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In Chapter 10 of *The Contemplative Life*, Joel recommended eight specific chapters in the writings that all serious students of the Infinite Way should study intently and know well. He says: “In order to build a consciousness of truth, all Infinite Way students should know the following passages as well as they know their own names.” Later he said that these chapters are of paramount importance to the serious student because they contain the answers to almost every individual problem that can be brought to the student, including family relations, illness, and supply.

This guide features one of these eight important chapters. Please note: the key passages we have selected are simply cues to inspire your own study, which may take you deeper, and in new directions.

## Joel's Eight Important Chapters

- *The Infinite Way*, Chapter 11 – “The New Horizon”
- *The Heart of Mysticism: Vol. V*, Chapter 10 – “Break the Fetters that Bind You”
- *The Heart of Mysticism: Vol. II*, Chapter 3 – “Protection”
- *The Contemplative Life*, Chapter 8 – “Contemplation Develops the Beholder”
- *The Art of Spiritual Healing*, Chapter 11 – “The Relationship of Oneness”
- *Practicing the Presence*, Introduction
- *Practicing the Presence*, Chapter 5 – “Love Thy Neighbor”
- *Living the Infinite Way*, Chapter 4 – “God is One”

# “PROTECTION”

(PART TWO)

## THE HEART OF MYSTICISM, VOL II

### CHAPTER THREE

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#### Chapter Highlights\*

...Divine Grace comes in proportion as we turn from all sense of human peace, prosperity or health, and seek the realization of “My Peace,” which includes the health or harmony of Spirit.

...Paul tells us: “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”

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...Surely by now we know that good humans are not rewarded by God, nor are bad humans punished by God. Whatever of reward or punishment comes into human experience comes through our own belief in such.

...until one has been divested of every human or material aid one cannot know the experience of a complete reliance on the Infinite Invisible.

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\*This Selected Study Guide highlights selected passages from one of the eight important chapters followed by related excerpts from Joel’s books and transcripts.

...those who have set themselves on the search for God will find their journey shortened by every experience of failure on the part of friends and relatives and things, because then comes the complete reliance on that which has heretofore never been experienced—the Infinite Invisible.

...Spiritual practice, which embraces all phases of the healing work, is much more than declaring or knowing some truth after a discord has been brought to your attention. Spiritual practice is a constant, conscious realization of God as Omnipresence—of God as the Life, Law, Substance, continuity, activity, the very Soul and intelligence of *all* being.

...When a call comes announcing some form of discord it is necessary to remember consciously that this is not a discord or maladjustment which, through your effort or even through God, is to be corrected, but rather that this is a specific call to know that as God was in the beginning, so God is *now*, and God ever will be!

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...In living the true spiritual life you are not waiting for calls of discord and inharmony. You are living in such a state of consciousness that *God alone is the reality*, and your entire experience is one of dwelling in the realization of God ever governing, maintaining and sustaining Its own universe—from the beginning of time until the end of the world.

...If *I am* with you until the end of the world, nothing can happen today, tomorrow or next week which is not a part of the all-embracing guidance, direction and protection of the divine principle of this universe.

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...The Infinite Way is not a practice that begins with a call for help. The Infinite Way is a way of life in which, at all times, we live and move and have our being in the realization of God as Omnipresence, and in that consciousness,

whenever an appearance or call of discord reaches us, we are enabled to smile in the true knowledge that no discord or inharmony has ever happened, therefore is not now in need of adjustment.

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...Do you not see that it is up to us to know, before anyone comes to us, that perfection was the true state of their being, and that perfection is the true state of their being in the here and now? Do you really believe that we have anything to do with establishing or bringing about harmony? No! No! Our place in the Spiritual Path is not to be repairers of damage nor resurrectors of life, nor physicians nor protective influences—that is God’s function!

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...If you understand the nature of God you will understand that God is the creative principle of all existence; God is the law unto all creation; God is the substance, the reality and the continuity of all creation....Ye shall know this truth, and this truth will make you free—free of accepting appearances and then trying to do something about them.

...Living The Infinite Way means living in the constant, conscious realization of God as Infinite, Omnipresent, Eternal Being.

...We could live lives of constant miracles if only we would abide in the consciousness of this truth: “My grace is sufficient for thee.”

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Thy Grace of the past, present and future *is at this very instant my sufficiency in all things.*

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...Affirming truths and denying errors will not make your demonstration. You must *learn to live by every word of truth,*

and make every Word of Truth a part of your consciousness so that it becomes flesh of your flesh, bone of your bone, until the past, present and future are all bound up in the conscious realization of *God's Grace* as your sufficiency.

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### **Search: “comes in proportion”**

#### **From The 1961 New York Special Class**

...All that you have read in The Infinite Way writings, you know, have come from within. You know that a person isn't born knowing that, and a great deal of it is certainly not written, so you know it has to come from within. So it is, music from a true composer, must come from within. Art must come from within, but it only comes in proportion to our ability to turn within, to listen, to be still, and then the mind becomes unconditioned of its beliefs, its theories, its false ideas, its misconceptions, and misperceptions. And all of a sudden, instead of thinking along the lines that we have heretofore, we begin to perceive new ideas, new thoughts, new truths, coming into expression.

427 B 1961 New York Special Class  
“Christ in Meditation”

## From The 1961 Hawaiian Village Open Class

...You learn very quickly on this path that success only comes in proportion to our ability to surrender, to yield ourselves, to yield our desires. We, of course, in our wisdom know what we need, know what we would like to achieve, know what hopes we have of human accomplishment. But remember none of this is a part of the divine plan and that it is only as we learn to surrender, as we learn to yield, that we can come into a place in consciousness where we are listening, "Speak Lord thy servant heareth" and really begin to ask for guidance, for spiritual guidance, for spiritual support, for spiritual unfoldment, for spiritual demonstration.

437 A 1961 Hawaiian Village Open Class  
"Your Self is Divine"

## Search: "own belief"

### From *Living Now*

... If we judge by appearances, we are always going to behold sin, disease, death, lack, limitation, wars, and restrictions of all kinds, and we will be bound by them because we will be suffering from our own belief about what we are beholding. When the Spirit of the Lord God is upon us, however, we are given the discernment not to judge after appearances. Then, when we are called upon for any kind of help, we are able to sit in contemplation and meditation and realize: *Father, it is Thy Spirit that quickeneth; it is Thy Spirit that reveals truth right where the picture of error is. Let me hear Thy word.*

*Living Now*, Chapter 3  
"When the Spirit of the Lord is Upon Us"

### From *Rising in Consciousness*

...Where is bondage? In one's own belief. That is where all bondage is. If you are entertaining a sense of bondage to



person, place, thing, circumstance or conditions, it is in your own being. It's in your own consciousness, and that is where you have to meet it. You have to learn that God is infinite, infinite intelligence, infinite consciousness, and that that is your mind.

*Rising in Consciousness*  
Chapter 11 – “Spiritual Freedom”

## **Search: “the true spiritual life”**

### **From *The Thunder of Silence***

...While a person may live in absolute obedience to the Ten Commandments he may still be eons away from the spiritual life because the true spiritual life is a living above the pairs of opposites. When Jesus came, he taught a way of life which was not primarily concerned with changing the negative sense of life into the positive, but with rising above both the negative and the positive into the spiritual.

*The Thunder of Silence*  
Chapter 10 – “Ye Have Heard it Said of Old”

## **Search: “nothing can happen”**

### **From *Consciousness is What I Am***

...How do we human beings free ourselves of those circumstances and conditions of earth which govern and limit man and over which he seems to have no control? How does a person bring God into his experience? The answer that came to me and that has formed the basis of all Infinite Way work is that nothing can happen to us except through our consciousness. If I am not consciously aware of something, it cannot happen to me. There may be temptation right outside the door, but if I am not aware of it, it does not touch me. There may be opportunities for success trying to rush right at me, but if I do not become aware of them, they can produce nothing for me. Everything that touches my life

must touch it through the awareness of my consciousness. Although there is not a person in the world who does not have a talent—not one—99 percent of us never get out of the rut of very ordinary humanhood, not because we do not have talent, but because we have not been made aware of it, of its purpose, its function, and its utilization.

*Consciousness is What I Am*  
Chapter 1 – “The Dedicated Consciousness”

## **Search: “all-embracing”**

### **From The 1953 First Portland Class**

*...And so I, in my aloneness with God, I find myself to be the child of God, looking only to the Father within for my good—for healing, for restoration, resurrection, redemption, support, maintenance, supply, success, harmony, peace, joy, protection, safety, security. Looking only to the Father within, and not praying for it, not asking for it, but in this quiet communion, realizing that the love of God must be all embracing; that the love of God must be all sufficient for the child of God; that I have no need of any other sufficiency. “Thy Grace is sufficient for me.”*

50 B 1953 First New York Closed Class  
“A Meditation”

### **From The 1957 Second Halekou Closed Class**

*...But we do not reach God’s presence by might or by power. We reach God’s presence by relaxing: In thy presence is fullness of life. Here where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. It isn’t as if I were saying this for me or saying it for you. I’m talking about a spiritual all-embracing truth. I don’t say that where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty for me or for my patients or my students or for Infinite Way students. I say, Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty!*

196 B 1957 Second Halekou Closed Class  
– “A Meditation: Release God”

## **Search: “is a way of life”**

### **From *The Altitude of Prayer***

...Prayer, then, is a way of life, living through God so that God's way may be fulfilled in us. This is a complete turning away from the earthly problem, the earthly sense of need, a complete turning within to a spiritual universe, seeking only spiritual Grace, spiritual harmony, spiritual peace, spiritual abundance.

*The Altitude of Prayer*  
Chapter 12 – “Living by Prayer”

### **From *The Altitude of Prayer***

... Prayer which takes an attitude of praying for the world and reaches that high altitude of forgiveness and of praying for the enemy is a way of life. An attitude of forgiveness and the altitude that comes from praying for the enemy must be reached in order that we may be unselfed, because only in being unselfed can the Spirit of God enter in or flow out. Only in that unselfedness does the Spirit of God purify, redeem, and lift up.

*The Altitude of Prayer*  
Chapter 3 – “Bringing Our Gift to the Altar”

## **Search: “if you understand”**

### **From The 1952 First Class of 1952**

...Now it makes no difference what form of good we are thinking of, to have our being in Christ means to turn to the within of us for the fulfillment of that need—not to look to person, place, or thing. That's living after the flesh; that is looking to the creature more than to the Creator; that is living after the flesh, and if you live after the flesh you will die. But if you live after the Spirit you will have life and peace, which means that if you understand Spirit

as the substance of your good, if you understand Spirit as the life of your body, if you understand Spirit as the capital of your business, the working tools of your business and the drawing power of your business, if you understand Spirit as the law of fulfillment to every department of your business, every department of your body, every department of your home life, then you are no longer sowing to the flesh—that is, looking to manifested form—you are sowing to the Spirit and you'll reap life everlasting.

1004 A 1952 First Class of 1952  
“Governed by Beliefs or Truth”

## **Search: “at this very instant”**

### ***From Our Spiritual Resources***

... We may look at our own lives, and they may at this moment be barren: there may be an absence of spirituality; there may be an absence of peace, happiness, joy, and contentment; there may be an absence of prosperity or health—all of which are states of barrenness. But at this very instant the years of the locusts are being restored. At this very instant, the kingdom of God within us is pouring Itself forth into expression, which in due time will be fruitage in our lives—if so be we are practicing this lesson on releasing God from any obligation to us, of releasing ourselves from any expectancy that God is going to single out either you or me to do something for us that is not already being done on our left hand and on our right hand: *I am satisfied that God is being God, and I ask nothing more than that.*

*Our Spiritual Resources*  
Chapter 1 – “The New Life by Grace”

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