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Human and Spiritual Download this chapter in TEXT or PDF format How does a person tell the story of a man who defies description, but in whose presence one felt stirred to reach for Something beyond the limited horizon of this three-dimensional world? It is a well-nigh impossible task to portray a living soul such as that. Yet this story of a modern mystic whose work has affected deeply the lives of thousands of persons must be told. His beginnings and early life gave little indication of the fire within him which was to ignite a light in so many whose lives he touched. How could a man who, in his first thirty-six years, had lived a completely worldly life become a mystic and a spiritual teacher, both healing and teaching from the mystical state of consciousness? From traveling salesman to mystic! A man with only an eighth grade education, the author of some thirty books! A publisher in Germany who asked permission to publish his writings in German said that many men wrote books about mysticism, but Joel Goldsmith was one of the few men who not only wrote about it, but who was himself a mystic with his entire work stemming from the mystical experience. Over and over again Joel Goldsmith told me that when I wrote his biography there was to be a minimum of factual data because that was not the measure of the man: Always the work was the most important consideration to him. Joel knew that someday someone would write his life story, and he hoped it would be written by a person who had been close enough to him to understand his work. It was for this reason that he sent me approximately eight pages setting forth what he considered the essential biographical data necessary, along with the following letter: October 11, Dear Lorraine: This is a skeleton. At each major point I will elaborate; but wished you to see what is in thought. Love, Joel Interestingly enough, the material he sent was written in the third person, and in it of his antecedents he wrote as follows: His parents were also born in New York City, his father on March 10, , and his mother on October 10, They were singers in opera, and her father was a cigar maker by trade. He was associated with Samuel Gompers in the organization of the first trade union in the United States in the tobacco industry, but being sensitive by nature, he could not stand the rough and tumble of unionism and soon left that activity. There is no record of when he came to the United States. Joel was their first child; he had a brother two years and four months younger than he and a sister two years younger than the brother. There was nothing particularly unusual about his birth or early life, nothing to point the direction future years would take. Like all babies, he came into the world crying lustily, but unlike most of them, according to his mother, he continued crying for two years. Later he said it must have been because he took one quick look at the world about him and found it not to his liking. According to family tradition, he was named Joel Sol Goldsmith because the firstborn son was called either Joel Sol or Sol Joel, depending upon the name of the father. It was a name of which he was so proud that even on his elementary school papers he never omitted the middle name Sol, nor as a young adult would he even permit the "S" to be omitted when his name was written. After his first spiritual experience, however, the "S" did not interest him any more and he stopped using it except for legal purposes. Later even his last name dropped away, and the only name he used was Joel. Everyone who knew him called him Joel, and gradually it came about that as he wrote "Joel," the signature seemed to be complete. His life was probably like that of most youngsters of that age and time, even though, young as he was, he later confessed to feeling a certain sense of detachment and even sadness about the world into which he had been thrust by birth, a feeling not usually found in children. Their home life was pleasant, especially when the father was away on business. They gathered as a closely knit family group each night for dinner, followed by a game of bridge. This routine was broken by frequent visits to the theater and the opera. In and , when I spent several months in the home of the Goldsmiths in Hawaii, I often found myself humming some bit from one of my favorite operas, which brought forth this response from Joel: She, too, went about our home singing all day long. In spite of their closeness, however, a credibility gap almost developed between them when one day, shortly before Christmas, his mother told him that there was no Santa

Claus and so there was no use for him to hang up his stocking. She took him around to the various department stores to prove it. Every store had a Santa Claus. As they went from store to store she said, "You see, there is no Santa Claus. He is just a man made up to look like Santa Claus. We have to outgrow these ingrained concepts ourselves and we have to do it consciously, which is not easy to do. Since his father traveled extensively in the course of his business, Joel, as the elder son, and his mother spent much time together. Every Friday and Saturday night he would take her out to dinner and to the theater, all dressed up in a little tuxedo suit she had ordered made for him when he was just past thirteen. Then the day came when he had to travel, and he began to write her a letter every day, seven days a week, a portent of his proclivity for letter writing in later years. Throughout their entire experience together he said that there was hardly a day when he did not write her a letter. They were not always mailed each day, but there were times when she received as many as five letters at once. When she left his visible sight, it was a moment of complete torture for him. He knew then what it was to lose his God because at that time there was no God closer to him than his mother. On many occasions during the years I knew him, Joel spoke of his early life, often remarking about how little there was in it outwardly to give any indication of what his life was to become. He wondered how he could have lived two such completely different lives in the same lifetime. In in Chicago he said: How could this happen: What could make such a thing happen? Then I go back inside and I say, "Is that really true? You are looking for God. I came into this world looking for God. It was all locked up inside of me. Later, when I was nineteen, I did tell my mother, "I have discovered you are right. It was a very tender moment in that Chicago class when Joel told this incident long after his mother had gone on. Holy days, such as the Day of Atonement and Passover, were observed in what would be considered a very unsatisfactory manner by orthodox Jews; that is, the Goldsmith family observed these days by recognizing that the Jews were observing them. They did not go to temple or synagogue, and if they had matzoth in the home at Passover, it was only because they enjoyed eating them. For this family the two principal holidays in the year were Christmas and Easter, not for any religious reason, but because they all liked to give and receive gifts, and these holidays gave them a good excuse for gift-giving. If he wanted to begin, he could have the opportunity to gain some of that knowledge in the Jewish temple because, traditionally, at thirteen a boy in the Jewish faith takes on the responsibilities of manhood, and then is supposed to begin deciding his future. At about twelve and a half years, therefore, he was sent to a Reform Jewish temple and given some instruction so that he could be confirmed at thirteen. To him confirmation was an unpleasant experience; he rebelled against the kind of prayers uttered on that day, and he never went back to temple afterwards except many years later when a customer, while he was on the road, insisted on taking him there one holiday. In he met a young German boy who was in New York for the purpose of learning English, and who later returned home for business reasons. Out of this meeting grew a friendship which lasted for forty-nine years, a bond so strong that in later years Joel recognized it as a spiritual relationship. In all those years there was never a misunderstanding between them, years in which there were occasions when if Joel needed money it was always available from Hans, while Hans would always find Joel ready to share with him. During those forty-nine years of friendship in which two wars divided them and in which Hans was on the German side and Joel on the American side, never for one minute was the bond between them broken. When Hans passed on, he paid Joel the honor of leaving his family, a widow with three children, to his care. They continued to be his family and Joel a part of their family. He saw that they did not lack, and every year that he went to Germany he visited them. Joel completed the eighth grade, but his formal schooling terminated after a few months in high school, due to an argument he had with the principal. Even those first eight years were frequently interrupted when he played hooky to steal away to matinee performances of Shakespeare at a nearby theater. Then as always the theater had a tremendous fascination for him. Years later, in fact, when he was conducting an Infinite Way class in Los Angeles, he found himself quoting Shakespeare accurately on the subject of defamation of character, adding proudly, "Not bad after fifty-four years! A few years after that, when he was sixteen and a half, Joel was taken to Europe on a buying expedition as an assistant to his father, who was a buyer of European laces and allied lines of merchandise. To this work Joel brought an innate intuitive faculty that knew exactly the right laces to buy at the right time. So his travels began, at first in connection with the business world that was to occupy him for the early part of his

life. Whenever the father made a trip, a little black case had to be taken down to the drug store to be filled with bicarbonate of soda, other aids to digestion, and aspirin. There were twelve remedies that had to be ready for each trip, and the little black case usually came home practically empty. In fact there was so much illness in the family when he was a child that at one time Joel wanted to become a doctor and began reading medical books. In on one of these buying trips his father became ill, was taken off a ship at Southampton, and rushed to Nottingham, where he was in a hospital seventy-seven days. Then the cable came, "Goldsmith dying. That night Joel had an engagement to take a friend to dinner, so he decided that he should call at her home and explain the situation. The conversation as Joel described it ran somewhat like this: The doctors say so. He has been in the hospital for seventy-seven days. But his courteous reply was, "If you can help him, of course, do so. It would be a marvelous thing if he could come home. He thought the practitioner was just going to pray to God, and if he were holy enough maybe God would answer him. Joel knew nothing about healing by prayer but felt that it could do no harm. The miraculous recovery of his father led Joel to begin a desultory study of Christian Science, in which he sought answers to the questions that naturally arose in the mind of a person who had traveled the world as he had, questions that kept plaguing him with an urgency that drove him on. On his first trip to Europe in , when the German and the English fleets were facing each other in the North Sea and he heard the newsboys on the streets of London calling out their "Extra! Then a few weeks later his father took him to Paris and wisely showed him the darkest and most wicked side of night life in Paris which the father thought could serve only to disgust Joel so that he would have no illusions about it and not believe it was something attractive or glamorous. Again his thought went to the question: How do men and women get into this condition, with all the churches in the world and all the praying? My entire family background is Hebrew, and never in my life had I known anything of a Christian teaching. In fact, I had never known anything of any teaching except the Ten Commandments.

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He founded The Infinite Way movement. Many people consider Joel Goldsmith to be one of the most inspired spiritual healers and Christian mystics of the 20th century. For many years, Mr. Goldsmith devoted himself to silently praying with people and writing about the insights he received. By the end of his life, he had prayed with " and assisted in the healing of " thousands of people. Joel Goldsmith taught that God is present within us, and that we need simply open ourselves to that Presence. Nearly all his books focus on themes of healing and prayer. Goldsmith was born in New York City on March 10, His parents were non-practicing Jews, who were married in New York City in Joel was their first child. They had another son two years later, followed by a daughter two years thereafter. However, according to Joel, his father was healed by a Christian Science practitioner in London. From his early adulthood, Joel Goldsmith had many spiritual experiences. He was a healer. He spent many years in spiritual studies, reading original scriptures of Aramaic, Greek and Sanskrit origins. It was based on letters to patients and students, as well as *The Spiritual Interpretation of Scripture*. After writing the work, Goldsmith expected to retire to a life of contemplation. However, the work prompted people to seek Goldsmith out as a spiritual teacher, leading to the extension of his career, teaching and writing. Earlier in his life, after serving in the Marines during World War I, Goldsmith had returned to work in the garment district of New York City where he owned his own business. While on a return trip from Europe, he developed pneumonia. As was his father before him, Goldsmith was healed by a Christian Science practitioner who happened to be on board his ship at the time. In , Goldsmith began to have strangers approach him on the street asking for prayer and healing. He had no religious training whatsoever, but these people were healed. After 11 years, he left the Christian Science Church and moved to Boston, where he set up his own office. The title of this book also became the name associated with the spiritual message and work of Goldsmith, ref. *The Taped Lectures of Joel S.* The writings which followed were transcriptions of his lectures which had been recorded on the first wire recorders in the late s. These were distributed from the Goldsmith Publishing. There is no service, ritual, dogma, ceremony in the practice of the Infinite Way. Goldsmith students can be found in all walks of life, in all religions. Goldsmith stressed contemplative meditation practice in his teaching. The method he generally taught was short frequent meditation periods throughout the day. Joel told his student of 18 years, Walter Starcke, that the main reason to meditate was that through reaching the inner silence one could hear the still small voice and receive its intuitive guidance. His teaching also stressed spiritual healing through conscious contact with God. One interesting anecdote I came across in researching Joel Goldsmith was in regard to Robert Adams, the well-respected nondual realizer and teacher. Joel Goldsmith helped Robert Adams to better understand his enlightenment experience and eventually advised him to go and see Paramahansa Yogananda. Robert did so and visited Yogananda at the Self-Realization Fellowship in Encinitas, California, where he intended to be initiated as a monk. However, after speaking to Robert, Yogananda felt that Robert had his own path and should go to India. He told him that his satguru was Sri Ramana Maharshi and that he should go to him as soon as possible because his body was old and in ill-health. His body was cremated in London on June 18, , and his ashes and effects were released to his widow, Emma Goldsmith, who took them back to their home in Hawaii. Both were interred in Sun City, Arizona. The Infinite Way Website: Spiritual sense discerns the reality of that which is appearing as concept. Disregarding appearances entirely, the first ray of spiritual illumination brings us hints of the divine, the eternal and immortal. This in turn makes the appearance even less real to us, thereby admitting even greater illumination. Because the human scene is entirely a misconception through misperception, any thought of helping, healing, correcting or changing the material picture must be relinquished in order that we may see the ever-present Reality. We believe that we are seeking good, or truth; whereas the light has begun to shine in our consciousness compelling us to take the steps we have since taken. Every increase of our spiritual understanding means more light appearing and dispelling the darkness of sense. Often we war with our own

friends and even find ourselves at war with ourselves. There is no security in personal possessions even after the battle to acquire them has been won. In other words, there is no longer merely an intellectual knowledge about truth; but truth becomes a living thing within our being. For most of us God has remained a word, a term, a power outside the self; God, Itself, has not become a living reality except to those few people who are known as mystics. As we put off the personal ego and attain the consciousness of our real Self — the Reality of us, divine Consciousness — we attain immortality. And that can be achieved here and now. This union is the free state of spiritual brotherhood. The only restraint is the discipline of Soul: The illumined walk without fear — by Grace. When a cloud obscures the sun, the sun does not reach the earth, but when the cloud is dispersed the sun again shines on earth. So it is that this I at the center of your being and my being is your individual spiritual integrity and mine, and it is always shining. Then a cloud gets in the way. And what is the nature of that cloud? It does not know it. We honor God and we honor our spiritual integrity when, instead of asking for forgiveness or favors, we approach God with the finger on the lips and on the mind, going to God without thoughts, without desires, going to this center within ourselves in silence that we may hear the still small voice even when it is at its stillest and smallest. On the other hand, Christ-consciousness brings with it every type of joy and abundant good, although not always according to the pattern of success or happiness that we, in our humanhood, have drawn. The things that we consider desirable might bring us great unhappiness and be our undoing. Many men have acquired and accomplished all the things their ambitions set out for them, and yet were unhappy and dissatisfied, and often ended in despair and destruction. And then you will understand why prayer has nothing to do with desire. Prayer has only to do with an awareness, a realization, a feeling of freedom, joy and peace. Each time you resist the temptation to pray for any thing, ask, wish, seek, or long for any thing, you are praying. You are acknowledging that God, the All-knowing Mind, already knows your needs, and you are acknowledging that the Love of God is your sufficiency. In the realization that you live and move and have your being in God, how could you pray for any thing? God knoweth my need even before I do. You have acknowledged Him in all thy ways. Then He will give thee rest. Might as well make up your mind to that. If you say that you love God, and you hate your fellow man, you are a liar. You are a liar, the good book says, because you cannot love God whom you have not seen, and at the same time hate your fellow man whom you have seen. This must be your idea and mine of oneness. All here, I and the Father in this one, and all that the Father hath contained in this one. Then I can say, here, right here, the place whereon I stand is holy ground. Therefore, you feel that there is a limitation to your healing power, whereas it is not your power at all. It is the Mind of God that heals! Let that Mind be in you! How can you let that Mind be in you except by acknowledging that it is in you? It is not a Mind separate and apart from you that you can admit into your mind. No demand can be made upon us that we cannot fulfill! Granted, we do not fulfill them all: We accept it with certain limitations. We cajole ourselves with the thought that another year or two of study may do it for us, but this is not so. Only one thing makes the Law effective unto you and that is the acknowledgment that the Mind of God is your mind, and therefore your mind is fully capable of meeting any need, be it physical, mental, moral, or financial. Every need of human life that directs itself to you can be met through the Mind of Christ Jesus, which is your individual mind. God is not respecter of persons, therefore anything that is true of one is true of all. Any healing that Jesus accomplished was through the same Mind which is in you. This is not egotism, nor is it boasting of personal power. This is the deepest humility in the world — humility which has no sanctimoniousness about it. God is incarnated in man. God is manifest as man. If this were not true Jesus could not have healed, neither could the disciples nor the apostles, nor the metaphysical and spiritual practitioners of this day. You are divine, because the Spirit of God is manifest as your very being.

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Brother Joel S. Goldsmith was raised in Darcy Lodge on February 13, During World War I, Brother Goldsmith was a founder and president of the Marines' Masonic Club of Quantico, Virginia. His services as such received the recognition of several 33rd Degree and KCCH Masons in Washington.

Early years[edit] Joel S. Goldsmith was born in New York City on March 10, Joel was their first child. They had another son two years later, followed by a daughter two years thereafter. However, according to Joel, his father was healed by a Christian Science practitioner in London. He was a healer who spent many years in spiritual studies, reading original scriptures of Aramaic, Greek and Sanskrit origins. His first book, *The Infinite Way*, was published in While on a return trip from Europe, he developed pneumonia. As was his father before him, Goldsmith was healed by a Christian Science practitioner who happened to be on board his ship at the time. In , strangers began approaching Goldsmith on the street, asking for prayer and healing. He had no religious training whatsoever, but these people allegedly were healed. After 16 years, he left the Church and moved to Boston, where he set up his own office. *The Infinite Way* Goldsmith self-published [6] his most famous work, *The Infinite Way*, in , which was based on letters to patients and students. He also published *The Spiritual Interpretation of Scripture*. The writings which followed were transcriptions of his lectures which had been recorded on the first wire recorders in the late s. These were distributed by Goldsmith Publishing. As Goldsmith was approached by large publishing houses around the world to produce books of his talks, he enlisted the help of Lorraine Sinkler and her sister Valborg to edit his books, which were generally compiled from various lecture transcripts. There is no service, ritual, dogma, or ceremony in the practice of the *Infinite Way*. Goldsmith students can be found in all walks of life, in all religions. His message is one that can be read and heard for a lifetime, always allowing new understandings to unfold in each individual. The method he generally taught involved short frequent meditation periods throughout the day. He told his student of 18 years, Walter Starcke, that the main reason to meditate was that through reaching the inner silence one could hear the still small voice and receive its intuitive guidance. After writing the work, Goldsmith expected to retire to a life of contemplation. However, the work prompted people to seek him out as a spiritual teacher, leading to the extension of his career, teaching and writing. His body was cremated at Golders Green in London on June 18, , and his ashes and effects were released to his widow, Emma Goldsmith, who took them back to their home in Hawaii. Both were interred in Sun City, Arizona.

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