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of the Advent or First Coming of the Course ★

Fellow student(s) of the Course,

re: the Course – STC3

In the 2013 Simplified Textual Contrasts (STCs 1 & 2), moved passages were returned to their scribal places, and that permitted a very simplified contrast presentation. But some recipients would prefer –

- moved passages not to be returned to their scribal places;
- moved passages to be identified by higher-visibility marking conventions;
- the "moved from" places and the "moved to" places to be identified separately; and
- textual changes to be identified only in the "moved to" places, not in the "moved from" places.

Those four criteria are implemented in STC3, attached. They affect only ACiM2 (i.e., STC3 column 1), as the other contrasted Course publications do not move Text passages from their scribal places.

Some asked for a visualization of the material being contrasted in column 1. In STCs 1, 2 & 3, that is the "minor contrast" shown below. The "major contrast" (STC4?) is not yet legally possible for Task HOPE.

	the Course as received	1965 ...	
	scribal edit(s), typing and retyping(s)	1965 ...	
minor contrast (STCs 1, 2 & 3) →	scribe Helen's 2nd retyping of the Text	1971±	major contrast (STC4?) →
	(mainly) steward Ken's edits and retypings	1973–1975	
	final retyping = "nun's version"	1975	
	Freeperson Press ACiM	1975–1976	
	FIP ACiM (later called "first edition")	1976 ...	
	FIP ACiM Second Edition	1992 ...	
	Penguin ACiM Second Edition	1995 ...	
	FIP ACiM Third Edition	2007 ...	

As before, please try not to form *any* view of your own about this document. Please honor the Author by asking only Him to inform your perception of it.

In oneness and appreciation,

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Simplified Textual Contrast – STC3

Page numbering within STC3 is that of scribe Helen's 1971± second retyping of the Text part of the Course. That is the primary scribal source material for all four contrasted Course publications, and is therefore also the base contrast document for STC3.

The four-column STC3 is presented on wide pages. A PDF viewer (e.g., Adobe® Reader® ¹) works best. Viewing within any web browser (e.g., Mozilla® Firefox® ²) is very limiting and not recommended. As well, a wide computer monitor works best. If one's monitor is not wide, one can zoom STC3 to the desired magnification in a PDF viewer and then scroll the material horizontally.

STC3 is mostly self-explanatory. Its new marking conventions for identifying moved passages are – scribal source in "moved from" place → ACiM2 in "moved to" place [unchanged]{changed} F Other STC3 conventions, etc. are explained in the Notes at the end of each of the four columns.

In pilot review, the new presentation of moved passages was thought to satisfy the four new criteria:

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The new presentation of moved passages proved helpful even before it was complete, as during implementation it led to the discovery of two previously overlooked moved passages in ACiM2. For that reason, STC2 should be considered obsolete (as STC1 was earlier). The earlier STC2 overview and STC2 summary are thus adjusted in their ACiM2 column to include those two moved passages (adjusted items highlighted). For convenient reference, the STC3 overview and the STC3 summary are presented on this page and the next, before the four-column STC3 begins.

STC3 overview

the reviewed "characteristics" for the first 100 pages of scribal Text source material	ACiM2 (FIP) 1992–2003	HLCM2 (MIAP) 2009-08-26	Sparkly4 (ASP) 2011-07-29	OrEd3 (CIMS) 2012-08-29
changes to the Course	19,770	172	210	1051
lack of disclosure of those changes	99.7 % undisclosed	43.3 % undisclosed	100.0 % undisclosed	92.8 % undisclosed
illegality or other legal limitation	fresh copyrighting of ACiM after <u>Penguin v NCCFE</u>	insertions not legally available	insertions not legally available; distribution restriction	insertions not legally available

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four Simplified Textual Contrasts – STC3 – summary

change counts for first 100 pages of scribal Text source material

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scribal chaptering changed (e.g., number, place, title)	11	0	0	1
scribal sectioning changed	49	5	0	5
paragraphing added	79	1	0	24
scribal paragraphing removed	142	1	4	0
line break added	1	4	2	2
scribal line break removed	11	4	3	5
tab added	0	0	0	7
scribal tab removed	0	0	9	5
indent added	0	0	13	6
scribal centering removed	0	3	1	3
quotation mark added	40	1	13	3
scribal quotation mark removed	106	0	0	8
space character added	13	17	11	19
scribal space character removed	2	5	30	16
hyphen added	10	14	0	4
scribal hyphen removed	24	19	2	18
scribal hyphen changed	0	0	1	0
dash added	0	0	0	3
scribal dash removed	4	2	0	5
scribal dash changed	2	1	0	5
punctuation added	154	1	2	95
scribal punctuation removed	375	5	11	490
scribal punctuation changed	81	8	3	15
word added – legally available	720	6	2	9
scribal word added – not legally available	0	31	0	80
scribal word changed or substituted – legally available	3,619	5	8	21
scribal word changed or substituted – not legally available	0	5	0	9
scribal word "Soul" (all word forms) substituted or removed	78	0	0	0
scribal word (other than "Soul") removed	6,843	3	4	13
scribal word spelling changed	15	15	65	12
scribal word moved (= 5839 count for STC2 + 44 + 69)	5,952	0	0	0
scribal plural changed to singular	63	1	1	2
scribal singular changed to plural	16	0	1	2
scribal non-emphatic changed to emphatic	12	0	2	3
scribal emphatic changed to non-emphatic	1,095	12	17	10
scribal initial letter of word changed to upper-case	46	3	1	23
scribal initial letter of word changed to lower-case	207	0	4	128
TOTAL number of changes in first 100 scribal pages	19,770	172	210	1,051
average number of changes per scribal page	196.8	1.7	2.1	10.5
number of changes specifically disclosed	62	48	0	76
number of changes generically disclosed	0	49	0	0
total number of changes disclosed	62	97	0	76
percent of changes disclosed	0.3 %	56.7 %	0.0 %	7.2 %

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3· Miracles occur naturally as expressions of love. The real miracle is the love that inspires them. In this sense,**[i]** 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.

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11· Prayer is the medium of miracles. **[Prayer is the natural]**{**It is a means of**} 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]**{**the lower or bodily level of experience, or the higher or spiritual level of experience**}. **[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.

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19· Miracles make minds one in God. They depend on cooperation[,] because the Sonship is the sum of [all the Souls]{all that} God created. Miracles therefore [rest on]{reflect} the laws of eternity, not of time.

20· Miracles reawaken the awareness that the [Spirit]{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]{signs} of [total] forgiveness. Through miracles[,] [man accepts]{you accept} God's forgiveness by extending it to others.

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19· Miracles make minds one in God. They depend on cooperation[,] because the Sonship is the sum of all the Souls God created. Miracles therefore rest on the laws of eternity, not of time.

20· Miracles reawaken the awareness that the [Spirit]{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 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 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.* The escape from darkness involves two stages:

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~~Man's reality is ONLY his Soul.~~

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{Revelation, Time and Miracles}

~~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}{the} extremely personal sense of {closeness to Creation}{creation}, ~~which man tries to find}{sometimes sought}~~ in physical relationships. Physical closeness **[CANNOT]{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.]**~~

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is welded. However, Christ-control takes no account at all of the **[MAGNITUDE]{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 be useful if it were bound by the laws which govern the **[same]** 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. **[Denial]{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.

53· The miracle compares what man has made with the higher level **[of]** creation, accepting what is IN ACCORD as true and rejecting the **[DISCORDANT]{DISCORD}**^a 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 willing to submit his beliefs to this test, to that extent are **[his]** perceptions corrected.

In sorting out the false from the true, the miracle proceeds **[much]** along the following lines: **[;]{;}**

{#}If perfect love casts out fear,

And if fear exists,

Then there is NOT perfect love.

{←←}But **{no←}**

[Only]{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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to what [he believes]{you believe}. F«from p6•01

{¶} Revelation is intensely personal, and cannot [actually be]{be meaningfully} translated [into conscious content at all]. That is why any attempt to describe it in words is [usually incomprehensible]{impossible}. Revelation induces [ONLY]{only} experience. Miracles, on the other hand, induce [ACTION]{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. F«from p6•02

{no¶} Revelation is literally unspeakable because it is an experience of unspeakable love. F«from p12•02 {¶} Awe should be reserved for revelation, to which it is perfectly and correctly applicable. It is [NOT]{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]{You} are [perfect creations]{a perfect creation}, and {should} experience awe only in the [Presence] ↳ {1993 presence} → {1999 Presence} ↳ of the Creator of perfection.

{no¶} The miracle, [on the other hand], 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]{is} a brother, and [also] to devotion if he is [devoted] ↳ {1993 devote} → {1999 devoted} ↳. It is only my devotion that entitles me to yours. There is nothing about me that [YOU]{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]{nothing else}. This leaves me in a state [of true holiness,] which is only [a POTENTIAL]{potential} in you. F«from p12•03

↳ "No man cometh unto the Father but by me" [is among the most misunderstood statements in the Bible.] [It] does [NOT]{not} mean that I am in any way separate F«from p12•04 ↳ or different from you [EXCEPT IN TIME]{except in time}, [which]{and time} does not really exist [at all]. [Actually, the]{The} [quotation]{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]{am} higher. [This is] because, [without me,] the distance between God and man would be too great for you to encompass.

{no¶} 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]{because} I [can SHARE]{share} it. This may appear to contradict the statement "I and my Father are one," but there are [still separate]{two} parts [in]{to} the statement, [in] recognition that the Father is greater. F«from p13•01 {¶} Revelations are [INDIRECTLY]{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]{bring} down to them more than they can [DRAW]{draw} down to themselves. F«from p13•02 ↳ 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]{proceeds} [always FROM]{from} God [TO]{to} [man]{you}, [but not from you to God]. F«from p13•03

{¶} [The miracle minimizes the need for time.] In the longitudinal or horizontal plane, [the] recognition of the [true] equality of [all] the members of the Sonship appears to involve almost endless time. However, the [sudden shifts]{miracle entails a sudden shift} from horizontal to vertical perception [which the miracle entails]{.} [This] introduces an interval from which the [doer]{giver} and [the] receiver [BOTH]{both} emerge [much] farther along in time than they would otherwise have been.

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{no} The miracle thus has the unique property of abolishing time [by rendering]{to the extent that it renders} the [space]{interval} of time it [occupies]{spans} unnecessary. There is [NO]{no} relationship between the time a miracle [TAKES]{takes} and the time it [COVERS]{covers}. [It]{The miracle} substitutes for [from p13•04] learning that might have taken thousands of years. It does [this]{so} by the underlying recognition of perfect equality [and holiness] [between the doer]{of giver} and [the] receiver on which the miracle rests.

{no} [We said before that the miracle abolishes time. It does this by a process of COLLAPSING it]{The miracle shortens time by collapsing it}. [and] thus [abolishing]{eliminating} certain [INTERVALS]{intervals} within it. It does this, however, [WITHIN]{within} the larger temporal sequence. [from p14•01]

{Atonement and Miracles}

I am in charge of the process of Atonement, which I undertook to begin. When you offer a miracle [unto]{to} any of my brothers, you do it [unto]{to} YOURSELF and me. The reason [YOU]{you} come before [ME]{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]{My} part in the Atonement is the cancelling out of all [lacks of love]{errors} [which]{that} [men]{you} could not otherwise correct. [from p4•01]

{no} When you have been restored to the recognition of your original state, you naturally become part of the Atonement yourself. As you share [MY]{my} [inability]{unwillingness} to [tolerate]{accept} [lack of love]{error} in yourself and others, you [MUST]{must} join the [Great Crusade]{great crusade} to correct it. [The slogan for the Crusade is "Listen, learn, and DO." -] [Listen]{listen} to my voice, learn to undo error, and [DO something]{act} to correct it.

{no} The power to work miracles [BELONGS]{belongs} to you. I will provide the opportunities to do them, but [YOU]{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 [Purpose]{purpose}. [from p5•01]

[is] is the natural profession of the children of God. [from p5•02]

"Heaven and earth shall pass away" [simply] means that they will not continue to exist as separate states. My word, which is the [Resurrection]{resurrection} and the [Light]{life}, shall not pass away because [Light]{life} is eternal. [YOU]{You} are the work of God, and His work is wholly lov[e]able and wholly loving. This is how a man [MUST]{must} think of himself in his heart, because this is what he [IS]{is}. [from p5•03]

The forgiven [ARE]{are} the means of [the] Atonement. [from p7•05] [The forgiven are filled with the Soul]{Being filled with spirit}, they forgive in return. [from p7•04] Those [who are] released [by Christ] must join in releasing their brothers, for this is the [Plan]{plan} of the Atonement. Miracles are the way in which minds [which]{that} serve the {Holy} Spirit unite with [Christ]{me} for the salvation, [or] release, [of] all {of} God's [Creations]{creations}. [from p7•06]

I am the only one who can perform miracles indiscriminately, because I [AM]{am} the Atonement. You have a [ROLE]{role} in the Atonement, [which] I will dictate [TO]{to} you. Ask [ME]{me} which miracles you should perform. This spares you [exhaustion]{needless effort}, because you will [act]{be acting} under direct communication.

{no} [36: Christ-controlled miracles are part of the Atonement, but Christ-guidance is personal.] The impersonal nature of [miracles]{the miracle} is an essential in- [from p7•07] gredient, because [this]{it} enables [ME to control their distribution]{me to direct its application}. [Christ-

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guidance leads{and under my guidance miracles lead} to the highly [PERSONAL]{personal} experience of [Revelation]{revelation}. [This is why it involves PERSONAL choice.] A guide does [NOT]{not} control[,] but he [DOES]{does} direct, leaving [the following]{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]{Recognize} your errors and choose to abandon them by following my guidance."} «from p8•01

= [Remember that error]{Error} cannot really threaten truth, which can [ALWAYS]{always} withstand it. [ONLY]{Only} the error is [really]{actually} vulnerable. You are free to establish your kingdom where you see fit, but the right choice is inevitable if you remember this: [-] «from p8•02

= [The Soul]{Spirit} is in a state of grace forever.

[Man's]{Your} reality is [ONLY]{only} [his Soul]{spirit}.

Therefore [man is]{you are} in a state of grace forever. «from p8•03

= Atonement undoes all errors in this respect, and thus uproots the [REAL] source of fear. Whenever {you experience} God's reassurances [are experienced] as threat, it is [ALWAYS]{always} because you are defending misplaced [and/or] 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]{to which} [he reinforces]{you reinforce} errors they have [ALREADY]{already} made. This makes them vulnerable to the distortions of others, since their [OWN]{own} perception of themselves is distorted. The miracle worker can [ONLY]{only} bless {them}, and this undoes their distortions[,] and frees them from prison. «from p8•04

{no=} {You respond to what you perceive.} «from p10•01

{no=} [and] [As ye]{as you} perceive[,] «from p10•02

{no=} [So]{so} shall [ye]{you} behave. «from p10•03

{no=} 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]{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]{own} holiness[,] [and perceive]{to} the holiness of others. «from p10•04

{no=} [Miracles arise from a mind that is ready for them]. By being [one]{united}[,] this [state of 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 p11•04

{no=} [The mind is then]As an expression of what you truly are, the miracle places the mind in a state of grace[,] [and]{The mind then} naturally [becomes gracious, both to]{welcomes} the Host within and the stranger without. [By bringing]{When you bring} in the stranger, he becomes your brother. «from p11•05

{no=} [That]{That the miracle may have effects on your brothers that you may not recognize} is not

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your concern. The miracle will always bless YOU.

{no1} The miracles {Miracles} you are [NOT]{not} asked to perform have not lost their value. F«from p11•06 ↳ They are still expressions of your own state of grace, but the [ACTION]{action} aspect of the miracle should be [Christ-controlled]{controlled by me} because of [His]{my} complete awareness of the [Whole Plan]{whole plan}. The impersonal nature of miracle-mindedness ensures [YOUR]{your} grace, but only [Christ is]{I am} in a position to know where [grace]{they} can be [BESTOWED]{bestowed}. F«from p12•01

↳ [Christ-controlled miracles]{Miracles} are selective [ONLY]{only} in the sense that they are directed towards those who can use them for [THEMSELVES]{themselves}. Since this makes it inevitable that they will extend them to others, a strong chain of Atonement F«from p16•04 ↳ is welded. However, [Christ-control]{this selectivity} takes no account [at all] of the [MAGNITUDE]{magnitude} of the miracle itself, because the concept of size exists [in]{on} a plane that is itself unreal. Since the miracle aims at [RESTORING]{restoring} the awareness of reality, it would [hardly]{not} be useful if it were bound by [the] laws [which]{that} govern the [same] error it aims to correct. F«from p17•01

{The Escape from Darkness}

{1} The escape from darkness involves two stages:

{no-} [A. The]{First, the} recognition that darkness [CANNOT]{cannot} hide. This step usually entails fear.

{no-} [B. The]{Second, the} recognition that there is nothing you [WANT]{want} to hide, even if you [COULD]{could}. This step brings [ESCAPE]{escape} from fear. F«from p3•01

{no1} 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. F«from p3•02

{1} 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]{you realize} in [his]{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]{dispels} F«from p6•03 ↳ illusions about [himself]{yourself}, and puts [him]{you} in communion with [himself]{yourself} [AND]{and} God. F«from p7•01

{no1} The miracle joins in the Atonement [of Christ] by placing the mind in the service of the [Holy] Spirit. This establishes the proper function of the mind, and corrects its errors. F«from p7•02 {no1} [Man's]{Your} mind [CAN]{can} be possessed by illusions, but [his Spirit]{spirit} is eternally free. If a mind perceives without love, it perceives an empty shell, and is unaware of the [Spirit]{spirit} within it. But the Atonement restores [the Soul]{spirit} to its proper place. The mind that serves [the Spirit]{spirit} [is]{IS} invulnerable. F«from p7•03

↳ 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]{only} error can proceed. Truth is always abundant. Those who perceive and acknowledge that they have everything have [no need for driven behavior]{no needs} of [ANY]{any} kind. F«from p9•01

{no1} The purpose of the Atonement is to restore [EVERYTHING]{everything} to you; or rather, to restore it to your [AWARENESS]{awareness}. You were [GIVEN]{given} everything when you were created, just as everyone was. F«from p4•02

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→ The emptiness engendered by fear [should]{must} 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]{is} no death," and why I [demonstrated]{could demonstrate} that death does not exist. I came to fulfill the law by [REINTERPRETING]{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 "hell(-)fire" concept into it.

{no} I assure you that [I] will witness for anyone who lets me, and to whatever extent he permits it. [YOUR]{Your} witnessing demonstrates [YOUR]{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]{belongs} to them. F«from p10•05

{Wholeness and Spirit}

→ The miracle is much like the body, in that both are learning aids [which aim at]{for} facilitating a state in which they [are]{become} unnecessary. When [the Soul's]{spirit's} original state of direct communication is reached, neither the body nor the miracle serves any purpose. While [he believes he is]{you believe you are} in a body, however, [man]{you} can choose between loveless and miraculous channels of expression. [He]{You} can make an empty shell, but [he]{you} [CANNOT]{cannot} express nothing at all. [He]{You} can wait, delay, paralyze [himself]{yourself}, [or] reduce [his]{your} creativity [to almost]{almost to} nothing, and even introduce a developmental arrest or even a regression. But [he]{you} [CANNOT]{cannot} abolish [his creativity]{it}. [He]{You} can destroy [his]{your} medium of communication, but [NOT]{not} [his]{your} potential. F«from p14•02

{no} [Man was NOT created by his own free will alone. Only what HE creates is his to decide.]{You did not create yourself.} F«from p14•03 {no} 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]{He} recognizes that every collapse of time brings [all men]{everyone} closer to the ultimate [RELEASE]{release} from time, in which the Son and [the] Father [ARE]{are} [one] F«from p14•04

{no} Equality does not imply [homogeneity]{equality} NOW. When everyone recognizes that he has everything, individual contributions to the Sonship will no longer be F«from p14•05 necessary. F«from p15•01 {no} When the Atonement has been completed, [ALL]{all} talents will be shared by [ALL]{all} the Sons of God. God is [NOT]{not} partial. All His children have His total Love, and [ALL]{all} [his]{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. F«from p15•02

{no} The specialness of God's Sons does [NOT]{not} stem from exclusion, but from inclusion. [ALL]{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. F«from p9•02

{no} 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.

{no} "God is not mocked" is not a warning, but a reassurance [on this point]. God WOULD be mocked if any of His [Creations]{creations} lacked holiness. The [Creation]{creation} [IS]{is} whole, and the mark of wholeness is holiness. F«from p9•03

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{no}} = Miracles are affirmations of Sonship, which is a state of completion = «from p10•06 = and abundance. = «from p11•01

{}} = Whatever is true [and real] is eternal, and [CANNOT]{cannot} change or [BE]{be} changed. [The Soul]{Spirit} is therefore unalterable because it is [ALREADY]{already} perfect, but the mind can elect [the level]{what} it chooses to serve. The [ONLY]{only} limit [which is] put on its choice is that it [CANNOT]{cannot} serve two masters.

{no}} = The mind, if [it] elects to do so, [the mind] [becomes]{can become} [a]{the} medium by which [the Soul]{spirit} creates along the line of its own [Creation]{creation}. If it does not freely elect to do so, it retains its creative [POTENTIAL]{potential}, but places itself under tyrannous rather than [genuinely authoritative]{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. = «from p11•02

= The miracle is [thus] a sign that the mind has chosen to be led by [Christ]{me} in [His]{Christ's} service. The abundance of Christ is the natural result of choosing to follow Him. [ALL]{All} shallow roots must be uprooted, because they are not deep enough to sustain you. The illusion that shallow roots can be [DEEPENED]{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]{nothing} is less stable than an {upside-down} orientation [that is upside down]. Nor can anything [which]{that} holds it [that way]{upside down} be [really] conducive to [greater]{increased} stability. = «from p11•03

{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]{needs} it. While [the concept of] lack does not exist in the [Creation]{creation} of God, it is [VERY]{very} apparent in [the creations of man]{what you have made}. It is, in fact, the essential difference [between them]. [A need]{Lack} implies [lack by definition. It involves the recognition] that you would be better off in a state [which is] somehow different from the one you are in. = «from p15•03

{no}} = 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. = «from p15•04 = [If he had not deprived himself, he would never have experienced them.]{Needs arise only when you deprive yourself.} = «from p15•05

{no}} = [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]{you} [IS]{are}. = «from p15•06

{}} = A sense of separation from God is the [ONLY]{only} lack [he]{you} really [needs to]{need} correct. This sense of separation would never have [occurred]{arisen} if [he]{you} had not distorted [his]{your} perception of truth, and {had} thus perceived [HIMSELF]{yourself} as lacking. The [concept]{idea} of [ANY sort of need hierarchy]{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. = «from p15•07 = Unified [need]{needs} [produces]{lead to} unified action{,} because [it]{this} produces a lack of [ambivalence]{conflict}. = «from p16•01

{}} = The [concept]{idea} of [a need hierarchy]{orders of need}, [a corollary to]{which follows from} the original error that [man]{one} can be separated from God, requires correction at its own level. =

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= [The physical world exists only because man can]{The real purpose of this world is to} use it to correct [his]{your} [UNBELIEF]{unbelief}, which placed him in it originally. [He]{You} can never control the effects of fear [himself]{yourself}, because [he]{you} [MADE]{made} fear, and [believes]{you believe} in what [he]{you} made. In attitude, then, though [NOT]{not} in content, [he resembles]{you resemble} [his own]{your} Creator. Who has perfect faith in His creations BECAUSE He created them. Belief [in a creation] produces [its existence]{the 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]{by you}. F«from p16•03

= [ALL]{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 [his]{your} perceptions corrected. F«from p17•02

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[If perfect]{Perfect} love casts out fear. {.}

[And if]{If} fear exists.

Then there is [NOT]{not} perfect love.

[But]{But}:

Only perfect love [REALLY] exists.

If there [IS]{is} fear.

It [creates]{produces} a state [which]{that} does not exist.

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Child of God, you were created to create the good, the beautiful[,] and the holy. Do not [lose sight of]{forget} this. The [love]{Love} of God, for a little while, must still be expressed through one body to another{,} because [the real] vision is

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↓ Fantasies of any kind are distorted forms of thinking because they ALWAYS involve twisting perception into unreality. ↳to p19•02 below ↓ Fantasy is a debased form of vision. ↳to p19•01 below [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 in [ANY]{any} way [.] and you are perceiving destructively. ↓ Reality was lost through usurpation, which in turn produced 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 remains to walk the earth, your release is not complete. COMPLETE restoration of the Sonship is the only true goal of the miracle-minded. ↳to p19•05 below

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↗ [The reason a]{A} solid foundation is necessary [is] because of the confusion between fear and awe to which [we]{I} have already referred, and which [so many people hold]{is often made}. [You will remember that we]{I have} said that awe is inappropriate in connection with the Sons of God [.]

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[no] Some of the later steps in this course, however, [DO] involve a more direct approach to God Himself. It would be [most] unwise to start on these steps without careful preparation, or awe will be confused with fear, and the experience will be more traumatic than beatific. Healing is of God in the end. The means are being carefully explained to you. Revelation may occasionally [REVEAL]{reveal} the end to you, but to reach it the means are needed. «from p46•2

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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.

To "project," as defined above, is a fundamental attribute of God[,] which He gave to His Son. In the **[Creation]{creation}**, God projected His **[Creative Ability]{creative ability}** from Himself to the Souls He created, and He also imbued them with the same loving will to create. The Soul has not only been fully created[,] but has also been created perfect. There is NO emptiness in it. Because of its likeness to its Creator, it is creative. No Child of God can lose this ability because it is inherent in what he IS, but he CAN use it inappropriately. Whenever projection is used inappropriately, it ALWAYS implies that some emptiness or lack exists[,] and that it is in man's ability to put his OWN ideas there INSTEAD of truth.

If you consider carefully what this entails, the following will become quite apparent:

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These related distortions represent a picture of what actually occurred in the separation ↳ [or the "detour into fear." ↳ «from p21•1. None of this existed before {the separation}, nor does it actually exist now. [The world WAS made as "a natural grand division," or a projecting outward of God.] [That is why everything that He]{Everything God} created is like Him. [Projection]{Extension}, as undertaken by God, is [very] similar to the [kind of] inner radiance [which]{that} the [Children]{children} of the Father inherit from Him. [It is important to note that the term "project outward" necessarily implies that the REAL source of projection]{its real source} is internal. This is as true of the Son as of the Father.

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All fear is ultimately reduc**[eable]{ible}** to the basic misperception that **[man has]{you have}** the ability to **[USURP]{usurp}** the power of God. **[It can only be emphasized that he]{Of course, you}** neither **[CAN]{can}** nor **[HAS BEEN]{have been}** able to do this. **[In this fact lies]{Here is}** the real **[justification]{basis}** for **[his]{your}** escape from fear. The escape is brought about by **[his]{your}** acceptance of the Atonement, which **[places him in a position]{enables you}** to realize that **[his own]{your}** errors never really occurred. **[When]{Only after}** the **["deep sleep"]** fell upon Adam[,], **[could]** he **[was in a condition to]** experience nightmares **[BECAUSE he was asleep]**. If a light is suddenly turned on while someone is dreaming a fearful dream, he may initially interpret the light itself as part of his **[own]** dream[,], and be afraid of it. However, when he awakens, the light is correctly perceived as the **[RELEASE]{release}** from the dream, which is **[then]** no longer accorded reality.

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Justice is a temporary expedient, or an attempt to teach man the meaning of mercy. Its judgmental side arises only because man is capable of INjustice, if that is what his mind creates. ↳»to p64•1 ↓ You are afraid of God's Will ↳»to p52•1

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The Atonement is a **[TOTAL]{total}** commitment. You **[may]** still think this is associated with loss**[.]**,**[.]** **[This is the same]{a}** mistake **[ALL]{all}** the separated **[ones]{Sons of God}** make**[.]** in one way or another. **[They cannot believe that]{It is hard to believe}** a defense **[which]{that}** cannot attack **[IS]{is}** the best defense. This is what is meant by "the meek shall inherit the earth." They will literally take it over because of their strength. A two-way defense is inherently weak precisely **[BECAUSE]{because}** it has two edges, and can **[turn]{be turned}** against **[the self]{you}** very unexpectedly. This **[tendency]{possibility}** cannot be controlled **[EXCEPT]{except}** by miracles.

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The Atonement is the device by which he can free himself from the past as he goes ahead. It UNDOES his past errors, thus making it unnecessary for him to keep retracing his steps without advancing to his return. In this sense the Atonement saves time, but, like the miracle which serves it, does NOT abolish it. As long as there is need for Atonement there is need for time. But the Atonement, as a completed plan, does have a unique relationship TO time. Until the Atonement is finished, its various phases will proceed IN time, but the whole Atonement stands at time's end. At this point, the bridge of the return has been built.

The Atonement is a 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 "the meek shall inherit the earth." 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.

The miracle turns the defense of Atonement to the protection of the inner self, which, as it becomes more and more secure, assumes its natural talent of protecting others. The inner self knows itself as both a brother AND a Son. You know that when defenses are disrupted there is a period of

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{The Altar of God}

The Atonement can #only# be accepted [WITHIN you. You have perceived it largely as EXTERNAL thus far, and that is why your experience of it has been minimal. The reinterpretation of defenses is essential in releasing the]{within #you by releasing the}# [INNER]{inner} light. Since the separation, [man's] defenses have been used almost entirely to defend [himself] AGAINST the Atonement, and thus maintain the separation. [They themselves generally see this]{This is generally seen} as a need to protect the [BODY]{body}. The many body fantasies [with which men's minds are engaged]{in which minds engage} arise from the distorted belief that the body can be used as a means for attaining "atonement."

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For perfect effectiveness[,] the Atonement belongs at the center of the inner altar, where it undoes the separation and restores the wholeness of the mind. Before the separation the mind was invulnerable to fear, because fear did not exist. Both the separation [AND]{and} the fear are miscreations [of the]

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The value of the Atonement does not lie in the manner in which it is expressed. In fact, if it is **[truly used]{used truly}**, it will inevitably **[BE]{be}** expressed in whatever way is most helpful to the receiver. This means that a miracle, to attain its full efficacy, **[MUST]{must}** be expressed in a language **[which]{that}** the recipient can understand **[WITHOUT]{without}** fear. **[It does not follow, by any means.]{This does not necessarily mean}** that this is the highest level of communication of which he is capable. It **[DOES]{does}** mean, however, that it is the highest level of communication of which he is capable NOW. The whole aim of the miracle is to **[RAISE]{raise}** the level of communication, not to **[impose regression in the improper sense upon it]{lower it by increasing fear}**.

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{The Function of the Miracle Worker}

Before miracle workers are ready to undertake their function in this world, it is essential that they fully understand the **[FEAR OF RELEASE]{fear of release}**. Otherwise, **[.]** they may unwittingly foster the belief that release is imprisonment, a belief that is **{already}** very prevalent. This misperception **[arose]{arises in turn}** from the **[underlying] [misbelief]{belief}** that harm can be limited to the body. **[This was]{That is}** because of the **[much greater]{underlying}** fear that the mind can hurt itself. **[Neither error]{None of these errors}** is **[really]** meaningful, because the miscreations of the mind do not really exist. **[THIS]{This}** recognition is a far better protective device **[.]** than **[.]** **[ANY]{any}** form of level confusion **[.]** because it introduces correction at the level of the error.

[not] It is essential to remember that **[ONLY]{only}** the mind can create **[.]** **[Implicit in this is the corollary]{and}** that correction belongs at the **[THOUGHT]{thought}** level. To **[repeat]{amplify}** an earlier statement **[and to extend it somewhat]**, **[the Soul]{spirit}** is already perfect **[.]** and therefore does not require correction. The body does not **[really]** exist except as a learning device for the mind. This learning device is **[NOT]{not}** subject to errors of its own **[.]** because it **[was created, but is NOT creating]{cannot create}**. **[It should be]{It is}** obvious, then, that **[correcting the creator, or]** inducing **[it]{the mind}** to give up its miscreations **[.]** is the only application of creative ability **[which]{that}** is truly meaningful.

Magic is **[essentially mindless]{the mindless}** or the miscreative use of **[the]** mind. Physical medications are forms of "spells **[.]** **[Those who]{but if you}** are **[AFRAID]{afraid}** to use the mind to heal **[.]** **[you]** should not attempt to do so. The very fact that **[they]{you}** **[ARE]{are}** afraid **[has made them]{makes your mind}** vulnerable to miscreation. **[They]{You}** are therefore likely to misunderstand any healing **[they]{that}** might **[induce]{occur}**, and **[.]** because egocentricity and fear usually occur together, **[you]** may be unable to accept the real Source of the healing. Under these conditions, it is safer for **[them]{you}** to rely **[TEMPORARILY]{temporarily}** on physical healing devices, because **[they]{you}** cannot misperceive them as **[their]{your}** own creations. As long as **[their]{your}** sense of vulnerability persists, **[they]{you}** should **[be preserved from even attempting]{not attempt to perform}** miracles.

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It is essential to remember that ONLY the mind can create. Implicit in this is the corollary that correction belongs at the THOUGHT level. To repeat an earlier statement and to extend it somewhat, the Soul is already perfect, and therefore does not require correction. The body does not really exist except as a learning device for the mind. This learning device is NOT subject to errors of its own because it was created, but is NOT creating. It should be obvious, then, that correcting the creator, or inducing it to give up its miscreations, is the only application of creative ability which is truly meaningful.

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Corrective learning always begins with the awakening of [the Spiritual eye]{spirit}, and the turning away from the belief in physical sight. [The reason this so often]{This often} entails fear {,} [is] because [man is]{you are} afraid of what [his]{your} [Spiritual eye]{spiritual sight} will [see]{show you}. [We]{I} said before that the [Spiritual eye]{Holy Spirit} cannot see error, and is capable only of looking beyond it to the defense of Atonement. There is no doubt that [the Spiritual eye]{this} [DOES]{may} produce [extreme] discomfort [by what it sees]{,}. [Yet what man forgets is that]{yet} the discomfort is [NOT]{not} the final outcome of [Its]{the} perception. When the [Spiritual eye]{Holy Spirit} is permitted to look upon the defilement of the altar, [it]{He} also looks [IMMEDIATELY]{immediately} toward the Atonement.

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{no¶}) [The way in which both]{Both} of these perceptions [are stated] clearly [implies]{imply} their dependence on time, making it [quite] apparent that charity {still} lies within the [human] limitations [of this world]{, though toward its higher levels}. [We]{I} said before that only revelation transcends time. The miracle, as an expression of [true human] charity, can only shorten [time]{it} [at most]. It must be understood, however, that whenever [a man offers]{you offer} a miracle to another, [he is]{you are} shortening the suffering of [BOTH]{both of you}. This [introduces a correction into the whole record which] corrects retroactively as well as progressively.

↪ Special Principles [for]{of} Miracle Workers

1- The miracle abolishes the need for lower-order concerns. Since it is an out-of-pattern time interval, the ordinary considerations of time and space do not apply. When [YOU]{you} perform a miracle, [I]{I} will arrange both time and space to adjust to it.

2- [Clear]{A clear} distinction between what [HAS BEEN]{is} created and what [IS BEING created]{is made} is essential. [ALL]{All} forms of [correction (or healing)]{healing} rest on this [FUNDAMENTAL]{fundamental} correction in level perception.

3- [Another way of stating the above point is; -] Never confuse right{-} [with]{and} wrong-mindedness. Responding to [ANY]{any} form of [miscreation]{error} with anything [EXCEPT A DESIRE TO HEAL (or a miracle)]{except a desire to heal} is an expression of this confusion.

4- The miracle is always a [DENIAL]{denial} of this error and an affirmation of the truth. Only right-mindedness [CAN]{can} [create]{correct} in a way that has any real effect. Pragmatically, what has no real effect has no [real] existence. Its effect, then, is emptiness. Being without substantial content, it lends itself to projection [in the improper sense].

5- The level-adjustment power of the miracle induces the right perception for healing. Until this has occurred healing cannot be understood. Forgiveness is an empty gesture unless it entails correction. Without this, [I] it is essentially judgmental{,} rather than healing.

6- [Miraculous]{Miracle-minded} forgiveness is ONLY correction. It has [NO]{no} element of judgment at all. {The statement} "Father forgive them for they know not what they do" 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 misthought]{the error}. [THAT]{That} does not matter.

7- The [Biblical] injunction "Be of one mind" is the statement for revelation-readiness. My [OWN injunction]{request} "Do this in remembrance of me" is the [request]{appeal} for cooperation from miracle-[-]{workers}. [It should be noted that the]{The} two statements are not in the same order of reality. [The latter]{Only the latter} involves [a time awareness]{an awareness of time}, since to remember [implies recalling]{is to recall} the past in the present. Time is under [MY]{my} direction, but [Timelessness]{timelessness} belongs to God [alone]. In time we exist for and with each other. In [Timelessness]{timelessness} we coexist with God. ←from p47

¶)(8) ↪ You can do much on behalf of your own [rehabilitation]{healing} [AND]{and} that of others if, in a situation calling for [healing]{help}, you think of it this way:

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The way in which both of these perceptions are stated clearly implies their dependence on time, making it quite apparent that charity lies within the human limitations, though toward its higher levels. We said before that only revelation transcends time. The miracle, as an expression of true human charity, can only shorten time at most. It must be understood, however, that whenever a man offers a miracle to another, he is shortening the suffering of BOTH. This introduces a correction into the whole record which corrects retroactively as well as progressively.

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I am here [ONLY]{only} to be truly helpful.

I am here to represent [Christ]{Him}, I Who sent me.

I do [NOT]{not} have to worry about what to say or what {I} to do{,} because

{no-}He Who sent me will direct me.

I am content to be wherever He wishes, knowing {I} He goes there with me.

I will be healed as I let Him teach me to heal. F«from p99

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[Fear as Lack of Love]{Fear and Conflict}

[You believe that "being afraid"]{Being afraid} [is]{seems to be} involuntary; something beyond your {own} control. Yet I have [told you]{said} [several times]{already} that only [CONSTRUCTIVE]{constructive} acts should be involuntary. [We have said that Christ-control]{My control} can take over everything that does [NOT]{not} matter, while [Christ-guidance]{my guidance} can direct everything that [DOES]{does}, if you so choose. Fear cannot be [Christ-controlled]{controlled by me}, but it [CAN]{can} be self-controlled. [It]{Fear} [PREVENTS]{prevents} me from [controlling it.]{giving you my control.} [The correction is therefore a matter of YOUR will, because its presence]{The presence of fear} shows that you have raised [the UNIMPORTANT]{body thoughts} to [a higher level than it warrants]{the level of the mind}. [You have thus brought it under YOUR will, where it does not belong]{This removes them from my control}[,]{.} [This means that YOU feel]{and makes you feel personally} responsible for [it]{them}. [The level confusion here is obvious.]{This is an obvious confusion of levels.}

[The reason I cannot control fear for you is that you are attempting to raise to the mind level the proper content of lower-order reality.] I do not foster level confusion, but [YOU]{you} [can]{must} choose to correct it. You would not [tolerate]{excuse} insane [BEHAVIOR]{behavior} on your part[,] [and would hardly advance the excuse that]{by saying} you could not help it. Why should you [tolerate]{condone} insane [THINKING]{thinking}? There is a confusion here [which]{that} you would do well to look at clearly. [YOU]{You} {may} believe that you are responsible for what you [DO]{do}, but [NOT]{not} for what you [THINK]{think}. The truth is that you [ARE]{are} responsible for what you think[,]{.} because it is only at this level that you [CAN]{can} exercise choice.

{no} What you do [COMES FROM]{comes from} what you think. You cannot separate yourself from the truth by "giving" autonomy to behavior. This is controlled by me automatically[,]{.} as soon as you place what you think under my guidance. Whenever you are afraid, it is a sure sign that you have allowed your mind to miscreate[,]{.} [or]{and} have [NOT]{not} allowed me to guide it. {no} It is pointless to believe that controlling the [OUTCOME]{outcome} of mis- thought can result in healing. When you are fearful[,]{.} you have [willed]{chosen} wrongly. [This]{That} is why you feel responsible for it. You must change your [MIND]{mind}, not your behavior, and this IS a matter of [will]{willingness}.

{no} You do not need guidance [EXCEPT]{except} at the mind level. Correction belongs [ONLY]{only} at the level where [creation]{change} is possible. [The term]{Change} does not mean anything at the symptom level, where it cannot work. {no} The correction of fear IS your responsibility. When you ask for release from fear, you are implying that it is not. You should ask, instead, for help in the conditions [which]{that} have brought

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Fear is always a sign of strain, **[which arises]**{**arising**} whenever **[the WILL to do]**{**what you want**} conflicts with **[WHAT]**{**what**} you do. This situation arises in two ways**[;]{.}**^a

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{no-}**[2· You]**{**Second, you**} can **[BEHAVE]**{**behave**} as you think you should, but without entirely **[WILLING]**{**wanting**} to do so. This produces consistent behavior, but entails great strain **[WITHIN the self]**.

{no-}In both cases, the **[will]**{**mind**} and the behavior are out of accord, resulting in a situation in which you are doing what you do **[NOT]**{**not**} **[will]**{**wholly want to do**}. This arouses a sense of coercion,**[.]** **[which]**{**that**} usually produces rage,**[;]{.}** **[The rage then invades the mind,]** and projection **[in the wrong sense]** is likely to follow. **[Depression or anxiety is virtually certain.]**

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[The Correction for Lack of Love]

The first corrective step **[in undoing the error]** is **[KNOW FIRST]{to know first}** that **[this]{the conflict}** is an expression of fear. **[Then say]{Say}** to yourself that you must somehow have **[willed]{chosen}** not to love, or the fear **[which arises from behavior-will conflict]** could not have arisen. Then the whole process **[is]{of correction becomes}** nothing more than a series of pragmatic steps in the larger process of accepting the Atonement as **[THE]{the}** remedy. These steps **[can]{may}** be summarized **[as follows]{in this way}**:

[1] Know first that this is fear.

[2] Fear arises from lack of love.

[3] The **[ONLY]{only}** remedy for lack of love is perfect love.

[4] Perfect love is the Atonement.

[We]{I} have emphasized that the miracle, or the **[EXPRESSION]{expression}** of Atonement, is always a sign of **[real]** respect FROM the worthy TO the worthy. **[This]{The recognition of this}** worth **[IS]{is}** re-established by the Atonement. It is obvious, then, that when you are afraid **[,]** you have placed yourself in a position where you **[NEED]{need}** Atonement **[,]{,}** **[because you]{You}** have done something loveless, having **[willed]{chosen}** without love. This is precisely the situation for which the Atonement was offered. The need for the remedy inspired its **[creation]{establishment}**. As long as you recognize only the need for the remedy, you will remain fearful. However, as soon as you **[REMEDY it]{accept the remedy}**, you have **[also]** abolished the fear. This is how true healing occurs.

Everyone experiences fear **[, and no-one enjoys it]**. Yet it would take very little **[right-thinking]¹⁹⁹³ right-thinking → ¹⁹⁹⁹ right thinking]** to realize why fear occurs. **[Very few people]{Few}** appreciate the real power of the mind, and no **[-]{ }**one remains fully aware of it all the time. However, if **[anyone hopes]{you hope}** to spare **[himself]{yourself}** from fear **[,]** there are some things **[he]{you}** must realize, and realize fully. The mind is **[a very powerful creator]{very powerful}**, and **[it]** never loses its creative force. It never sleeps. Every instant it is creating **[, and ALWAYS as you will]**. **[Many of your ordinary expressions reflect this. For example, when you say, "Don't give it a thought," you imply that if you do not think about something, it will have no effect on you. And this is true enough.]**

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The Correction for Lack of Love

The first corrective step is KNOW FIRST that this is an expression of fear. Then say to yourself that you must somehow have willed not to love **[,]** or the fear which arises from behavior-will conflict could not have arisen **[. Then]{, then}** the whole process is nothing more than a series of pragmatic steps in the larger process of accepting the Atonement as THE remedy. These steps can be summarized as follows:

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{Cause and Effect}

You **[who constantly]{may still}** complain about fear~~{,}~~ **[still persist]{but you nevertheless persist}** in **[creating it]{making yourself fearful}**. I **[told you before]{have already indicated}** that you cannot ask **[ME]{me}** to release you from fear~~{,}~~ **[because]** I **[KNOW]{know}** it does not exist, but **[YOU]{you}** do not. If I **[merely]** intervened between your thoughts and their results, I would be tampering with a basic law of cause and effect~~{,}~~~~{,}~~ the most fundamental law there is **[in this world]**. I would hardly help **{you}** if I depreciated the power of your own thinking. This would be in direct opposition to the purpose of this course. It is much more helpful to remind you that you do not guard your thoughts carefully **[except for a small part of the day, and somewhat inconsistently even then]{enough}**. You may feel **{that}** at this point **[that]** it would take a miracle to enable you to do this, which is perfectly true.

{no!}**[Men]{You}** are not used to **[miraculous]{miracle-minded}** thinking, but **[they]{you}** can be **[TRAINED]{trained}** to think that way. All miracle workers need that kind of training. **{!}** cannot let **[them]{you}** leave **[their minds]{your mind}** unguarded~~{,}~~ or **[they]{you}** will not be able to help me. Miracle working entails a full realization of the power of thought **[, and real avoidance of]{in order to avoid}** miscreation. Otherwise a miracle will be necessary to set the mind **[ITSELF]{itself}** straight, a circular process **[which]{that}** would **[hardly]{not}** foster the time collapse for which the miracle was intended. **[Nor would it induce the healthy]{The miracle worker must have genuine}** respect for true cause and effect **[which every miracle worker must have]{as a necessary condition for the miracle to occur}**.

Both miracles **[AND]{and}** fear come from thoughts~~{,}~~~~{,}~~ **[and if]{If}** you **[were]{are}** not free to choose one, you would also not be free to choose the other. By choosing the miracle you HAVE rejected fear~~{,}~~ **[if only temporarily]**. You have been **[afraid of God, of me, of yourselves, and of practically everyone you know at one time or another.]{fearful of everyone and everything. You are afraid of God, of me and of yourself.}** **[This is because you]{You}** have misperceived or miscreated **[us]-{¹⁹⁹³ US -> ¹⁹⁹⁹ Us}-!**, and believe in what you have made. You would **[never]{not}** have done this if you were not afraid of your own thoughts. The **[vulnerable are essentially miscreators]{fearful MUST miscreate}{,}** because they misperceive creation.

[You persist in believing that, when you do not consciously watch your mind, it is unmindful. It is time, however, to consider the whole world of the unconscious or "unwatched" mind. This may well frighten you because it is the SOURCE of fear. The unwatched mind is responsible for the whole content]

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Both miracles AND fear come from thoughts, and if you were not free to choose one, you would also not be free to choose the other. By choosing the miracle you HAVE rejected fear. You have been afraid of God, of me, of yourselves, and of practically everyone you know at one time or another. This is because you have misperceived or miscreated us, and believe in what you have made. You would never have done this if you were not afraid of your own thoughts. The vulnerable are essentially miscreators because they misperceive creation.

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It has already been said that **[man believes]{you believe}** **[he]{you}** **[CANNOT]{cannot}** control fear because **[he himself]{you yourself}** **[created]{made}** it. **[His]{and your}** belief in it seems to render it out of **[his]{your}** control **[by definition]**. Yet any attempt to resolve the **[basic conflict]{error}** through **[attempting]** the **[concept of]** **[MASTERY]{mastery}** of fear is **[meaningless]{useless}**. In fact, it asserts the **[POWER]{power}** of fear by the **[simple]{very}** assumption that it **[NEED]{need}** be mastered. The **[essential]{true}** resolution rests entirely on **[the mastery of LOVE]{mastery through love}**. In the interim, **[however,]** the **[SENSE]{sense}** of conflict is inevitable, since **[man has]{you have}** placed **[himself]{yourself}** in a **[strangely illogical]** position. **[He believes]{where you believe}** in the power of what does not exist.

[Two concepts which CANNOT coexist are "nothing" and "everything."]{Nothing and everything cannot coexist.} **[To whatever extent one is believed in, the other HAS BEEN denied.]{To believe in one is to deny the other.}** **[In the conflict fear]{Fear}** is really nothing, and love is everything. **[This is because whenever]{Whenever}** light enters darkness, the darkness **[IS]{is}** abolished. What **[man believes]{you believe}** **[IS]{is}** true for **[him]{you}**. In this sense the separation HAS occurred, and to deny **[this]{it}** is merely to **[misuse]{use}** denial **[inappropriately]**. However, to concentrate on error is **[merely]{only}** a further **[misuse of defenses]{error}**. The **[true]{initial}** corrective procedure is to **[recognize error temporarily]{recognize temporarily that there is a problem}**, but **[ONLY]{only}** as an

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No[-]{ }one who lives in fear is really alive. His own last judgment cannot be directed toward himself because he is not his own creation. He can, however, apply it meaningfully and at ANY time to everything he has created[,] and retain in his memory ONLY what is good. This is what his right-mindedness cannot BUT dictate. The purpose of time is solely to "give him time" to achieve this judgment. It is his own perfect judgment of his own creations. When everything he retains is loveable, there IS no reason for fear to remain with him. This IS his part in the Atonement.

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2 Clear distinction between what HAS BEEN created and what IS BEING created is essential. ALL forms of correction (or healing) rest on this FUNDAMENTAL correction in level perception.

3 Another way of stating the above point is: - Never confuse right with wrong-mindedness. Responding to ANY form of miscreation with anything EXCEPT A DESIRE TO HEAL (or a miracle) is an expression of this confusion.

4 The miracle is always a DENIAL of this error and an affirmation of the truth. Only right-mindedness CAN create in a way that has any real effect. Pragmatically, what has no real effect has no real existence. Its effect, then, is emptiness. Being without substantial content, it lends itself to projection in the improper sense.

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Atonement without Sacrifice

{Chapter 3}

{THE INNOCENT PERCEPTION}

{Atonement ^J ₁₉₇₉ **Without** [→] _{"1993} **without** ^L **Sacrifice}**

[There is another point which]{A further point} must be perfectly clear before any residual fear **[which may]** still **[be]** associated with miracles **[becomes entirely groundless]{can disappear}**. The crucifixion did **[NOT]{not}** establish the Atonement^{[.]{.}}. The **[Resurrection]{resurrection}** did. **[This is a point which many very sincere]{Many sincere}** Christians have misunderstood **[this]**. No^{[.]{.}}one who is free of the **[scarcity-error]{belief in scarcity}** could **[POSSIBLY]{possibly}** make this mistake. If the crucifixion is seen from an upside-down point of view, it **[DOES]{does}** appear as if God permitted^{[.]{.}} and even encouraged^{[.]{.}} one of **[his]{His}** Sons to suffer **[BECAUSE]{because}** he was good. **[Many ministers preach this every day.]**

{not}This particularly unfortunate interpretation, which arose out of **[the combined misprojections of a large number of my would-be followers]{projection}**, has led many people to be bitterly afraid of God. **[This particularly]{Such}** anti-religious **[concept enters]{concepts enter}** into many religions^{[.]{.}}, and **this is neither by chance nor by coincidence**. Yet the real Christian **[would have to]{should}** pause and ask, "How could this be?" Is it likely that God Himself would be capable of the kind of thinking which His **[own]{Own}** words have clearly stated is unworthy of **[man]{His Son}**?

The best defense, as always, is not to attack another's position, but rather to protect the truth. It is unwise to accept **[ANY]{any}** concept^{[.]{.}} if you have to **[turn]{invert}** a whole frame of reference **[around]** in order to justify it. This procedure is painful in its minor applications^{[.]{.}} and genuinely tragic on a **[mass basis]{wider scale}**. Persecution **[is a frequent result]{frequently results}**^{[.]{.}} **[undertaken to]{in an attempt to}** ^{[.]{.}}justify^{[.]{.}} the terrible misperception that God Himself persecuted His **[own]{Own}** Son on behalf of salvation. The very words are meaningless.

{not}It has been particularly difficult to overcome this because, although the error itself is no harder to **[overcome]{correct}** than any other **[error, [men were]{many have been}]** unwilling to give **[this one]{it}** up **[because]{in view}** of its prominent **["escape"]** value ^{[.]{.}}as a defense^{[.]{.}}. In milder forms^{[.]{.}} a parent says, "This hurts me more than it hurts you," and feels exonerated in beating a child. Can you believe **[that the]{our}** Father **[REALLY]{really}** thinks this way? It is so essential that **[ALL]{all}** such thinking be dispelled that we must be **[very]** sure that **[NOTHING]{nothing}** of this kind remains in your mind. I was **[NOT]{not}** ^{[.]{.}}punished^{[.]{.}} because YOU were bad. The wholly benign lesson the Atonement teaches is lost if it is tainted with this kind of distortion in **[ANY]{any}** form.

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{The statement} "Vengeance is [Mine] ~~["1993 Mine -> "1999 mine]~~ ~~["]~~ [sayeth] ~~["1993 sayeth -> "1999 saith]~~ the Lord" is a [strictly karmic viewpoint][.] [It is a real] misperception [of truth][.] by which [man]{one} assigns his own "evil" past to God. [The "evil conscience" from the past]{The "evil" past} has nothing to do with God. He did not create it and He does not maintain it. God does [NOT]{not} believe in [karmic] retribution. His [Divine] Mind does not create that way. [HE]{He} does not [hold the evil deeds of a man even against himself]{hold your "evil" deeds against you}. Is it likely[, then,] that He would [hold against anyone the evil that ANOTHER did]{hold them against me}?

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[no]{Questioning illusions is the first step in undoing them. The miracle, or the **[right answer]**, **[corrects them]**. Since perceptions **[CHANGE]**{**change**}, their dependence on time is obvious. **[They are subject to transitory states, and this necessarily implies variability]**. How you perceive at any given time determines what you **[DO]**{**do**}, and **[action]**{**actions**} **[MUST]**{**must**} occur in time. Knowledge is timeless{.} because certainty is **[NOT]**{**not**} questionable. You **[KNOW]**{**know**} when you have **[CEASED]**{**ceased**} to ask questions.

The questioning mind perceives itself in time, and therefore looks for **[FUTURE]**{**future**} answers. **[The unquestioning mind is closed because it]**{**The closed mind**} believes the future and **[the present will be the same]**. This establishes **[an unchanged]**{**a seemingly stable**} state{, or stasis}{.} **[It]**{**that**} is usually an attempt to counteract an underlying fear that the future will be **[WORSE]**{**worse**} than the present{.}{.} **[and this]**{**This**} fear inhibits the tendency to question at all.

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True perception is the BASIS for knowledge, but KNOWING is the affirmation of truth. All your difficulties ultimately stem from the fact that you do not recognize or KNOW yourselves, each other, or God. To recognize means to "know again," implying that you knew before. You can see in many ways, because perception involves different interpretations, and this means that it is not whole. The miracle is a way of perceiving, NOT of knowing. It is the right answer to a question, and you do not ask questions at all when you know.

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[Conflict]{Error} and the Ego

The abilities **[man now possesses]{you now possess}** are only shadows of **[his]{your}** real **[strengths]{strength}**. All of **[his]{your}** **[present]** functions are **[equivocal]{divided}** and open to question **[or]{and}** doubt. This is because **[he is]{you are}** not certain how **[he]{you}** will **[USE]{use}** them. **[.]{,}** **[He is]{and are}** therefore incapable of knowledge, **[being uncertain]**. **[He is]{You are}** also incapable of knowledge because **[he can]{you can still}** perceive lovelessly. **[He cannot create surely because his perception deceives.]** Perception did not exist until the separation **[had]** introduced degrees, aspects and intervals. **[The Soul]{Spirit}** has no levels, and **[ALL]{all}** conflict arises from the concept of levels. Only the Levels of the Trinity are capable of **[Unity]** **{¹⁹⁹³ Unity [→] ¹⁹⁹⁹ unity}**. The levels **[which man]** created by the separation cannot **[BUT]{but}** conflict. This is because they are **[essentially]** meaningless to each other.

[Freud realized this perfectly, and that is why he conceived the different levels in his view of the psyche as forever irreconcilable. They were conflict-prone by definition because they wanted different things and obeyed different principles. In OUR picture of the psyche, there is an unconscious level which properly consists ONLY of the miracle ability, and which should be under MY direction. There is also a conscios level, which perceives or is aware of impulses from both the unconscious and the superconscious. Consciousness is thus the level of perception,]{Consciousness, the level of perception, →} [but NOT of knowledge. Again, to perceive is NOT to know.]

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The ego is the questioning **[compartment in]{aspect of}** the post-separation **[psyche]{self}**, **[.]{,}** which **[man created for himself]{was made rather than created}**. It is capable of asking **[valid]** questions but **[NOT]{not}** of perceiving **[valid]{meaningful}** answers, because these **[are cognitive]{would involve knowledge}** and cannot **[BE]{be}** perceived. **[The endless speculation about the meaning of mind has led to considerable confusion because the mind IS confused]{The mind is therefore confused}** **[.]{,}** **[Only]{because only}** One-Mindedness **[is]{can be}** without confusion. A separated or divided mind **MUST** be confused; **[.]{,}** **[it]{It}** is **{necessarily}** uncertain **[by definition]{about what it is}**.

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[The Loss of Certainty]{Beyond Perception}

[We said before]{I have said} that the abilities **[which man possesses]{you possess}** are only shadows of **[his]{your}** real **[strengths]{strength}**, and that **[the intrusion of the ability to perceive]{perception}**, which is inherently judgmental, was introduced only **[AFTER]{after}** the separation. No-**[I]{}**one has been sure of anything since. **[You will also remember, however, that I]{I have also}** made it clear that the **[Resurrection]{resurrection}** was the means for the **[RETURN]{return}** to knowledge, which was accomplished by the union of my will with the Father's. We can now **[make]{establish}** a distinction **[which]{that}** will **[greatly facilitate clarity in]{clarify some of}** our subsequent statements.

Since the separation, the words "create" and "make" have **[been greatly]{become}** confused. When you make something, you **[make it]{do so}** out of a **[specific]** sense of lack or need. Anything **[that is made is]** made for a specific purpose^[, and] has no true generalizability. When you make something to fill a perceived lack, **[which is obviously why you would want to make anything,]** you are tacitly implying that you believe in separation. **[We have already credited the ego with considerable ingenuity]{The ego has invented many ingenious thought systems for this purpose}[, I.]** **[though not with creativeness]{None of them is creative}**. **[It should, however, be remembered that inventiveness]{Inventiveness} is [really] wasted effort[,] even in its most ingenious [forms]{form}**. **[We do not have to explain ANYTHING. This is why we need not trouble ourselves with inventiveness.]** **[The highly specific nature of invention is not worthy of the abstract creativity of God's creations.]** **from p81** **[¶]** Knowing, as we have **[frequently]{already}** observed, does not lead to doing **[at all]**.

[no¶] The confusion between your **[own]{real}** creation and what **[YOU]{you}** **[create]{have made of yourself}** is so profound that it has become literally impossible for you to know anything. Knowledge is always stable, and it is quite evident that **[human beings]{you}** are not. Nevertheless, **[they]{you}** **[ARE]{are}** perfectly stable as God created **[them]{you}**. In this sense, when **[their]{your}** behavior is unstable^[,] **[they]{you}** are **[DISAGREEING]{disagreeing}** with God's **[Idea]**^[, *1993 Idea → *1999 idea] **[of [the Creation]{your creation}]**. **[Man]{You}** can do this if **[he chooses]{you choose}**, but **[he]{you}** would hardly **[WANT]{want}** to do it if **[he]{you}** were in **[his]{your}** right mind. **[The problem that bothers you most is the]{¶}{The}** fundamental question **[which man]{you}** continually **[asks of himself, but which]{ask yourself}** cannot properly be directed to **[himself]{yourself}** at all. **[He keeps]{You keep}** asking **[himself]** what **[he IS]{it is you are}**. This implies that the answer is not only one **[which he knows]{you know}**, but is also one **[which]{that}** is up to **[him]{you}** to supply.

[no¶] **[Man]{Yet you}** **[CANNOT]{cannot}** perceive **[himself]{yourself}** correctly. **[He HAS]{You have}** no image **[to be perceived]**. The word "image" is always perception-related, and **[NOT]{not}** a **[product of learning]{part of knowledge}**. Images are symbolic^[,] and stand for something else. The **[current emphasis on]{idea of}** "changing your image" **[merely]** recognizes the power of perception, but **[it]** also implies that there is nothing **[stable]** to **[KNOW]{know}**. **[¶]** Knowing is **[NOT]{not}** open to interpretation. **[It is possible]{You may try}** to "interpret" meaning,

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Since the separation, the words "create" and "make" have been greatly confused. When you make something, you make it out of a sense of lack or need. Anything that is made is made for a specific purpose, and has no true generalizability. When you make something to fill a perceived lack, which is obviously why you would want to make anything, you are tacitly implying that you believe in separation. Knowing, as we have frequently observed, does not lead to doing at all.

The confusion between your own creation and what YOU create is so profound that it has become literally impossible for you to know anything. Knowledge is always stable, and it is quite evident that human beings are not. Nevertheless, they ARE perfectly stable as God created them. In this sense, when their behavior is unstable they are DISAGREEING with God's Idea of the Creation. Man can do this if he chooses, but he would hardly WANT to do it if he were in his right mind. The problem that bothers you most is the fundamental question which man continually asks of himself, but which cannot properly be directed to himself at all. He keeps asking himself what he IS. This implies that the answer is not only one which he knows, but is also one which is up to him to supply.

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As long as perception lasts prayer has a place. Since perception rests on lack, those who perceive have not totally accepted the Atonement and given themselves over to truth. Perception **[IS]{is}** **{based on}** a separated state, **[and a perceiver DOES need]{so that anyone who perceives at all needs}** healing. Communion, not prayer, is the natural state of those who know. God and His **[Miracles]{miracles}** **[ARE]{are}** inseparable. How beautiful indeed are the Thoughts of God **[Who]{who}** live in His **[Light]** **{-1993 Light → -1999 light}!** Your worth is beyond perception because it is beyond doubt. Do not perceive yourself in different lights. **[KNOW]{Know}** yourself in the One Light where the miracle that is you is perfectly clear.

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{not}Judgment [ALWAYS]{always} involves rejection. It [is NOT an ability which]{never} emphasizes only the positive aspects of what is judged, whether [it be in or out of the self]{in you or in others}. [However, what]{What} has been perceived and rejected, [-]or judged and found wanting, [-]remains in [the unconscious]{your mind} because it [HAS]{has} been perceived. One of the illusions from which [man suffers]{you suffer} is the belief that what [he]{you} judged against has no effect. This cannot be true unless [he also believes]{you also believe} that what [he]{you} judged against does not exist. [He]{You} evidently [does NOT]{do not} believe this, or [he]{you} would not have judged against it. [It]{In the end it} does not matter[, in the end,] whether [you judge]{your judgment is} right or wrong. Either way[,] you are placing your belief in the unreal. This cannot be avoided in any type of judgment, because it implies the belief that reality is yours to [choose]{select} FROM.

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Chapter 4

THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL{THE ILLUSIONS OF THE EGO}

{Introduction}

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You can speak from the **[Soul]**{**spirit**} or from the ego, **[precisely]** as you choose. If you speak from **[the Soul]**{**spirit**}, you have chosen "to be" {to "Be"} still and know that **[I]**{**I**} am God." These words are inspired because they **[come from]**{**reflect**} knowledge. If you speak from the ego, you are disclaiming knowledge instead of affirming it, and are thus **[dispiriting]**{**dis-spiriting**} yourself. Do not embark on **[foolish]**{**useless**} journeys, because they are indeed in vain. The ego may desire them, but **[the Soul]**{**spirit**} cannot embark on them because it is forever unwilling to depart from its Foundation.

The journey to the cross should be the last **[foolish journey for every mind.]**{**"useless journey."**} Do not dwell upon it, but dismiss it as accomplished. If you can accept it as your **[OWN]**{**own**} last **[foolish]**{**useless**} journey, you are also free to join my **[Resurrection]**{**resurrection**}. **[Human living has indeed been needlessly wasted in a repetition compulsion.]**{**Until you do so your life is indeed wasted.**} It **[merely]** re-enacts the separation, the loss of power, the **[foolish journey]**{**futile attempts**} of the ego **[in an attempt]** at reparation, and finally, the **[crucifixion]** of the body, or death.

[no]{**Repetition compulsions**}**[Such repetitions]** **[can be]**{**are**} endless **[unless]**{**until**} they are **[given up by an act of will]**{**voluntarily given up**}. Do not make the pathetic **[human]** error of "clinging to the old rugged cross." The only message of the crucifixion **[was]**{**is**} that **[we]**{**you**} can **[OVERCOME]**{**overcome**} the cross. **[Unless you do so]**{**Until then**}, you are free to crucify yourself as often as you choose. **[But this]**{**This**} is not the **[Gospel]** **[1993 Gospel -> 1999 gospel]**. I intended to offer you. We have another journey to undertake, and if you will read these lessons carefully, they will help **[to]** prepare you to undertake it.

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[not] It is natural **[enough]** for the ego to try to protect itself,**[]** once you have made it, but it is **[NOT]{not}** natural for **[YOU]{you}** to want to obey its laws unless YOU believe **[in]** them. The ego cannot make this choice because of the nature of its origin. **[YOU]{You}** can **[]** because of the nature of **[YOURS]{yours}**. **[]** Egos can clash in any situation, but **[Souls]{spirit}** cannot clash at all. If you perceive a teacher as merely **[]** a **[]** larger ego,**[]** you **[WILL]{will}** be afraid, because to **[ENLARGE]{enlarge}** an ego **[IS]{would be}** to increase **[anxiety about separation]{separation anxiety}**. I will teach with you and live with you if you will think with me, but my goal will always be to absolve you finally from the **[NEED]{need}** for a teacher.

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Release yourselves and release others. Do not present a false and unworthy picture of yourself to others, and do not accept such a picture of them yourselves. The ego has built a shabby and unsheltering home for you because it cannot build otherwise. Do not try to make this impoverished house stand. ITS weakness is YOUR strength. Only God could make a home that is worthy of His creations, who have chosen to leave it empty by their own dispossession. Yet His home will stand forever, and is ready for you when

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The Ego and False Autonomy

[You have asked lately]**[It is reasonable to ask]** how the mind could ever have made the ego. **[This is a perfectly reasonable question; in fact]****[In fact, (it is)]** the best question you could ask. There is, however, no point in giving **[an historical answer]****[an answer in terms of the past]** because the past does not matter **[in human terms]**, and history would not exist if the same errors were not being repeated in the present. Abstract thought applies to knowledge because knowledge is completely impersonal, and examples are irrelevant to its understanding. Perception, however, is always specific, and therefore quite concrete.

[Each man]**[Everyone]** makes **[one ego]****[an ego or a self]** for himself, **[although it]****[which]** is subject to enormous variation because of its instability~~[.]~~~~[.]~~ **[and one]****[He also makes an ego]** for everyone **[else]** he perceives, which is equally variable. Their interaction is a process **[which literally]****[that]** alters both, because they were not made **[either] [BY]****[by]** or **[WITH]****[with]** the **[unalterable]****[Unalterable]**. It is **[particularly]** important to realize that this alteration can and does occur as readily when the interaction takes place **[IN THE MIND]****[in the mind]** as when it involves physical ~~||~~**[presence]****[proximity]**. **[THINKING]****[Thinking]** about another ego is as effective in changing relative perception as is **[their]** physical~~||~~ interaction. There could be no better example **[of the fact]** that the ego is **[only]** an idea~~[, though not a reality-based thought]~~**[and not a fact]**.

Your own **[present]** state **[of mind]** is a good example of how **[the mind made the ego]****[the ego was made]**. **[You DO have knowledge at times, but]** **[when you throw it away]****[When you threw knowledge away]** it is as if you never had it. This **[willfullness]** is so apparent that one need only **[perceive]****[recognize]** it to see that it **[DOES]****[does]** happen. **[If it can occur that way]****[If this occurs]** in the present, why is it surprising that it occurred **[that way]** in the past? **[Psychology rests on the principle of the continuity of behavior.]** Surprise is a reasonable response to the unfamiliar, **[but]****[though]** hardly to something that **[has occurred]****[occurs]** with such persistence. **[I am using your present state of how the mind CAN work,]** **[provided you fully recognize that it NEED not]****[But do not forget that the mind need not]** work that way~~[.]~~~~[.]~~ **[Why are you surprised that something happened in the dim past when it is so clearly happening right now?]****[even though it does work that way now.]**

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Each man makes one ego for himself, although it is subject to enormous variation because of its instability, and one for everyone he perceives, which is equally variable. Their interaction is a process which literally alters both, because they were not made either BY or WITH the unalterable. It is particularly important to realize that this alteration can and does occur as readily when the interaction takes place IN THE MIND as when it involves physical presence. THINKING about another ego is as effective in changing relative perception as is physical interaction. There could be no better example of the fact that the ego is an idea, though not a reality-based thought.

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Only those who have a real and lasting sense of abundance **[CAN](can)** be truly charitable. This is **[quite]** obvious when you consider **[the concepts](what is)** involved. To the ego, to give anything implies that you will **[have to]** do without it. When you associate giving with sacrifice**[, then]**, you give only because you believe that you are somehow getting something better, **[so that you can](and can therefore)** do without the thing you give. "Giving to get" is an inescapable law of the ego,

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Love **[without]**[↓] ¹⁹⁷⁹ **Without** [→] ¹⁹⁹³ **without** [↳] **Conflict**

[You have never understood]{It is hard to understand} what "[**the**]{**The**} Kingdom of Heaven is within you" **[really]** means. **[The reason you have not understood it]{This}** is because it is **[NOT]{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. What else BUT you did the Creator create, and what else BUT you is His Kingdom? This is the whole message **¶** of the Atonement^{[,]{,}} **{,}** a message **¶** which^{[,]{,}} in its totality^{[,]{,}} transcends the sum of its parts. **[Christmas is not a time; it is a state of mind. The Christ Mind wills from the Soul, NOT from the ego, and the Christ Mind IS yours.]**

{no¶} You, too, have a **¶** **[kingdom]{Kingdom}** **¶** **[which]{that}** your **[Soul]{spirit}** created. It has **[NOT]{not}** ceased to create because **[your ego has set you on the road of perception]{of the ego's illusions}**. **[Your Soul's]{Your}** creations are no more fatherless than **[YOU]{you}** are. Your ego and your **[Soul]{spirit}** will never be co-creators, but your **[Soul]{spirit}** and **[YOUR]{your}** Creator will **[ALWAYS]{always}** be. Be confident that your creations are as safe as you are.

The Kingdom is perfectly united and perfectly

{no--}protected, and **{¶}**the ego will **[NOT]{not}** prevail against

{no--}it^{[,]{,}} ⁻^{,} Amen.

[That was] {¶}{This is} written in **[that form]{the form of a prayer}** because it is **[a good thing to use as a kind of a prayer]{useful}** in moments of temptation. It is a **[Declaration of Independence]{declaration of independence}**. You will find it very helpful if you understand it fully.

{no¶}**[In its characteristically upside-down way, the ego has taken the impulses from the superconscious and perceives them as if they arise in the unconscious.] [The ego judges what is to be accepted, and] [↓] the impulses from the superconscious are unacceptable to it because they clearly point to the nonexistence of the ego itself. The ego therefore experiences threat, and not only censors but also reinterprets the data. However, as Freud correctly pointed out, what you have repressed can retain a very active life BEYOND your awareness.**

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You, too, have a kingdom which your Soul created. It has NOT ceased to create because your ego has set you on the road of perception. Your Soul's creations are no more fatherless than YOU are. Your ego and your Soul will never be co-creators, but your Soul and YOUR Creator will ALWAYS be. Be confident that your creations are as safe as you are.

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You who identify **[WITH]{with}** your **[egos]{ego}** cannot believe **[that]** God loves you. **[YOU]{You}** do not love what you **[have]** made, and what you made does not love **[YOU]{you}**. Being made out of the denial of the Father, the ego has no allegiance to its **[own]** maker. You cannot conceive of the real relationship **[which]{that}** exists between God and **[His Souls]{His creations}** because of **[the hatred you have]{your hatred}** for the self **[YOU]{you}** **[have]** made. You project onto **[your OWN idea of yourself]{the ego}** the **[will]{decision}** to separate, **[which]{and this}** conflicts with the love you feel **[for what you made]{for the ego}** **[BECAUSE]{because}** you made it.

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{no} Love will enter immediately into **[ANY]{any}** mind **[which]{that}** truly wants it, but it **[MUST]{must}** want it truly. This means that it wants it **[WITHOUT]{without}** ambivalence, and this kind of wanting is wholly without the ego's "drive to get." **{}** There is a kind of experience **[which is]** so different from anything the ego can offer that you will never **[recover. The word "recover" is used quite literally here, - you will never]** **[be able to]{want to}** **[cover or hide]{cover or hide it}** again. It is necessary to repeat **[here]** that your belief in darkness and **[in]** hiding **[IS]{is}** why the **[Light]{light}** cannot enter. The Bible gives many references to the immeasurable gifts which are **[FOR]{for}** you, but for which **[YOU]{you}** must ask. This is not a condition as the ego sets conditions. It is the glorious condition of what you **[ARE]{are}**.

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The calm being of God's Kingdom, which in your sane mind is perfectly conscious, is ruthlessly banished from the part of the mind which the ego rules. The ego is desperate because it opposes literally invincible odds, whether you are asleep or awake. Consider how much vigilance you have been willing to exert to protect your ego, and how little you have been willing to expend to protect your higher mind. Who but the insane would undertake to believe what is not true, and then protect this belief at the COST of truth?

The Escape from Fear

If you cannot hear the Voice of God, it is because you do not choose to listen. The fact that you DO listen to the voice of your ego is demonstrated by your attitudes, your feelings and your behavior. Your attitudes are obviously conflicted, your feelings have a narrow range on the negative side but are never purely joyous, and your behavior is either strained or unpredictable. Yet this is what you WANT. This is what you are fighting to keep and what you are vigilant to save. Your minds are filled with schemes

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Watch your mind for the temptations of the ego, and do not be deceived by it. **[KNOW it]{it}** offers you nothing. When you have given up this voluntary dis**{-}**spiriting, you will see how your mind can focus and rise above fatigue and heal. Yet you are not sufficiently vigilant **[AGAINST]{against}** the demands of the ego to disengage yourself. THIS NEED NOT BE.

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The **[first coming]{First Coming}** of Christ is **[just]{merely}** another name for the creation, for Christ is the Son of God. The **[SECOND coming]{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]** **{**1993 first > **1999 First}**, and I have called you to join **with** me in the **[second]** **{**1993 second > **1999 Second}**. **[If you will think over your lives you will see how carefully the preparations were made.]** I am in charge of the Second Coming, and my judgment, which is used only for protection, cannot be wrong because it **[NEVER]{never}** attacks. **[YOURS]{Yours}** **[is]{may be}** so distorted that you believe I was mistaken in choosing you. I assure you this is a mistake of your **[egos]{ego}**. Do **[NOT]{not}** mistake it for humility.

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The Ego-Body Illusion

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A major source of the ego's off-balanced state is its lack of discrimination between **[impulses from God and from the body]**{the body and the Thoughts of God}. ^[the impulses from the superconscious are unacceptable to it]{Thoughts of God are unacceptable to the ego}{.} ^{because they clearly point to the nonexistence of the ego itself.} **[The ego therefore experiences threat, and not only censors but also reinterprets the data.]**{The ego therefore either distorts them or refuses to accept them.} ^[However, as Freud correctly pointed out, what you have repressed can retain a very active life BEYOND your awareness.]{It cannot, however, make them cease to be.}

~~{no}~~**[Repression thus operates to conceal not only the baser impulses]**{It therefore tries to conceal not only "unacceptable" body impulses}{.} ^{but also [the most lofty ones]}{the Thoughts of God}{.} ^[from awareness] because **[BOTH]**{both} are threatening to **[the ego]**{it}{.} ^{and, being}{Being} concerned primarily with its own preservation in the face of threat, the ego perceives them **[AS THE SAME]**{as the same}. ^{from p82} ^{By perceiving them} **[AS]**{as} the same, the ego attempts to save itself from being swept away, as it would surely **[BE]**{be} in the presence of knowledge. ^{from p83} ^{}Any thought system **[which]**{that} ^[makes this confusion]{confuses God and the body} **[MUST]**{must} be insane. Yet this **[demented state]**{confusion} is **[ESSENTIAL]**{essential} to the ego, which judges only in terms of threat or non-threat **[TO ITSELF]**{to itself}. In one sense the ego's fear **[of the idea]** of God is at least logical, since **[this idea]**{the idea of Him} **[DOES]**{does} dispel the ego. **[Fear of dissolution from the Higher Source, then, makes SOME sense in ego-terms.]** But fear of the body, with which the ego identifies so closely, **[is more blatantly senseless]**{makes no sense at all}.

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A major source of the ego's off-balanced state is its lack of discrimination between impulses from God and from the body. Any thought system which makes this confusion MUST be insane. Yet this demented state is ESSENTIAL to the ego, which judges only in terms of threat or non-threat TO ITSELF. In one sense the ego's fear of the idea of God is at least logical, since this idea DOES dispel the ego. Fear of dissolution from the Higher Source, then, makes SOME sense in ego-terms. But fear of the body, with which the ego identifies so closely, is more blatantly senseless.

The body is the ego's home by its own election. It is the only identification with which the ego feels safe, ^{.} because the body's vulnerability is its own best argument that you CANNOT be of God. This is the belief that the ego sponsors eagerly. Yet the ego hates the body because it does not accept the idea that the body is GOOD enough to be its home. Here is where the mind becomes actually dazed. Being told by the ego that it is really part of the body and that the body is its protector, the mind is also constantly informed that the body can NOT protect it. This, of course, is not only accurate but perfectly obvious.

Therefore the mind asks, "Where can I go for protection?" to which the ego replies, "Turn to me." The mind, and not without cause, reminds the ego that it has itself insisted that it IS identified with the body, so there

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The ego is nothing more than a PART of your belief about yourselves. Your other life has continued without interruption, and has been and always will be totally unaffected by your attempts to dissociate. The ratio of repression and dissociation varies with the individual ego-illusion, but dissociation is always involved, or you would not believe that you ARE here. In learning to escape from the illusions you have made, your great debt to each other is something you must never forget. It is exactly the same debt that you owe to me. Whenever you react egotistically toward**[s]**^a each other, you are throwing away the graciousness of your indebtedness, and the holy perception it would produce.

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You CANNOT escape from the ego by humbling it or controlling it or punishing it. Remember that the ego and the Soul DO NOT KNOW each other. The separated mind cannot maintain the separation EXCEPT by dissociating. Having done this, it utilizes repression against all truly natural impulses, not because the EGO is a separate thing, but because you want to believe that YOU are. The ego is a device for maintaining this belief, but it is still only YOUR willingness to use the device that enables it to endure.

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Everything the ego perceives is a separate whole, without the relationships that imply **[BEING]{being}**. The ego is thus **[AGAINST]{against}** communication, except **[in so far]{insofar}** as it is utilized to **[ESTABLISH]{establish}** separateness rather than to abolish it. The communication system of the ego is based on its own thought system, as is everything else it dictates. Its communication is controlled by its need to protect itself, and it will disrupt communication when it experiences threat. **[While this is always so, individual egos perceive different kinds of threat, which are quite specific in their own judgment. For example, although all forms of perceived demands may be classified, or judged, by the ego as coercive communication which must be disrupted, the response of breaking communication will nevertheless be]{This disruption is a reaction}** to a **[SPECIFIC]{specific}** person or persons.

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{no¶} **[THIS]{This}** communication **[IS]{is}** the Will of God. Creation and communication are synonymous. God created every mind by communicating His Mind to it, thus establishing it forever as a channel for the reception of His Mind and Will. Since only beings of a like order can truly communicate, His creations

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[The ego is likely to fear broken bodies because it cannot tolerate them. The ego cannot tolerate ego weakness either without ambivalence because it is afraid of its own weakness as well as the weakness of its chosen home. When it is threatened, the ego blocks your natural impulse to help, placing you under the strain of divided will. You may then be tempted to withdraw to allow your ego to recover and to gain enough strength to be helpful again on a basis limited enough NOT to threaten your ego, but too limited to give YOU joy. Those with broken bodies are often looked down on by the ego because of its belief that nothing but a perfect body is worthy as its OWN temple.]

[A mind that recoils from a hurt body is in great need of rehabilitation itself. ALL symptoms of hurt need true helpfulness, and whenever they are met with this, the mind that so meets them heals ITSELF. Rehabilitation is an attitude of praising God as He Himself knows praise. He offers praise to you, and you must offer it to others. The chief handicaps of the clinicians lie in their attitudes to those whom their egos perceive as weakened and damaged. BY these evaluations, they have weakened and damaged their own helpfulness, and have thus set their own rehabilitation back. Rehabilitation is NOT concerned either with the ego's fight for control, or its need to avoid and withdraw.] ~~¶ You can do much on behalf of your own rehabilitation AND that of others if, in a situation calling for healing, you think of it this way:~~

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HEALING AND WHOLENESS

{Introduction}

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[YOU]{You} are being blessed by every beneficent thought of any of your brothers anywhere. You should want to bless them in return, out of gratitude. You **[do not have to]{need not}** know them individually, or they you. The light is so strong that it radiates throughout the Sonship, **!** and returns thanks to the Father for radiating His joy upon it. Only God's holy children are worthy **[to be]** channels of His beautiful joy, because only they are beautiful enough to hold it by sharing it. It is impossible for a **[Child]{child}** of God to love his neighbor **[EXCEPT]{except}** as himself. That is why the healer's prayer is:

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Those who attempt to heal without being wholly joyous themselves call forth different kinds of responses at the same time, and thus deprive others of the joy of responding wholeheartedly. To be whole**ly**hearted,^b you MUST be happy. If fear and love cannot coexist, and if it is impossible to be wholly fearful and remain alive, then the only possible whole state IS that of love. There is no difference between love and joy. Therefore, the only possible whole state is the wholly joyous. To heal or to make joyous is therefore the same as to integrate and to MAKE ONE. That is why it makes no difference to what part or by what part of the Sonship the healing is done. EVERY part benefits, and benefits equally.

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Notes re this STC3 ACiM2 column

IDENTIFICATION OF THE DERIVATIVE PUBLICATION OF THE COURSE REVIEWED IN THIS COLUMN

- A Course in Miracles, Second Edition (Text part only), Foundation for Inner Peace, 1992–2003
- abbreviations ACiM (any edition, any printing) and ACiM2 (Second Edition, any printing) – but not the fully capitalized abbreviation, which has been the subject of litigation

- web site <http://acim.org/>

- Subsequent editions of A Course in Miracles have been published by the Foundation for Inner Peace, such as the Mass Market Edition [ACiM2, 2004] and The Combined Volume (Third Edition) [ACiM3, 2007]. However, those editions of ACiM were freshly copyrighted after 2003-10-24, notwithstanding the decision on that date in [Penguin Books U.S.A., Inc., Foundation for "A Course in Miracles, Inc.", and Foundation for Inner Peace, Inc., Plaintiffs, - against - New Christian Church of Full Endeavor, Ltd., and Endeavor Academy, Defendants](#), United States District Court, Southern District of New York, 96 Civ. 4126. Editions of ACiM copyrighted on or after 2003-10-24 are disregarded for this review.

APPLICABLE SCRIBAL SOURCE MATERIAL

- almost entirely the 1971± scribal compendium of the Text part of the Course, as edited and typewritten by the collaborating scribe (a.k.a. scribe Helen's second retyping of the Text)
- as insertions, the 1965-78 scribal handscript of the Course and the 1965-78 scribal typescript of the Course (partly disclosed by the Errata for ACiM2 1992±)

SCOPE OF REVIEW

- text corresponding to the first 100 pages of the 1971± scribal compendium of the Text part of the Course

PRESENTATION STYLE

- Textual style is conformed mostly to the scribal style in the 1971± scribal compendium of the Text part of the Course (e.g., emphasis via full capitalization).
- To simplify textual contrasting, differences in form but not in content are discarded (e.g., headings that differ in style but not in wording, numbers that differ in style but not in number, emphasis that differs in style but not in emphasis, additional textual formatting).

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[scribal source] {Miracles in Action Press | Hugh Lynn Cayce Manuscript, Second Edition 2009-08-26}

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Notes re this STC3 HLCM2 column

IDENTIFICATION OF THE DERIVATIVE PUBLICATION OF THE COURSE REVIEWED IN THIS COLUMN

- The Hugh Lynn Cayce Manuscript, Second Edition, Miracles in Action Press, 2009-08-26
- abbreviations HLCM (any edition) and HLCM2 (Second Edition)
- web site <http://www.miraclesinactionpress.org/#cayce>

APPLICABLE SCRIBAL SOURCE MATERIAL

- almost entirely the 1971± scribal compendium of the Text part of the Course, as edited and typewritten by the collaborating scribe (a.k.a. scribe Helen's second retyping of the Text)
- as insertions, the 1965-78 scribal handscript of the Course and the 1965-78 scribal typescript of the Course (partly disclosed in HLCM2)

SCOPE OF REVIEW

- text corresponding to the first 100 pages of the 1971± scribal compendium of the Text part of the Course

PRESENTATION STYLE

- Textual style is conformed mostly to the scribal style in the 1971± scribal compendium of the Text part of the Course (e.g., spelling out of Chapter, emphasis via full capitalization).
- To simplify textual contrasting, differences in form but not in content are discarded (e.g., headings that differ in style but not in wording, numbers that differ in style but not in number, emphasis that differs in style but not in emphasis, additional textual formatting).

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Notes re this STC3 Sparkly4 column

IDENTIFICATION OF THE DERIVATIVE PUBLICATION OF THE COURSE REVIEWED IN THIS COLUMN

- A Course in Miracles, Sparkly Edition, fourth printing (Text part only), ACIM Sparkle Publishing, 2011-07-29
- abbreviations Sparkly (any printing) and Sparkly4 (fourth printing)
- web site <http://acimsearch.org/>

APPLICABLE SCRIBAL SOURCE MATERIAL

- the 1971± scribal compendium of the Text part of the Course, as edited and typewritten by the collaborating scribe (a.k.a. scribe Helen's second retyping of the Text)

SCOPE OF REVIEW

- text corresponding to the first 100 pages of the 1971± scribal compendium of the Text part of the Course

PRESENTATION STYLE

- Textual style is conformed mostly to the scribal style in the 1971± scribal compendium of the Text part of the Course (e.g., spelling out of Chapter, emphasis via full capitalization).
- To simplify textual contrasting, differences in form but not in content are discarded (e.g., headings that differ in style but not in wording, numbers that differ in style but not in number, emphasis that differs in style but not in emphasis, additional textual formatting).

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[scribal source] {Course in Miracles Society | A Course in Miracles, Original Edition 2012-08-29}

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Notes re this STC3 OrEd3 column

IDENTIFICATION OF THE DERIVATIVE PUBLICATION OF THE COURSE REVIEWED IN THIS COLUMN

- A Course in Miracles, Original Edition, third printing (Text part only), Course in Miracles Society, 2012-08-29
- abbreviations OrEd (any printing) and OrEd3 (third printing) and OrEd4 (upcoming printing)
- web site <http://www.jcim.net/>

APPLICABLE SCRIBAL SOURCE MATERIAL

- almost entirely the 1971± scribal compendium of the Text part of the Course, as edited and typewritten by the collaborating scribe (a.k.a. scribe Helen's second retyping of the Text)
- as insertions, the 1965-78 scribal handscript of the Course and the 1965-78 scribal typescript of the Course (partly disclosed in OrEd3)

SCOPE OF REVIEW

- text corresponding to the first 100 pages of the 1971± scribal compendium of the Text part of the Course

PRESENTATION STYLE

- Textual style is conformed mostly to the scribal style in the 1971± scribal compendium of the Text part of the Course (e.g., spelling out of Chapter, emphasis via full capitalization).
- To simplify textual contrasting, differences in form but not in content are discarded (e.g., headings that differ in style but not in wording, numbers that differ in style but not in number, emphasis that differs in style but not in emphasis, additional textual formatting).

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ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATIONS

- abbreviation ACiM1 (for the so-called 'first edition' of "A Course in Miracles," Foundation for Inner Peace, first published 1976)
- abbreviations in the general form of ACiM1(#)-19## (for a particular printing of ACiM1, showing the printing sequence number and year of printing)
- ACiM2 moves some Text passages to non-scribal places, none of which moves is disclosed in ACiM2. General marking conventions for moved passages are these:

↳ scribal source in "moved from" place **↳** **ACiM2 in "moved to" place** **[unchanged]{changed}** **↳**

Markers in the general form of **»p#•#** indicate the places where such passages are "moved to" in ACiM2, and markers in the general form of **«p#•#** indicate the places where such passages are "moved from" in ACiM2. The **p#•** is the scribal page number, and the **•#** is the passage sequence number or letter.

- Undisclosed changes between ACiM printings or versions are bracketed by **↳** **↳** markers.
- Changes disclosed in the Errata for ACiM1(1)-1976 are bracketed by **↳** **↳** markers.
- Changes disclosed in the Errata for ACiM2 1992± are bracketed by **↳** **↳** markers.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION

- The contrast shown in STC3 is minor versus what it would be if ACiM2 were contrasted instead with the 1965-78 scribal handscript of the Course and the 1965-78 scribal typescript of the Course. This is relevant to the "substantially unchanged" representation in the Preface to ACiM2.

DISCLOSURE

- Unless shown in this column as being disclosed, the changes identified in this column are not disclosed in ACiM2 or its Errata.

LEGAL

- See the note above regarding fresh copyrighting.

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LEGAL

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ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION

- **{x}** = omitted space

DISCLOSURE

- The changes identified in this column are not disclosed in Sparkly4.

LEGAL

- Unlike ACiM2, HLCM2 and OrEd3, the Text part of Sparkly4 does not include material inserted from the 1965-78 scribal handscript of the Course and the 1965-78 scribal typescript of the Course. However, it is believed that such insertions are made in other parts of Sparkly4 (for instance, in the Workbook part). Such material is subject to the terms of the Litigation Statement by which it was obtained from the United States Copyright Office and is not legally available for inclusion in Sparkly4.
- Sparkly is believed to be subject to terms of settlement in Foundation for Inner Peace Inc and Another and New Christian Church of Full Endeavour ACN 067 570 870 and Others, Federal Court of Australia, Victoria District Registry, No V 83 of 2003. It is believed that those terms of settlement restrict distribution of Sparkly to Australia and New Zealand.

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LEGAL

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