

CLARIFICATION OF QUOTES AND TERMS IN THE BIBLE AS PRESENTED IN “A COURSE IN MIRACLES”

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What Was Said or Intimated What Was Meant or Intended

“Adam’s “sin” ...”

“... could have touched none of you, had you not believed that it was the *Father* Who drove him out of paradise. For in that belief, the knowledge of the Father was lost, since only those who do *not* understand Him *could* believe it.” OE-T11:87 T-13.in.3.6

The “agony.”

“My brothers slept during the so-called “agony” in the garden, but I could not be angry with them because I had learned I could not *be* abandoned. Peter swore he would never deny me, but he did so three times. He did offer to defend me with the sword, which I naturally refused, not being at all in need of bodily protection. I am sorry when my brothers do not share my decision to hear only one voice because it weakens them as teachers *and* as learners. Yet I know that they cannot really betray themselves *or* me and that it is still on them that I must build my church. There is no choice in this because only you can *be* the foundation of God’s church. A church is where an altar is, and the presence of the altar is what *makes* it a church. Any church which does not inspire love has a hidden altar which is not serving the purpose for which God intended it. I must found His church on you because you who accept me as a model are literally my disciples. Disciples are followers, but if the model they follow has chosen to save them pain in all respects, they are probably unwise *not* to follow him.” OE-T6:11,12 T-6.I.7,8

“All power and glory are yours because the kingdom is His.”

“The Holy Spirit’s teaching takes only *one* direction and has only *one* goal. His direction is freedom, and His goal is God. Yet he cannot conceive of God without *you* because it is not God’s Will to *be* without you. When you have learned that your will *is* God’s, you could no more will to be without Him than He could will to be without *you*. This *is* freedom and this *is* joy. Deny yourself this and you *are* denying God His Kingdom because He created you *for* this. When we said, “All power and glory are yours because the Kingdom is His,” this is what we meant.” OE-T8:13 T-8.II.6,7

“Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.”

“Knowledge preceded both perception and time and will ultimately replace them. That is the real meaning of the Biblical description of God as [quote]. It also explains the quotation, “Before Abraham was I am.”

OE-T3:37 T-3.III.6:4,5

“The ancient calling of the Father to His Son ...”

“Thus does the miracle undo all things the world attests can never be undone. And hopelessness and death must disappear before the ancient clarion call of life. This call has power far beyond the weak and miserable cry of death and guilt. The ancient calling of the Father to His Son, and of the Son unto his own, will yet be the last trumpet that the world will ever hear. Brother, there is no death.” (A reference to the trumpet in 1 Corinthians 15:52) OE-T27:18 T-27.II.6

The Apocalypse

“The first step toward freedom *must* entail a sorting out of the false from the true. This is a process of division only in the constructive sense and reflects the true meaning of the Apocalypse. Man will ultimately look upon his own creations and will to preserve only what is good, just as God Himself looked upon what He had created and knew that it *was* good.” OE-T2:109 T-2.VIII.4

“As ye sow, so shall ye reap ...”

“... merely means that what you believe to be worth cultivating you will cultivate in yourself. Your judgment of what is worthy makes it worthy for you.” OE-T5:76 T-5.VI.6

“As you teach so will you learn.”

“If that is true, and it is true indeed, you must never forget that what you teach is teaching *you*. What you project you *believe*.” OE-T6:41 T-6.III.2.6-9

“Ask in the name of Jesus Christ.”

“Is this merely an appeal to magic? A name does not heal, nor does an invocation call forth any special power. What does it mean to call on Jesus Christ? What does calling on his name confer? Why is the appeal to him part of healing?” OE-M23:1 M-23.1:5-7

“What does this mean to you? It means that in remembering Jesus, you are remembering God. The whole relationship of the Son to the Father lies in him.” OE-M23:3 M-23.3:1-3

“... be of good cheer.”

“Remember this: In this world you **need** not have tribulation **because** I have overcome the world. *That* is why you should be of good cheer.” OE-T4:22,23 T-4.I.13.10,11

“Be of one mind ...”

“... is the statement for revelation-readiness.” OE-T3:10 T-2.V.A.17:7

“Be still and know that I am God.”

“You can speak from the Soul or the ego, precisely as you choose. If you speak from the Soul, you have chosen [quote]. These words are inspired because they come from knowledge. If you speak from the ego you are disclaiming knowledge instead of affirming it and are thus dispiriting yourself.” OE-T4:2 T-4.in.2:1-4

“Be you perfect as Myself for you can never be apart from Me.”

“Sickness is anger taken out upon the body, so that *it* will suffer pain. It is the obvious effect of what was made in secret, in agreement with another’s secret wish to be apart from you, as you would be apart from him. Unless you *both* agree that is your wish, it can have no effects. Whoever says, “There *is* no gap between my mind and yours” has kept God’s promise, not his tiny oath to be forever faithful unto death. And by his healing is his brother healed. Let this be your agreement with each one—that you be one with him and not apart. And he will keep the promise that you make with him because it is the one which he has made to God, as God has made to him. God keeps His promises; His Son keeps his. In his creation did his Father say, “You are beloved of Me and I of you forever. Be you perfect as Myself, for you can never be apart from Me.” His Son remembers not that he replied “I will,” though in that promise he was born. Yet God reminds him of it every time he does not share a promise to be sick but lets his mind be healed and unified. His secret vows are powerless before the Will of God, Whose promises he shares. And what he substitutes is not his will, who has made promise of himself to God.” OE-T28:58,59 T-28.VI.5,6

“Betrayest thou the Son of Man with a kiss?”

“[The Apostles] would have realized I *could* not have said [quote] unless I *believed* in betrayal. The whole message of the crucifixion was simply that I did *not*. The “punishment” which I am said to have called forth upon Judas was a similar reversal. Judas was a my brother and a Son of God, as much a part of the Sonship as myself. Was it likely that I would condemn him when I was ready to demonstrate that condemnation was impossible?” OE-T6:21 T-6.I.15:5-9

The Bible/ego.

The ego speaks in judgment, and the Holy Spirit reverses its decisions, much as the Supreme Court has the power to reverse the lower courts decision about the laws of this world. The ego’s decisions are always wrong, because they are based on a complete fallacy which they are made to uphold. Nothing it perceives is interpreted correctly. Not only does it cite scripture for its purpose, but it even interprets scripture as a witness for itself. The Bible is a fearful thing to the ego, because of its prejudiced judgment. Perceiving it as fearful, it interprets it fearfully. Having made you afraid, you do not appeal to the higher court, because you believe its judgment would be against you. OE-T5:74 T-5.VI.4

“The Bible enjoins you to be perfect, ...”

“... to heal *all* errors, to take no thought of the body *as separate* and to accomplish all things in my name. This is not my name alone, for ours is a shared identification. The Name of God's Son is One, and you are enjoined to do the works of love because we *share* this Oneness.” OE-T8:87 T-8.IX.7:1-3

“The Bible is a fearful thing to the ego ...” See “The Bible/ego.”

“The Bible is about love.”

⁸⁶You have surely begun to realize that this is a very practical course which means *exactly* what it says. So does the Bible, if it is properly understood. There has been a marked tendency on the part of many of the Bible’s followers and also its translators to be entirely literal about fear and *its* effects but *not* about love and *its* results. Thus, “hellfire” means “burning,” but raising the dead becomes allegorical. Actually, it is *particularly* the references to the outcomes of love which *should* be taken literally because the Bible is *about* love, being about God. OE-T8:86 T-8.IX.8

“The Bible says that you should go with a brother twice as far as he asks.”

“It certainly does not suggest that you set him back on his journey. Devotion to a brother cannot set *you* back either. It can lead *only* to mutual progress. The result of genuine devotion is inspiration, a word which properly understood is the opposite of fatigue. To be fatigued is to be *dis*-spirited, but to be inspired is to be in the spirit. To be egocentric *is* to be dispirited, but to be self-centered in the right sense is to be inspired, or in the Soul. The truly inspired are enlightened and cannot abide in darkness.” “Journey” here is not literal. OE-T4:1 T-4.in.1:1-4

“Blessed are those who have not seen and still believe.”

“It is impossible not to believe what you see, but it is equally impossible to see what you do *not* believe. Perceptions are built up on the basis of experience, and experience leads to beliefs. It is not until beliefs are fixed that perceptions stabilize. In effect, then, what you believe, you *do* see. That is what I meant when I said [quote], for those who believe in the resurrection *will* see it. The resurrection is the complete triumph of Christ over the ego, not by attack but by transcendence.” OE-T10:59 T-11.VI.1:4-6

“Born again.”

“To be born again is to *let the past go* and look without condemnation upon the present. For the cloud which obscures God’s Son to you *is* the past, and if you would have it past *and gone*, you must not see it *now*. If you see it now in your delusions, it has *not* gone from you, although it is not there.” OE-T12:47 T-13.VI.3

“... the branch that bears no fruit will be cut off and will wither away.”

“Be glad! The light *will* shine from the true Foundation of Life, and your own thought system *will* stand corrected. It *cannot* stand otherwise. You who fear salvation are *willing* death. Life and death, light and darkness, knowledge and perception are irreconcilable. To believe that they can be reconciled is to believe that God and man can *not*.” OE- T3:80 T-3.VII.6

“By their fruits ye shall know them, and they shall know themselves.”

“For it is certain that you judge yourself according to your teaching. The ego’s teaching produces immediate results because its decisions are immediately accepted as *your* choice. And this acceptance means that you are willing to judge yourself accordingly. Cause and effect are very clear in the ego’s thought system because all your learning has been directed towards *establishing* the relationship between them.” OE-T16:22 T-16.III.2:3

Comforter See “Holy Spirit.”

“The crucifixion did not establish the Atonement; the resurrection did.”

“This is a point which many very sincere Christians have misunderstood. No one who is free of the scarcity-error could *possibly* make this mistake. If the crucifixion is seen from an upside-down point of view, it *does* appear as if God permitted and even encouraged one of His Sons to suffer *because* he was good. Many ministers preach this every day. This particularly unfortunate interpretation, which arose out of the combined misprojections of a large number of my would-be followers, has led many people to be bitterly afraid of God. This particularly anti-religious concept enters into many religions, and this is neither by chance or coincidence.” OE-T3:11,12 T-3.I.1:4-7

Daily bread.

“Whenever you are afraid, you *are* deceived. Your mind is *not* serving the Soul. This literally starves the Soul by denying its daily bread.” OE-T2:20 T-2.III.5

“A deep sleep fell upon Adam.”

“When the “deep sleep” fell upon Adam, he was in a condition to experience nightmares *because* he was asleep.” OE-T2:15 T-2.I.4

“When the deep sleep fell upon Adam, he was then in a condition to experience nightmares, precisely because he was sleeping. If a light is suddenly turned on while someone is dreaming, and the content of his dream is fearful, he is initially likely to interpret the light itself as part of the content of his own dream. However, as soon as he awakens, the light is correctly perceived as the release from the dream, which is no longer accorded reality. I would like to conclude this with the Biblical injunction “Go ye and do likewise.” It is quite apparent that this depends on the kind of knowledge which was not referred to by the “Tree of Knowledge” which bore lies as fruit. The knowledge that illuminates rather than obscures is the knowledge which not only makes you free, but also shows you clearly that you are free.”

Urtext 2A-14

See also “Garden of Eden.”

The devil.

“The mind can make the belief in separation *very* real and *very* fearful, and this belief *is* the “devil.” It is powerful, active, destructive, and clearly in opposition to God because it literally denies His Fatherhood. Never underestimate the power of this denial. Look at your lives and see what the devil has made. But *know* that this making will surely dissolve in the light of truth because its *foundation* is a lie.” OE-T3:78 T-3.VII.5:1-4

“Innocence is wisdom because it is unaware of evil, which does not exist.” OE-T3:17 T-3.I.7:4

“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.” OE-T1:34 - See “Heaven and earth.”

“Do this in remembrance of me ...”

“... is the request for cooperation from miracle workers.” OE-T3:10 T-2.V.A.17

“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.” OE-T1:88 T-1.V.3:4

The “fall”

Until the “separation,” which is a better term than the “fall,” nothing was lacking. This meant that man had no needs at all. If he had not deprived himself, he would never have experienced them. After the separation, needs became the most powerful source of motivation for human action. OE-T1:90 T-1.VI.1

We have discussed the fall, or separation, before, but its meaning must be clearly understood without symbols. The separation is not symbolic. It is an order of reality or a system of thought that is real enough in time, though *not* in eternity. All beliefs are real to the believer. OE-T3:74 T-3.VII.3

“Father forgive them for they know not they do ...”

“Miraculous forgiveness is *only* correction. It has *no* element of judgement at all. [Quote] in no way evaluates *what* they do. It is strictly limited to an appeal to God to heal their minds. There is no reference to the outcome of their mis-thought. *That* does not matter.” OE-T3:9 T-2.V.A.16:6

“Fear God and keep His commandments ...”

“... should read, “*Know* God and accept His certainty”.” OE-T3:37 T-3.III.6:7

The Garden of Eden.

“The Garden of Eden, which is described as a literal garden in the Bible, was not an actual garden at all. It was merely a mental state of complete need-lack. Even in the literal account, it is noteworthy that the pre-separation state was essentially one in which man needed nothing. The “tree of knowledge” is also an overly literal figure. These concepts need to be clarified before the real meaning of the separation, or the “detour into fear,” can be fully understood.” OE-T2:4 T-2.I.3

“When the “lies of the serpent,” were introduced, they were specifically called “lies” because they are not true. When man listened, all he heard was untruth. He does not have to continue to believe what is not true unless he chooses to do so. All of his miscreations can literally disappear “in the twinkling of an eye” because they are merely visual misperceptions. Man’s Spiritual eye can sleep, but a sleeping eye can still see. What is seen in dreams seems to be very real. The Bible mentions that a “deep sleep fell upon Adam,” and nowhere is there any reference to his waking up. The history of man in the world as he sees it has not yet been marked by any genuine or comprehensive reawakening or rebirth. This is impossible as long as man projects in the spirit of miscreation. It still remains within him, however, to project as God projected His own Spirit to him. In reality this is his *only* choice because his free will was given him for his own joy in creating the perfect.” OE-T2:13,14 T-2.I.3

Gifts

“The Bible gives many references to the immeasurable gifts which are *for* you but for which *you* must ask. This is not a condition as the ego sets conditions. It is the glorious condition of what you *are*.”

OE-T4:50 T-4.III.5.3

“Glory be to God in the highest, ...”

“... and to *you* because He has so willed it. Ask and it shall be given you because it has already *been* given. Ask for light and learn that you *are* light. If you want understanding and enlightenment, you *will* learn it because your will to learn it is your decision to listen to the Teacher who *knows* of light and can therefore *teach* it to you.” OE-T8:16 T-8.III.1

“God created man in his own image and likeness ...”

“... is correct in meaning, but the words are open to considerable misinterpretation. This is avoided, however, if “image” is understood to mean “thought” and “likeness” is taken as “of a like quality.” God did create the Soul in His own Thought and of a quality like to His own. There *is* nothing else.” OE-T3:57 T-3.V.7

“And God Himself shall wipe away all tears.”

“God's world is happy. Those who look on it can only add their joy to it, and bless it as a cause of further joy in them. We wept because we did not understand. But we have learned the world we saw was false, and we will look upon God's world today.” OE-W301

“God is love.”

“The body, innocent of any goal, is your excuse for variable goals *you* hold and force the body to maintain. You do not fear its weakness, but its lack of strength *or* weakness. Would you recognize that nothing stands between you? Would you know there *is* no gap behind which you can hide? There is a shock that comes to those who learn their savior is their enemy no more. There is a wariness that is aroused by learning that the body is not real. And there are overtones of seeming fear around the happy message, “God is love.”

OE-T29:8 T-29.I.8

“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 the wholeness is holiness.” OE-T1:60 T-1.V.4:3,4

“And God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son ...”

“... that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life,” needs only one slight correction to be entirely meaningful in this context. It should read “He gave it *to* His only begotten Son.” OE-T2:99 T-2.VII.5:14

“God will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed (or set) on Him, ...” See “Set.”

The Golden Rule

“The Golden Rule asks you to behave toward others as you would have them behave toward 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 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 family, as you perceive both, so you will behave toward both. The way to perceive for Golden Rule behavior is to look out from the perception of your *own* holiness and perceive the holiness of others.” OE-T1:64 T-1.III.6

“The illusion that shallow roots can be *deepened* and thus made to hold is one of the distortions on which the *reversal* of the Golden Rule rests.” OE-T1:70 T-1.V.6

“Denial should be directed only to error, and projection should be reserved only for truth. You should truly give as you have truly received. The Golden Rule can work effectively only on this basis.” OE-T2:25

“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, shall not pass away because light is eternal.” OE-T1:34 T-1.III.2:1,2

Hell

“The Holy Spirit teaches thus: There *is* no hell. Hell is only what the ego has made of the present. The belief in hell is what prevents you from *understanding* the present, because you are *afraid* of it.”

OE-T15:8 T-15.I.7:1to3

Hellfire

“Death is a human affirmation of a belief in hate, or level confusion. That is why the Bible says, “There *is* no death” and why I demonstrated 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 the “hellfire” concept into it.” OE-T1:65 T-1.IV.4

See also “The Bible is about Love.”

“Here is my own beloved son, in whom I am well pleased.”

“Thus is the body made a theory of yourself with no provisions made for evidence beyond itself and no escape within its sight. Its course is sure when seen through its own eyes. It grows and withers, flourishes and dies. And you cannot conceive of you apart from it. You brand it sinful, and you hate its acts, judging it evil. Yet your specialness whispers, [quote]. Thus does the “son” become the means to serve his “father’s” purpose. Not identical, not even like, but still a means to offer to the “father” what he *wants*. Such is the travesty on God’s creation. For as His Son’s creation gave *Him* joy and witness to His Love and shared His purpose, so does the body testify to the idea that made it and speak for its reality and truth.”

OE-T24:71 T-24.VII.10

“Hold yourself ready.”

[“Miracle mindedness”] needs your careful protection, because it is a state of miracle-readiness. This is what the Bible means in the many references to [quote] and other similar injunctions. Urtext 1B:40p

Holy Spirit

“The Holy Spirit is the only part of the Holy Trinity which is symbolic. He is referred to in the Bible as the Healer, the Comforter, and the Guide. He is also described as something “separate,” apart from the Father and from the Son. I myself said, “If I go I will send you another comforter, and He will abide with you.” The Holy Spirit is a difficult concept to grasp precisely because it *is* symbolic and therefore open to many different interpretations.” OE-T5:10 T-5.I.4

“I am come as a light into the world.”

“When I said [quote], I surely came to share the light with you. Remember the symbolic reference we made before to the ego’s dark glass, and remember also that we said, “Do not look there.” It is still true that “where you look to find yourself is up to you.” OE-T5:79 T-5.VI.11:1

“You are mirrors of truth in which God Himself shines in perfect light. To the ego’s dark glass you need but say, “I will not look there because I *know* these images are not true.” Then let the Holy One shine on you in peace, knowing that this and *only* this must be.” OE-T4:65 T-4.IV.9

“I am the resurrection and the life.”

“I am *your* resurrection and *your* life. You live in me because you live in God. And everyone lives in you, as you live in everyone.” OE-T10:62 T-1.III.2 See also, “Heaven and earth ...”

“I am with you always.”

“When I said [quote], I meant it literally. I am not absent to *anyone* in *any* situation. *Because* I am always with you, *you* are the way and the truth and the light.” OE-T7:25 T-7.III.1:7,8 See also “The Way, the Truth and the Light.”

“I and my Father are one.”

“My devotion to my brothers has placed me in charge of the Sonship, which I render complete only to the extent to which I can *share* it. This may appear to contradict the statement [quote], but there are still separate parts in the statement in recognition that the Father is greater. (The original statement was “are of one kind.”)” OE-T1:80 T-1.II.4:7

“The real meaning of “are of one kind,” which was mentioned before, is “are of one mind or will.” When the will of the Sonship and the Father are one, their perfect accord *is* Heaven.” OE-T2:21 -

“I came to fulfill the law ...” See “Hellfire.”

“I come not to bring peace but a sword.”

“If the Apostles had not felt guilty, they never could have quoted me as saying [quote]. This is clearly the opposite of everything I taught.” OE-T6:20 T-6.I.15:2,3

“I need do nothing.”

“Here is the ultimate release which everyone will one day find in his own way, at his own time. We do not need this time. Time has been saved for you because you are together. This is the special means this course is using to save you time. You are not making use of the course if you insist on using means which have served others well, neglecting what was made for *you*. Save time for me by only this *one* preparation and practice, doing nothing else. “I need do nothing” is a statement of allegiance, a truly undivided loyalty. Believe it for just one instant, and you will accomplish more than is given to a century of contemplation or of struggle against temptation.” OE-T18:68 T-18.VII.6

“I will visit the sins of the fathers unto the third and fourth generation ...”

“... as interpreted by the ego, is particularly vicious. It is used, in fact, as an attempt to guarantee its survival beyond itself. Actually, all the quotation means is that the Holy Spirit in later generations retains the power to interpret *correctly* what former generations have thought and thus release *their* thoughts from the ability to produce fear anywhere in the Sonship.” OE-T5:77 T-5.VI.8

“If you are ashamed of me before men, I will be ashamed of you before God.”

“What it really means is that if you are ashamed of me (or embarrassed by love), you will project and therefore make it impossible for me to reach you.” Urtext 1B:22t,u

Immeasurable gifts. See “gifts.”

“In the beginning God made the heavens and the earth.”

“Is it not strange that you believe to think you made the world you see is arrogance? God made it not. Of this you can be sure. What can He know of the ephemeral, the sinful and the guilty, the afraid, the suffering and lonely, and the mind that lives within a body that must die? You but accuse Him of insanity, to think He made a world where such things seem to have reality. He is not mad. Yet only madness makes a world like this.” OE-W152:6

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

“All words, at best, are preparatory. *The* word is really a thought. No one *word* is universally meaningful, because a word is a symbol...The original name for “thought” and “word” was the same. The quotation should read “In the beginning was the thought, and the thought was with God, and the thought *was* God.” Urtext 3G:18

“Inasmuch as you do it unto the least of these, my children ...

... really ends with “you do it unto yourself and me.” The reason why you come before me is because I do not need miracles for my own Atonement, but I stand at the end in case you fail temporarily.” Urtext 1B:23e

Interpretation of the Bible.

“You have surely begun to realize that this is a very practical course which means *exactly* what it says. So does the Bible, if it is properly understood. There has been a marked tendency on the part of many of the Bible’s followers and also its translators to be entirely literal about fear and *its* effects but *not* about love and *its* results. Thus, “hellfire” means “burning,” but raising the dead becomes allegorical. Actually, it is *particularly* the references to the outcomes of love which *should* be taken literally because the Bible is *about* love, being about God.” OE-T8:86 T-8.IX.8

“It is more blessed to give than receive.”

“Miracles are teaching devices for demonstrating that it is more blessed to give than to receive. They simultaneously increase the strength of the giver and supply strength to the receiver.” OE-T1:16 T-1.I.16

“To give is no more blessed than to receive. But neither is it less.” OE-T21:67 T-21.VI.9

“Each miracle is an example of what justice can accomplish when it is offered to everyone alike. It is received and given equally. It is awareness that giving and receiving are the same.” OE-T25:77 T-25.IX.10

“For giving and receiving *are* the same.” OE-T26:3 T-26.I.3

A jealous God.

“I do not bring God’s message with deception, and you will learn this as you learn that you always receive as much as you *accept*. You could accept peace *now* for everyone you meet and offer them perfect freedom from *all* illusions because *you* heard. But have no other gods before Him, or you will *not* hear. God is not jealous of the gods you make, but *you* are. You would save them and serve them because you believe that they made you. You think they are your father because you are projecting onto them the fearful fact that *you* made them to *replace* God. Yet when they seem to speak to you, remember that nothing *can* replace God, and whatever replacements you have attempted *are* nothing.” OE-T9:80 T-10.III.8

“Judge not that ye be not judged ...”

“... merely means that if you judge the reality of others at all, you will be unable to avoid judging your own.” OE-T3:61 T-3.VI.1-4.

“The Kingdom of Heaven is within you.”

“You have never understood what [quote] means. The reason you have not understood it is because it is *not* understandable to the ego, which interprets it as if something outside is inside, and this does not mean anything. The word “within” is unnecessary. The Kingdom of Heaven *is* you.” T-4:41 T-4.III.1:3,4

“...we made no distinction before between *having* the Kingdom of God and *being* the Kingdom of God.” OE-T4:54 T-4.III.9:7

“Know thyself.”

“The Bible instructs you to “*know yourself*” or *be certain*. Certainty is *always* of God. When you love someone, you have perceived him as he is, and this makes it possible for you to *know* him. However, it is not until you *recognize* him that you *can* know him. T-3:35 T-3.III.5.1-4

“The goal of the curriculum, regardless of the teacher you choose, is *know thyself*. There is nothing else to learn. Everyone is looking for himself and for the power and glory he thinks he has lost. Whenever you are with anyone, you have another opportunity to find them. Your power and glory are in him *because* they are yours. The ego tries to find them in *yourself* because it does not know where to look. The Holy Spirit teaches you that if you look *only* at yourself, you cannot find yourself because that is not what you are. Whenever you are with a brother, you are learning what you are because you are *teaching* what you are. He will respond either with pain or with joy, depending on which teacher *you* are following. *He* will be imprisoned or released according to your decision, *and so will you*. Never forget your responsibility to him because it is your responsibility to *yourself*. Give him *his* place in the Kingdom, and you will have *yours*. The Kingdom *cannot* be found alone, and you who *are* the Kingdom

cannot find *yourselves* alone”

OE-T8:20,21 T-8.III.5

“The Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world.”

“I have been correctly referred to as [quote]. Those who represent the lamb as blood- stained, an all-too-widespread error, do *not* understand the meaning of the symbol. Correctly understood, it is a very simple parable which merely speaks of my innocence. The lion and the lamb lying down together refers to the fact that strength and innocence are *not* in conflict, but naturally live in peace. “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God” is another way of saying the same thing.” OE-T3:22 T-3.I.5:2-4

The Last Judgment.

“The Last Judgment is one of the greatest threat concepts in man’s perception. This is only because he does not understand it. Judgment is not an essential attribute of God. Man brought judgment into being only because of the separation.” OE-T2:105 T-2.VIII.2.1-3

“The Last Judgment is generally thought of as a procedure undertaken by God. Actually it will be undertaken by man with my help. It is a final healing rather than a meting out of punishment, however much man may think that punishment is deserved. Punishment is a concept in *total* opposition to right-mindedness. The aim of the Last Judgment is to *restore* right-mindedness to man.” OE-T2:107 T-2.VIII.3:1-4

“Lead us not into temptation means ...”

“... guide us out of our own errors.” OE-T1:50 T-1.III.4 “Note that the word is “lead,” not “order.” Urtext 1B:30L

“... do not let us deceive ourselves into believing that we can relate in peace to God or to our brothers with *anything* external.” OE-T1:104 T-1.VII.1

“Let there be light.”

“When God said, “Let there be light,” there *was* light. Can you find light by analyzing darkness as the psychotherapist does or like the theologian, by acknowledging darkness in yourself and looking for a distant light to remove it while *emphasizing* the distance?” OE-T9:25 T-9.V.6

“The lies of the serpent.” See “Garden of Eden”

Little Children

“The Bible tells you to become as little children. Little children recognize that they do not understand what they perceive, and so they *ask* what it means. Do not make the mistake of believing that *you* understand what you perceive, for its meaning is lost to you.” OE-T10:75 T-11.VIII.2:1to3

“Many are called, but few are chosen ...”

“... should read, “*All* are called, but few choose to listen. Therefore, they do not choose *right*. The “chosen ones” are merely those who choose right *sooner*.” OE-T3:49,50 T-3.IV.7

“May I never forget that thine eye is ever upon me, beholding the evil and the good.”

Miracles are associated with fear only because of the fallacy that darkness can hide. Man believes that what he cannot see does not exist, and his physical eyes cannot see in the dark. This is a very primitive solution, and has led to a denial of the spiritual eye, which always depends on light. Remember the Biblical injunction: [Quote] Urtext 1B:22b

“May the mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus.”

“The Bible says [quote] and uses this as a *blessing*. It is the blessing of the miracle-mindedness. It asks that you may think as I thought, joining with me in Christ-thinking.” OE-T5:9 T-5.I.3.4-6

“The meek shall inherit the earth.”

“The Atonement is *total* commitment. You still think this is associated with loss. This is the same mistake *all* the separated ones make in one way or another. They cannot believe that a defense which cannot attack *is* the best defense. This is what is meant by [quote]. They will literally take it over because of their strength. A two-way defense is inherently weak precisely *because* it has two edges and can turn against the self very unexpectedly. This tendency cannot be controlled *except* by miracles.” OE-T2:42 T-2.II.7:3to5

Move mountains.

“It is hard to recognize that thought and belief combine into a power surge that can literally move mountains. It appears at first glance that to believe such power about yourself is merely arrogant, but that is not the real reason why you do not believe it. People *prefer* to believe that their thoughts cannot exert real control because they are literally *afraid* of them.” OE-T2:89 T-2.VI.9

“Why is it strange to you that faith can move mountains? This is indeed a little feat for such a power. For faith can keep the Son of God in chains as long as he believes he *is* in chains. And when he is released from them, it will be simply because he no longer believes in them, withdrawing faith that they can hold him and placing it in his freedom instead.” OE-T21:31 T-21.III.1

“My Kingdom is not of this world because it is in *you*. And you are of your Father.” OE-T15:31 T-15.III.9

“My peace I give unto you.”

“When I said, [quote], I meant it. Peace came from God through me to *you*. It was for you, although you did not ask.” OE-T9:78 T-10.III.6:6,7

“My yoke is easy and my burden light.”

“Remember that “yoke” means “join together,” and “burden” means “message.” Let us reconsider, “Let us join together, for my message is light.”” OE-T5:29 T-5.II.11:3,4

“A new heaven and a new earth.”

“The Bible speaks of a *new* Heaven and a *new* earth yet this cannot be literally true, for the eternal are not *re-created*. To perceive *anew* is merely to perceive *again*, implying that before, or in the interval, you were not perceiving *at all*.” OE-T10:69 T-11.VII.1:4-5

“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 does not really exist at all. Actually, the quotation is more meaningful if it is considered on a vertical rather than a horizontal axis. Regarded along the vertical, man stands 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.” OE-T1:79 T-1.II.4:1-5

“The peace of God which *passeth* (human) understanding.”

“When you are afraid of *anything*, you are acknowledging its power to hurt you. Remember that where your heart is, there is your treasure also. This means that you believe in what you *value*. If you are afraid, you are *valuing wrongly*. Human understanding will inevitably value wrongly and, by endowing all human thoughts with equal power, will inevitably *destroy* peace. That is why the Bible speaks of [quote].” OE-T2:18 T-2.II.1

“Physician, heal thyself.”

“The “one more thing” that Bill must learn is merely that he is not the one more. He is both one and at

one. If he will learn this now, he will be willing in accord with the last judgment, which is really only the Biblical reminder of the inevitability of self inclusion. This is what “Physician, heal thyself” really means.” Urtext 5I:16

“Praise God.”

“The Bible repeatedly states that you should praise God. This hardly means that you should tell Him how wonderful He is. He has no ego with which to accept such thanks, and no perception with which to judge such offerings. But unless you take your part in the creation, His joy is not complete because *yours* is incomplete. And *this* He does know.” OE-T4:100 T-4.VII.6

Prayers.

“The Bible emphasizes that *all* prayers are answered, and this must be true if no effort is wasted. The very fact that one has asked the Holy Spirit for *anything* will ensure a response. Yet it is equally certain that *no* response given by the Holy Spirit will *ever* be one which would increase fear. It is possible that His answer will not be heard at all. It is *impossible*, however, that it will be lost. There are many answers which you have already received but have not yet *heard*. I assure you that they are waiting for you. It is indeed true that no effort is wasted.” OE-T8:109 T-9.II.3

The prodigal son.

“Listen to the story of the prodigal son, and learn what God’s treasure is and *yours*: This son of a loving father left his home and thought he squandered everything for nothing of any value, although he did not know its worthlessness at the time. He was ashamed to return to his father because he thought he had hurt him. Yet when he came home, the father welcomed him with joy because only the son himself *was* his father’s treasure. He *wanted* nothing else. God wants only His Son because His Son is His only treasure. You want *your* creations as He wants *His*. Your creations are your gift to the Holy Trinity, created in gratitude for *your* creation. They do not leave you, any more than you have left *your* Creator, but they *extend* your creation as God extended Himself to *you*. Can the creations of God Himself take joy in what is not real? And what *is* real except the creations of God and those which are created like His? *Your* creations love you as your Soul loves your Father for the gift of creation. There *is* no other gift which is eternal, and therefore there is no other gift which is true.” OE-T8:44,45 T-8.VI.4,5

Profess

“The term “profess” is used quite frequently in the Bible. To profess is to identify with an idea and offer the idea to others to be their own. The idea does not lessen; it becomes *stronger*.” OE-T4:6 -

“Rest in peace ...”

“... is a blessing for the living, not the dead, because rest comes from *waking*, not from sleeping. Sleep is withdrawing; waking is joining.” OE-T8:82 T-8.IX.3:5,6

“The restoration of the temple.”

“Before the separation the mind was invulnerable to fear because fear did not exist. Both the separation *and* the fear are miscreations of the mind, which must be undone. This is what is meant by [quote]. It does not mean the restoration of the building but the opening of the altar to receive the Atonement.”
OE-T2:46 T-2.III.2:2,3

“Rolling the stone away.”

My body disappeared because I had no illusion about it. The last one had gone. It was laid in the tomb, but there was nothing left to bury. It did not disintegrate because the unreal cannot die. It merely became what it always was. And that is what [quote] means. The body disappears, and no longer hides

what lies beyond. It merely ceases to interfere with vision. To roll the stone away is to see beyond the tomb, beyond death, and to understand the body's nothingness. What is understood as nothing must disappear. Urtext S.M.

“The root of all evil.”

“We have spoken of many different human symptoms, and at this level there is almost endless variation. There is, however, only one cause of all of them. The authority problem *is* [quote].” OE-T4:5 T-3.VI.7.1-3

“Conflict is the root of all evil, for being blind it does not see whom it attacks. Yet it *always* attacks the Son of God, and the Son of God is *you*.” OE-T10:23 T-11.III.1.7

Sacrifice.

“Sacrifice is a notion totally unknown to God. It arises solely from fear. This is particularly unfortunate because frightened people are apt to be vicious. Sacrificing another in *any* way is a clear cut violation of God's own injunction that man should be merciful even as his Father in Heaven. It has been hard for many Christians to realize that this commandment (or assignment) also applies to *themselves*.” OE-T3:21 T-3.I.4:1-3

“A sane mind in a sane body.”

The body is not capable of understanding, and only the mind can perceive *anything*. A pure mind knows the truth, and this is its strength. It cannot attack the body because it recognizes exactly what the body *is*. This is what [quote] really means. It does *not* confuse destruction with innocence because it associates innocence with strength, *not* with weakness. OE-T3:23 -

The second coming.

“The first coming of Christ is just another name for the creation, for Christ is the Son of God. The *second* coming of Christ means nothing more than the end of the ego's rule over part of the minds of men and the healing of the mind. I was created like you in the first, and I have called you to join with me in the second.” OE-T4:66 T-4.IV.10

“Do not fear the Last Judgment, but welcome it and do not wait, for the ego's time is borrowed from *your* eternity. This *is* the Second Coming, which was made *for* you as the First was created. The Second Coming is merely the return of *sense*. Can this *possibly* be fearful?” OE-T9:17 T-9.IV.9

“Seek and ye shall find ...”

“When the Bible says [quote], it does not mean that you should seek blindly and desperately for something you would not recognize. Meaningful seeking is consciously undertaken, consciously organized and consciously directed. The goal must be formulated clearly *and kept in mind*.” OE-T4:73 T-4.V.5:2-4

“Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven.”

“Instead of [quote] say, “*Will* ye first the Kingdom of Heaven,” and you have said, “I know what I am and I will to accept my own inheritance.” T-3:71 T-3.VI.11:8

“[Quote] because that is where the laws of God operate truly, and they can operate *only* truly since they are the laws of Truth. But seek this *only*, because you can *find* nothing else. There *is* nothing else.”

OE-T7:38 T-7.IV.7:1-3

“Sell all you have and give to the poor and follow me.”

“This is what I meant: If you had no investment in anything in this world, you could teach the poor where their treasure is. The poor are merely those who have invested wrongly, and they are poor

indeed! Because they are in need, it is given you to help them since you are among them” OE-T11:24 T-12.III.1:1-3

Set.

“The idea of “set” is among the better psychological concepts. Actually, it is used quite frequently in the Bible and also in this course under many different terms. For example, “God will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed (or set) on Him,” a statement which means that God’s peace is set in the Holy Spirit because it is fixed on God. It is also fixed in you. You, then, *are* fixed in the peace of God.” OE-T5:83 -

Shallow roots.

“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* of the Golden Rule rests.” T-1:70 T-1.V.6

“Specialness is the idea of sin made real. Sin is impossible even to imagine without this base. For sin arose from it out of nothingness; an evil flower with no roots at all.” OE-T24:14 T-24.II.3

Sin.

“There *is* no sin.” OE-T25:55 T-26.VII.10:5

“It is essential that error be not confused with “sin,” and it is this distinction that makes salvation possible. For error can be corrected, and the wrong made right. But sin, were it possible, would be irreversible. The belief in sin is necessarily based on the firm conviction that *minds*, not bodies, can attack. And thus the mind *is* guilty, and will forever so remain unless a mind not part of it can give it absolution. Sin calls for punishment as error for correction, and the belief that punishment *is* correction is clearly insane.”

OE-T19:17 T-19.II.1

“Speaking in many tongues” ...

... was originally an injunction to communicate to everyone in his own language, or his own level. It hardly meant to speak in a way that nobody can understand. This strange error occurs when people do understand the need for Universal communication, but have contaminated it with possession fallacies. The fear engendered by this misperception leads to a conflicted state in which communication is attempted, but the fear is allayed by making the communication incomprehensible. Urtext 1C:18

“Take up thy cross and follow me ...”

“... means, “Recognize your errors and choose to abandon them by following my guidance.” OE-T1:50 T-1.III.4

“There is no death.”

“The emptiness engendered by fear should be replaced by love 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 hate, or level confusion. That is why the Bible says [quote] and why I demonstrated that death does not exist.” OE-T1:65 T-1.IV.4:1-5

“Thine is the Kingdom ...”

“... because (the Holy Spirit) was *given* to you to remind you of what you are.” OE-T5:80 T-5.VI.10:8

“Those who represent (or plead for) Me ...

... to men will be represented (or pleaded for) by Me before God.” (Note: This quotation is also not the correct Biblical phrasing, but it is what it means.) Note that one who represents also “witnesses for.” The quotation thus means that you represent or “witness for” the authority in whom you believe. Urtext

“Thou shalt have no other gods before Him ...”

“... because there *are* none.” OE-T4:51 T-4.III.6:6

“To him that hath shall be given”

Only those who have a real and lasting sense of abundance can be truly charitable. This is quite obvious when you consider the concepts involved. To be able to give anything implies that you can do without it. Even if you associate giving with sacrifice, you still give only because you believe you are somehow getting something better so that you can do without the thing you give. Urtext 4C:14

The tree of knowledge.

“The “tree of knowledge” is also an overly literal figure.” OE-T2:4 -

“The fruit of only *one* tree was “forbidden” to man in his symbolic garden. But *God* could not have forbidden it or it could not have *been* eaten. If God knows His Children, and I assure you that He does, would He have put them in a position where their own destruction was possible? The “tree” which was forbidden was named the “tree of knowledge.” Yet God created knowledge and gave it freely to His creations. The symbolism here has been given many interpretations, but you may be sure that *any* interpretation that sees either God *or* His creations as capable of destroying their own purpose is in error. ⁷⁶Eating of the fruit of the tree of knowledge is a symbolic expression for incorporating into the self the ability for self-creating. This is the *only* sense in which God and His Souls are *not* co-creators.” OE-T3:75,76 T-3.VII.3,4 See also “Garden of Eden.”

“The truth shall set you free.”

“When we say [quote], we mean that all this kind of thinking [ingenious inventiveness] is a waste of time, but that you *are* free of the need to engage in it if you are willing to let it go.” OE-T3:55 T-3.V.5

“Atonement is the knowledge that the belief that angels can fall is false. It is true that mind can create projections as well as miracles, but it’s not true that projections are real. Any psychologist should understand this. This is what is meant by [quote].” Urtext 1B.30j

“Thy will be done.”

“Happy dreams come true, not because they are dreams, but only because they are *happy*. And so they must be loving. Their message is [quote], and not, “I want it otherwise.” OE-T18:44 T-18.V.4:1to3

“Turn the other cheek ...”

“... does *not* mean that you should submit to violence without protest. It means that you cannot be hurt, and do not want to show your brother anything *except* your wholeness. Show him that he *cannot* hurt you and hold nothing against him, or you hold it against yourself.” OE-T5:53 T-5.IV.4:4to6

A two-edged sword.

“It became increasingly apparent that all of the defenses which man can choose to use constructively *or* destructively were not enough to save him. It was therefore decided that he needed a defense which was so splendid that he could not misuse it, although he *could* refuse it. His choice could not, however, turn it into a weapon of attack, which is the inherent characteristic of all other defenses. The Atonement thus becomes the *only* defense which is *not* a two-edged sword.” OE-T2:37 T-2.II.4

Understanding the Bible. See “The Bible Is about Love.”

“Underneath are the Everlasting Arms.”

“I am in charge of the process of Atonement, which I undertook to begin. My Atonement was for the canceling out of all sins (i.e., lack of love) which human beings could not otherwise correct. That is what the Biblical statement [quote] means.” OE-T4:89 T.1.III.1

“Vengeance is mine sayeth the Lord, ...”

“... is a strictly karmic viewpoint. It is a real misperception of truth, by which man assigns his own “evil” past to God. The “evil conscience” from the past has nothing to do with God. He did not create it and He does not maintain it. God does not believe in karmic retribution. His Divine Mind does not create that way. He does not hold the evil deeds of a man even against himself. Is it likely, then, that He would hold against anyone the evil that *another* did?” OE-T3:15 T-5.VI.7

“... is easily explained if you remember that ideas increase only by being shared. This quotation therefore emphasizes the fact that vengeance *cannot* be shared. Give it therefore to the Holy Spirit, who will undo it in you because it does not belong in your mind, which is part of God.” OE-T5:76 T-5.VI.7

“The way, the truth and the light.”

“*Because* I am with you always, *you* are the way, the truth and the light.” T-7:25 T-7.III.1:9

“We are still equal as learners, even though we need not have equal experiences. The Holy Spirit is glad when you can learn enough from mine to be re-awakened by them. That was their only purpose, and that is the only way in which I can be perceived as the Way, the Truth, and the Light.” OE-T6:13 T-6.I.10

“What [whom] God has joined ...”

“... cannot be separated, and God has joined all His Sons with Himself.” OE-T8:50 T-8.VI.9

“What is truth?”

“The Majesty of God is there for you to recognize and appreciate and *know*. Perceiving the Majesty of God as your brother is to accept your *own* inheritance. God gives only equally. If you recognize His gift in anyone else, you have acknowledged what He has given *you*. Nothing is so easy to perceive as truth. This is the perception which is immediate, clear, and natural. You have trained yourselves *not* to see it, and this has been very difficult for you. *Out* of your natural environment you may well ask, “What is truth?” since truth *is* the environment by which and for which you were created.” OE-T7:111 T-7.XI.5,6

“What profiteth a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?”

“That means that if he listens to the wrong voice, he has *lost sight* of his Soul. He *cannot* lose it, but he *can* not know it. It is therefore *lost to him* until he chooses right. The Holy Spirit is your Guide in choosing.” OE-T5:25 T-5.II.7:11-14

“When He shall appear (or be perceived) we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He *is*.”

“Because their hearts are pure, the innocent defend true perception instead of defending themselves *against* it. Understanding the lesson of the Atonement, they are without the will to attack, and therefore they see truly. This is what the Bible means when it say [quote].” OE-T3:20 T-3.II.5:8-10

“The wicked shall perish ...”

“... is merely a statement of fact if the word “perish” is properly understood. Every loveless thought *must* be undone. Even the word “undone” is fearful to the ego, which interprets “I am undone” as “I am destroyed.” OE-T5:77 T-5.VI.9

“The word (or thought) was made flesh.”

“Strictly speaking, this is impossible, since it seems to involve the translation of one order of reality into another. Different orders of reality merely *appear* to exist, just as different orders of miracles do. Thought cannot be made into flesh except by belief, since thought is *not* physical. Yet thought *is* communication, for which the body *can* be used. This is the only *natural* use to which it *can* be put. To use the body unnaturally is to lose sight of the Holy Spirit’s purpose and thus to confuse the goal of His curriculum.” OE-T8:59 T-8.VII.7

“The wrath of God.”

“The Apostles often misunderstood [the crucifixion] and always for the same reason that makes anyone misunderstand anything. Their own imperfect love made them vulnerable to projection, and out of their own fear they spoke of the “wrath of God” as His retaliatory weapon. Nor could they speak of the crucifixion entirely without anger because their own sense of guilt had *made* them angry.” OE-T6:19 T-6.I.14:2to4

“You are the light of the world with me.” OE-T5:28 T-5.II.10

“Each of us is the light of the world, and by joining our minds *in* this light, we proclaim the Kingdom of God together and *as one*.” OE-T6:38 T-6.II.13