker, the right investment counselor, or the right metaphysical teacher. The right one would not be contacted by simply desiring the right one, but by consciously realizing your oneness with God.

Your Consciousness Unfolds as Truth

It is the same when a person is seeking truth. What such a person wants is the highest unfoldment that there is for his particular state of consciousness, the unfoldment which will meet his particular needs. Each one may use a different avenue to arrive at his goal, but perhaps for most seekers, the public libraries with their thousands of books offer the easiest, quickest, and most accessible way of investigating different approaches to truth.

However, you might read all but one of those books and not find what you are seeking, and all that time spent in reading might be time wasted. It would have been just as easy to go to the center of your own being and there realize that God and Truth are synonymous; and inasmuch as you are one with God, you are one with Truth, and therefore all the Truth in the universe is available to you now—not available tomorrow, but now—available right here where you are. There is no time, place, or space which can separate you from Truth, from all the Truth in the universe because you cannot be separated from God.

As you meditated in that way, day in and day out, you would be led to the one book that really would open up the floodgates for you. From there on, you would be led from book to book, teacher to teacher, but only to those that were in accord with your own consciousness or those that would meet your particular need. It is not necessary to read every book in the world in order to find the truth you need. You can be led to those authors and teachers and those Scriptures that are in harmony with your particular state of consciousness.

I wish sometimes that the spiritual teachers of the Western World could follow the practice of the Hindu swamis in India whose students come and live with them for three years. Then at three o'clock in the morning, if the swami feels the flash of the Spirit, he sends word for them to come at once. When they meet, the swami talks and talks—perhaps until five o'clock—and then they go back to bed. If at seven o'clock the swami feels that he is ready to talk again, out come the students at seven o'clock. They never know at what hour of the day or night they are going to be summoned into the presence of their teacher to hear the pearls of divine wisdom that flow through him from God.

There are moments in the experience of every spiritual teacher when true wisdom pours forth. It was in one such moment when I seemed to be afire with the Spirit that this lesson on mysticism was revealed to me: Inasmuch as I am consciously one with God, I must be consciously one with the individual consciousness of everyone. Certainly, all those who are a part of my consciousness must be receiving the same message I am receiving. As this truth kept pouring and pouring itself through me, I longed to be able to share it with my students all

¹ Matthew 6:33

over the world, and so powerful was this revelation that I would not have been at all surprised had some of them written that they received the same message at the same time.

Those of us who follow the mystical path will ultimately learn that it is not really necessary to use words to reveal spiritual wisdom. All of us can receive the messages and impartations necessary to our unfoldment from the divine Wisdom within because they are not dependent upon human contact.

Activity, the Divine Idea Unfolding

In the mystical approach, you realize that, whether it is metaphysical teaching or healing, selling refrigerators or real estate, or inventing a new egg beater or a new process for refining oil, every right activity of human experience is the divine idea unfolding. It is really the activity and operation of universal Intelligence that does it all. It takes place as the activity of this divine Intelligence and Wisdom, which interprets Itself through the instrument of the mind. Because that Intelligence is your intelligence and mine, It is automatically interpreting Itself through the mind of everyone concerned at the same time. That eliminates the necessity of advertising a product or a teaching, because the very moment an idea is implanted in what I call my individual being, it is automatically implanted in your consciousness; but if you have not been trained to bring it forth out of your own consciousness, you may have to read books, study, or go to a teacher in order to have it unveiled for you.

You must know that what you are reading in this book is already a part of your consciousness. If it were not, you could not understand it because it would be as if I were writing in Sanskrit. However, if you were at that level of consciousness where Sanskrit was a necessity, you would be led to that person who could teach it to you.

Nobody can ever give you anything that is not already a part of your consciousness. Therefore, the writer is not giving you anything: He is but unveiling it for you. It is all within your own consciousness, and if you had not found this book, you would have found another one or would have heard it in your sleep or even as you were walking along the street. In other words, if this message were dependent upon a person or a book, where would God be in that picture? No, every person in this world who is ready for this message is receiving it this minute.

Conscious Oneness with God Is Oneness With All Spiritual Being and Idea

This is the miracle of mysticism. Your conscious oneness with God makes everything in this world available the moment that you need it. Nobody can keep it away from you, either—nobody. But this is only true if you are following the spiritual path. Conscious oneness with God is mysticism. *Conscious oneness with God constitutes your oneness with all spiritual being and with every spiritual idea.*

For example, money is just a human concept, but it is a human concept of a divine idea, representing love, gratitude, sharing, and cooperation; it is a spiritual idea which cannot come to you, because it already is an embodied idea and activity of your consciousness. When you feel pressed for money, one of the reasons is that you are looking for it from some source outside yourself, when all the time it is hidden within your own consciousness. It is already within you, but you are looking for it in a person, place, or thing.

In the many, many stories told of the search for the Holy Grail, for that gold cup from which Jesus is supposed to have drunk at the Crucifixion, the seekers always came home, impoverished and broken in health, dropping wearily and despondently at their own door. In every version is told the story of the person who gives his whole life and fortune to the search in the outer world only to find the long sought for treasure on his return home: He finds it in his garden, perhaps hanging to the branch of a tree; he reaches forth his hand at his own table, and it appears.

The story of the Holy Grail is symbolic of the treasure hidden within our consciousness, within our own being, there by virtue of our oneness with God. That is only another way of stating: *My oneness with God constitutes my oneness with all spiritual being and with every spiritual idea or thing.* To me that represents one of the highest statements of spiritual truth. It is in my writings in just that simple language, so simple and direct that sometimes people do not recognize it as "the pearl of great price." This statement: *'My oneness with God constitutes my oneness with all spiritual being and with every spiritual idea or thing,'* ranks as one of the highest statements of truth, one which will bring you nearer the realization of heaven on earth than any other.

Realization on the Inner Plane Appears as Fulfillment on the Outer

The very highest mystical statement of truth that I know is, "*My kingdom is not of this world.*"¹ I doubt that Jesus ever said anything of a more mystical nature than that. He could say later, "*I have overcome the world,*"² because of his realization that "My kingdom is not of this world." That statement immediately sets us free from the desire for person, place, thing, circumstance, or condition. It sets us free from the world of effects and makes it possible for us to live in conscious union with Cause, with God.

If we were to demonstrate effects by the millions, we still would be dealing with something that could turn to dust in our hands. But if once we achieve conscious union with Cause, or God, then we have no further interest in the things of this world except to enjoy them as they come along. We then are still in the world, but not of it. I, myself, find pleasure in many of the beautiful and enjoyable things of this world, but there is no longer an engrossing attachment to them.

There is no such thing as a time or a place wherein we would have less than the fullness of the kingdom, if once we obtained the consciousness that "My kingdom is not of this world." But we must ever be on the alert not to become bound up in the things of the world. Do not be concerned about "this world"—this is the mystical path. Do not be concerned about the flesh—this is the way of the Spirit. Do not be too concerned about the solution to any problem—the problem is only temporary.

Be concerned with the inner plane of being. It is on the inner plane that we make our contact with God. On the outer, we behold humanly the fruitage of the work on the inner plane. It is possible, of course, for a person to make his contact with God on the inner plane, as many ascetics do, many who retire from the world and live in monasteries and convents; it is possible to make that contact on the inner plane and absolutely drop the whole outer world and experience a joyous inner life. But for most of us in the Western World that does not seem quite

¹ John 18:36

² John 16:33

natural or right, except for the few who attain such heights on the inner plane that they can do more for humanity in that way than by being a part of the world.

For the most of us, however, what we learn on the inner plane can prove to be the greatest blessing to those in the outer world. Therefore, until such time as the call comes to leave the world, we should live in it. We should share with those of this world all the depths that are being plumbed in our inner life.

On the inner plane, that is, within our own being, is where we touch God, where we touch the spiritual identity of everything that appears as person, place, or thing. Touching the Reality within makes it manifest to us in the outer—as family, friends, students, patients, activities, or even as books to read. It is a strange thing that every time I touch some new note within, somebody either gives me a book or recommends one that takes me just a step further or corroborates some point I have already discovered on the inner plane. Furthermore, every time I touch a new sense within, it appears outwardly as some new friend, some new helper, or some kind of new activity.

Regardless of the particular activity in which you may be engaged, contact God within yourself and trust that contact to bring to you all that is necessary for your unfoldment. It may not come the day you expect it. As a matter of fact, it may have to come all the way from China. Give it a chance to get here. Moreover, the person necessary to the solution of your problem may not be in a position just at the moment to become a party to the demonstration.

Do not set time limits upon your demonstration. Find the kingdom of God within your own being, make that contact, and understand that now you are depending for your outer expression on your inner demonstration. You must first make it on the inner plane, and then the outer plane will take care of itself.

I keep repeating to you that the mystical life is one in which you are completely independent of person, thing, or activity on the human level. Yet it is one in which you are never separated from person, place, thing, or activity, but where the whole solution is consummated within your own being through your contact with God and is then brought into visibility as if there were an unseen hand manipulating all the strings.

Students of the Infinite Way are not just metaphysicians who have found some truth they believe will enable them to hornswoggle God into doing their will, nor have they found some secret means of getting from God what could not be obtained in any other way. They are not spending their time making affirmations or denials, but living in conscious realization of God, making God as much a part of their conscious life as Jesus did, insofar as they can. ...

If there be any method to demonstration, it is by means of this contact with the Father within. Gain the conscious realization of the presence and power of God within your own being. Regardless of the name or nature of the problem or need, do not try to solve it on the level of the problem. Do not try to solve supply as supply; do not try to solve family relationships as family relationships. Drop all thought of these things. Go within until you actually find that place within your being which gives you the God-response. Then your problems will be solved.

Once you have touched the Christ within your own being, you have touched the wellspring of life more abundant. *Conscious oneness with God! This constitutes conscious oneness with all spiritual being and with every spiritual idea.*