

# GOLDSMITH *in Bloom*

## A look at the life and teachings of the man who created the Infinite Way

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### We have a healer

The year he turned 23, Joel S. Goldsmith's father became seriously ill. He was on a business trip to England. After he had spent 77 days in a Nottingham hospital, the family received a cable telegram. "Goldsmith dying. Send for body."

Joel's mother left for Europe to bring her husband's remains home. The first son remained in New York and confided in a female friend who took him to her Christian Science practitioner father. The man told Joel: "Your father doesn't have to die." He prayed for him.

When Joel's mother arrived in England, her husband was well, ready to go back home.

Several years later, Joel suffered an incurable cold. A Detroit Christian Science practitioner prayed and he was healed.

Following that miracle, Joel discovered that he had the gift of healing. Friends and business colleagues began calling upon him.

Thus began the extraordinary career of this World War I veteran and former marine who has remained until recently American Spirituality's best kept secret.

### The impressive legacy

At his death in the summer of 1964 when he was 72, Joel left behind a copious body of insightful spiritual writings. Almost all his lectures, speeches and class notes have been preserved in more than one thousand hours of audio recordings.

Forty-five years after his death, Joel's direct influence through his writings and speeches are spreading like the sweet smell of spring with more than 30 books compiled from his teachings now in print. But the extent of his indirect influence will remain unknown, having influenced some of the renowned spiritual teachers of our day.

The popularity of the New York born former lace importer keeps growing.

In March 2008, Eckhart Tolle recommended Joel S. Goldsmith to millions of viewers of the Oprah Winfrey show. "Another also... who might appeal to you, who uses Christian terminology but goes very, very deep, using Christian language and Christian teachings; Joel Goldsmith.... Any book by Joel Goldsmith that you would try, and you can see how deep the Christian teaching can be," Eckhart Tolle said. This implies that the author of "A New Earth" has read many of



The popularity of Joel S. Goldsmith's writings and lectures continue to increase, and is the basis of the work of many of today's spiritual teachers.

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Joel's books.

Another bestselling contemporary author, Wayne Dyer, said on PBS: "I consider Joel to

be one of the most important teachers. His wisdom guides me in all of my work," adding that he had the master's picture on his writing table.

### The Infinite Way Movement

Joel S. Goldsmith became a Christian Science practitioner and minister. He later founded a loose mystical study group, "The Infinite Way." This spiritual movement transcended religious denominations and faith traditions. Whether you are a Roman Catholic, a Moslem or a pagan, his teachings will serve as yeast that can make the bread of your spirituality rise.

### Seven Principles of The Infinite Way

The principles he taught include the following:

1. Attaining union with God, the goal of the Infinite Way, is possible because we are not our physical bodies. Rather, God constitutes our being. In fact, God is the substance of all things.

2. Developing this spiritual awareness presents an enormous challenge. Our "human sense" creates a wall of separation between our present hypnotic state and the realization of our divine nature and underlies human experiences of lack, sickness, disharmony and suffering.

3. This hypnotic spell explains our human experiences of lack, sickness, suffering, and disharmony.

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