

1963 Kailua Private Class Additional Study Material for Recording 518, Side 1 “Consciously Attaining the Experience of Oneness”

During our study of the eight most important chapters in The Infinite Way writings, we provided a document titled “Am I Reading or Am I Studying?” In this document, we suggested one study method that has proven very helpful. It consists of several steps, one of which was to ask, “Were any scriptural verses used to support the message of this chapter? What other scriptural passages come to me that relate to the message of the chapter?”

In this document, we have collected the scriptural passages that Joel used in Recording 518, Side 2, which is the source material for both Chapter 3, “Thou Shalt Not Make Unto Thee Any Graven Image,” and Chapter 6, “Measuring Spiritual Progress,” in Beyond Words and Thoughts. Each passage could be used as a beginning for a contemplative meditation, pondering how the passage relates to the message of the class or the chapter. You will probably want to use the passages one at a time, choosing the one that resonates with you for a particular contemplation period.

Joel tells us that we may be surprised to find that as we contemplate a passage of Scripture, other passages will come to mind. If we get quiet, he says, and start to ponder one passage of scripture, before we know it, a second related passage would jump into our head. As we continue to contemplate, a third one and even a fourth would come up. We might even find that a passage comes to us that we never knew before or had long forgotten. Where did it come from? Unbeknownst to us, Joel says, it was stored up in our consciousness, and we are being fed from within: “You are learning that your consciousness embodies all of the truth that has ever been known, from the beginning of time.”

Scripture Quoted by Joel in Recording 518, Side 2

- “I and the Father are one.” (John 10:30)
- “Thou seest me thou seest the Father that sent me.” (Joel’s words)

In context: “Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do.” (John 14:8-11)

- “All that the Father hath is mine.” (John 16:15)

- “Whereas I was blind, now I see.” (John 9:25)

- “I do not claim to have fully attained.” (Philippians 3:12)

In context: “I don’t mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.”

- “The kingdom of God is within you.” (Luke 17:21)
- “Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.” (Luke 15:31)
- “Thou art my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased.” (Mark 1:11)
- “I live yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.” (Galatians 2:20)
- “He performeth that which is given me to do.” (Job 23:14)
- “Thy grace is my sufficiency in all things.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)
- “God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.” (Psalm 46:1)
- “He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty ... None of these evils will come nigh thy dwelling place.” (Psalm 91:1, 10)
- “Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.” (John 5:14)
- “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.” (Isaiah 26:3)
- “Lean not unto thine own understanding. Acknowledge Him in all thy ways.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)