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INTRODUCTION

The benchmark text for this document is the so-called Hugh Lynn Cayce version of the A Course in Miracles Text that William Thetford gave to Edgar Cayce's son in 1972. That untitled manuscript lay forgotten in the library archives of the Association for Research and Enlightenment (A.R.E.) until late 1999 when it was re-discovered and digitally distributed on the internet. The comparison is made to the edition first published by the Foundation for Inner Peace (F.I.P.) in 1975. The specific version used here is the F.I.P. 1992 Second Edition. The final editing of A Course in Miracles occurred during the period 1973 to 1975, for the most part.

The only purpose of this document is to present a specific stage of editing A Course in Miracles in the crucially important first chapter of the Text, and to present it in a way that makes the changes visually obvious.

This document has been prepared as a study supplement for students of the Course attending regular weekly meetings in Louisville, Kentucky, but it is hoped that it may be of use to other students everywhere.

There are seven different types of editing changes indicated in this document:

1. Relocated text - **This is a course in miracles.**
2. Deleted text - far beyond **human** evaluation.
3. Inserted text - and can **[therefore]** abolish both.
4. Modified text - supply a **lack-in-that-they-(lack; they)** are performed
5. Unchanged word emphasis - **you do it unto YOURSELF and me.**
6. De-emphasized words - they do **NOT** occur something has gone wrong.
7. Newly emphasized words - **spirit IS invulnerable.**

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PART ONE

Introduction to Miracles

This is a course in miracles. It is a required course. Only the time you take it is voluntary. Free will does not mean that you can establish the curriculum. It means only that you may elect what you want to take at a given time.

The course does not aim at teaching the meaning of love, for that is beyond what can be taught. It does aim, however, at removing the blocks to the awareness of love's presence, which is your natural inheritance. The opposite of love is fear, but what is all-encompassing can have no opposite.

This course can therefore be summed up very simply in this way:

Nothing real can be threatened.

Nothing unreal exists.

Herein lies the peace of God.

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Principles of Miracles

1. There is no order of difficulty among miracles. One is not “harder” or “bigger” than another. They are all the same. All expressions of love are maximal.
2. Miracles as such do not matter. The only thing that matters is their source, which is far beyond **human** evaluation.
3. Miracles occur naturally as expressions of love. The real miracle is the love that inspires them. In this sense, everything that comes from love is a miracle.
4. All miracles mean life, and God is the giver of life. His voice will direct you very specifically. You will be told all you need to know.
5. Miracles are habits and should be involuntary. They should not be under conscious control. Consciously selected miracles can be misguided.
6. Miracles are natural. When they do **NOT** occur something has gone wrong.
7. Miracles are everyone's right, but purification is necessary first.
8. Miracles are healing because they supply a **lack in that they-lack; they** are performed by those who temporarily have more for those who temporarily have less.

9. Miracles are a kind of exchange. Like all expressions of love, which are ALWAYS miraculous in the true sense, the exchange reverses the physical laws. They bring MORE love both to the giver AND the receiver.

10. The use of miracles as spectacles to INDUCE belief is wrong, or better, is a misunderstanding of their purpose. ~~They are really used FOR and BY believers.~~

11. Prayer is the medium of miracles. Prayer is the natural communication of the created with the Creator. Through prayer love is received, and through miracles love is expressed.

12. Miracles are thoughts. Thoughts can represent lower-order or higher-order reality. ~~This is the basic distinction between intellectualizing and thinking.~~ One makes the physical and the other creates the spiritual, and we believe in what we make or create.

13. Miracles are both beginnings and endings. ~~They thus~~ (~~and so they~~) alter the temporal order. They are always affirmations of rebirth, which seem to go back, but really go forward. They undo the past in the present, and thus release the future.

14. Miracles bear witness to truth. They are convincing because they arise from conviction. Without conviction they deteriorate into magic, which is mindless, and therefore destructive, or rather, the uncreative use of mind.

15. Each day should be devoted to miracles. The purpose of time is to enable **man (you)** to learn to use it constructively. Time is thus a teaching device, and a means to an end. It will cease when it is no longer useful in facilitating learning.

16. Miracles are teaching devices for demonstrating that it is ~~more blessed to give than~~ (~~as blessed to give as~~) to receive. They simultaneously increase the strength of the giver and supply strength to the receiver.

17. Miracles ~~are the transcendence of~~ (~~transcend~~) the body. They are sudden shifts into invisibility, away from a sense of lower-order reality. That is why they heal.

18. A miracle is a service. It is the maximal service ~~one~~ **individual (you)** can render another. It is a way of loving your neighbor as yourself. ~~The doer recognizes his own and his~~ (~~You recognize your own and your~~) neighbor's **inestimable** worth simultaneously.

19. Miracles make minds one in God. They depend on cooperation, because the Sonship is the sum of all ~~the souls~~ (that) God created. Miracles therefore ~~rest on~~ (reflect) the laws of eternity, not of time.

20. Miracles reawaken the awareness that the spirit, not the body, is the altar of truth. This is the recognition that leads to the healing power of the miracle.

21. Miracles are natural expressions of ~~total~~ forgiveness. Through miracles, ~~man accepts~~ (you accept) God's forgiveness by extending it to others.

22. Miracles are associated with fear only because of the ~~fallacious~~ belief that darkness can HIDE. ~~Man believes~~ (You believe) that what ~~he cannot see does not exist, and his physical eyes cannot see in the dark.~~ (your physical eyes cannot see does not exist.) This ~~is a very primitive solution,~~ and has led to a denial of ~~the spiritual eye~~ (spiritual sight).

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The escape from darkness involves two stages: **[First]** $\forall(t)$ he recognition that darkness CANNOT hide. This step usually entails fear. **[Second]** $\forall(t)$ he recognition that there is nothing you WANT to hide, even if you COULD. This step brings ESCAPE from fear.

23. Miracles rearrange perception, and place ~~the~~ (all) levels of ~~perception~~ in true perspective. This ~~heals at ALL levels,~~ (is healing) because sickness comes from confusing the levels.

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When you have become willing to hide nothing, you will not only be willing to enter into communion, but will also understand peace and joy. ~~Your commitment is not yet total, and that is why you still have more to learn than to teach. When your equilibrium stabilizes, you will be able to teach as much as you learn, which will give you the proper balance. Meanwhile, remember that no effort is wasted, for unless you remember this, you cannot avail yourselves of MY efforts, which ARE limitless. Only eternity is real. Why not use the illusion of time constructively?~~

24. Miracles enable ~~man~~ (you) to heal the sick and raise the dead because ~~he~~ (you) made sickness and death ~~himself~~ (yourself), and can **[therefore]** abolish both. YOU are a miracle, capable of creating in the likeness of your Creator. Everything else is ~~only~~ your own nightmare, and does not exist. Only the creations of light are real.

25. Miracles are part of an interlocking chain of forgiveness which, when completed, is the Atonement. ~~This process~~ (Atonement) works all the time, and in all the dimensions of time.

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I am in charge of the process of Atonement, which I undertook to begin. When you offer a miracle unto any of my brothers, you do it unto YOURSELF and me. The reason YOU come before ME is that I do not need miracles for my own Atonement, but I stand at the end in case you fail temporarily. ~~The purpose of my part in the Atonement is the canceling out of all lacks of love which men could not otherwise correct. The word “sin” should be changed to “lack of love,” because “sin” is a man-made word with threat connotations which he made up himself. No REAL threat is involved anywhere. Nothing is gained by frightening yourselves, and it is very destructive to do so.~~

26. Miracles represent FREEDOM from fear. “Atoning” really means “undoing.” The undoing of fear is an essential part of the Atonement value of miracles.

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The purpose of the Atonement is to restore EVERYTHING to you, or rather, to restore it to your AWARENESS. You were GIVEN everything when you were created, just as everyone was.

When you have been restored to the recognition of your original state, you naturally become part of the Atonement yourself. As you share MY inability to tolerate lack of love in yourself and others, you MUST join the great crusade to correct it. ~~The slogan for the crusade is “listen, learn, and do.”~~ LISTEN to my voice, LEARN to undo error, and DO something to correct it.

The power to work miracles BELONGS to you. I will provide the opportunities to do them, but YOU must be ready and willing, ~~since you are already able~~. Doing them will bring conviction in the ability, since (because) conviction really comes through accomplishment. The ability is the potential, the achievement is its expression, and the Atonement, [which] is the natural profession of the children of God, is the purpose.

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27. A miracle is a universal blessing from God through me to ALL my brothers. It is the privilege of the forgiven to forgive.

~~The disciples were specifically told to be physicians of the Lord and to heal others. They were also told to HEAL THEMSELVES, and were promised that I would never leave them or forsake them.~~ Atonement is the natural profession of the children of God, because they have professed me. Atonement is the natural profession of the children of God, ~~because they have professed me~~. “Heaven and earth shall pass away” simply means that they will not continue to exist as separate states. My word, which is the resurrection and the light (life), shall not pass away because light (life) is eternal. YOU are the work of God, and his work is wholly lovable and

wholly loving. This is how a man MUST think of himself in his heart, because this is what he IS.

~~28. Miracles are a means of organizing different levels of consciousness:~~

~~Miracles come from the below or subconscious level. Revelations come from the above or superconscious level. The conscious level is in between, and reacts to either sub- or superconscious impulses in varying ratios. Consciousness is the level which engages in the world, and is capable of responding to both. Having no impulses from itself, and being primarily a mechanism for inducing response, it can be very wrong.~~



Revelation induces complete but temporary suspension of doubt and fear. It represents (reflects) the original form of communication between God and his souls (creations), involving an extremely personal sense of closeness to creation, which man tries to find in physical relationships. Physical closeness CANNOT achieve this (it). ~~The subconscious impulses properly induce miracles, which (Miracles, however) are genuinely interpersonal, and result in real (true) closeness to others. This can be misunderstood by a PERSONALLY willful consciousness as impulses toward physical gratification.~~

Revelation unites souls (you) directly with God. Miracles unite minds (you) directly with each other (your brother). Neither emanates from consciousness, but both are EXPERIENCED there. ~~This is essential, since~~ consciousness is the state which induces action, though it does NOT inspire it. Man is (You are) free to believe what he chooses (you choose), and what he DOES (you do) attests to what he believes (you believe). ~~The deeper levels of the subconscious ALWAYS contain the impulse to miracles, but man is free to fill its more superficial levels, which are closer to consciousness, with the impulses of this world, and to identify himself with them. This results in DENYING himself access to the miracle level underneath. In his actions, then, his relationships also become superficial, and miracle-inspired relating becomes impossible.~~

29: (28) Miracles are a way of EARNING release from fear.

Revelation induces a state in which fear has ALREADY been abolished. Miracles are thus a means, and revelation is an end. ~~Miracles do not depend on revelation, they INDUCE it.~~ Revelation is intensely personal, and cannot actually be translated into conscious content at all. (be meaningfully translated.) That is why any attempt to describe it in words is usually incomprehensible (impossible). Revelation induces

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ONLY experience. Miracles, on the other hand, induce ACTION. **Miracles (They)** are more useful now, because of their interpersonal nature. In this phase of learning, working miracles is **more** important because freedom from fear cannot be thrust upon you.

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- ~~30: (29)~~ Miracles praise God through **men (you)**. They praise God by honoring his creations, affirming their perfection. They heal because they deny body-identification and affirm **soul-identification (spirit identification)**. ~~By perceiving the~~
- ~~[30]~~ (By recognizing) spirit, **they (miracles)** adjust the **levels-and-see (levels of perception and show)** them in proper alignment. This places the spirit at the center, where **souls (it)** can communicate directly.

31. Miracles should inspire gratitude, not awe. **Man (You)** should thank God for what **he really is (you really are)**. The children of God are **very** holy, and the miracle honors their **holiness**. ~~God's creations never lose their holiness, although it can be hidden: (holiness, which can be hidden by never lost.) The miracle uncovers it, and brings it into the light where it belongs.~~

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Holiness can never be really hidden in darkness, but man (you) can deceive himself (yourself) about it. This illusion (deception) makes him (you) fearful, because he knows in his (you know in your) heart it is an illusion (a deception), and he exerts (you exert) enormous efforts to establish its reality. The miracle sets reality where it belongs. Eternal reality (Reality) belongs only to the soul (spirit), and the miracle acknowledges only the truth. It thus dispels man's illusions about himself, and puts him (illusions about yourself, and puts you) in communion with himself (yourself) AND God.

32. **Christ inspires (I inspire)** all miracles, which are really intercessions. They intercede for **man's (your) holiness**, and make **his (your) perceptions holy**. By placing **him (you)** beyond the physical laws, they raise **him (you)** into the sphere of celestial order. In THIS order, **man is (you ARE)** perfect.

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~~The soul never loses its communion with God. Only the mind NEEDS Atonement.~~ The miracle joins in the Atonement ~~of Christ~~ by placing the mind in the service of the **spirit (Holy Spirit)**. This establishes the proper function of the mind, and corrects its errors, **[which are merely lacks of love]**.

33. Miracles honor **man (you) BECAUSE he is (you are)** lovable. They dispel illusions about **him (yourself)**, and perceive the light in **him (you)**. They thus atone for **his (your) errors** by freeing **him (you)** from **his-own (your) nightmares**. ~~They release him from a prison in which he has imprisoned~~

~~HIMSELF~~, and by freeing his mind from illusions; (By releasing your mind from the imprisonment of your illusions) they restore his (your) sanity.

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Man's (Your) mind CAN be possessed by illusions, but his spirit is eternally free. If a mind perceives without love it perceives an empty shell, and is unaware of the spirit within it. But the Atonement restores the soul (spirit) to its proper place. The mind that serves the spirit IS invulnerable.

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34. Miracles restore the mind to its fullness. By atoning for lack, they establish perfect protection. The strength of the soul (The spirit's strength) leaves no room for intrusions. The forgiven are filled with the soul, and (Being filled with spirit) they forgive in return. It is the duty of the released to release their brothers.

The forgiven ARE the means of Atonement. Those released by Christ (who are released) must join in releasing their brothers, for this is the plan of the Atonement. Miracles are the way in which minds which serve the spirit (Holy Spirit) unite with Christ (me) for the salvation, or release, of all God's creations.

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35. Miracles are expressions of love, but it does NOT follow that they will always (they may not) have observable effects. I am the only one who can perform miracles indiscriminately, because I AM the Atonement. You have a ROLE in the Atonement, which I will dictate TO you. Ask ME which miracles you should perform. This spares you exhaustion (needless effort), because you will act under direct communication.

~~36. Christ-controlled miracles are part of the Atonement, but Christ-guidance is personal.~~ The impersonal nature of miracles (the miracle) is an essential ingredient, because this (it) enables ME to control their distribution: (direct its application,) Christ-guidance leads (and under my guidance miracles lead) to the highly PERSONAL experience of revelation. This is why it involves PERSONAL choice. A guide does NOT control, but he DOES direct, leaving the following up to you: (leaving it up to you to follow.) "Lead us not into temptation" means "guide us out of our own errors." "Take up thy cross and follow me" means "Recognize your errors and choose to abandon them by following my guidance."

~~Remember that~~ error cannot really threaten truth, which can ALWAYS withstand it. ONLY the error is really vulnerable. You are free to establish your kingdom where you see fit, but the right choice is inevitable if you remember this:

The soul (Spirit) is in a state of grace forever.

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Man's (Your) reality is ONLY his soul (spirit).

Therefore man is (you are) in a state of grace forever.

Atonement undoes all errors in this respect, and thus uproots the REAL source of fear. Whenever God's reassurances are experienced (you experience God's reassurances) as threat, it is ALWAYS because you are defending misplaced and misdirected loyalty. ~~That is what projection always involves. Error is lack of love.~~ When ~~man projects~~ (you project) this onto (to) others, ~~he does~~ (you) imprison them, but only to the extent ~~that he reinforces~~ (to which you reinforce) errors they have ALREADY made. This makes them vulnerable to the distortions of others, since their OWN perception of themselves is distorted. The miracle worker can ONLY bless [them], and thus (this) undoes their distortions, and frees them from prison.

~~37. (36) Miracles are examples of right thinking. Reality contact at all levels becomes strong and accurate, thus permitting correct delineation of intra- and interpersonal boundaries. As a result, the doer's perceptions are aligned (aligning your perceptions) with truth as God created it.~~

~~38. (37) A miracle is a correction factor introduced into false thinking by me. It acts as a catalyst, shaking (breaking) up erroneous perception, and reorganizing it properly. This places man (you) under the Atonement principle, where his perception is healed. Until this has occurred, revelation of the divine order is impossible.~~

~~39. (38) The spiritual eye (Holy Spirit) is the mechanism of miracles because what it perceives is true. It perceives both the creations of God and the creations of man. (He recognizes both God's creations and your illusions.) Among the creations of man, it can also separate (He separates) the true from the false by its (his) ability to perceive totally, rather than selectively. It thus becomes the proper instrument for reality testing, which always involves the necessary distinction between the false and the true.~~

~~40. (39) The miracle dissolves error because the spiritual eye (Holy Spirit) identifies error as false, or unreal. This is the same as saying that by perceiving light, darkness automatically disappears.~~

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Darkness is lack of light, as sin is lack of love. It has no unique properties of its own. It is an example of the "scarcity" fallacy, (belief,) from which ONLY error can proceed. Truth is always abundant. Those who perceive and acknowledge that they have everything have no need for driven behavior (needs) of ANY kind.

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~~41:~~ (40) The miracle acknowledges all men as your brothers and mine. It is a way of perceiving the universal mark of God ~~in them.~~ The specialness of God's Sons does NOT stem from exclusion, but from inclusion. ALL my brothers are special. If they believe they are deprived of anything, their perception becomes distorted. When this occurs, the whole family of God, or the Sonship, is impaired in its relationships. Ultimately, every member of the family of God must return. The miracle calls him to return, because it blesses and honors him even though he may be absent in spirit.

“God is not mocked” is not a warning, but a reassurance ~~on this point.~~ God WOULD be mocked if any of his creations lacked holiness. The creation IS whole, and the mark of wholeness is holiness.

~~42:~~ (41) Wholeness is the perceptual content of miracles. It thus corrects, or atones for, the faulty perception of lack ~~anywhere.~~

Here we begin to make the fundamental distinction between miracles and projection. The stimulus MUST precede the response, and will also determine the kind of response that is evoked. Behavior IS response, so that the question, “Response to what?” Becomes crucial. Since stimuli are identified through perception, you first perceive the stimulus and then behave accordingly. It follows, then, that:

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~~As ye perceive, so shall ye behave:~~ (You respond to what you perceive, and as you perceive so shall you behave.) The Golden Rule asks you to ~~behave toward~~ (do unto) others as you would have them ~~behave toward~~ (do unto) you. This means that the perception of BOTH must be accurate. The Golden Rule is the rule for appropriate behavior. You cannot behave appropriately unless you perceive accurately (correctly), ~~because appropriate behavior depends on lack of level confusion. The presence of level confusion ALWAYS results in variable reality testing, and therefore in variability in behavioral appropriateness.~~ Since you and your neighbor are equal members of ~~the same~~ (one) family, as you perceive both, so you will ~~behave toward~~ (do to) both. ~~The way to perceive for golden rule behavior is to~~ (You should) look out from the perception of your OWN holiness, ~~and perceive~~ (to) the holiness of others.

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The emptiness engendered by fear should be replaced by ~~love~~ (forgiveness), ~~because love and its absence are in the same dimension, and correction cannot be undertaken except WITHIN a dimension. Otherwise, there has been a confusion of levels. Death is a human affirmation of a belief in “fate,” or level confusion.~~ That is ~~why the Bible says;~~ (what the Bible means by) “There IS no death,” and why I

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demonstrated (could demonstrate) that death does not exist. I came to fulfill the law by REINTERPRETING it. The law itself, if properly understood, offers only protection ~~to man~~. It is those who have not yet “changed their minds” who entered (brought) the “hellfire” concept into it.

I assure you that I will witness for anyone who lets me, and to whatever extent he permits it. YOUR witnessing demonstrates YOUR belief, and thus strengthens it. Those who witness for me are expressing, through their miracles, that they have abandoned the belief in deprivation in favor of the abundance they have learned BELONGS to them.

~~43.~~ (42) A MAJOR contribution of miracles is their strength in releasing man from his misplaced sense of isolation, deprivation and lack.

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Miracles are affirmations of Sonship, which is a state of completion and abundance. Whatever is true ~~and real~~ is eternal, and CANNOT change or BE changed. ~~The soul~~ (Spirit) is therefore unalterable because it is ALREADY perfect, but the mind can elect ~~the level~~ (what) it chooses to serve. The ONLY limit which is put on its choice is that it CANNOT serve two masters.

~~The mind, if it elects to do so, becomes a~~ (If it elects to do so, ~~the mind can become the~~) medium by which ~~the soul~~ (spirit) creates along the line of its own creation. If it does not freely elect to do so, it retains its creative POTENTIAL, but places itself under tyrannous rather than genuinely authoritative control. As a result it imprisons, because such are the dictates of tyrants. To change your mind means to place it at the disposal of TRUE authority.

The miracle is thus a sign that the mind has chosen to be led by ~~Christ in his~~ (me in Christ's) service. The abundance of Christ is the natural result of choosing to follow him. ALL shallow roots must be uprooted, because they are not deep enough to sustain you. The illusion that shallow roots can be DEEPENED, and thus made to hold, is one of the distortions on which the REVERSAL (reverse) of the Golden Rule rests. As these false underpinnings are given up, the equilibrium is temporarily experienced as unstable. However, ~~the fact is that~~ NOTHING is less stable than an ~~orientation that is upside-down~~ (upside-down orientation). Nor can anything which holds it ~~that way~~ (upside down) be really conducive to greater stability.

~~44.~~ (43) Miracles arise from a miraculous state of mind [or a state of miracle readiness].

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[Miracles arise from a mind that is ready for them.] ~~By being one, this state of mind~~ (By being united this mind) goes out to ANYONE (EVERYONE), even without the awareness of the miracle worker himself. The impersonal nature of miracles is because the Atonement itself is one, uniting all creations with their Creator.

~~45. (44)~~ The miracle is an expression of an inner awareness of Christ, and the acceptance of his Atonement.

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[As an expression of what you truly are] ~~The mind is then in a state of grace, and naturally becomes gracious, both to~~ (the miracle places the mind in a state of grace. The mind then naturally welcomes) the host within and the stranger without. ~~By bringing~~ (When you bring) in the stranger, he becomes your brother.

~~46. (45)~~ A miracle is never lost. It ~~touches~~ (may touch) many people you ~~do not even know~~; (have not even met,) and ~~sometimes~~ produces undreamed of changes in ~~forces~~ (situations) of which you are not even aware.

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That **[the miracle may have effects on your brothers that you may not recognize]** is not your concern. The miracle will always bless YOU.

~~The m(M)~~iracles you are NOT asked to perform have not lost their value. They are still expressions of your own state of grace, but the ACTION aspect of the miracle should be ~~Christ-controlled~~ (controlled by me) because of ~~his~~ (my) complete awareness of the whole plan. The impersonal nature of miracle-mindedness ensures YOUR grace, but only ~~Christ-is~~ (I am) in a position to know where ~~grace~~ (they) can be BESTOWED.

~~47. Miracle-mindedness means miracle-readiness. Readiness means that you should always keep your perceptions straight, so that you will ALWAYS be ready, willing and able. These are the essentials for "listen, learn and do." You must be READY to listen, WILLING to learn, and ABLE to do. Only the last is involuntary, because it is the APPLICATION of miracles which must be Christ-controlled. The other two, which are the VOLUNTARY aspects of miracle-mindedness, ARE up to you.~~

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~~48 Awe is an inappropriate response to miracles.~~

Revelation is literally unspeakable because it is an experience of unspeakable love. Awe should be reserved for revelation, to which it is perfectly and correctly applicable. It is NOT appropriate for miracles because a state of awe is worshipful. ~~It implies~~ (implying) that one of a lesser order stands before a greater one (his Creator). ~~This is the case ONLY when a soul stands before its Creator. Souls are perfect creations; (You are~~

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a perfect creation,) and **[should]** experience awe only in the presence of the Creator of perfection.

~~The miracle, on the other hand, is~~ (The miracle is therefore) a sign of love among equals. Equals ~~cannot~~ (should not) be in awe of one another because awe implies inequality. It is therefore an inappropriate reaction to me. An elder brother is entitled to respect for his greater experience, and ~~a reasonable amount of~~ obedience for his greater wisdom. He is also entitled to love because he is a brother, and also to devotion if he is devoted. It is only my devotion that entitles me to yours. There is nothing about me that YOU cannot attain. I have nothing that does not come from God. The **main** difference between us ~~as yet~~ (now) is that I have NOTHING ELSE. This leaves me in a state of ~~true holiness~~, which is only a POTENTIAL in you. “No man cometh unto the Father but by me” ~~is among the most misunderstood statements in the Bible. It~~ does NOT mean that I am in any way separate or different from you EXCEPT IN TIME, which (and time) does not really exist ~~at all. Actually, the quotation~~ (The statement) is more meaningful ~~if it is considered on~~ (in terms of) a vertical rather than a horizontal axis. ~~Regarded along the vertical, man stands~~ (You stand) below me and I stand below God. In the process of “rising up,” I AM higher. ~~This is~~ because, without me, the distance between God and man would be too great for you to encompass.

I bridge the distance as an elder brother to **man** (you) on the one hand, and as a Son of God on the other. My devotion to my brothers has placed me in charge of the Sonship, which I **can** render complete ~~only to the extent to which I can~~ (because I) SHARE it. This may appear to contradict the statement “I and my Father are one,” but there are ~~still separate parts in~~ (two parts to) the statement, in recognition that the Father is greater. ~~(the original statement was “are of one kind”). The Holy Spirit is the bringer of revelations. Revelations are INDIRECTLY inspired by me, because I am close to the Holy Spirit, and alert to the revelation-readiness of my brothers. I can thus BRING down to them more than they can DRAW down to themselves.~~

49: (46) The Holy Spirit is the highest communication medium. Miracles do not involve this type of communication because they are TEMPORARY communication devices. When ~~man returns to his~~ (you return to your) original form of communication with God **[by direct revelation]**, the need for miracles is over. The Holy Spirit mediates higher to lower communication, keeping the direct channel from God to **man** (you) open for revelation. Revelation is not reciprocal. It is always FROM God TO man. (It proceeds from God to you, but not from you to God.) ~~The miracle is reciprocal because it involves equality.~~

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50: (47) The miracle is a learning device which lessens the need for time.

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It establishes an out-of-pattern time interval which is not under the usual laws of time. ~~Only~~ in this sense is it timeless. ~~By collapsing time it literally saves time, much as daylight saving time does. It rearranges the distribution of light.~~

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Man was NOT created by his own free will alone. (You did not create yourself.) ~~Only what HE creates is his to decide.~~ The basic decision of the miracle-minded is not to wait on time any longer than is necessary. Time can waste as well as be wasted. The miracle-worker, therefore, accepts the time-control factor ~~gladly, because he~~ (gladly. He) recognizes that every collapse of time brings all men closer to the ultimate RELEASE from time, in which the Son and the Father ARE one.

Equality does not imply homogeneity (equality) NOW. When everyone recognizes that he has everything, individual contributions to the Sonship will no longer be necessary. When the Atonement has been completed, ALL talents will be shared by ALL the sons of God. God is NOT partial. All his children have his total love, and ALL his gifts are freely given to everyone alike. “Except ye become as little children” means that, unless you fully recognize your complete dependence on God, you cannot know the real power of the Son in his true relationship with the Father.

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The Illusion of Needs



You who want peace can find it only by complete forgiveness. ~~You never really WANTED peace before, so there was no point in being told how to achieve it.~~ No learning is acquired by anyone unless he wants to learn it, and believes in some way that he NEEDS it. While the ~~concept of~~ lack does not exist in the creation of God, it is VERY apparent in ~~the creations of man~~ (what you have made). It is, in fact, the essential difference [between them]. ~~A need implies lack by definition. It involves the recognition~~ (Lack implies) that you would be better off in a state which is somehow different from the one you are in.

Until the “separation,” which is ~~a better term than~~ (the meaning of) the “fall,” nothing was lacking. ~~This meant that man had~~ (There were) no needs at all. ~~If he had not deprived himself, he would never have experienced them.~~ (Needs arise only when you deprive yourself.) ~~After the separation, needs became the most powerful source of motivation for human action. All behavior is essentially motivated by needs, but behavior itself is not a divine attribute. The body is the mechanism for behavior. The belief that he COULD be better off is the reason why man has this mechanism at his disposal.~~

~~Each one acts~~ (You act) according to the particular hierarchy (order) of needs ~~he establishes for himself.~~ (you establish.) His ~~hierarchy,~~ (This,) in turn, depends on his (your) perception of what ~~he is,~~ (you are.) ~~that is, what he LACKS.~~ A sense of separation from God is the ONLY lack ~~he really needs~~ (you really need) ~~to~~ correct. This sense of separation would never have ~~occurred~~ (arisen) if ~~he~~ (you) had not distorted his (your) perception of truth, and thus perceived HIMSELF (yourself) as lacking. ~~The concept of ANY sort of need hierarchy~~ (The

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idea of order of needs) arose because, having made this fundamental error, **he** (you) had already fragmented **himself** (yourself) into levels with different needs. As **he integrates** ~~HE becomes~~ (you integrate you become) one, and **his** (your) needs become one accordingly.

Unified need produces unified action because **it** (this) produces a lack of **ambivalence** (conflict). ~~The concept of a need hierarchy, a corollary to~~ (The idea of order of need, which follows from) the original error that **man** (one) can be separated from God, requires correction at its own level, before the error of perceiving levels at all can be corrected. **Man** (You) cannot behave effectively while **he operates at split** (you function on different) levels. However, while **he does**; (you do,) correction must be introduced [**vertically**] from the bottom **UP**. This is because **he now operates in space**; (you think you live in space,) where concepts such as “up” and “down” are meaningful. Ultimately, space is as meaningless as time. ~~The concept is really one of space-time~~ **BELIEF**. (Both are merely beliefs.)

~~The physical world exists only because man can use it to correct his~~ **UNBELIEF**, which placed him in it originally. (The real purpose of this world is to use it to correct your unbelief.) **He** (You) can never control the effects of fear **himself** (yourself) because **he** (you) **MADE** fear, and **believes in what he made**. (you believe in what you made.) In attitude, then, though **NOT** in content, **he resembles his** (you resemble your) **own** Creator, who has perfect faith in his creations **BECAUSE** he created them. Belief **in a creation** produces **its** [**acceptance of**] existence. That is why **a man** (you) can believe in what no-one else thinks is true. It is true for **him** (you) because it was made **BY him** (you).

~~Every aspect of fear proceeds from upside-down perception. The more truly creative devote their efforts to correcting perceptual distortions. The neurotic devotes his to compromise. The psychotic tries to escape by establishing the certain truth of his own errors. It is most difficult to free him by ordinary means, because he is more consistent in his own denial of truth. The miracle, however, makes no such distinctions. It corrects errors BECAUSE they are errors. Thus, the next point to remember about miracles is:~~

52: (49) The miracle makes **NO** distinction among degrees of misperception. It is a device for perception-correction, effective quite apart from either the degree or the direction of the error. This is its **TRUE** indiscriminateness.

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extend them to others, a strong chain of Atonement is welded. However, ~~Christ-control~~ [this selectivity] takes no account ~~at all~~ of the magnitude of the miracle itself, because the concept of size exists in a plane that is itself unreal. Since the miracle aims at RESTORING the awareness of reality it would ~~hardly~~ (not) be useful if it were bound by ~~the~~ laws ~~which~~ (that) govern the error it aims to correct. ~~Only man makes this kind of mistake. It is an example of the foolish consistency which his own false beliefs have engendered.~~

~~The power and strength of man's creative will must be understood before the real meaning of denial can be appreciated and relinquished. It is NOT mere negation. It is a positive miscreation. While the miscreation is NECESSARILY believed in by its maker, it does not exist at all at the level of true creation.~~

~~59: (50) The miracle compares what man has (you have) made with the higher level creation, accepting what is IN ACCORD as true and rejecting the DISCORD (what is out of accord) as false. ALL aspects of fear are untrue because they do not exist at the higher creative level, and therefore do not exist at all. To whatever extent a man is (you are) willing to submit his (your) beliefs to this test, to that extent are [your] perceptions corrected.~~

In sorting out the false from the true, the miracle proceeds along the following lines:

If perfect love casts out fear,
And if fear exists,
Then there is NOT perfect love.

But

Only perfect love REALLY exists.
If there IS fear,
It creates a state which does not exist.

Believe this, and you WILL be free. Only God can establish this solution and THIS faith IS his gift.

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Distortions of Miracle Impulses

~~You are involved in unconscious distortions which are producing (Your distorted perceptions produce) a dense cover over miracle impulses, and which make it hard for them to reach consciousness: (your own awareness.) The nature of any interpersonal relationship is limited or defined by what you want it to do. Relating is a way of achieving an outcome. The danger of defenses lies in their propensity~~

~~for holding misperceptions rigidly in place. All actions which stem from reverse thinking are literally the behavioral expressions of those who know not what they do. A rigid orientation can be extremely reliable, even if it is upside-down. In fact, the more consistently upside-down it is, the MORE reliable it is.~~

~~However, validity is still the ultimate goal, which reliability can only serve. Hostility, triumph, vengeance, self-debasement, and all kinds of expressions of lack of love are often very clearly seen in the fantasies which accompany them. But it is a PROFOUND error to imagine that because these fantasies are so frequent, or occur so reliably, that this implies validity. Remember that while validity implies reliability, the relationship is NOT reversible. You can be wholly reliable and ENTIRELY wrong. While a reliable instrument DOES measure something, what USE is it unless you discover what the “something” is? This course, then, will concentrate on validity, and let reliability fall naturally into place.~~

The confusion of miracle impulses with physical impulses is a major ~~source of~~ perceptual distortion ~~because it INDUCES, rather than straightens out, the basic level confusion which underlies the perception of all those who seek happiness with the instruments of this world. Inappropriate physical impulses (or misdirected miracle impulses) result in conscious guilt if expressed and depression if denied. (Physical impulses are misdirected miracle impulses.)~~ ALL real pleasure comes from doing God’s will. This is because NOT doing it is a denial of self. DENIAL of error results in projection (illusion, while) CORRECTION of error brings release [from it]. ~~“Lead us not into temptation” means “do~~ (Do) not let us deceive ourselves into believing that we can relate in peace to God or to our brothers with ANYTHING external.”

Child of God, you were created to create the good, the beautiful, and the holy. Do not lose sight of this. The love of God, for a little while, must still be expressed through one body to another because the real vision is still so dim. ~~Everyone can use his~~ (You can use your) body best ~~by enlarging man’s~~ (to help you enlarge your) perception so ~~he~~ (you) can ~~see the~~ (achieve) REAL vision. ~~THIS vision is invisible to the physical eye. (vision, of which the physical eye is incapable.) The ultimate purpose of the body is to render itself unnecessary. Learning to do this is the only real reason for its creation. (Learning to do this is the body’s only true usefulness.)~~

Fantasies of any kind are distorted forms of thinking (distortions) because they ALWAYS involve twisting perception

into unreality. Fantasy is a ~~debased~~ (distorted) form of vision. ~~Vision and revelation are closely related, while fantasy and projection are more closely associated because both~~ **[Fantasy is an]** attempt to control external reality according to false internal needs. Twist reality an ANY way, and you are perceiving destructively. Reality ~~was lost~~ (is “lost”) through usurpation, which in turn ~~produced~~ (produces) tyranny. ~~I told you that you are now restored to your former role in the plan of Atonement, but you must still choose freely to devote yourselves to the greater restoration.~~ As long as a single ~~slave~~ (“slave”) remains to walk the earth, your release is not complete. COMPLETE restoration of the Sonship is the only ~~true~~ goal of the miracle-minded.

~~No fantasies are true. They are distortions of perception, by definition.~~ They are a means of making false associations, and obtaining pleasure from them. ~~Man can do this only because he is creative.~~ But although ~~he~~ (you) can perceive false associations, ~~he~~ (you) can never make them real EXCEPT TO HIMSELF. (except to yourself.) ~~Man believes~~ (You believe) in what ~~he creates~~ (you create). ~~If he creates~~ (If you offer) miracles, ~~he~~ (you) will be equally strong in his belief in THEM. The strength of HIS (your) conviction will then sustain the belief of the miracle receiver. ~~And~~ fantasies become totally unnecessary as the wholly satisfying nature of reality becomes apparent to both **[giver and receiver]**.

PART TWO

New Section 2 Revelation, Time and Miracles

From Miracle Principle 28 (deleted)

Revelation induces complete but temporary suspension of doubt and fear. It **represents (reflects)** the original form of communication between God and his **souls (creations)**, involving an extremely personal sense of **closeness to** creation, which man tries to find in physical relationships. Physical closeness CANNOT achieve **this (it)**. ~~The subconscious impulses properly induce miracles, which (Miracles, however) are genuinely interpersonal, and result in real (true) closeness to others. This can be misunderstood by a PERSONALLY willful consciousness as impulses toward physical gratification.~~

Revelation unites **souls (you)** directly with God. Miracles unite **minds (you)** directly with **each other (your brother)**. Neither emanates from consciousness, but both are EXPERIENCED there. ~~This is essential, since~~ consciousness is the state which induces action, though it does NOT inspire it. ~~Man is (You are)~~ free to believe what **he chooses (you choose)**, and what **he DOES (you do)** attests to what **he believes (you believe)**.

From Miracle Principle 29 (28)

~~Miracles do not depend on revelation, they INDUCE it.~~ Revelation is intensely personal, and cannot ~~actually be translated into conscious content at all: (be meaningfully translated.)~~ That is why any attempt to describe it in words is ~~usually incomprehensible (impossible)~~. Revelation induces ONLY experience. Miracles, on the other hand, induce ACTION. **Miracles (They)** are more useful now, because of their interpersonal nature. In this phase of learning, working miracles is **more** important because freedom from fear cannot be thrust upon you.

From Miracle Principle 48 (deleted)

Revelation is literally unspeakable because it is an experience of unspeakable love. Awe should be reserved for revelation, to which it is perfectly and correctly applicable. It is NOT appropriate for miracles because a state of awe is worshipful. ~~It implies (implying) that one of a lesser order stands before a greater one (his Creator). This is the case ONLY when a soul stands before its Creator. Souls are perfect creations; (You are a perfect creation,) and [should] experience awe only in the presence of the Creator of perfection.~~

~~The miracle, on the other hand, is (The miracle is therefore) a sign of love among equals. Equals cannot (should not) be in awe of one another because awe implies inequality. It is therefore an inappropriate reaction to me. An elder brother is entitled to respect for his greater experience, and a reasonable amount of obedience for his greater wisdom.~~

From Miracle Principle 48 (deleted)

He is also entitled to love because he is a brother, and also to devotion if he is devoted. It is only my devotion that entitles me to yours. There is nothing about me that YOU cannot attain. I have nothing that does not come from God. The **main** difference between us **as-yet (now)** is that I have NOTHING ELSE. This leaves me in a state **of true holiness**, which is only **a POTENTIAL** in you.

“No man cometh unto the Father but by me” ~~is among the most misunderstood statements in the Bible. It does NOT~~ mean that I am in any way separate or different from you EXCEPT IN TIME, which (and time) does not really exist **at all**. **Actually, the quotation** (The statement) is more meaningful **if it is considered on** (in terms of) a vertical rather than a horizontal axis. **Regarded along the vertical, man stands** (You stand) below me and I stand below God. In the process of “rising up,” I AM higher. ~~This is~~ because, without me, the distance between God and man would be too great for you to encompass.

I bridge the distance as an elder brother to **man (you)** on the one hand, and as a Son of God on the other. My devotion to my brothers has placed me in charge of the Sonship, which I **can** render complete **only to the extent to which I can** (because I) SHARE it. This may appear to contradict the statement “I and my Father are one,” but there are ~~still separate parts in~~ (two parts to) the statement, in recognition that the Father is greater. ~~(the original statement was “are of one kind”). The Holy Spirit is the bringer of revelations.~~ Revelations are INDIRECTLY inspired by me, because I am close to the Holy Spirit, and alert to the revelation-readiness of my brothers. I can thus BRING down to them more than they can DRAW down to themselves.

From Miracle Principle 49

The Holy Spirit mediates higher to lower communication, keeping the direct channel from God to **man (you)** open for revelation. Revelation is not reciprocal. ~~It is always FROM God TO man.~~ (It proceeds from God to you, but not from you to God.) ~~The miracle is reciprocal because it involves equality.~~

From Miracle Principle 50

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New Section 3

Atonement and Miracles

From Miracle Principle 25

I am in charge of the process of Atonement, which I undertook to begin. When you offer a miracle unto any of my brothers, you do it unto YOURSELF and me. The reason YOU come before ME is that I do not need miracles for my own Atonement, but I stand at the end in case you fail temporarily. ~~The purpose of~~ my part in the Atonement is the canceling out of all lacks of love which men could not otherwise correct.

From Miracle Principle 26

When you have been restored to the recognition of your original state, you naturally become part of the Atonement yourself. As you share MY inability to tolerate lack of love in yourself and others, you MUST join the great crusade to correct it. ~~The slogan for the crusade is “listen, learn, and do.”~~ LISTEN to my voice, LEARN to undo error, and DO something to correct it.

The power to work miracles BELONGS to you. I will provide the opportunities to do them, but YOU must be ready and willing, ~~since you are already able~~. Doing them will bring conviction in the ability, since (because) conviction really comes through accomplishment. The ability is the potential, the achievement is its expression, and the Atonement, **[which]** is the natural profession of the children of God, is the purpose.

From Miracle Principle 27

Atonement is the natural profession of the children of God, ~~because they have professed me~~: “Heaven and earth shall pass away” simply means that they will not continue to exist as separate states. My word, which is the resurrection and the light (life), shall not pass away because light (life) is eternal. YOU are the work of God, and his work is wholly lovable and wholly loving. This is how a man MUST think of himself in his heart, because this is what he IS.

From Miracle Principle 27

The forgiven are filled with the soul, and (Being filled with spirit) they forgive in return. ~~It is the duty of the released to release their brothers.~~

From Miracle Principle 34

The forgiven ARE the means of Atonement. Those ~~released by Christ (who are released)~~ must join in releasing their brothers, for this is the plan of the Atonement. Miracles are the way in which minds which serve the spirit (Holy Spirit) unite with Christ (me) for the salvation, or release, of all God's creations.

From Miracle Principle 35

I am the only one who can perform miracles indiscriminately, because I AM the Atonement. You have a ROLE in the Atonement, which I will dictate TO you. Ask ME which miracles you should perform. This spares you exhaustion (needless effort), because you will act under direct communication.

From Miracle Principle 36 (deleted)

The impersonal nature of miracles (the miracle) is an essential ingredient, because this (it) enables ME to ~~control their distribution.~~ (direct its application,) Christ-guidance leads (and under my guidance miracles lead) to the highly PERSONAL experience of revelation. ~~This is why it involves PERSONAL choice.~~ A guide does NOT control, but he DOES direct, ~~leaving the following up to you.~~ (leaving it up to you to follow.) "Lead us not into temptation" means "guide us out of our own errors." "Take up thy cross and follow me" means "Recognize your errors and choose to abandon them by following my guidance."

~~Remember that e(E)rror~~ cannot really threaten truth, which can ALWAYS withstand it. ONLY the error is really vulnerable. You are free to establish your kingdom where you see fit, but the right choice is inevitable if you remember this:

The soul (Spirit) is in a state of grace forever.

Man's (Your) reality is ONLY his soul (spirit).

Therefore man is (your are) in a state of grace forever.

Atonement undoes all errors in this respect, and thus uproots the REAL source of fear. Whenever God's reassurances are experienced (you experience God's reassurances) as threat, it is ALWAYS because you are defending misplaced and misdirected loyalty. ~~That is what projection always involves. Error is lack of love.~~ When man projects (you project) this onto (to) others, he does (you) imprison them, but only to the extent that he reinforces (to which you reinforce) errors they have ALREADY made. This makes them vulnerable to the distortions of others, since their OWN perception of themselves is distorted. The miracle worker can ONLY bless [them], and thus (this) undoes their distortions, and frees them from prison.

From Miracle Principle 42 (41)

~~As ye perceive, so shall ye behave.~~ (You respond to what you perceive, and as you perceive so shall you behave.) The Golden Rule asks you to ~~behave toward~~ (do unto) others as you would have them ~~behave toward~~ (do unto) you. This means that the perception of BOTH must be accurate. The Golden Rule is the rule for appropriate behavior. You cannot behave appropriately unless you perceive accurately (correctly), ~~because appropriate behavior depends on lack of level confusion. The presence of level confusion ALWAYS results in variable reality testing, and therefore in variability in behavioral appropriateness.~~ Since you and your neighbor are equal members of the same (one) family, as you perceive both, so you will ~~behave toward~~ (do to) both. ~~The way to perceive for golden rule behavior is to~~ (You should) look out from the perception of your OWN holiness, ~~and perceive~~ (to) the holiness of others.

From Miracle Principle 44 (43)

[Miracles arise from a mind that is ready for them.] ~~By being one, this state of mind~~ (By being united this mind) goes out to ANYONE (EVERYONE), even without the awareness of the miracle worker himself. The impersonal nature of miracles is because the Atonement itself is one, uniting all creations with their Creator.

From Miracle Principle 45 (44)

[As an expression of what you truly are] ~~The mind is then in a state of grace, and naturally becomes gracious, both to~~ (the miracle places the mind in a state of grace. The mind then naturally welcomes) the host within and the stranger without. ~~By bringing~~ (When you bring) in the stranger, he becomes your brother.

From Miracle Principle 46 (45)

That **[the miracle may have effects on your brothers that you may not recognize]** is not your concern. The miracle will always bless YOU.

~~The m(M)iracles you are~~ NOT asked to perform have not lost their value. They are still expressions of your own state of grace, but the ACTION aspect of the miracle should be Christ-controlled (controlled by me) because of his (my) complete awareness of the whole plan. The impersonal nature of miracle-mindedness ensures YOUR grace, but only Christ-is (I am) in a position to know where grace (they) can be BESTOWED.

From Miracle Principle 52 (49)

Christ-controlled miracles are selective ONLY in the sense that they are directed towards those who can use them for THEMSELVES. Since this makes it inevitable that they will extend them to others, a strong chain of Atonement is welded. However, Christ-control **[this selectivity]** takes no account at all of the magnitude of the miracle itself, because the concept of size exists in a plane that is itself unreal. Since the miracle aims at RESTORING the awareness of reality

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New Section 4

The Escape from Darkness

From Miracle Principle 22

The escape from darkness involves two stages: **[First]** **F(t)**he recognition that darkness **CANNOT** hide. This step usually entails fear. **[Second]** **F(t)**he recognition that there is nothing you **WANT** to hide, even if you **COULD**. This step brings **ESCAPE** from fear.

From Miracle Principle 23

When you have become willing to hide nothing, you will not only be willing to enter into communion, but will also understand peace and joy. ~~Your commitment is not yet total, and that is why you still have more to learn than to teach. When your equilibrium stabilizes, you will be able to teach as much as you learn, which will give you the proper balance. Meanwhile, remember that no effort is wasted, for unless you remember this, you cannot avail yourselves of my efforts, which ARE limitless. Only eternity is real. Why not use the illusion of time constructively?~~

From Miracle Principle 31

Holiness can never be really hidden in darkness, but **man** (you) can deceive **himself** (yourself) about it. This **illusion** (deception) makes **him** (you) fearful, because ~~he knows in his~~ (you know in your) heart it **is an illusion** (a deception), and ~~he exerts~~ (you exert) enormous efforts to establish its reality. The miracle sets reality where it belongs. ~~Eternal reality~~ (Reality) belongs only to ~~the soul~~ (spirit), and the miracle acknowledges only **the** truth. It thus dispels ~~man's illusions about himself, and puts him~~ (illusions about yourself, and puts you) in communion with **himself** (yourself) **AND** God.

From Miracle Principle 32

~~The soul never loses its communion with God. Only the mind NEEDS Atonement.~~ The miracle joins in the Atonement ~~of Christ~~ by placing the mind in the service of the **spirit** (Holy Spirit). This establishes the proper function of the mind, and corrects its errors, **[which are merely lacks of love]**.

From Miracle Principle 33

Man's (Your) mind **CAN** be possessed by illusions, but **his** spirit is eternally free. If a mind perceives without love it perceives an empty shell, and is unaware of the spirit within **it**. But the Atonement restores ~~the soul~~ (spirit) to its proper place. The mind that serves **the** spirit **IS** invulnerable.

From Miracle Principle 40 (39)

Darkness is lack of light, as sin is lack of love. It has no unique properties of its own. It is an example of the “scarcity” ~~fallacy, (belief,)~~ from which ONLY error can proceed. Truth is always abundant. Those who perceive and acknowledge that they have everything have no ~~need for driven behavior (needs)~~ of ANY kind.

From Miracle Principle 26

The purpose of the Atonement is to restore EVERYTHING to you, or rather, to restore it to your AWARENESS. You were GIVEN everything when you were created, just as everyone was.

From Miracle Principle 42 (41)

The emptiness engendered by fear should be replaced by ~~love (forgiveness), because love and its absence are in the same dimension, and correction cannot be undertaken except WITHIN a dimension. Otherwise, there has been a confusion of levels. Death is a human affirmation of a belief in “fate,” or level confusion.~~ That is ~~why the Bible says;~~ (what the Bible means by) “There IS no death,” and why I ~~demonstrated (could demonstrate)~~ that death does not exist. I came to fulfill the law by REINTERPRETING it. The law itself, if properly understood, offers only protection ~~to man~~. It is those who have not yet “changed their minds” who ~~entered (brought)~~ the “hellfire” concept into it.

I assure you that I will witness for anyone who lets me, and to whatever extent he permits it. YOUR witnessing demonstrates YOUR belief, and thus strengthens it. Those who witness for me are expressing, through their miracles, that they have abandoned the belief in deprivation in favor of the abundance they have learned BELONGS to them.

New Section 5 Wholeness and Spirit

From Miracle Principle 51 (48)

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~~Man was NOT created by his own free will alone. (You did~~

not create yourself.) ~~Only what HE creates is his to decide.~~
 The basic decision of the miracle-minded is not to wait on time any longer than is necessary. Time can waste as well as be wasted. The miracle-worker, therefore, accepts the time-control factor ~~gladly, because he~~ (gladly. He) recognizes that every collapse of time brings all men closer to the ultimate RELEASE from time, in which the Son and the Father ARE one.

Equality does not imply homogeneity (equality) NOW. When everyone recognizes that he has everything, individual contributions to the Sonship will no longer be necessary. When the Atonement has been completed, ALL talents will be shared by ALL the sons of God. God is NOT partial. All his children have his total love, and ALL his gifts are freely given to everyone alike. “Except ye become as little children” means that, unless you fully recognize your complete dependence on God, you cannot know the real power of the Son in his true relationship with the Father.

From Miracle Principle 41 (40)

The specialness of God’s Sons does NOT stem from exclusion, but from inclusion. ALL my brothers are special. If they believe they are deprived of anything, their perception becomes distorted. When this occurs, the whole family of God, or the Sonship, is impaired in its relationships. Ultimately, every member of the family of God must return. The miracle calls him to return, because it blesses and honors him even though he may be absent in spirit.

“God is not mocked” is not a warning, but a reassurance ~~on this point~~. God WOULD be mocked if any of his creations lacked holiness. The creation IS whole, and the mark of wholeness is holiness.

From Miracle Principle 43 (42)

Miracles are affirmations of Sonship, which is a state of completion and abundance. Whatever is true ~~and real~~ is eternal, and CANNOT change or BE changed. ~~The soul~~ (Spirit) is therefore unalterable because it is ALREADY perfect, but the mind can elect ~~the level~~ (what) it chooses to serve. The ONLY limit which is put on its choice is that it CANNOT serve two masters.

~~The mind, if it elects to do so, becomes a~~ (If it elects to do so, ~~the mind can become the~~) medium by which ~~the soul~~ (spirit) creates along the line of its own creation. If it does not freely elect to do so, it retains its creative POTENTIAL, but places itself under tyrannous rather than ~~genuinely~~ authoritative control. As a result it imprisons, because such are the dictates of tyrants. To change your mind means to place it at the disposal of TRUE authority.

The miracle is thus a sign that the mind has chosen to be led by ~~Christ in his~~ (me in Christ’s) service. The abundance

of Christ is the natural result of choosing to follow him. ALL shallow roots must be uprooted, because they are not deep enough to sustain you. The illusion that shallow roots can be DEEPENED, and thus made to hold, is one of the distortions on which the REVERSAL (reverse) of the Golden Rule rests. As these false underpinnings are given up, the equilibrium is temporarily experienced as unstable. However, ~~the fact is that~~ NOTHING is less stable than an orientation that is upside-down (upside-down orientation). Nor can anything which holds it that way (upside down) be really conducive to greater stability.

New Section 6 The Illusion of Needs

You who want peace can find it only by complete forgiveness. ~~You never really WANTED peace before, so there was no point in being told how to achieve it.~~ No learning is acquired by anyone unless he wants to learn it, and believes in some way that he NEEDS it. While the concept of lack does not exist in the creation of God, it is VERY apparent in ~~the creations of man~~ (what you have made). It is, in fact, the essential difference [between them]. ~~A need implies lack by definition. It involves the recognition~~ (Lack implies) that you would be better off in a state which is somehow different from the one you are in.

Until the “separation,” which is a better term than (the meaning of) the “fall,” nothing was lacking. ~~This meant that man had~~ (There were) no needs at all. ~~If he had not deprived himself, he would never have experienced them.~~ (Needs arise only when you deprive yourself.) ~~After the separation, needs became the most powerful source of motivation for human action. All behavior is essentially motivated by needs, but behavior itself is not a divine attribute. The body is the mechanism for behavior. The belief that he could be better off is the reason why man has this mechanism at his disposal.~~

~~Each one acts~~ (You act) according to the particular hierarchy (order) of needs ~~he establishes for himself.~~ (you establish.) His hierarchy; (This,) in turn, depends on his (your) perception of what he is; (you are.) ~~that is, what he LACKS.~~ A sense of separation from God is the ONLY lack ~~he really needs~~ (you really need) to correct. This sense of separation would never have ~~occurred~~ (arisen) if he (you) had not distorted his (your) perception of truth, and thus perceived HIMSELF (yourself) as lacking. ~~The concept of ANY sort of need hierarchy~~ (The idea of order of needs) arose because, having made this fundamental error, he (you) had already fragmented himself

(yourself) into levels with different needs. As ~~he integrates~~ ~~HE~~ becomes (you integrate you become) one, and his (your) needs become one accordingly.

Unified need produces unified action because ~~it~~ (this) produces a lack of ~~ambivalence~~ (conflict). ~~The concept of a need hierarchy, a corollary to~~ (The idea of order of need, which follows from) the original error that ~~man~~ (one) can be separated from God, requires correction at its own level, before the error of perceiving levels at all can be corrected. ~~Man~~ (You) cannot behave effectively while ~~he operates at split~~ (you function on different) levels. However, while ~~he does~~, (you do,) correction must be introduced [~~vertically~~] from the bottom ~~UP~~. This is because ~~he now operates in space~~, (you think you live in space,) where concepts such as “up” and “down” are meaningful. Ultimately, space is as meaningless as time. ~~The concept is really one of space-time BELIEF~~. (Both are merely beliefs.)

~~The physical world exists only because man can use it to correct his UNBELIEF, which placed him in it originally.~~ (The real purpose of this world is to use it to correct your unbelief.) ~~He~~ (You) can never control the effects of fear ~~himself~~ (yourself) because ~~he~~ (you) ~~MADE~~ fear, and ~~believes in what he made~~. (you believe in what you made.) In attitude, then, though ~~NOT~~ in content, ~~he resembles his~~ (you resemble your) ~~own~~ Creator, who has perfect faith in his creations ~~BECAUSE~~ he created them. Belief ~~in a creation~~ produces ~~its~~ [~~acceptance of~~] existence. That is why ~~a man~~ (you) can believe in what no-one else thinks is true. It is true for ~~him~~ (you) because it was made ~~BY~~ ~~him~~ (you).

~~Every aspect of fear proceeds from upside-down perception. The more truly creative devote their efforts to correcting perceptual distortions. The neurotic devotes his to compromise. The psychotic tries to escape by establishing the certain truth of his own errors. It is most difficult to free him by ordinary means, because he is more consistent in his own denial of truth. The miracle, however, makes no such distinctions. It corrects errors BECAUSE they are errors. Thus, the next point to remember about miracles is:~~

ALL aspects of fear are untrue because they do not exist at the ~~higher~~ creative level, and therefore do not exist at all. To whatever extent a ~~man is~~ (you are) willing to submit ~~his~~ (your) beliefs to this test, to that extent are [~~your~~] perceptions corrected.

In sorting out the false from the true, the miracle proceeds along the following lines:

From Miracle Principle 53 (50)

If perfect love casts out fear,
And if fear exists,
Then there is NOT perfect love.

But

Only perfect love REALLY exists.

If there IS fear,

It creates a state which does not exist.

Believe this, and you WILL be free. Only God can establish
this solution and THIS faith IS his gift.