

## **Quotation for Presence Meditation – March 10, 2020**

### **Excerpt from Recording 216A, “1958 Chicago Private 25, continued”**

*In this class, Joel was speaking to a small group of advanced students, emphasizing that neither physical might nor mental powers are going to change any of the so-called evil conditions of this world. He gave this example:*

You are at home in your community, and you become aware today that it is the influenza season, or something else of that kind, which is universal belief. You will recognize that this threatened epidemic is a product of material sense, an activity of the human mind. God never made it; it has no existence in God-consciousness. God never made a law to support it or sustain it, so it can only act as an activity of material sense, and of course, is not real. It has no God ordination behind it.

Then, you haven't fought it. You have merely known the truth. You haven't argued with it or tried to get rid of it. You have just quietly known the truth about it, and the truth about it is always that it is not God-ordained. It has no law of God to sustain it, no God substance, God activity, or God intelligence. Therefore, it has no power of continuity.

Now I sit back, not to fight it, but to LET the Spirit of the Lord God be upon me, because when I attain the realization of God's presence, these things, which have existed only as mortally mental concepts, disappear. They are wiped out, because they had no existence as reality. Their only existence is mental illusion. This feeling, this realization of God's presence, is the dispelling of material sense. “Be still and know,” and then, when you feel this Presence upon you, your work is done.