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INTRODUCTION A COURSE IN MIRACLES

1. *This is a course in miracles. It is a required course. Only the time you take it is voluntary. Free will does not mean that you can establish the curriculum. It means only that you can elect what you want to take at a given time. The course does not aim at teaching the meaning of love, for that is beyond what can be taught. It does aim, however, at removing the blocks to the awareness of love's presence, which is your natural inheritance. The opposite of love is fear, but what is all-encompassing can have no opposite.*
2. *This course can therefore be summed up very simply in this way:*

*Nothing real can be threatened
Nothing unreal exists.*

Herein lies the peace of God.

FOUNDATION FOR INNER PEACE

STUDY GROUP LECTURE FOR ACIM - HIDDEN TRUTHS



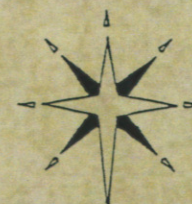
Study group **lecture** for A Course In Miracles



A brief introduction and instruction in some of the **HIDDEN TRUTHS** found between its printed lines, as we study ACIM.



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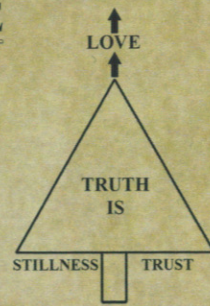


SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

- GOD IS THE IDEA of Perfect Oneness
- YOU are God's ONE SON; Created in His Likeness as His Extension, the CHRIST, Being PERFECT, COMPLETE, JOYOUS and ETERNAL Spirit. Since God is The IDEA, then so are YOU: What has been created by God can never die and must have ETERNAL LIFE. Anything else, which you think you are, is NOT TRUE and is what we call EGO.
- SPIRIT is the short form of What we Are.
- HOLY SPIRIT is the part of God given to us for our "journey into specialness" to be our Comforter, Guide and Memory of God's Love.



THE TREE OF LIFE (LIGNUM VITAE)



THE TREE OF LIFE

The TREE is TRUTH itself. And TRUTH does not move; IT simply IS. We call TRUTH GOD because IT IS THE IDEA of Perfect Oneness. If we were to put TRUTH into motion, IT would be LOVE. LOVE is the E-Motion of TRUTH: The Messenger.

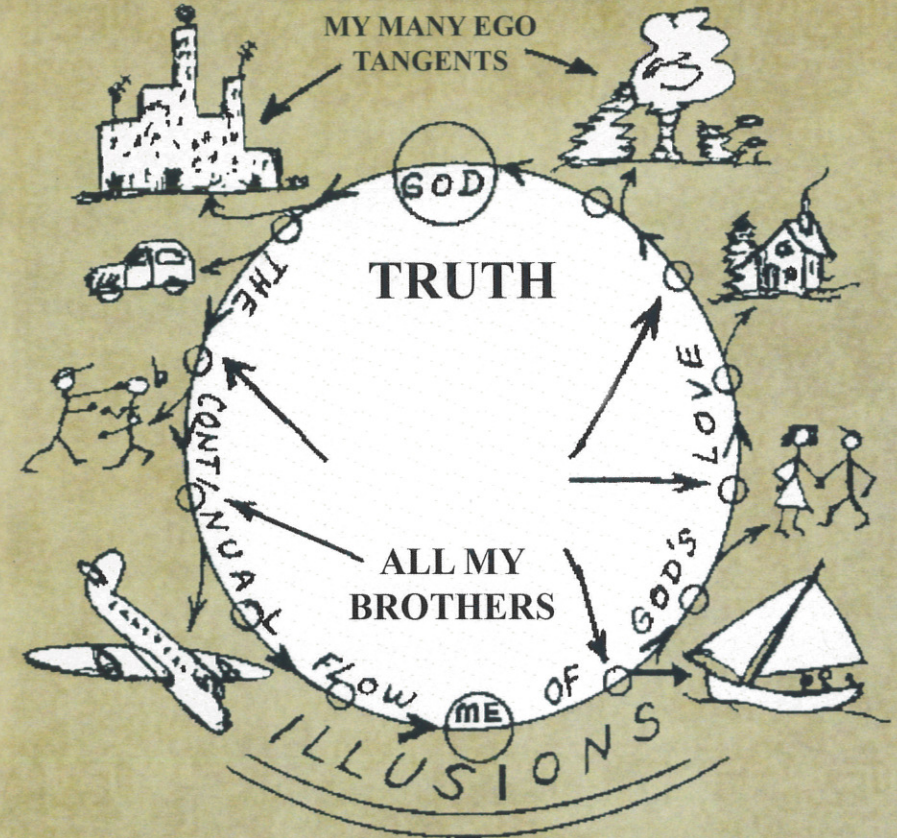
STILLNESS is not simply silence, although silence can be part of It. We start by finding silence in meditation but then we must go beyond meditation to find the STILLNESS. MEDITATION is of us; STILLNESS is of GOD. There comes a point in which meditation ceases and the PEACE OF GOD descends on us; and THAT IS STILLNESS.

Simply do this: Be still, and lay aside all thoughts of what you are and what God is; all concepts you have learned about the world; all images you hold about yourself. Empty your mind of everything it thinks is either true or false, or good or bad, of every thought it judges worthy, and all the ideas of which it is ashamed. Hold onto nothing. Do not bring with you one thought the past has taught, nor one belief you ever learned before from anything. Forget this world, forget this course, and come with wholly empty hands unto your God.

We have to TRUST that there is a God, a Heaven, a Christ, and a Holy Spirit and that they are all ONE in reality! That is God's Promise and His Word. But in order to experience God's ONENESS, we have to first let go of everything we taught ourselves since our journey (self-perceived separation) began and come "**WITH WHOLLY EMPTY HANDS UNTO OUR GOD.**"

AND GOD'S NAME IS TRUTH.
AND THE MESSENGER OF TRUTH IS LOVE.
AND IN LOVE IS THE FORGIVENESS OF THE ILLUSION.

THE CIRCLE



The circle is the symbol of creation and eternity. It represents continual, uninterrupted, and total flow of God's Love. It passes through all my brothers and me and then back to God. As long as I stay in the "flow", I am one with God and all my brothers. Creation continues as God intends, as the flow of His Love is returned to Him.

DRIVING GOD HOME



As I drive the vehicle of my mind Home, I realize that my brother is seated beside me. He carries the road map for our journey. With and through him I find my way. I am also conscious of two other presences in the back seat of my mind. One is my ego, who always speaks first and loudest. He always has great ideas of where to drive next and what wonderful things we will see and do there. There are many side-roads and circle roads. Ego wants to take them all and keep very busy and noisy through all their experiences.

The other presence in the back of my mind is God In Me. He is very quiet, calm and serene, but He will always answer when I ASK Him. He does not fight with ego or criticize where we go. He does not have to. He knows we are driving home to Him. Sometimes I listen to ego and take the wrong turn, in spite of our road map my brother holds. I realize it is my CHOICE which presence I listen to, and which road I decide to take. Throughout it all, God in my mind is very patient and allowing in His unconditional and non-judgemental Love. He merely smiles and says, "Perhaps you would prefer to try them all." I feel safe in His loving guidance.

When we have finished all our detours into specialness, I look over my shoulder and am reassured that God is still there waiting, as we get back on the straight road again to the Home we never left. I feel the miracle of peace and absolute joy as I realize our Goal is not far ahead now. I forgive myself for all my mistaken thoughts, embrace all of life, and get on with BEING GOD IN ME.

A COURSE IN MIRACLES
BY
JESUS OF GOD,
WHO REMEMBERED FIRST

In the above cover page for ACIM we note that the author is "JESUS OF GOD", not Jesus of Nazareth, which belongs to time and to the churches and religions that grew out of it. "JESUS OF GOD" is timeless and belongs to eternity.

Confuse NOT the two. Jesus is the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, here in bodily form; come to TAKE US HOME.

He has left us with specific steps in the journey:

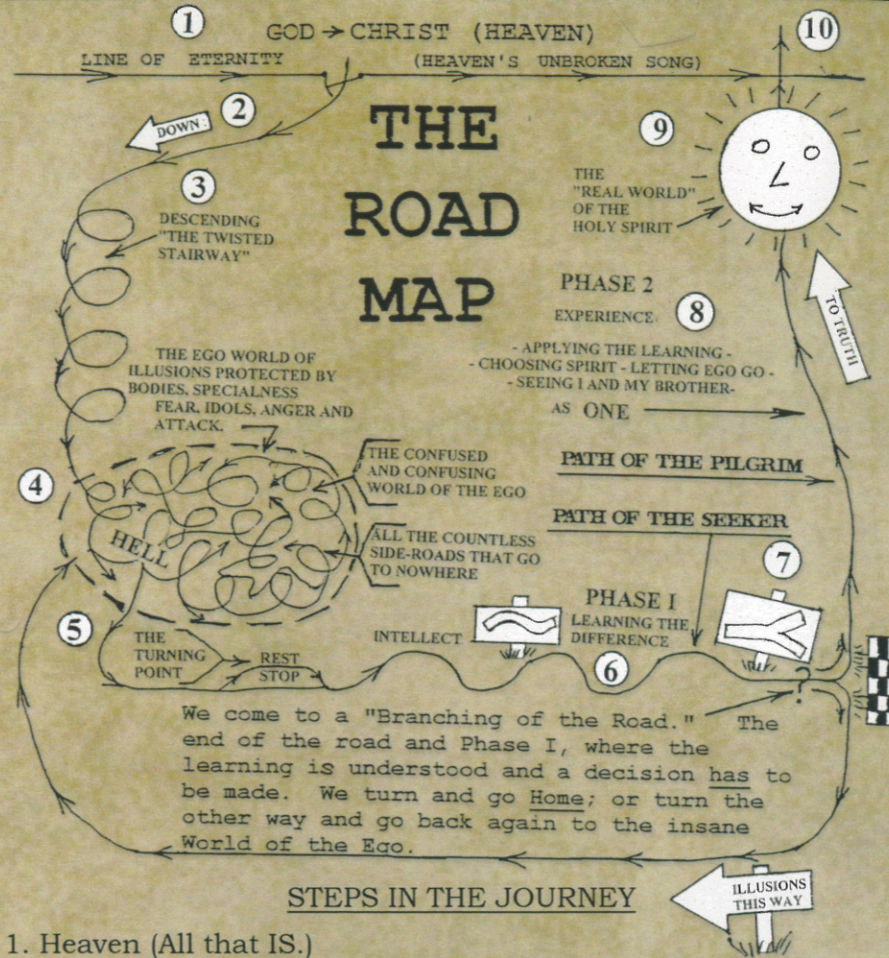
1. Give up your "stuff".
2. Give up your body/world.
3. Think only love.
4. Feel only joy.
5. Smile always.
6. Recognize the dream.
7. Understand that to "correct" the dream is to simply AWAKEN from it.
8. Welcome home!



HIDDEN TRUTHS - which will appear between the lines of the Course; always with the help and guidance of Holy Spirit, Who stands at my elbow as I study. They are -



1. GOD IS.
2. THERE IS NO WORLD.
3. THE TREE OF LIFE.
4. THE DREAMER AND THE DREAM.
5. JESUS OF GOD.
6. A TIME OF NO TIME.
7. THE SHIFT.
8. THE WORLD OF ILLUSIONS.
9. CHOICES
10. THE REAL WORLD

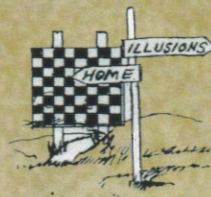


- STEPS IN THE JOURNEY**
1. Heaven (All that IS.)
 2. The Tiny-Mad Idea (an idea of specialness)
 3. The "Descent of Man" (The Journey begins - the Dream)
 4. World of Ego (The search of specialness)
 5. The Turning Point (Willingness - to seek "A Better Way")
 6. The Path of Learning (Intellect - The Text) (Path of the seeker)
 7. The Branching of the Road. (Decision for Truth)
 8. The Path Home (Experience - The Workbook) (Path of the pilgrim)
 9. The Real World (Realizing ALL That IS) (The Happy Dream - before dreams end)
 10. The Final Step (God lifts us Home)

(We left as one thought - so we return as one. To ONE)

The Branching Road

By Doug Rosborough



When all the words are spoken,
And all the songs are sung,
When every dream is over
And the ladder has no rung.

When all the hopes have lost their charm
And life is at an ebb,
Idols all gone - one by one,
And plans are lying dead.

It seems as 'though in nothingness
There's no point in going on
And nowhere else to go at all,
No purpose in a dawn.

Lethargy has gripped the soul,
Friends have all gone by
Winter's wind is coming down
And shine has left the eye.

There is no place within this world
for Peace and Love to be.
No hearty laugh nor purposed work,
No place at all for me.

The slough of despond mires me,
Numbness grips my very soul.
No past, no dream means anything;
No point in worldly goal.

I feel as 'though the Road Has Branched,
There is no road ahead.
I know not which way I can turn;
The future's dumb, the past is dead.

So I shall turn inside again,
There's nowhere else to go.
It worked before, a *Turning Point*,
And ask just, "Help!", to know.

I know that there are lessons here,
And that I chose them too;
But this one seems the big one
And so very hard to do.

Commitment to the One Desire,
A pledge to find the Self.
The goal of Heaven wanted,
Above, beyond all else.

They say the first step's hardest,
Once taken - no retreat.
The seeker has learned all the words,
Now the Pilgrim drags his feet.

Learning now must die to learn,
The heart must conquer mind.
Unseen Hand and single Call,
Companions for mankind.

"Above all else," the words are heard
Commitment ringing clear,
I want that Place of purest Love
Not another form of fear.

And so I take that fateful step
To Home and Light, today.
'Though however long the Pilgrimage
To Now, I cannot truly say.

With faith there is that Peaceful Place
As shown by those who "see",
And trust in Him Who showed the Way
"Sell all, and follow Me."



*Do not walk before me,
I might not follow.
Do not walk behind me,
I might not lead.
Walk beside me and be my friend,
As we both walk Home to God, together.*