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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”

“GOD IS ONE”

LIVING THE INFINITE WAY

CHAPTER FOUR

Chapter Highlights*

...With God as one, God has no opposite, and there is no opposition. With God as one, there is only one activity, one being, one cause, one power, one law.

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... Do we fear lack or limitation? How can lack or limitation affect us? Do we fear wars and hydrogen bombs? According to the first commandment, *only God is power*. What would happen to the power of the hydrogen bomb *if* we could realize God as the only power? Think on this deeply, because there must come a moment of transition when we can intellectually declare, “Why, that is right. *If God is the only power*, what have we to fear from all the so-called powers of earth and hell?”

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...*God is the only law.*

...That is the function of this teaching, the teaching which we may call a teaching of *is*—just the two letters *i-s, is*—and it is just as simple as the revelation which brought The Infinite Way into existence, also a two-letter word *a-s, as*.

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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.

... We must be arriving, now, at a state of consciousness called *Is*, and we must rest in that *is*. We have no evil to oppose or from which to be protected, and we do not have to pray in order to get God to do something for us, since God, Good, already *is*. If, deep within us, we can feel a responsive agreement, that is our prayer, our treatment, and our communion with God.

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... *Is, am, is*—I am with you; it *is* so. No longer do you reach mentally for some statement of truth. There is now only one statement of truth, and it comes in one word, *is*. It already *is*.

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... many, many years ago it was revealed to me, “That which I am seeking, I am. I already am; it already *is*; it always *is*.” With that understanding came the realization that I could give up seeking; I could give up searching; I could even give up praying. It already *is*. And now my prayer is no longer asking or affirming. my prayer is the realization, the recognition, of *is*.

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... It is for this reason that we must learn and understand the instantaneousness and the spontaneity of healing and reformation, since it can take place only now. What great fact do we discover? Above all, we discover that *I am! I am now!*

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... Surely, deep within your consciousness comes the *feeling of agreement* that right now I am in the midst of you; all that ever has been is now; all that ever will be is now, for now is the only time—the divine harmony of God is your being now, and that is your prayer.

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... From morning to night we are tempted to believe in appearances and to label them good or bad, right or wrong, but we must resist these temptations by learning to look at person, circumstance, condition, or disease, and withhold judgment. We must realize *is—is*—and let the Father define, outline, and show forth that which spiritually *is*. “My kingdom is not of this world.” There is no use trying to judge the spiritual kingdom from appearances—it will not work.

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... The study and practice of The Infinite Way is the development of spiritual consciousness. It is not going through human existence picking out all the wrong things and finding a system whereby to make them right. It is looking *through* the appearance of both human good and human evil, and learning to behold the spiritual reality which *is*, even where the appearance seems to be.

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... We have been leading up to this very important point: Do not be concerned with what anyone teaches about the nature of God, and do not be concerned with what anyone has *written* about God. Much that you read and study may appear to be right to you; much you may question. There is only one fact about which you can feel complete agreement, about which no doubt will ever enter your thought: *God is*. Be satisfied with that until God reveals to you, from within your own being, *what* God is, *when* God is, *how* God is. Let God reveal itself to you.

I have had my own inner experience with God, with the realization of God, and with the actual *feeling* of the presence of God, but I cannot make this real to you. Many could not even believe that I have had the experience. Unless you have had some measure of God-experience, how could you possibly know if I am telling the truth, or whether I, myself, might

not be mistaken? I know, but I cannot convey that knowledge to you. On one point you are already in agreement—*God is*. If you willingly accept that is-ness of God, that inner point of awareness and realization that *God is*, and ponder it, soon God will define itself.

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... Spiritual experience can come only through *your own realization*. I can tell you only this: If you, without prejudice or opinion, without a theory or concept of what God is, can realize, “*God is, that I know*,” and dwell with that and ponder it, keeping your thought in that line, from out of the depths of your consciousness within will come the experience revealing *what* God is, and *how* God operates and acts throughout this marvelous universe.

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...I have but one wish for the students of The Infinite Way, and all others on the Path, and that is, not that they accept what my experience in and with God has been, but that each one may himself experience God, know God, feel God, love and understand God, and finally realize Godhood.

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Search: “Do we fear?”

From The 1953 New Hawaiian Series

... Do we fear lack, or limitation? How could lack or limitation affect us, if God were the only power? Do we fear wars? Now, there is really a belief of power isn't there? Bullets; bombs; “bombs bursting in air,” they sing. Yes, atomic bombs bursting in air. But according to the First Commandment, only God is power. What would happen to the power of an atomic bomb if we could realize God as the only power? Think on that pretty deeply because there must come a moment of transition, when we intellectually declare, “Why that's right. If God is the only power, what have we to fear from all the so-called powers of earth and hell?”

23B: 1953 New Hawaiian Series
“God Is” (cont. from side one)

Search: “Only God is”

From The 1955 Kailua Study Group

... Do not declare anything good or anything evil. And why not? Only God is. Only God is. Only God is good. “Why callest thou me good? There is but one good, the Father in heaven.” So don't call me good. Don't call me evil. Don't call anything good. Don't call anything evil. Judge not. Stop judgment. Only God is good. Know that truth.

126B: 1955 Kailua Study Group
“The Principles Every Infinite Way Student Must Know”

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From *The World Is New*

... There cannot be infinite good and evil. So the evil we behold is only a negative appearance, a concept, or a false idea of that which is real, that which is God, Good. And so, as we look at a person, let us look through him and see that only God is appearing through him, or as him; and the same with oranges, dollars, or with anything else. Let us not look upon them as supply, but as the effect of the law of God, which we are, and of God as the only power to any and every effect.

The World is New

Chapter 1 – “Creative Meditation”

Search: “within your consciousness”

From *The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Four*

... When going into meditation, remember that your teacher is within you. Your teacher is enthroned within your consciousness. This teacher, you can meet face to face within your own being. Your teacher—the teacher within you—will never leave you nor forsake you; your teacher will never abandon you nor be absent from you—not even in the valley of the shadow of death, not even if you make your bed in hell, not even if you are in the depths of sin. Your teacher will never leave you, and you are at liberty any second to turn within, talk to your teacher as if your teacher were sitting in front of you, and eventually, you will learn to receive answers from your teacher. “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee ... I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” That is your teacher, the only teacher worth listening to, the true teacher.

The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Four

Chapter 4 – “Resurrection”

From *Living by the Word*

... God can never enter your consciousness until your consciousness acknowledges a need for God. Something takes

place within your Self. And what is the Self if not consciousness? Something took place within your consciousness that opened you to something or somebody.

Living by the Word
Chapter 9 – “I Have”

Search: “God will reveal itself”

From The 1954 New York Practitioner Class

... All you have to do is to remain steadfast in praying to God to reveal Itself to you and then if a messenger is needed, God will raise up a messenger for you. If not, God will reveal Itself in your individual consciousness without the help of any human instrument.

Now so it is, never believe that you need a brain or a heart or a liver or a lung, because if you do, you will be putting your faith in an effect. Never believe that you need a person. You don't; because you will be placing your faith in an effect. All that you will ever need is divine grace and when you have divine grace, you will have a spiritual teacher or teaching. You will have your memory. You will have your wisdom. You will have your life. You will have your inventive skill. You will have your musical skill, your art, your literature; whatever it is that is your particular experience on this plane, you will have—as long as your total reliance is on the Infinite Invisible.

91A 1954 New York Practitioner Class
“Spiritual Unfoldment”

From *Awakening Mystical Consciousness*

... Do not try to understand what God is with the mind because there is no way to do that. Once you get to that silent place at the center of your being, God will reveal Itself; but you will never be able to put It into words, even after you experience It.

Awakening Mystical Consciousness
Chapter 7 – “Concept or Is?”

From *The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Six*

... Only acknowledge God to be the source and the grace of your health, the substance of your supply, and the cement of your relationships, and God will reveal Itself to you as fulfillment. Realize that the kingdom of God is within you. One instant's realization of that inner kingdom, which is already established within you, enables that kingdom with all of its riches to flow out from you into form. You can draw upon the infinite Source within you for everything necessary for your fulfillment. Turn within daily, hourly. Learn to look away from every condition and circumstance in the external realm and place your entire faith, hope, and reliance on the Infinite Invisible. God, Itself, is the answer to every problem.

The Heart of Mysticism, Volume Six
Chapter 5 – “God-Realization Dissolves Material Sense”

Search: “God will”

From *Awakening Mystical Consciousness*

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Awakening Mystical Consciousness
Chapter 7 – “Concept or Is?”

Search: “your own realization”

From *Leave Your Nets*

... But remember this: the change in the outer appearance will come only as the activity or presence of the Christ is realized. So, whether at first it is through your teacher or whether it is ultimately through your own realization, it is

the touch of the Christ, and that alone, that will change the picture without. The Christ is a living presence and power, the greatest power ever known or realized. The Christ in all times, and for all those who have achieved it, has overcome the world, not for the world, but for you and for me who have discovered and felt it.

Leave Your Nets

Chapter 9 – “The New Dimension”

From The 1961 Oklahoma City Open Class

... As a human being living without this conscious, realized presence of God within you, you are the man of Earth, subject to all of the discords and inharmonies of human experience, because you are not under the law of God. Now, if so be the Spirit of God dwell in you, ahhh, then do you become the children of God. How do you let the Spirit of God dwell in you? By your own realization of it!

406B 1961 Oklahoma City Open Class
Principles of Healing” (side one cont.)

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