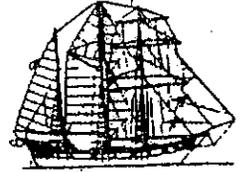


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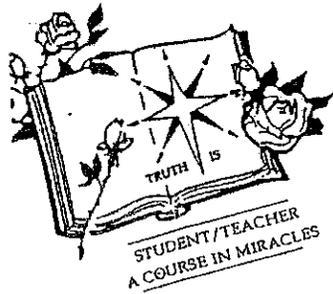
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"I AM ABOUT MY FATHER'S BUSINESS"

HOLY STEPS ON THE JOURNEY

As we study our way through ACIM, we are presented with an astronomical amount of new and different ideas, thoughts and concepts. In the beginning it seems very confusing and difficult to understand. The Course says "Your understanding is NOT NECESSARY, just your willingness to be told."

Then the Course says of itself: -

"We are therefore embarking on an organized, well-structured and carefully planned program aimed at learning how to offer to the Holy Spirit everything you do not want.

He knows what to do with it. You do not understand how to use what He knows. Whatever is given to Him that is not of God is gone. Yet you must look at it yourself in perfect willingness, for otherwise His knowledge remains useless to you. Surely He will not fail to help you since help is His only purpose. Do you not have greater reason for fearing the world as you perceive it, than for looking at the cause for fear and letting it go forever?"
(T-12.II-10)

As we continue our study, it begins to dawn on us that -

- This is the truth at first to be said
- and then to be repeated many times
- and next to be accepted as partly true, with many reservations
- then to be considered seriously more and more
- and finally accepted as the truth."

(W-284.I: 6)

It is a process of changing our mind about what we thought was True and replacing it with the Truth Of Reality through carefully studying the structured Program of ACIM.

Its three main books are: -

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1/ The TEXT where the principles and ideas are STUDIED,

2/ The WORKBOOK which is PRACTICED as instructed (365 Lessons) and

3/ The MANUAL whereby we EXTEND to others what we have learned from the Text and Workbook in light of the changes that have taken place for us in our own personal lives.

It all comes to us as an experience we have had where we: -

1/ Don't feel good; something is not quite right. There is something missing that we need to regain. It is very vague but feels very real. It manifests as that God-shaped hole in the middle of us that only Love can fill.

2/ So we decide to consult a doctor. He examines us, does the tests and then gives us his diagnosis. In ACIM the doctor is Holy Spirit. He tells us what is wrong, why we have it and what we can do about it. This is the TEXT.

3/ Then the doctor says, "I will write you a prescription for 365 pills, which you should take one a day for one year. At the end of this period, you should be feeling better." This is the WORKBOOK.

4/ So we get the pills, and put them up on our dresser saying, "I really will have to start taking these pills (Lessons) one of these days!" But the Lessons won't do us a bit of good until we take them according to their instructions. Some students of ACIM will go over and over the Text for years and never look at the Workbook!!! Lots of luck!!!

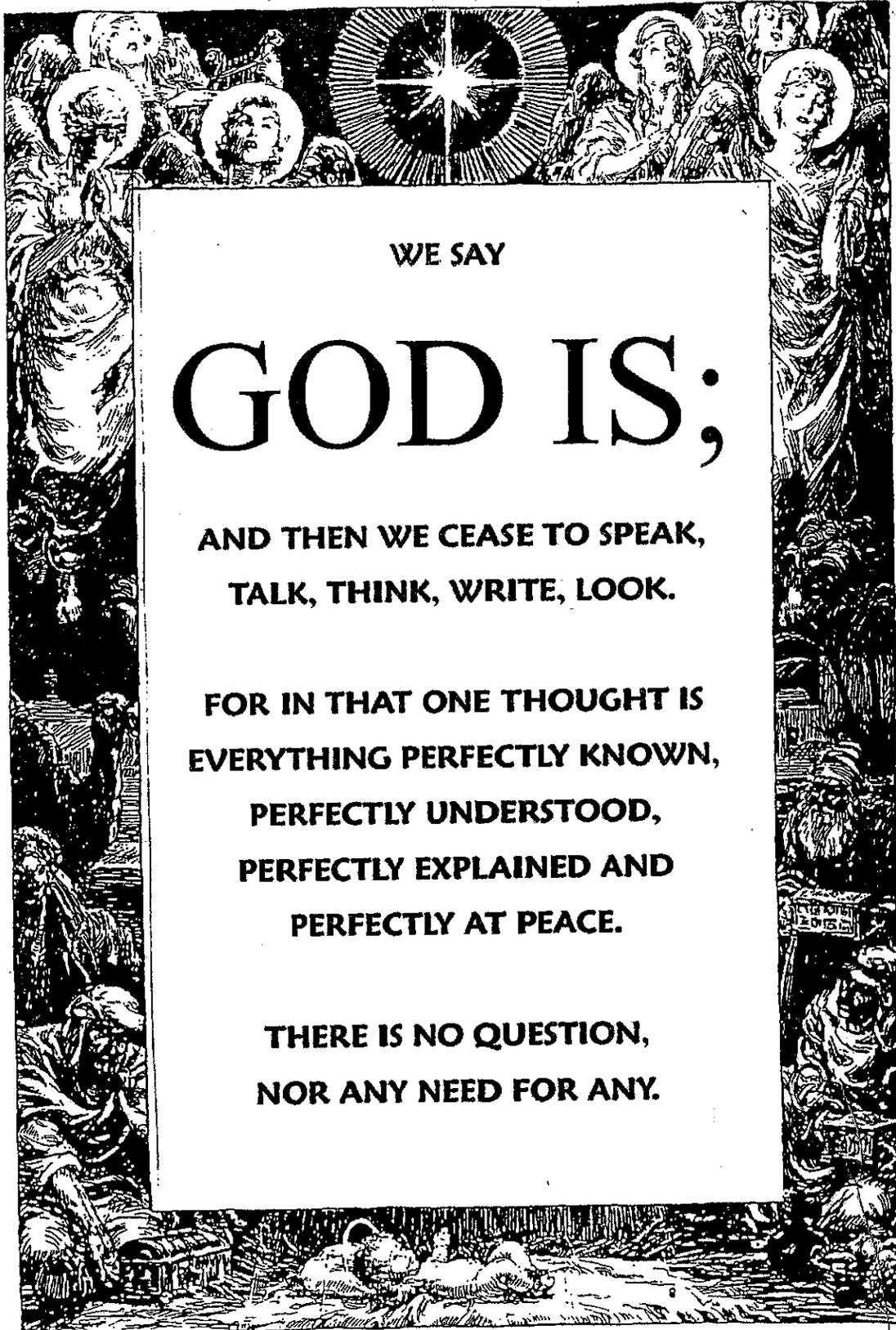
Sometimes it seems that we are being bombarded by countless thoughts, ideas and lessons but we never seem to get to the major concepts of TRUTH that the Course tells us about.

It may be that it is God's Design that we may have to dig deeper, read between the lines and discover them for ourselves! In this way God would know that it was BY OUR OWN CHOICE that we decided to give up our notion of separation and return to Him!

Herewith I will discuss some of those MAJOR CONCEPTS 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



WE SAY

GOD IS;

**AND THEN WE CEASE TO SPEAK,
TALK, THINK, WRITE, LOOK.**

**FOR IN THAT ONE THOUGHT IS
EVERYTHING PERFECTLY KNOWN,
PERFECTLY UNDERSTOOD,
PERFECTLY EXPLAINED AND
PERFECTLY AT PEACE.**

**THERE IS NO QUESTION,
NOR ANY NEED FOR ANY.**

AWAKEN FROM THE DREAM

A Presentation of *A Course in Miracles*

Gloria Wapnick

Kenneth Wapnick, Ph.D.

Do not oppose... Love, our true state, can never oppose. Love simply is, and there can be no opposite. What appears as opposite is unreal, and therefore insane. Do not believe in what does not exist.

Not seeing attack but only the call for love that is born of fear, Jesus could only love and call us to remember who we were, as in these words from *A Course in Miracles*:

Child of God, you were created to create the good, the beautiful and the holy. Do not forget this. The Love of God, for a little while, must still be expressed through one body to another, because vision is still so dim (text, p. 12; T-1.VII.

Jesus' body was such a vehicle for us all. In a passage written at Christmas he said:

The Prince of Peace was born to re-establish the condition of love by teaching that communication remains unbroken even if the body is destroyed.... The lesson I was born to teach, and still would teach to all my brothers, is that sacrifice is nowhere and love is everywhere (text, pp. 305-306; T-15.XI.7:2,5).

Jesus has brought to our weary eyes a "vision of a different world, so new and clean and fresh" (text, p. 621; T-31.VIII.8:4) that to look at the dream-world we have made through this vision cannot but bring tears of joy that we were wrong and God was right. How gladly now we pay the "price" of sacrificing our world for His; a world of murder, terror, and hatred exchanged for the real world of joy, love, and peace! How grateful we have become that the nightmare was a dream, and that we were never left alone but have been gently awakened by the Voice for Love! And how our hearts soar in joyful thanksgiving that we can return at last with all of Christ as one! Together now as one Son our voices unite in one Voice, joined in a grateful chorus of love, from love to Love:

Let us go out and meet the newborn world, knowing that Christ has been reborn in it, and that the holiness of this rebirth will last forever. We had lost our way but He has found it for us. Let us go and bid Him welcome Who returns to us to celebrate salvation and the end of all we thought we made. The morning star of this new day looks on a different world where God is welcomed and His Son with Him. We who complete Him offer thanks to Him, as He gives thanks to us. The Son is still, and in the quiet God has given him enters his home and is at peace at last (manual, pp. 87-88; C-ep.5).



The road to
a friend's house
is never long.

In our attempt to understand God, Christ, Holy Spirit and Heaven, we come back to WORDS to help us. Words are but "symbols of symbols twice removed from the truth" but they are all we have in our separated world of FORM. So we must try to use their imperfect description of Love to learn about Love.

We look for a description of God and hear "God is THE IDEA of Perfect Oneness."

His Form is Divine Abstraction. In order to Be the Love that He Is, He has to extend HIMSELF in order to fulfil the description of that Love. So He extends Himself and creates THE CHRIST, HIS ONE SON. There is no place or thought where GOD ends and CHRIST begins as Christ is simply the Extension of God Himself. Christ has all the Properties of God, except one. That is that God can create Christ but Christ cannot create God! And so to us, God becomes the Creator; the Beginning and the End; Alpha and Omega, the All-In-All.

Christ is further described as a Being of Perfect Innocence. When God thinks a Thought it becomes a part of the Christ as a Living Thing. God thinks and so We Are. If God does not think It, it is not and doesn't exist at all. All this may seem a bit abstract, but becomes VERY IMPORTANT later on in our thinking when we try to define ourself, our world and our mind. If anything is outside the Mind of God, it does not exist and must be a DREAM or an ILLUSION.

The natural condition of the Christ Mind is then, PERFECT INNOCENCE but a side effect of INNOCENCE is CURIOSITY! And thereby "hangs the whole tale!"

When we say our first word "wassat?" and stick our finger in that curious hole in the wall, it "bites us". We have left original, perfect innocence and are off on our "journey of discovery". It may be a long time until we say with the prodigal son, "I have had enough of all this dreaming and illusion and I am determined to return to my Father's Home where I had EVERYTHING".

When God created us we were 100% PERFECT, 100% COMPLETE, 100% JOYOUS and 100% ETERNAL. His Instruction to Us is to be CO-CREATORS with Him. Over a time of no time, 1% of each of Us became tired and decided to lie down and have a little rest. In our rest, we fell asleep, while the other 99% of Us went right on co-creating with God. In our sleep we began to dream a dream. We are still asleep and still dreaming. The dream can take any form we decide as it now seems to be outside of God's Mind and therefore outside REALITY.

God

realized this might happen, so He took Another Part of Himself, called It Holy Spirit and placed it within our sleeping mind to be our memory of God, Christ and Heaven, and also our Guide and Comforter always and when we are ready to go BACK HOME TO HEAVEN.

Holy Spirit is simply waiting with infinite patience for us to ask. He can't do anything for us until we ASK! Holy Spirit is our last remaining link with Heaven! We have forgotten all the rest in our choice for separation on the journey we have chosen.

ACIM comes to us as a ROADMAP that we follow as we pursue our journey into specialness and our return to Heaven. Consult your ROADMAP. You are on it somewhere. It will help you recognise the journey you have chosen as you head Home to Heaven.

As we will see in the following "HIDDEN TRUTHS", there really is NO WORLD - NO PLANET EARTH - NO GALAXIES - NO UNIVERSES AT ALL Outside the "MIND" of God. That is All of Reality; that is where we live and have our BEING. Great minds through time have all come to this STARTLING REALITY. At first it seems to be a great shock to our thoughts and what the world has taught us as true and real. But as we think about it more and more, it becomes an accepted fact and REALITY for us!!

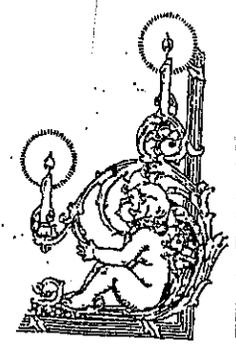
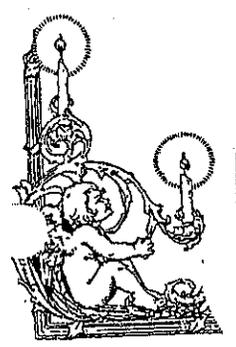
There is a time coming soon when many minds will accept this concept and go on to this "New World" of peace, love and harmony. In this way, they are the ones who will "save the world" by changing their minds ABOUT the world. Those who decide not to change will have to wait until a later time because God has already decreed that ALL will eventually return to Heaven. No one will be LOST, it will just take them longer to change and go Home.

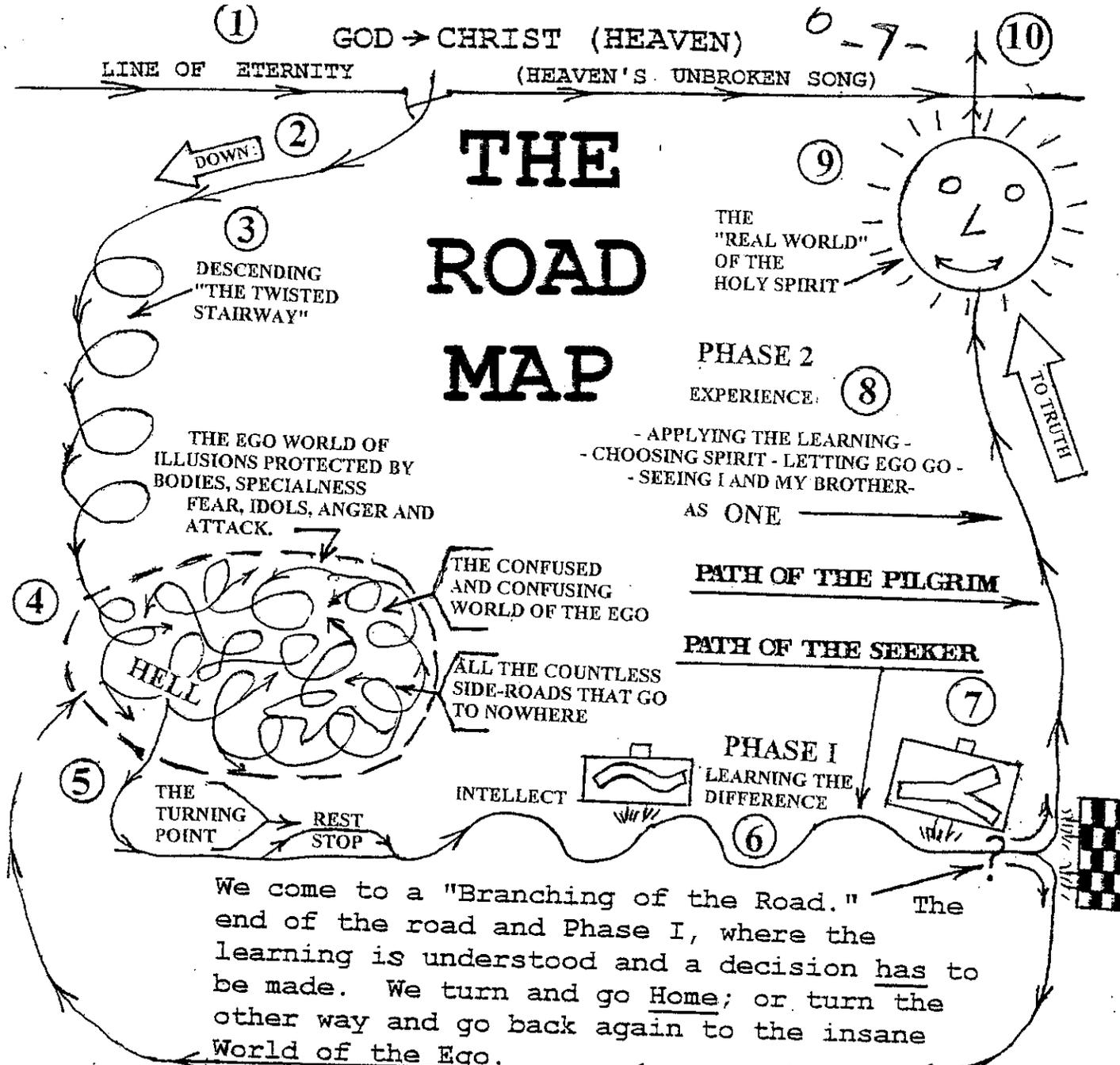
REMEMBERING

**AS STARLIGHT DIMS AND ETERNITY WHISPERS,
I FEEL HISTORY HEAVY WITH THE
BITTERSWEET MEMORY OF NOBLE FUTILITY.**

**MY HEART WEEPS FOR YOUR PAIN AND THWARTED
DREAMS.**

**AND THROUGH IT ALL
I SEE THE LESSON AND THE MESSAGE
THAT I NEED DO NOTHING
BECAUSE...
I AM.**





We come to a "Branching of the Road." The end of the road and Phase I, where the learning is understood and a decision has to be made. We turn and go Home; or turn the other way and go back again to the insane World of the Ego.

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 for specialness)
 5. The Turning Point (Willingness - to seek "A Better Way")
 6. The Path of Learning (Intellect - The Text) (**PATH OF THE SEEKER**)
 - 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

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.

- by Doug Rosborough

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 must now 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."

*If you seek to be one of the Chosen,
simply choose yourself!*

THE VEIL OF FORGETFULNESS

When that small band of the Sons of God decided they would go on a journey of discovery into a world of form, they approached God and told Him of their plan. He knew it would be an adventure into insanity but He did not prevent the journey as He also knew the Son would have to find this out for Himself. So He replied, "Certainly My Child, go on your journey but when you have finally had enough of the insanity and suffering, come back to Me." God knew He could have ordered the Son not to go, but this would have defeated His Purpose in having the Son choose to be with God and be co-Creator with Him, BY HIS OWN CHOICE.

So the Son began his preparations for the dream journey into specialness while God held a small conference with Holy Spirit. God said, "Go with My Son on his journey because surely he will forget What he is and Where he came from. It will be your job to help him over the rough spots and guide him truly. But, Holy Spirit, you are not to interfere in My son's dream until he ASKS You to. To ensure that this be My Will, I am sending along a VEIL OF FORGETFULNESS which will descend after each of my son's adventures or misadventures. This will ensure that my son will return to Me BY HIS OWN CHOICE and be co-Creator with Me for Eternity.

And so, the sons descended the "twisted stairway" into the world of his dreams. The rest, as they say, "is history".

Every time another experience or lifetime was over the son could not remember himself as the Christ, God or Heaven. Try as hard as he might, he could not remember or understand the "language of Heaven" from his conscious mind. They were mutually exclusive worlds and foreign to each other. He read in ACIM, "You ARE a stranger here. You travel but in DREAMS while safe at HOME". (*Caps mine*) It all became very confusing and got worse as time went by.

Then a dim memory in his mind said, "Ask your Holy Spirit for guidance and the way HOME." He thought that things couldn't get much worse, so he said to himself, "What have I got to lose, I might as well ASK." From this small beginning a whole new pathway began to open up as he saw his journey as a road map HOME. He stopped being a wandering and wondering SEEKER, and became a dedicated PILGRIM. The Branching Road was left behind as he began his first few tenuous steps on the Road Home to Heaven, God, and himself as the Christ.

So, we begin to realize that **WE ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO REMEMBER!** We cannot! It is impossible to speak the language of Heaven from the understanding of our conscious mind! It has all been designed by God so that we will want to return to Him BY OUR OWN CHOICE! Only then will we be ready to be co-Creator with Him.

Herewith are some excerpts from Robert Perry's "PATH OF LIGHT".



STOPPING BY WOODS ON A SNOWY EVENING

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

ROBERT FROST



This inner journey is in essence a process of letting go of our ego, and we will find this anything but easy. Just as we may uncover a part of us that is genuinely holy, we will also discover, to our shock, a part of us that is insanely resistant to all that is loving and happy, a part of our mind that is actually waging war on God. We will find ourselves in the uncomfortable position of being split down the middle, with our minds a battleground between sanity and insanity.

We may find, for instance, that our ego jumps in to claim our newfound powers as its own—as tools to elevate itself rather than as instruments for God to use to help others. We may observe that we are deeply ambivalent about our newfound function, perhaps fearing that it threatens the worldly identity we spent so long constructing. And we may find that joining with another person is not as easy as it sounds, for it ultimately requires saying goodbye to our precious ego.

Because we are so divided inside, we need a Guide along this journey. Without this One, we might easily wander off and spend all of our time hanging out in a roadside bar. Our Guide's single-minded intent makes up for our profound ambivalence. He is in charge of the delicate process of leading us through the maelstrom of our ego's storms. He, in fact, is in charge of the entire journey, on the inside and on the outside. We can travel downstream swiftly or lazily, we can even try for a time to paddle against the current, but as long as we stay on the river, it will have its way with us and carry us where it wants us to go.

In the end, our Guide has bigger plans than just our own awakening. We may follow Him in obscurity for years, but all the while, He is secretly readying the fruit of our efforts to leave the manger and go out into the world. We may want to keep our child at home, but the child is not ours to keep. It came here to accomplish something. It came here to fulfill a ministry. And in the end its ministry may touch countless lives and continue to do so long after we are gone, for it was not given only to us. Being from God, from the very beginning it was a gift to the world.

Regardless of how massive the effects of the separation appeared to be, the truth is contained in this one momentous statement: "*The separation never occurred.*"⁴⁰ Nothing really happened. The separation was not a real event in which we literally left Heaven and actually made a physical world. Rather, it was merely a *psychological* event, in which minds that remained *within* Heaven merely fell asleep and had a dream. Meanwhile, in the daylight of reality, nothing at all changed. Everything continued as it always had. And as it still does. Even now, at this moment, only Heaven is real. Only Heaven has ever been real. In the Course's teaching, Heaven *is* reality; they are one and the same thing. Everything else is pure illusion.

Yet how can this be? How can everything we experience as real *not* be real? The Course presents plausible and thought-provoking answers to this question, which we'll explore in the following four sections.



1. There is no world.

The world appears to be our home. In the midst of all of life's uncertainty, it's good to know we can count on the fact that we're standing on solid ground. Yet according to the Course, we *cannot*, because we *are* not. This world is literally the stuff of dreams, no more real than our dreams at night—in which, of course, the ground *also* seems solid. True, this world is dreamt out of a much deeper part of our minds than our nighttime dreams, and so it is more stable and is also a collective dream rather than a private one. What really makes this dream harder to question, though, is the fact that we do not regularly wake up from it. With a nighttime dream we can look back from the waking state and see how insane and irrational it was, how it simply couldn't have been real. The Course is saying that one day, we'll awaken from *this* dream, and make the exact same observation.



Nighttime dreams, as the Course observes, make a powerful and disturbing statement about what the mind is capable of. They prove that we have the desire and ability to make a world that *seems* real, *seems* external to our mind, even though it is actually just a batch of images *inside* our mind. The Course then points out, very reasonably, that this

desire/ability does not leave us when we get out of bed. How, then, can we be sure that we are not using it right now?

You seem to waken, and the dream is gone. Yet what you fail to recognize is that what caused the dream has not gone with it. Your wish to make another world that is not real remains with you. And what you seem to waken to is but another form of this same world you see in dreams. All your time is spent in dreaming.⁴¹

If the world is only a dream, only a collection of mental images inside our mind, then there literally is no such place as this world. If you dreamt of some fantastic country that existed only in your dream, when you awoke would you try to travel there? This is how the Course sees our world, and this is what leads to its bold proclamation:

There is no world! This is the central thought the course attempts to teach.⁴²



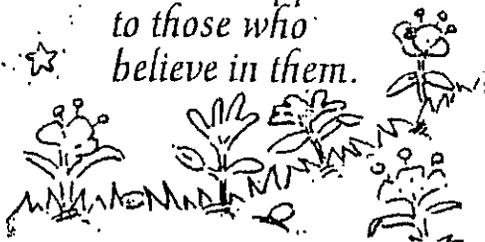
WINTER SNOWFALL

Winter came on little pussy-cat feet
Softly up the garden walk,
Pausing to brush each barren bush
And sleeping rose.
The silent fairy flakes left to be-jewel
Each bough and twig and frond
With their angel magic and twinkling innocence.

Pure white earth held her breath in awe
Of peace and beauty resting there.
Sound or movement or thought a blasphemy
In the presence of love's perfection.
Stars come out to twinkle oneness with
Earth's starry jewellery,
And the moon bends down to kiss
The Sleeping earth.

— by
Doug Rosborough

Miracles happen
to those who
believe in them.

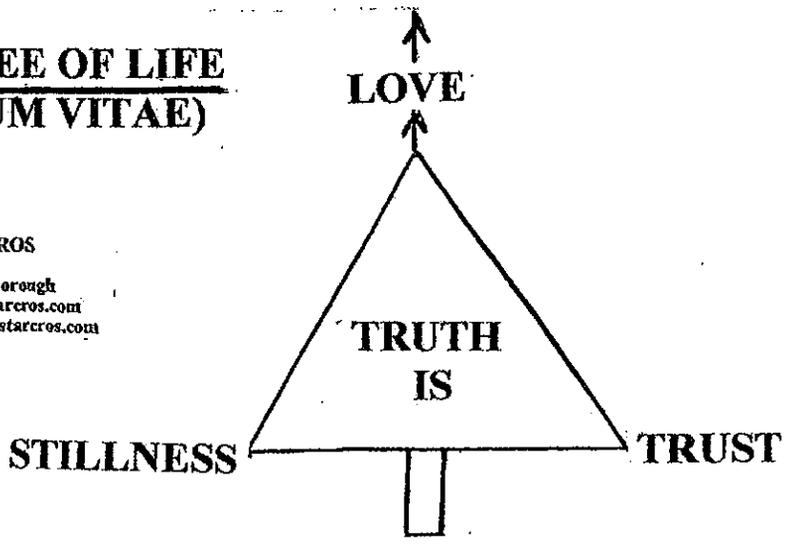


3/ THE TREE OF LIFE



THE TREE OF LIFE (LIGNUM VITAE)

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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.

The two cornerstones of The TREE OF LIFE are TRUST and STILLNESS.

TRUST is That Which is beyond our understanding or "memory", being "The Love of God" in which we put our faith, dependence, and our "life" itself. We know It is there and totally removes our "fear" of its absence.

STILLNESS is harder for us to define and understand. It is best explained to us in Lesson 169-7:-

7. 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. ²Empty 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. ³Hold onto nothing. ⁴Do not bring with you one thought the past has taught, nor one belief you ever learned before from anything. ⁵Forget 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 ONTO OUR GOD."

The above describes STILLNESS for us and then proceeds to instruct what we do to accomplish It. 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.

The Experience of Stillness is beyond what can be spoken of, and we realize we have REMEMBERED.

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 in specialness" to be our Comforter, Guide, and Memory of God's Love.

-As we put the Energy of God into motion, we have the E-Motion of LOVE.

-God's greatest Gift given to us in our Creation is PRAYER as witnessed by (Prayer: L-169-10)

10. *Father, we do not know the way to You. ²But we have called, and You have answered us. ³We will not interfere. ⁴Salvation's ways are not our own, for they belong to You. ⁵And it is unto You we look for them. ⁶Our hands are open to receive Your gifts. ⁷We have no thoughts we think apart from You, and cherish no beliefs of what we are, or Who created us. ⁸Yours is the way that we would find and follow. ⁹And we ask but that Your Will, which is our own as well, be done in us and in the world, that it become a part of Heaven now. ¹⁰Amen.*

God realized that in our insane mis-use of **His Love** we might forget. So, in our Creation He took another part of **His Love**, called **It, Holy Spirit** and placed it in our sleeping mind to remind us of **What** we are in **Reality** and **Where** we are forever. And so we all have **Holy Spirit** (the memory of God's Love), in our spirit mind to remember for us until we can remember for ourselves. But Holy Spirit cannot guide us until we **ASK**, that is our part. We **ASK**; Holy Spirit **GUIDES**. He does not do the work for us but He will point the way for us to get back **HOME, WHEN WE ASK!**

Ella Wheeler Wilcox was a poet around the turn of the last century who expressed our predicament perfectly in her poem, "Illusions."



Illusions

God and I in space alone
With no one else in view

"And where are the people, O Lord," I said,
"The earth below and the sky o'erhead,
And the people who once I knew?"

"That was a dream," God smiled and said,
"A dream that seemed to be true.

There were no people living or dead,
There was no earth or sky o'erhead.

There was only Myself in you.

"Why do I feel no fear," I said,

"Meeting you here this way?

For I have sinned, I know full well
And is there heaven and is there hell
And is this the judgement day?"

"Nay, these were but dreams," the great God said,

"Dreams that have ceased to be.

There are no such things as fear and sin

There is no you, you have never been,

There is nothing at all but Me."

An Interlude

By Betty Lee Spencer

I love it here
Where sky meets sea,
Beauty for all the
World to see.

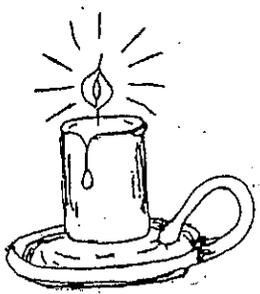
A cloud-swept sky,
White-capped waves,
A sea gull's cry
And dreamy days.

I'm here alone;
I came to pray.
This is my home;
I come each day.

I love to be
In solitude,
Just God and me
An interlude!



TRUTH
IS



And so the dream goes on until we awaken. Be aware of your feelings of ego as you read the last two lines and remember that this is God speaking directly to you:

**"There is no you, you have never been,
There is nothing at all but Me."**



4/ THE DREAMER AND THE DREAM

All through **A Course In Miracles** (ACIM) we are told that our experience in our world of **FORM** is an illusion; a **DREAM**. It is not real, although we think it is.

If it is a dream, there must be a dreamer, who is dreaming the dream. The dreamer cannot be **IN** the dream, but must be external to it at some "place" from which to dream. Also, in order to dream, the mind of the dreamer must be asleep, as that is the only way a dream can be realized. **YOU are that dreamer-you are NOT the dream.**

In the "beginning", before time or space was, we were created **PERFECT, COMPLETE, JOYOUS, AND ETERNAL** by an **IDEA**, outside our self who we will call "**God**". Since there was nothing else outside of God, we had to be created out of God as His Extension. And that is **IT**. God never created any other thing or thought, just our own **Holy Mind**, called our **Self** or the **Christ**.

At some point thereafter, a tiny insignificant part of our Mind thought it would "lie down" and have a rest. In its rest, it fell asleep and began to dream a dream. In its dream it wondered what it would be like to be better than perfect and have more than everything. An insane thought to be sure; but one that we believed possible of accomplishment. The part of our mind that fell asleep was, say, one percent, while the other ninety-nine percent of our mind went on being Co-Creator with God creating: Love, Peace and Happiness, as instructed.

In our dream we thought we separated from **God, our Father-Creator** and our **Self** as the Christ and descended the "twisted stairway" into the world of ego, complete with all its **FORMS** of planets, world, bodies, psychological thought and worries.

Over time and space (both of which we invented), we began to forget about God, Heaven, Perfection, Oneness and our Self as the Christ. We began to think more and more that our body-mind dream was **REAL** and that **HEAVEN** was the dream. We have reversed reality. What is required of us now is to stop our insanity, get **VERY STILL**, and listen to **God's Guidance**.

ACIM says that "The world is very old and tired" and is grinding its way to serious changes. God looks to us to save it from total destruction by changing our minds by what we are and what our world is. Those that do change their minds will go on to a new "life" of peace, joy and happiness; while those that decide not to will have to wait for another time of awakening.

Remember that our **EGO** is something we dreamed up and now think it is quite real. But be aware that **EGO** are simply initials standing for "easing God out", and have no more reality than that. We have forgotten! We now think that we are a body-mind, quite real, and living in a world of **FORM**.

Well, guess what!

There is no world-there never was.

There is no you outside of the spirit mind that God created you as.

All of this is very insulting to our ego, and he will kick up all hell until he gets attention again. This process of forgetting and siding with ego goes on and on as we maintain our false perception of "life" as we have made it to be.

A dream cannot be "fixed" or exchanged for another "better" one-they are all the same in that. They are meant to be quite un-real and insane. You want proof? Look at the six o'clock news! You are not the dream you are witnessing. You are far above and beyond all that. There is a **NEW WORLD** coming, which will replace fear with love and is simply waiting for you to be part. Give up your dreams of fear and awaken to your reality of love as created and still are as you always were. Forgive yourself and your world for what you thought they were and remember your own Atonement of What you are and Where you are forever. Awaken from your dream you **Holy Child of God** and accept the **Inheritance of Oneness** waiting for you since before time was!

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 RETURN 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 simply to AWAKEN from it.
8. Welcome home!



Of all the "important" things you have to do in your life, there is none as important as remembering your own immortal soul. Take time to get in touch with Reality.

WHAT IS LOVE?

Truth is Love. Love is Truth in motion. Love is the fragrance of a flower. Love is sunshine. Love is a smile. Love is the expression of pure Joy in just Being. It has no reason to be or not to be. It just IS. It is that expression of natural, innocent Being without judgment, connivance or guilt that is our true Self and natural state. Once there is any necessity to do, be, or think anything else outside of this pure state of Love, peace has been abandoned. I must do nothing except shine, and extend the Love that I AM.

- A rock is being pure Love, just being a rock.
- A tree flutters its leaves, and sends the peace of its Love.
- The sun warms our cheek, and kisses us with Love.
- A bird sings and we hear its innocent Love.
- A brook tumbles happily onward in Love of being a brook.
- The ocean rolls and claps applause at its majestic oneness.
- A butterfly silently and carelessly shares its beauty and defenselessness.

We touch someone, or smile, and share the Love that We are.

- No control, No judgment, No accusation. No need -
- Just the pure Love of Being -

A PURPOSE IN THE DREAM

We are all pilgrims on a journey. We are all seekers for the Light. We are all individual aspects of God proving to itself what is Real. We are all students and teachers of each other. There are NO accidents, and we are all exactly where we need to be for what we need to learn. Many lessons have been chosen; necessary steps leading to the final lesson of realizing What We are and where We are forever.

We may not always be able to keep in touch with these thoughts as we go through our daily life experiences. It certainly seems that the world, other people and "our life" is doing it to us. The problem we have is in always keeping in touch with the concept that everything that happens to us is a lesson for us. (Moreover, that at some deep level of our mind, we have chosen the lesson. That is a hard one to accept.

We are all unhealed healers. As we begin to see and accept our own perfection, happiness, innocence and love, to whatever degree we allow ourselves to see it, we will see it in others. We then share those aspects of Us, with them. Everyone has this Light to the same degree, but some are holding more darkness up in front of theirs, so it is harder for us to see it. As we and they awaken further to Truth and its witnesses, we realize we are not the thing we thought we were, but what We really are. As we are "gently guided" through our lessons by the Holy Spirit, we come to the "knowing" of our true "Self" in the Real World. When the lessons get very hard, seem terrifying and without purpose, it is because we have blocked His gentle guidance with our own darkness. If we carry our darkness to His Light, that darkness will be shone away until all that will be left is Our Light.

" - give the Holy Spirit everything that would hurt you. Let yourself be healed completely that you may join with Him in healing, and let us celebrate our release together by releasing everyone with us." (T-304/327)

Another view of forgiveness is that it is always and only for oneself. We forgive ourselves for judging what we thought was going on. We didn't know.

Holy Spirit has arranged everything we see and experience for someone's lesson and "best good".

It is not our job to judge. That function belongs to Holy Spirit. If we try to do His job, it will only upset what He has arranged.



MAKE THIS YOUR YEAR OF JOY!!

And now, a few last words about our self-perceived imaginary SEPARATION.

We began our journey below the line of Heaven with a fairly complete mind. As we travelled along, we passed through many "worlds" before we ended up in our most dense world of FORM, ruled by our conscious mind. Once here, we thought that this is all there is, having forgotten all the others. But as it happened, we left parts of our mind in all those other worlds. Therefore, we are simultaneously "living" in all of them all the time. Our world of FORM is only one of the many we are living in. When we "die" to our world of form, we give up our body and all our other "good stuff", taking only our mind as we begin the Return Home to Heaven.

As listed under "JESUS OF GOD", we are given steps to follow in our RETURN JOURNEY". Once we have completed them, we will indeed be "HOME" where we never left at all because it WAS ALL A DREAM anyway!

My old Mother had two favourite sentences she used to quote many times over the years. They were: -

"Always remember who you are".

And: -

"I'll see you in the morning".

She never explained their meaning and I was not aware enough to ask. It wasn't until I was 62 years old and had been introduced to A COURSE IN MIRACLES that I understood.

I was a Created Son of God

And: -

We would all be together again, someday, in the morning when we "AWAKEN FROM THE DREAM."

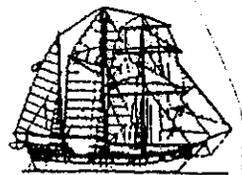
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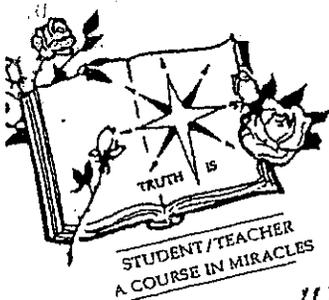
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"I AM ABOUT MY FATHER'S BUSINESS"

So will the year begin in joy and freedom. There is much to do, and we have been long delayed. Accept the holy instant as this year is born, and take your place, so long left unfulfilled, in the Great Awakening. Make this year different by making it all the same. And let all your relationships be made holy for you. This is our will. Amen.



Teach only love, for that is what you are-

THE REASON FOR CREATION



Consider this:

A brook is only a brook because it flows.
It implies motion.
If it did not flow, it would be a puddle, a pond or a lake.
It would be something else - but not a brook.

Similarly, love is always in motion.
It has to flow, or it is not love.
That is why you have to give love to have it and be it.

So the "need" of the brook to flow, or love to give
itself does not imply a "lack", but simply a
necessary motion to fulfill its own description.

This is the "answer" to creation - why God "extended"
himself to create us (The Christ). God being Truth and Love
Truth doesn't move - it simply is.
Love is the vehicle of the extension of Truth.

"To say that I am made in the image of God
is to say that love is the reason for my existence,
for God is love."

Love
Everyone
Unconditionally
Including
Yourself

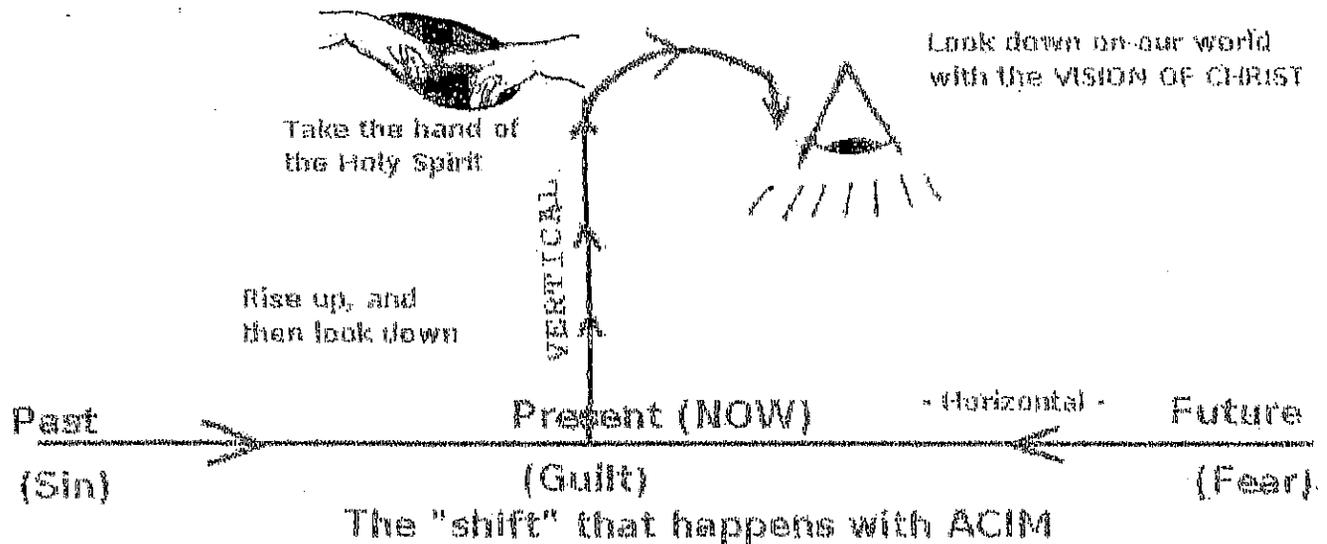
A loving
person lives
in
a loving world
A hostile
person lives
in
a hostile world

Everyone you meet
is your mirror



Some years ago, I was attending a ACIM© workshop given by Ken Wapnick at his Foundation in Roscoe, New York. In the parking lot, I noticed a bumper sticker that read, "STUDY ACIM - SHIFT HAPPENS." I wondered what it meant at that time, and was sure that I would find out as I stuck to my study of ACIM©.

It finally happened. After years of diligent study, I discovered the SHIFT was in fact my own shift in perception from horizontal to vertical, which I express as: -



Perception's gift is the eternal NOW. That is why it is called the PRESENT. It is in it that we are able to pull back our horizontal thinking from PAST and FUTURE; then raise our thought vertically, take the hand of the Holy Spirit and look down through the eyes of the Vision of Christ. We have then changed from false to true perception and see only God in all living things. The "view" of our whole world changes, takes on a shining beauty and where we once saw fear we now find love. With our new perception, sin and fear are gone and with them the guilt that we felt over our terrible "sin" is no longer necessary.

FORGIVENESS for what we thought was so has come and replaced the judgement we held about everything. We realize that everyone is simply experiencing the lessons they chose long before they were born. Therefore, it is not appropriate to judge anything because we do not know its purpose, but it is proper to send our loving support in whatever way the Holy Spirit guides us.

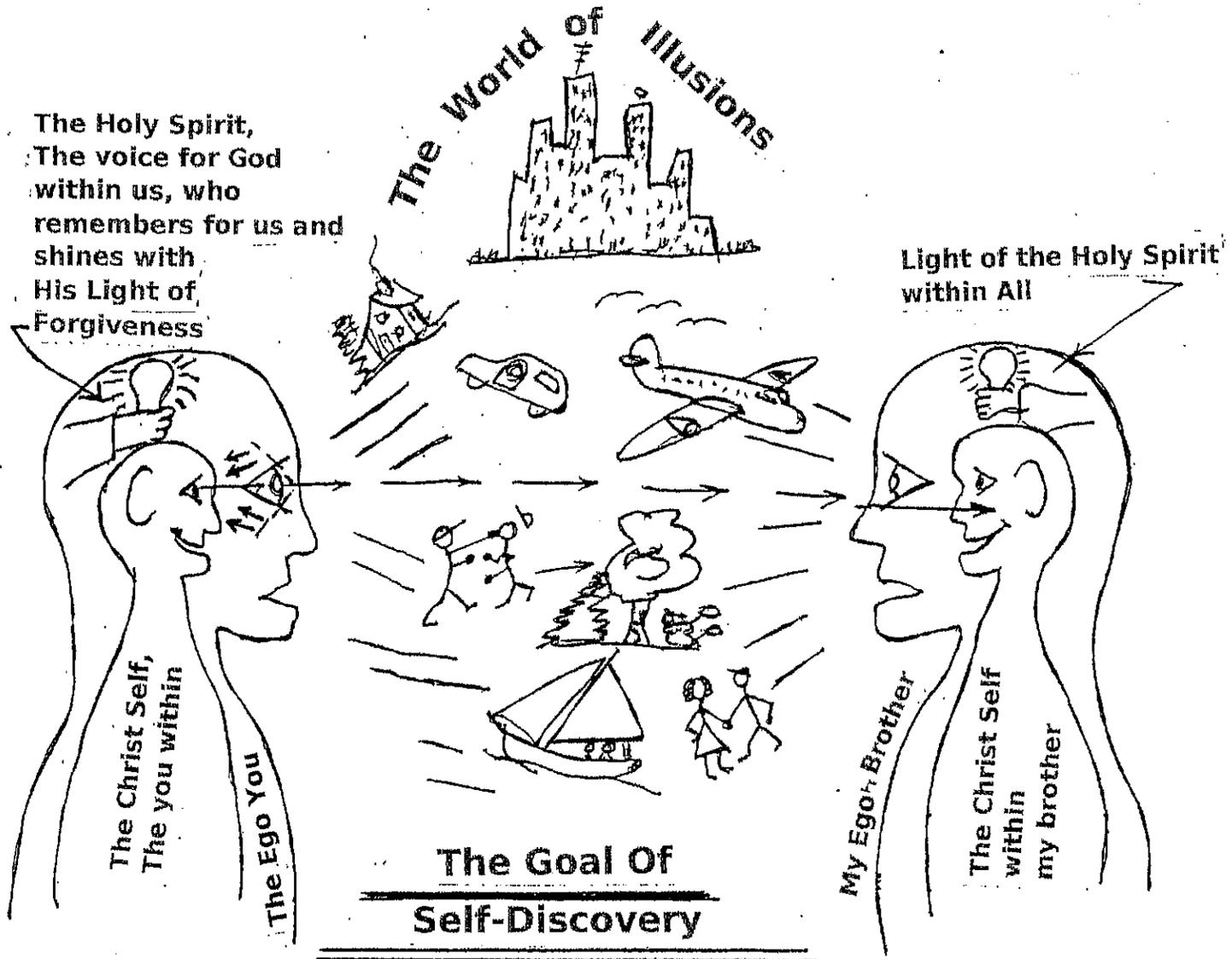
SHIFT has happened and we will never again look at our world, our brothers and ourself in the same way again.

I realize that my purpose here in the worldly experience I have chosen is to see the difference, and once again make the choice for Truth and Love. Back in the flow, I receive the Love of God and pass it on to whichever of my brothers (God's other children) are waiting to receive it through me. God is the Source and Holy Spirit is the activating agent, so it is unnecessary for me to do anything except to get out of the way,

"The peace of God' is everything I want. The peace of God is my one goal; the aim of all my living here, the end I seek, my purpose and my function and my life, while I abide where I am not at home."
ACIM© (W-205.2-3)

"The journey to God is merely the reawakening of the knowledge of where you are always and what you are forever. It is a journey without distance to a goal that has never changed." ACIM© (T-8.9.6-7)

8 - The World of Illusions



1. **The Goal** - is for us to remember who we truly are and in so doing join back again with God and heaven.
2. **The Process** - is:
 1. To become still within our ego bodies and our world of illusions.
 2. Then to turn our eyes inward and see our true Self, the Christ within us. As this is virtually impossible to do alone, we must ask the help of
 3. the Holy Spirit (who has been there with us all the while and remembers for us) to shine his light on our minds.
 4. In His light of forgiveness, we see the innocent Child of God, as created by God, who we really are.
 5. Then with the holy eyes of the Christ in us, we see past our ego bodies and through the world of illusions, which we made, right through into the Christ Self within our brothers. It is then we realize the true innocence, beauty and purity that they and we are. Through FORGIVENESS of what we thought was real, we are home in God together.

9. CHOICES

CHOICE of which "you" we will be and which of our two MINDS we will listen to, Spirit or ego. It is always a conscious choice, and we are the decision maker, the chooser.

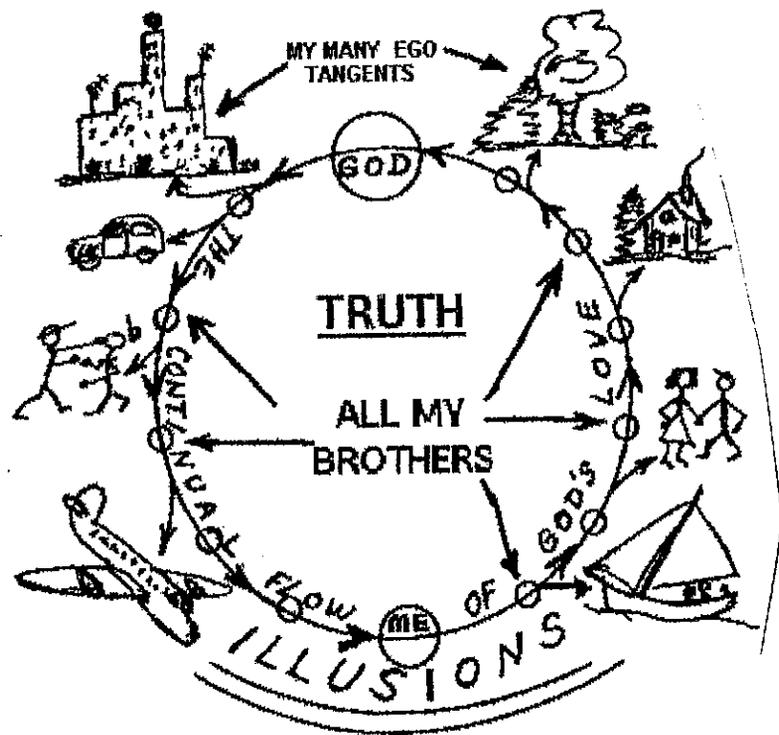
Remember that whatever you are experiencing, YOU CHOSE! No one else! Not God, not your parents, your teachers, your priests, nor your "enemies." You did it for your own best good as something you needed to learn. So, pay attention to the lesson you chose for your own salvation: -

*"I am responsible for what I see,
I choose the feelings I experience,
And I decide upon the goal I would achieve.
And everything that seems to happen to me
I ask for; and receive as I have asked."
(T-448/418)*

Understand that this, which you have made, is not what God would have you be/ and that there IS another way just waiting for you to discover it.

A busy mind is a sick mind,
A quiet mind is a healthy mind,
A still mind is a divine mind.

THE CIRCLE



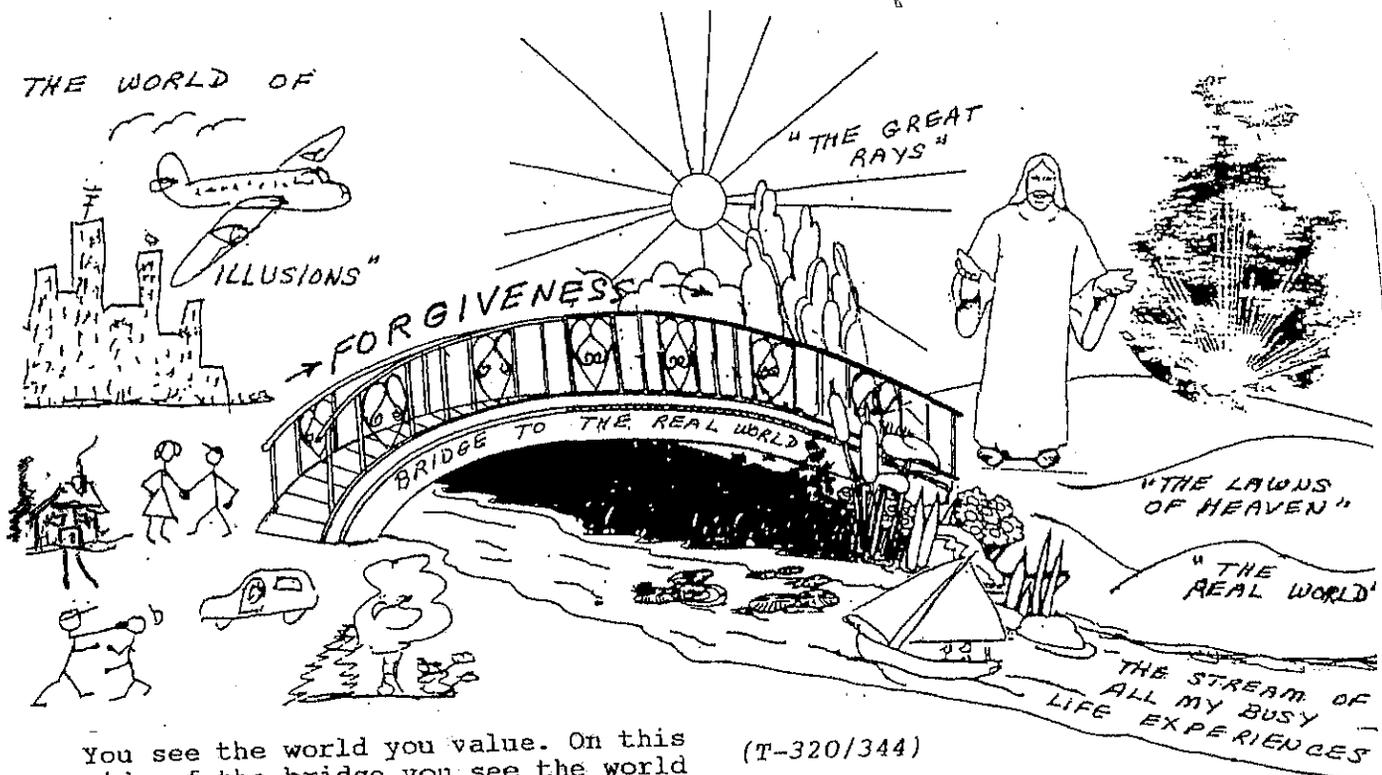
The circle is the symbol of creation and eternity. It represents the continual, uninterrupted, and total flow of God's Love. It passes through all my brothers and me and then back to God. As long as I stay in the "flow," I am one with God and all my brothers. Creation continues as God intends, as the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

*Learn only this; -
We think we are earthly beings, sometimes
experiencing Spirit, when
We are in reality Spirit which, for a time,
has taken up an earthly experience for*

*lessons we need to learn.
We cannot now remember having made the choice,
or the lesson we selected
Ask the One Who knows - and BE AWARE.
We got ti backwards.*

"You will cross the bridge into REALITY simply because you will recognize that God is on the other side and NOTHING at all is here."

(T-320/344)



You see the world you value. On this side of the bridge you see the world of separate bodies, seeking to join each other in separate unions and to become one by losing. When two individuals seek to become one, they are trying to decrease their magnitude. Each would deny his power, for the separate union excludes the universe. Far more is left outside than would be taken in, for God is left without and nothing taken in. If one such union were made in perfect faith, the universe would enter into it. Yet the special relationship the ego seeks does not include even one whole individual. The ego wants but part of him, and sees only this part and nothing else. "

(T-320/344)

"Across the bridge it is so different! For a time the body is still seen, but not exclusively, as it is seen here. The little spark that holds the Great Rays within it is also visible, and this spark cannot be limited long to littleness. Once you have crossed the bridge, the value of the body is so diminished in your sight that you will see no need at all to magnify it. For you will realize that the only value the body has is to enable you to bring your brothers to the bridge with you, and to be released together there. "

The bridge to the Real World is simply a total change of mind. Heaven is not a place but a State of Being. To get into that State and maintain it, is to realize the difference between NOTHING (this world in all its appearances, including bodies and thoughts) and EVERYTHING which is US as originally created by God, and is commonly called Heaven.

"The bridge itself is nothing more than a transition in the perspective of reality. On this side, everything you see is grossly distorted and completely out of perspective. What is little and insignificant is magnified, and what is strong and powerful cut down to littleness. In the transition there is a period of confusion, in which a sense of actual disorientation may occur. But fear it not, for it means only that you have been willing to let go your hold on the distorted frame of reference that seemed to hold your world together. This frame of reference is built around the special relationship. Without this illusion there could be no meaning you would still seek here. (T-322/347)