

Special Messages

SPECIAL MESSAGE (October 5, 1975)

Be comforted. You are not asked to do anything. There is a time when to step back is all that is asked of you. It is a time of rest and not of strain; a time of peace and not a time of conflict. That time is almost here. It seems fearful because it is not under your control. But think a minute; stop and think honestly about what your control has done; what it has brought to you.

You have been caught in a trap from which you never could escape. Conflict, guilt and fear have come with you and never left your side. Each one of you has done this differently, yet each has come to the same place; the same impasse. And now it seems to each of you that there is no escape. For it is true that you cannot escape alone. Your stories seem to differ, for they do take different forms. Yet their one content makes you brothers. Dwell not upon the differences or you are lost. It is in recognizing the common content; the common need, that you are save!

The mess that is your lives is an illusion. What can the form of dreams resolve? There is no answer to a question not yet asked, for it would not be recognized. Ask only this: Will I fulfill the function given me? What else is there to ask? Why must I know the form in which the answer comes to me? God answers, "Yes" and it is done. No more than this is meaningful to you.

It is not He Who would withhold the future and leave you fearful. You could not accept His "yes" in forms you would not understand. Things still in time unfold as is appointed them, and many things remain undone as yet. Plans based upon intangibles cannot be fully shown to you. And what has not as

yet occurred must be intangible. This phase of learning has a single lesson for all the forms your problems seem to take. [To God all things are possible, but you must ask His answer only of Himself.

Perhaps you think you do, but be you sure that if you ~~had~~ (did) you would be quiet now and wholly undismayed by anything. Do not attempt to guess His Will for you. Do not assume that you are right because an answer seems to come from Him. Be sure you ask, and then be still and let Him speak. There is no problem He cannot resolve, for it is never He Who keeps apart some questions to be solved by someone else. You cannot share the world with Him and make half of it His while half belongs to you. Truth makes no compromise. To keep apart a little is to keep all separate. Your life, complete and whole, belongs to God or none of it is His. There is no thought in all the world that seems more terrible.

Yet it is only when this thought appears in perfect clarity that there is hope in peace and safety for the mind so long kept dark and twisted to avoid the light. This is the light. Step back and do not dwell upon the forms that seem to keep you bound. You will fulfill your function. And will have whatever you will need. God does not fail. But lay no limits on what you would give to Him to be resolved. For He can not offer a thousand answers when but one is all there is. Accept this one of Him, and not one question will remain to ask.

Do not forget if you attempt to solve a problem, you have judged it for yourself and so you have betrayed your proper role. Grandeur, which comes from God, establishes that judgment is impossible for you. But grandiosity insists you judge, and bring to this all problems that you have. And what is the result? Look carefully upon your life and let it speak for you.]

Is this frail breath and deep uncertainty your choice for you? Or would you rather rest in surety, certain you would not fail in your request to have all problems happily resolved? Do not mistake the fine disguises you can use to cover judgment. It appears as charity, as mercy and as love; as pity, understanding and as care. And yet you know it is not what it seems because the problem still remains unsolved, and comes to haunt your mind in evil dreams.

[What have you kept from God that you would hide behind your judgment? What have you concealed beneath the cloak of kindness and concern? Use no one for your needs, for that is "sin," and you will pay the penalty in guilt. Remember you need nothing, but you have an endless store of loving gifts to give. But teach this lesson only to yourself. Your brother will not learn it from your words or from the judgments you have laid on him. You need not even speak a word to him. You cannot ask, "What shall I say to him?" and hear God's answer. Rather ask instead, "Help me to see this brother through the eyes of truth and not of judgment," and the help of God and all His angels will respond.

For only here we rest. We cast away our little judgments and our petty words; our tiny problems and our false concerns. We have attempted to be master of our destiny and thought that peace lay there. Freedom and judgment is impossible. But by your side is One Who knows the way. Step back for Him and let Him lead you to the rest and silence of the Word of God.]

SPECIAL MESSAGE (December 15, 1975)

You need do nothing now. Between now and the end of December some very important & necessary changes will take place. One of them is factual and the others are shifts in attitudes. Until these have been accomplished it would be pointless to try to force through a plan. Afterwards the plan will unfold of itself.

The shifts in attitude will happen to each of you, and will involve the resolution of your critical life problem as you see it. These are the problems that seem to be interfering with hearing what the plan is. It is during this month that you will resolve them sufficiently to understand that you can hear the plan if you will listen. And you will listen, because you will at last be willing to do so.

There is no use in trying to work out specific plans, however important they may seem to be. They will all fall into place. This year is not yet done, and it will work out as you were promised.

Be content to get together, all of you or some of you, as you are told. Each meeting will contribute to the goal. But the real changes will be sudden, unexpected and genuinely revealing. Nothing will be left unresolved.

SPECIAL MESSAGE

Dec. 31, 1975.

It is done. This year will be different. Hell has gone by. I did not fail. I brought you all unto your Father, out of hell forever.

You will realize this gradually, for you could not bear to hear all that this means now. This year it will gradually unfold, and by the time the year has ended you will wonder why you ever doubted.

I cannot tell you more than you could hear without fright, and if you knew all that has been prepared for you, you would indeed be frightened. Now I tell you only this, for this you can believe:

This year you will set up a place which will be the home of the course; a place where it will grow from infancy into a helper of the world. It will grow slowly, because nothing can be permitted to go wrong. It must develop without error, and with

nothing to mar its perfect purity. It is the Word of God, to be kept holy forever.

This time there will be no failure, no loss of truth, no misunderstanding and no misinterpretation. I will direct its growth as it reaches from the paper on which it was written into the hearts for which it was intended.

Be comforted by this: It will be impossible to make any mistakes in its connection which will endure. I am watching over it with all the care I have for all my brothers in salvation. I understand what it can do for them, and I will make sure that it does it, and does it perfectly.

Do not be concerned about starting. You have started. Do not be concerned about growing. You have grown and will yet grow more. And above all, do not be concerned about my love for you. There will not be one of you who will not be sure this year that I am with you, was with you when you came, and will never leave you.

What more would you have? I will tell you everything you need know, whenever you need to know it. My promises are sure because they are of God. As you are and I am, Amen.

SPECIAL MESSAGE - April 10, 1976

It is too soon to ask about the Medical Center. But think how all the steps are being taken for a stunning end to all your trials. This year will end in blazing glory and there will be nothing left to doubt or sorrow for. Step back just a little and look. Do you not see the giant steps already behind you? Can you doubt the rest?

SPECIAL MESSAGE - July 17, 1976

Do you remember what Joyce said about the powers of darkness being massed against the truth? This is what she meant but did not recognize:

There is no external darkness, but there is indeed an internal darkness that can be projected outward, and it seems to mass to attack a real step forward and prevent it from being taken. Why? Because the darkness is frightened by the thought of the light at the end of the tunnel. It does mean its end. And so as we draw nearer...

I do not fail my promises. When I promised you a year of radiance and peace, I meant it. What is the massing but a point of nothingness to us. Darkness does not exist. When the light comes it is gone. And [] it will be, and very soon.

Do not be caught by the forms that darkness takes. They are all defenses against the light, and they will not prevail against it. It does not matter how dark the darkness seems to be. What is not light is darkness. But it is the darkness that is about to go. Believe me in this only a little, and you will be happy even now. But do not forget that either way it will be soon.

March 20, 1977

"...we will ask what the problem is, and what is the answer to it."

PROBLEM: You have denied the Love of your life because you have denied your Self.

ANSWER: Accept him back, and you will recognize your Self again. He represents your Self to you. He is your healing and your salvation. He comes as a thief, to steal away your "sins." He comes as a Savior, to save you from your false ideas of what you are. He comes as a Son of God, because that is what he is, along with you.

You need him now, but his need for you is as great as yours. Together you can save the world. Alone, he cannot fulfill his function any more than you can. Deny him not. He stands for you. What he represents is God's gift to you and to him. Take it of him, and all the world is saved.

"See me, then, who comes to save you. I stand for
your holiness,

and your holiness is the holiness of God. The cost of
denying this

gift is hell. The answer to your receiving it is
Heaven."

April 6, 1977

Thank you for changing your mind. Nothing will happen. I told
you he is in my charge. I do not promise lightly. And remember
what I said about the test. Let this be your Eastertide along
with mine. Give me the gift of all your worries, and I will give
you the gift of peace and joy in exchange.

What else could Easter mean?

January 1, 1978

[You think the Child is stillborn, and you are in mourning now for Him. You do not understand what happened, nor the signs that still surround His birth. The star is there, and all attempts to call it something else will slip away in time. For

it was so before, and will be so again. We cannot know when truth has come because it would be hard to see the Heavens where a manger stands. But when the truth has come, there is a light that finally shines through.

The mother waits. The Child has come, and has been born again. He is not dead. He is the sign of life, the gift of God, the Lord of peace, the King of all the world, the Son of man and you. There is a light surrounding you that you will see when you have ceased to fear to look on Him Who came to save you, and the world through you. How can you doubt that I will come and tell you just exactly what you need to do to let your function be fulfilled? Of all the world, how is it you who doubts?

There is no plan without your part, and it will be revealed as soon as you can see that life is there, and has been born to you. Be patient, Mother, for the end is not what you believe. I come in glory to the one who gave me birth, and I will stay and wait in patience for your wakening. When you behold Me, you will understand. Till then we wait together, you and I.]

January 7, 1978

Be sure to slip through this temptation with my help, which will not leave you if you ask for it. There is no point in dwelling on the past because it is no longer true now, no matter what it may have been. In one sense all the discontinuous fragments that occur to you are true, but only in the sense that you have dreamed these dreams and seen the others who took part in them. This is not reality as it should be remembered. There is a section in the text on "Present Memory." Much of the answer lies in that.

Who were these people once? As if it mattered now what dreams they had. Do not encourage nightmares, nor forget there are no happy dreams excepting one. Do not, then, bother with the rest at all. The fragments will continue, but they should be used only to recall your function in its present form and present usefulness. Questions are idle, and a waste of time when time is needed most. Do not delay by looking back, and leave the future in the hands of God. He has much more for you than you can find in dreams.

[There is an urgency that calls to you. You have a function. Do not now delay. In a little while you will understand. You have been given charge of one way to God. It is direct and sure and true, and there is need for it. You will be shown how it is

needed, when to use it, and where it should be taught for continuity.] We must not lose it in this point in time by looking back. The past is meaningless. Your way will teach this fact. How could it be that God would have the past be shown to you when it will be the lesson you will teach that nothing in the past means anything?

January 14, 1976

The night is dark but it will have an end. Be comforted with this: No one I send to help you reach the goal will fail to stand beside you till your kingdom is secure. The promises of God are given you. What could be surer? There is help indeed for one so near to Heaven. There is change in everything but this; whom He has called and who has answered Him as you have done can rest in peace upon His loving arm, and trust His gratitude and thankful Heart to beat for yours when yours appears to fail.

Do not imagine He will leave His child who heard His Voice and listened to His Word. Remember this; the thanks of God are yours and will not leave you comfortless for long. You still are needed in the world, to hear His Voice and share His messages of love with those who call in sorrow. Could it be that you will fail to find Him, when His need for you becomes as great as yours for Him? You need not fear that you will suffer loss, nor

that He will abandon you who gave His comfort to His Son. Receive the gift you gave to God and He would give to you.

Trust Him Whose Voice you heard, and do not think He does not hear your frightened voice that calls in whispered agony. You will be raised from terror to the shining peace of God. The way seems thorny and beset with grief, Yet it is certain as the Love of God which cannot fail. It holds you up, and so you cannot fail because it shines in you. Faith will be yours because His faith in you is limitless. Do not despair of Him Who loves you with an everlasting Love: Who knows your need and watches over you in everything with ceaseless vigilance.

Do not forget His thanks, and understand the gratitude of God goes far beyond all things the world can offer, for His gifts will last forever in His Heart and yours. Be thankful for His Love and for His care, for in this world it has been given few to give a gift to God as you have done. Yet only a few are needed. They suffice for all the rest, and they give thanks to you along with their Creator and with yours. He is not careless of the gifts He gives, nor are His promises in vain. Be sure a mother does not fail the Son she loves, nor will a Father cast away His child.

January 25, 1978

Leave this in my hands and do not interfere personally. I need your help in another way. Let them look, let them ask, and help me reach them. It is through Judy that I will speak because her need is greater. She will know because I will tell her. She will not be surprised, but she will be sure.

There is time. Be sure she understands that. This is for her. Let her not forget there are options, and she cannot choose among them.

On Monday, ask her to take some quiet time. If possible around noon (she can do this if she really wants to), and let her remember everything that has happened. Then forget all of it. She will hear better away, because she wants to please and she is afraid not to. Let her "be still and know that I am God." And let her remember that her "Father knows her need before she asks."

February 24, 1978

The Foundation has a limited function in the life of the Course. Its purpose is to publish, distribute and discuss the material, and the steps followed in meeting this aim should be carefully checked with the Author. He knows how He wants these functions carried out and how this part of the program should be handled.

These steps are preparatory to the real function for which the Course was given. It will take over at the right time, and earlier goals will be handled separately, in time by professional publishers. This will be in about two years. For now, it is going well.

Do not put too much emphasis or be overly concerned with this phase, and above all, do not confuse it with the purpose of the Course. The Course has very long-range goals which could not possibly be recognized now. None of you has found his true function yet. This is because the central factor in the plan has not yet emerged, and the parts cannot fall into place at this time.

It will begin to be clear this summer, but will not be fully understood for some time. Nor is it necessary to be clearer than is needed to show you the ways you are to go to be of most help in your appointed roles. Each has been very carefully chosen,

and there have been no accidents nor accidental meetings. God watches over His Word and over His messengers. Trust only that.

It would be impossible to explain the details which depend on things that have not yet happened, people not yet met, and events that have not yet occurred. You will still be told what to do in any particular instance any time you ask.

As time goes on, some of the answers will seem quite surprising. Rejoice when that happens. It means that the next phase has begun. Everything that you are doing now will disappear, and you will not remember it in the light of what will happen afterward.

Little children, be not afraid. Just think of this: God is the REAL Foundation of the Course. It needs you only in His Name. Would He then not tell you what to do and help you do it?

March 12, 1978

Your brother Jerry wants to help you. It is important to him. Do it in love and it cannot hurt. It can only help. But remember what it is that is helping. One form of magic is like another. It would be a mistake not to do it because you are afraid. What are called by many different names are not really different.

Give this gift to Jerry and give it to me. Be not afraid. Trust your brother's love and help him help you. He will see it as a great gift, and I am here to see that nothing hurts you.

You will be healed by wanting only the peace of God. Jerry knows that. You will not use the medication long, as he told you. Take it in peace now because of him.

Was There a Physical
Resurrection?

My body disappeared because I had no illusion about it. The last one had gone. It was laid in the tomb, but there was nothing left to bury. It did not disintegrate because the unreal cannot die. It merely became what it always was. And that is what "rolling the stone away" means. The body disappears, and no longer hides what lies beyond. It merely ceases to interfere with vision. To roll the stone away is to see beyond the tomb, beyond death, and to understand the body's nothingness. What is understood as nothing must disappear.

I did assume a human form with human attributes afterwards, to speak to those who were to prove the body's worthlessness to the world. This has been much misunderstood. I came to tell them that death is illusion, and the mind that made the body can make another since form itself is an illusion. They did not understand. But now I talk to you and give you the same message. The death of an illusion means nothing. It disappears when you awaken and decide to dream no more. And you still do have the power to make this decision as I did.

God holds out His hand to His Son to help him rise and return to Him. I can help because the world is illusion, and I have overcome the world. Look past the tomb, the body, the illusion. Have faith in nothing but the spirit and the guidance God gives you. He could not have created the body because it is a limit. He must have created the spirit because it is immortal. Can those who are created like Him be limited? The body is the symbol of the world. Leave it behind. It cannot enter Heaven. But I can take you there anytime you choose. Together we can

watch the world disappear and its symbol vanish as it does so. An then, and then... I cannot speak of that.

A body cannot stay without illusions, and the last one to be overcome is death. This is the message of the crucifixion; there is no order of difficulty in miracles. This is the message of the resurrection: Illusions are illusions. Truth is true. Illusions vanish. Only truth remains.

These lessons needed to be taught but once, for when the stone of death is rolled away, what can be seen except an empty tomb? And that is what you see who follow me into the sunlight and away from death, past all illusions, on to Heaven's gate, where God will come Himself to take you home.

October 2, 1976

83a (Note)

(Note made on 11/15 by HS re B's remark concerning top of p. 5, 11/13.)

Yes, but I doubt if it says this is inevitable. It may entail more mis-will than we think. The above may have been too passively interpreted. Note that B. did NOT ask MY will re same. If he had, HE would have felt better.

[SPECIAL MESSAGE directly to WT:

I would like to pray that my will be united with thine, recognizing that thy perfect love will suffice (or correct) for my imperfect love. I pray that I may accept the Atonement with conviction, recognizing its inevitable worth, and my own divine worth as part of this identification with thee. I pray that my fear be replaced by an active sense of thy love, and thy continual willingness to help me overcome the split, or divided will, which is responsible for my difficulty with this. I accept the divinity of the messages we have received, and affirm my will in both accepting and acting upon the Atonement principle.

Here I am, Lord:

The major problem that both of you have is the continuing split will, which naturally interferes with your true identification. To the extent that you hold onto this split, it will take longer to get through and will MARKEDLY interfere with your own integration efforts. Reliance has to be placed on Me, which is sufficient once you do this without distantiation or division in loyalties. This will be strengthened through a

continual affirmation of the goal you both want to achieve, and an awareness of its inevitability. In this way, you will both perceive and KNOW your true worth, and the importance of maintaining a COMPLETE identification.]

Dec. 1, '65.

WT special note for HS

The dominance-submission problem is related to the perception of helping others VERSUS helping the self. This is a misperception resulting from the failure to recognize the equal worth of both individuals in the interaction. There can be NO confusion on this point, and no strain, if this confusion is not introduced (through misperception, naturally.) Such confusion may be experienced partly by HS at times when WT is trying to help her. She is likely to feel that this puts her in a subordinate position, since she thinks she should be the therapist. Obviously, there is no problem once it is recognized that the equal worth of each person precludes this misperception, since BOTH GAIN in such a transaction. It is impossible for anybody to ever lose anything when this is fully RECOGNIZED. This is what recognizing your brother is all about.

December 14

[SPECIAL MESSAGE

Nothing that relates to a SPECIFIC relationship belongs in the notes. But you HAVE been told that if you ask the Holy Spirit for SPECIFIC guidance in a SPECIFIC situation, He will give it to you very specifically. When you and B. are ready to ask Him TOGETHER what you can do for M., He will tell you, if you make NO attempt to give the answer FOR Him. Prejudge His answer not, for if you do, you will NOT HEAR IT. But be sure of this!

The Holy Spirit will NEVER teach you to DISRUPT communication, but be wholly willing to let Him MAINTAIN it in HIS way. M.. is unhappy and afraid, because he thinks communication THROUGH THE BODY can be sought and FOUND. It is no harder for the Holy Spirit to teach him that communication is of the mind, and NOT the body than it is for Him to teach it to you. The Holy Spirit will have no difficulty, and much joy, if you ALLOW Him to teach M. this THROUGH you. But be sure that you are willing to learn it WITH him, or you will INEVITABLY interfere with what the Holy Spirit would have him learn with YOU.]

Sept. 13, 66

[You have no idea of the intensity of your wish to get rid of each other. This does NOT mean that you are not strongly impelled TOWARD each other, but it DOES mean that LOVE IS NOT THE ONLY EMOTION. Because your love has become more in awareness, the conflict can no longer be "settled" by your previous attempts to MINIMIZE the fear. The love makes attack untenable, BUT YOU STILL FEEL THE FEAR. Instead of trying to resolve it directly, you have a strong tendency to TRY TO ESCAPE FROM THE LOVE. Yet this is the LAST thing you would want to ESCAPE from. And even if you did, you can escape from everything ELSE, but not from this. Be glad indeed that there IS no escape from salvation.]

Sept. 14, '66

[You do not realize how much you hate each other. You will not get rid of this until you DO realize it, for UNTIL then, you will think you want to get rid of EACH OTHER and KEEP THE HATRED. Yet if you are each other's salvation, what can this mean except that you PREFER attack to salvation? Be glad that neither your reality nor your salvation is a matter of your preference, for you HAVE much cause for joy. But that the cause is NOT of your making is surely obvious. You DO hate and fear each other, and your love, which is very real, is TOTALLY obscured by it. How can you know the meaning of love UNLESS it is total?

This will be a very difficult period for you, but it will not be so for long. You are in danger, but you WILL be helped, and nothing will happen. But you cannot remain in darkness, and this will BE the way out. Look as calmly as you can upon hatred, for if we are to deny the denial of truth, we must first RECOGNIZE what we are denying. Remember that knowledge PRECEDES denial, and that the separation was a descent from magnitude to littleness. And so the way back is to retrace the way to magnitude.

Your hatred is not real, but it IS real to you. IT HIDES WHAT YOU REALLY WANT. Surely you are willing to look upon what you do NOT want without fear, EVEN IF IT FRIGHTENS YOU, if you can thereby get rid of it? For you CANNOT escape salvation, and you WILL not escape fear until you WANT salvation. Be not afraid of this journey into fear, for it is not your destination. And we will walk through it in safety, for peace is not far, and you will be led in its light.]

Sept. 16, 66

[SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR WT

Question: Why is WT more depressed than usual?

Answer:

He is in a very deep sleep and much more resistant to waking than you are. The major problem with him is that his is a PASSIVE resistance, which implies a giving over of will. This always induces a state of resignation and therefore depression. Tell him that no one can resign from the Sonship, since membership is not optional. He has been looking for someone to TAKE HIS WILL AWAY, because he thought IT was the cause of his trouble. Since the course has placed such persistent emphasis ON will, and SINCE HE AGREES WITH THE EMPHASIS, his past adjustment is threatened. THAT IS WHY HE COULD NOT SLEEP. His past came to "haunt" him BECAUSE he is giving up the belief in ghosts.

Tell him again not to be afraid of ghosts, and remind him that he HAS no past. The return of his will is what he WANTS. No one can accept it but himself.]

[Special Note for HS

B. was right in not regarding this as a separate problem. The savage problem of personal rejection. There is no fear in perfect love. You do not want him to feel guiltless, but rejected. This area is the only one in which you want to retain this, but you will not be able to limit it. You will not see his purity until you give up rejection as a weapon against him OR against everyone else. You think these are the only alternatives. Be sure to consider why you want to maintain this position. B. will help you with this.]

June 19, 1968

[As you see him you will see yourself. Whether this be through the use of psychological tests, or by making judgment in some other way, the effect is still the same. Whenever you have judged anyone, it is impossible for you not to make this judgment on yourself. If you see one of your brothers, who happens to be a patient, as exhibiting signs of a thought disorder, then you will experience this same disorder in your own perception. For whatever your thought may be about ANYONE determines how you will respond and react to yourself and everyone about you. Take heed then when you are called upon to fulfill your function as teachers that you teach the truth about God's Son. The only way that you can experience any peace while this unfortunate necessity for interpreting illusions remains is to recognize that you are DISCUSSING ONLY ILLUSIONS, and that this has no real meaning at all. Try to say a prayer for your brother while doing this and you will call forth and experience a miracle instead.]

STRANGER ON THE ROAD

The dead are dead. They do not rise again.

And yet I see in Him You a look (~~some things~~) I knew

In One so recently destroyed and laid

Away to wither on a slab of stone.

I almost could believe - but I have seen

~~His~~ Your blue (~~white~~) and bloodless hands and broken feet,

The way He You crumpled when they took ~~Him~~ You down.

This is a stranger, and I know Him not.

Why should He You walk with me along the road,

An unknown one (~~whom~~) I almost think I fear

Because He seems like someone in a dream

Of deathlessness, when death alone is real?

Do not disturb me now. I am content

With death, for grief is kinder now than hope.

While there was hope I suffered. Now I walk go

In certainty, for death has surely come.

~~(Without uncertainty, for death has come).~~

Do not disturb the ending. What is done

Is done forever. Neither hope nor tears
Can touch finality. Do not arouse
The dead. Come, Stranger, let us say "Amen."

~~(say "Amen" along with me).~~

The road is long. I will not lift my eyes,
For fear has gripped (~~grasped~~) my heart, and fear I know -
The shield that keeps (~~holds~~) me safe from rising hope;
The friend ~~which~~ that keeps You stranger still to me.

Your Word surrounds You like a golden light,
And I can scarcely see the road I (we) walk
Because my eyes are veiled. Disturb me not,
I beg of You. I would not see You now.

You said You would return, and I believed
Too long already. Now my eyes are sealed
Against the slender thread of hope that cuts
Into my calm (~~still~~) despair. O let me go!

Must I remember now? ~~But still~~ (And yet) the light
Seems even brighter, and the road becomes
A sudden splash of sunlight. Who are You

Who dares to enter in fear and death? (~~I like this better
reversed~~)

My heart will not be still. It seems to know
What I know not. It dances to a tune
I do not hear. It calls to me ~~far~~ (from) ~~Him~~ you
Whose heart has listened and whose ears have heard.

~~From Him to me there comes an ancient song~~

My lips begin to sing, although I ~~thought~~ hoped

It was forgotten. Now I hear again

A Word I thought had been forever dead ,

Your voice reminds me of the love song (this line was handwritten
& I'm only guessing at what it says)

As He You had died. I cannot keep my eyes

From looking up. Perhaps I did not see

The things I thought. Perhaps this light has come

To heal my eyes and let them see again.

Dear Stranger, give me back my sight again,

And let my doubts be answered. They are dead

Because You live. (If You are living). Let me then look on
You,

And hope will be transformed to certainty. (passed
through)

Darkness cannot be sure, for shadows come

And weave uncertain shapes before my eyes

That have no boundaries. (And for that). No one can know

What they would represent. The mist is damp.

Who can have hope (be glad) in such a shifting place?

Let me remember You instead of death.

Let me remember You, and see in Him

Who walks beside me now Your glad return

Lord, did you really keep your lovely Word?

Was I mistaken? Did You rise again?

And was it I who failed, instead of You?

Are You returned to save me from the dead:

The dead are dead, but they can ~~(will)~~ rise again.

Let me remember only that. It was

The rest that was the dream. The light has come.

My eyes are opening and I can see (To look on You).

Re-Ordered

STRANGER ON THE ROAD

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Your blue and bloodless hands and broken feet,

The way You crumpled when they took You down.

This is a stranger, and I know Him not.

The road is long. I will not lift my eyes,

For fear has gripped my heart, and fear I know -

The shield that keeps me safe from rising hope;

The friend that keeps You stranger still to me.

Why would You walk with me along the road,

An unknown whom I almost think I fear

Because He seems like someone in a dream

Of deathlessness, when death alone is real?

Do not disturb me now. I am content

With death, for grief is kinder now than hope.

While there was hope I suffered. Now I go

In certainty, for death has surely come.

Do not disturb the ending. What is done

Is done forever. Neither hope nor tears

Can touch finality. Do not arouse

The dead. Come, Stranger, let us say "Amen."

You said You would return, and I believed

Too long already. Now my eyes are sealed

Against the slender thread of hope that cuts

Into my calm despair. O let me go!

My heart will not be still. It seems to know

What I know not. It dances to a tune

I do not hear. It calls to me from you

Whose heart has listened and whose ears have heard.

Must I remember now? And yet the light
Seems even brighter, and the road becomes
A sudden splash of sunlight. Who are You
Who dares to enter in fear and death?

My lips begin to sing, although I hoped
It was forgotten. Now I hear again
A Word I thought had been forever dead,

Your voice reminds me of the love song. (this line was
handwritten & I'm only guessing at what it says)

As You had died. I cannot keep my eyes
From looking up. Perhaps I did not see
The things I thought. Perhaps this light has come
To heal my eyes and let them see again.

Lord, did you really keep your lovely Word?
Was I mistaken? Did You rise again?
And was it I who failed, instead of You?
Are You returned to save me from the dead:

The dead are dead, but they can rise again.

Let me remember only that. It was

The rest that was the dream. The light has come.

My eyes are opening and I can see (To look on You).

Deleted/Unused Verses:

Your Word surrounds You like a golden light,

And I can scarcely see the road I (we) walk

Because my eyes are veiled. Disturb me not,

I beg of You. I would not see You now.

Dear Stranger, give me back my sight again,

And let my doubts be answered. They are dead

Because You live. (If You are living). Let me then look on
You,

And hope will be transformed to certainty. (passed
through)

Darkness cannot be sure, for shadows come

And weave uncertain shapes before my eyes

That have no boundaries. (And for that). No one can know

What they would represent. The mist is damp.

Who can have hope (be glad) in such a shifting place?

Let me remember You instead of death.

Let me remember You, and see in Him

Who walks beside me now Your glad return.

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To empathize does NOT mean to JOIN IN SUFFERING, for this is what you must REFUSE to understand. This is the EGO'S interpretation of empathy, and is ALWAYS used to form a special relationship, in which SUFFERING is shared. The CAPACITY to empathize is VERY useful to the Holy Spirit, provided you let Him use it in His way. He does NOT understand suffering, and would have you teach IT IS NOT UNDERSTANDABLE. When He relates through you, He does NOT relate through the ego to another ego. He does NOT join in pain, knowing that HEALING pain is NOT accomplished by delusional attempts to ENTER INTO IT, and lighten it by SHARING the delusion.

The clearest proof that empathy, as the ego uses it, is DESTRUCTIVE, lies in the fact that it is applied ONLY to certain types of problems, and in certain people. These it SELECTS OUT and JOINS WITH. And it NEVER joins, except to strengthen itself. Having identified with what it THINKS it understands, it sees ITSELF, and would INCREASE itself by sharing what is LIKE itself. Make no mistake about this manouever; the ego always EMPATHIZES TO WEAKEN. And to weaken is ALWAYS to attack.

You do NOT know what empathizing means. But of this you may be sure; if you will merely sit quietly by, and let the Holy Spirit relate THROUGH you, you will EMPATHIZE WITH STRENGTH, and both of you will gain in strength, and NOT in weakness. Your part is only to remember this; you do not want anything that YOU value to come of the relationship. You will neither to hurt it,

NOR TO HEAL IT in your own way. You do NOT know what healing IS. All you have learned of empathy IS FROM THE PAST. And there is NOTHING from the past that you would share, for there is nothing there that YOU WOULD KEEP.

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Do NOT use empathy to MAKE THE PAST REAL, and so perpetuate it. Step gently aside, and let the healing be done FOR you. Keep but one thought in mind, and do not lose sight of it, however tempted you may be to judge the situation, and DETERMINE your response BY judging it. Focus your mind only on this; "I am not alone, and I would not intrude the past upon my Guest. I have invited Him, and He is here. I need do nothing except NOT TO INTERFERE." True empathy is of Him Who knows what it is. YOU will learn HIS interpretation of it, if you let Him use YOUR capacity for strength, and NOT for weakness.

He will NOT desert you, but be sure that YOU desert not Him. Humility is strength in this sense only; to recognize and ACCEPT the fact that you do NOT know, is to recognize and accept the fact that He DOES know. You are not sure that He will do His part, because you have NEVER YET DONE YOURS COMPLETELY. You will NOT know how to respond to what you do NOT understand. Be tempted not in this and yield not to the ego's triumphant use of empathy, for ITS glory. The triumph of weakness is NOT what you would offer to a brother. And yet you know no triumph but this. This is NOT knowledge, and the form of empathy that would bring it about, is so distorted that it would imprison what it would release.

The unredeemed cannot redeem. Yet they HAVE a Redeemer. Attempt to teach Him not. YOU are the learner; He the Teacher. Do not confuse your role with His, for this will NEVER bring peace to anyone. Offer your empathy to Him, for it is HIS

perception and His strength that you would share. And let Him offer you HIS strength and HIS perception, to be shared THROUGH you.

The meaning of love is lost in any relationship which looks to weakness, and hopes to find it there. The POWER of love, which IS its meaning, lies in the strength of God, which hovers over it and blesses it silently, by enveloping it in healing wings. LET THIS BE, and do not try to substitute YOUR "miracle" for this.

We once said that, if a brother asks a foolish thing of you, to do it. But be certain that this does NOT mean to do a foolish thing that would hurt either him or you, for what would hurt one WILL hurt the other. Foolish requests ARE foolish, for the simple reason THAT THEY CONFLICT, because they contain an element of specialness. Only the Holy Spirit recognizes foolish needs, AS WELL AS real ones. And He will teach you how to meet BOTH, without losing either.

YOU will be able to do this ONLY IN SECRECY. And you will think that, by meeting the needs of one, you do NOT jeopardize another, because you keep them SEPARATE, and secret from each other. This is NOT the way, for it leads not to light and truth. No needs will long be left unmet, if you leave them ALL to Him Whose FUNCTION is to meet them. This is His function, and NOT YOURS. He will NOT meet them secretly, for He would share everything you give through Him. And that is WHY He gives it. What you give through Him is for the whole Sonship, NOT FOR PART OF IT. Leave Him His function, for He WILL fulfill it, if you but ask Him to enter your relationships, and bless them FOR you.

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The new emphasis will now be on healing. The miracle is the means, the Atonement the principle, and the healing is the result. Those who speak of "the miracle OF healing" are combining two orders of reality inappropriately. Healing is NOT a miracle. The Atonement, or the final miracle, is a REMEDY. It is purely a means, while any type of healing is a result.

The order of error to which Atonement is applied is irrelevant. Essentially, ALL healing is the release from fear. But to undertake this you cannot be fearful yourself.

You do not understand healing because of your own fear. I have been hinting throughout (and once stated very directly, because you were unfearful at the time) that you MUST heal others. The reason is that their healing merely witnesses or attests to yours.

A major step in the Atonement plan is to undo error at ALL levels. Illness, which is really "not Right Mindedness", is the result of level confusion in the sense that it always entails the misbelief that what is amiss in one level can adversely affect another.

We have constantly referred to miracles as the means of correcting level confusion. In reality, all mistakes must be corrected at the level at which they occur. Only the mind is capable of error. The body can ACT erroneously, but this is only because it has responded to mis-Thought. The body cannot create,

and the belief that it CAN, a fundamental error responsible for most of the fallacies already referred to, produces all physical symptoms.

All physical illness represents a belief in magic. The whole distortion which created magic rested on the belief that there is a creative ability in matter, which can control the mind. This fallacy can work either way; i.e., it can be misbelieved either that the mind can miscreate IN the body, or that the body can miscreate in the mind. If it can be made clear

that the mind, which is the only level of creation, cannot create beyond itself, then neither confusion need occur.

The reason why only the mind can create is more obvious than may be immediately apparent. The Soul has been created. The body is a learning device FOR the mind. Learning devices are not lessons in themselves. Their purpose is merely to facilitate the thinking of the learner. The most that a faulty use of a learning device can do is to fail to facilitate. It does not have the power in itself to introduce actual learning errors.

The body, if properly understood, shares the invulnerability of the Atonement to two-edged application. This is not because the body is a miracle, but because it is not inherently open to misinterpretation. The body is merely a fact. Its ABILITIES can, and frequently are, overevaluated. However, it is almost impossible to deny its existence. Those who do are engaging in a particularly unworthy form of denial. (The use of the word "unworthy" here implies simply that it is not necessary to protect the mind by denying the un-mindful. There is little doubt that the mind can miscreate. If one denies this unfortunate aspect of its power, one is also denying the power itself.)

All material means which man accepts as remedies for bodily ills are simply restatements of magic principles. It was the first level of the error to believe that the body created its own illness. Thereafter, it is a second mis-step to attempt to heal it through non-creative agents. It does not follow, however, that the application of these very weak corrective

devices are evil. Sometimes the illness has sufficiently great a hold over an individual's mind to render him inaccessible to Atonement. In this case, one may be wise to utilize a compromise approach to mind and body, in which something from the OUTSIDE is temporarily given healing

belief. This is because the last thing that can help the non-Right-Minded (or the sick) is an increase in fear. They are already in a fear-weakened state. If they are inappropriately exposed to a straight and undiluted miracle, they may be precipitated into panic. This is particularly likely to occur when upside down perception has induced the belief that miracles are frightening.

The value of the Atonement does not lie in the manner in which it is expressed. In fact, if it is truly used it will inevitably BE expressed in whatever way is most helpful to the receiver, not the giver. This means that a miracle, to attain its full efficacy, MUST be expressed in a language which the recipient can understand without fear. It does not follow by any means that this is the highest level of communication of which he is capable. But it DOES mean that it is the highest level of communication of which he is capable NOW.

The whole aim of the miracle is to RAISE the level of communication, not to impose regression (as improperly used) upon it. Before it is safe to let miracle workers loose in this world, it is essential that they understand fully the fear of release. Otherwise, they may unwittingly foster the misbelief that release is imprisonment, which is very prevalent. This misperception arose from the attempted protection device (or misdefense) that harm can be limited to the body. This was because of the much greater fear (which this one counteracts) that the mind can hurt itself. Neither error is really meaningful, because the miscreations of the mind do not really

exist. That recognition is a far better protection device than any form of level confusion, because of the advantages of introducing correction at the level of the error.

It is essential that the remembrance of the fact that ONLY mind can create at all remain with you. Implicit in this is the corrolary that correction belongs at the thought level, and NOT at either level

to which creation is inapplicable. To repeat an earlier statement, and also 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 miscreation) is the only application of creation which is inherently meaningful at all.

We said before that magic is essentially mindless, or the destructive (miscreated) use of mind. Physical medicines are a form of "spells." In one way, they are a more benign form, in that they do not entail the possession fallacy which DOES enter when a mind believes that it can possess another. Since this is considerably less dangerous, though still incorrect, it has its advantages. It is particularly helpful to the therapist who really wants to heal, but is still fearful himself. By using physical means to do so, he is not engaging in any form of enslavement, even though he is not applying the Atonement. This means that his mind is dulled by fear, but is not actively engaged in distortion.

Those who are afraid of using the mind to heal are right in avoiding it, because the very fact that they are afraid HAS made them vulnerable to miscreation. They are therefore likely to misunderstand any healing they might induce, and, because egocentricity and fear usually occur together, may be unable to accept the real Source of the healing. Under these conditions, it is safer for them to rely TEMPORARILY on physical healing

devices, because they cannot misperceive them as their own creations. As long as their own vulnerability persists, it is essential to preserve them from even attempting miracles.

We said in a previous section that the miracle is an expression of miracle-Mindedness. Miracle-Mindedness merely means Right-Mindedness in the sense that we are now using it. Right-Mindedness neither exalts nor depreciates

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the mind of the miracle worker nor of the miracle receiver. However, as a creative act, the miracle need not await the Right-Mindedness of the receiver. In fact, its purpose is to restore him TO his Right Mind. But it is essential that the miracle worker be in his Right Mind, or he will be unable to reestablish Right-Mindedness in someone else.

The healer who relies on his own readiness is endangering his understanding. He is perfectly safe as long as he is completely unconcerned about HIS readiness, but maintains a consistent trust in MINE. (Errors of this kind produce some very erratic behavior, which usually point up an underlying unwillingness to co-operate. Note that by inserting the carbon backwards, B. created a situation in which two copies did not exist. This reflected two levels of confidence lack, one in My readiness to heal, and the other in his own willingness to give.) These

errors inevitably introduce inefficiency into the miracle worker's behavior, and temporarily disrupt his miracle-mindedness. We might also make very similar comments about your own hesitation about dictating at all. This is a larger error only because it results in greater inefficiency. If you don't say anything, nobody can use it, including Me. We have established that for all corrective processes, the first step is know that this is fear. Unless fear had entered, the corrective procedure would never have become necessary. If your miracle working propensities are not working, it is always because fear has intruded on your Right-Mindedness, and has literally upset it. (i.e. turned it upside down).

All forms of not-Right-Mindedness are the result of refusal to accept the Atonement FOR YOURSELF. If the miracle worker DOES accept it, he places himself in the position to recognize that those who need to be healed are simply those who have NOT done so. The reason why you felt the vast radiation range of your own inner illumination is because you were aware that your Right-Mindedness IS healing.

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The sole responsibility of the miracle worker is to accept Atonement himself. This means that he knows that mind is the

only creative level, and that its errors ARE healed by the Atonement. Once he accepts this, HIS mind can only heal. By denying his mind any destructive potential, and reinstating its purely constructive powers, he has placed himself in a position where he can undo the level confusion of others. The message which he then gives to others is the truth that THEIR MINDS are really similarly constructive, and that their own miscreations cannot hurt them. By affirming this, the miracle worker releases the mind from overevaluating its own learning device (the body), and restores the mind to its true position as the learner. It should be re-emphasized that the body does not learn, any more than it creates. As a learning device, it merely follows the learner, but if it is falsely endowed with self initiative, it becomes a serious obstruction to the learning it should facilitate.

ONLY the mind is capable of illumination. The Soul is already illuminated, and the body in itself is too dense. The mind, however, can BRING its own illumination TO the body by recognizing that density is the opposite of intelligence, and therefore unamenable to independent learning. It is, however, easily brought into alignment with a mind which has learned to look beyond density toward light.

Corrective learning always begins with awakening the spiritual eye, and turning away from belief in physical sight. The reason this entails fear is because man is afraid of what his spiritual eye will see, which was why he closed it in the first place. We said before that the spiritual eye cannot see error, and is capable only of looking beyond it to the defense of Atonement. There is no doubt that the spiritual eye does produce extreme discomfort by what it sees. The thing that man forgets is that the discomfort

is not the final outcome of its perception. When the spiritual eye is permitted to look upon the defilement of the altar, it also looks immediately toward Atonement. Nothing which the spiritual eye perceives can induce fear. Everything that results from accurate spiritual awareness merely is channelized toward correction. Discomfort is aroused only to bring the need to correct forcibly into awareness.

What the physical eye sees is not corrective, nor can it be corrected by any device which can be physically seen. As long as a man believes in what his physical sight tells him, all his corrective behavior will be misdirected. The reason why the real vision is obscured is because man cannot endure to see his own defiled altar. But since the altar has BEEN defiled, this fact becomes doubly dangerous unless it IS perceived. This perception is totally not-threatening because of the Atonement. The fear of healing arises in the end from an unwillingness to accept the unequivocal fact that healing is necessary. The fear arises because of the necessary willingness to look at what man has done to himself.

Healing was an ability which was lent to man after the Separation, before which it was completely unnecessary. Like all aspects of the space-time belief, healing ability is temporary. However, as long as time persists, healing remains among the stronger human protections. This is because healing always rests on charity, and charity is a way of perceiving the true perfection of another, even if he cannot perceive it himself. Most of the loftier concepts of which man is capable now are

time-dependent. Charity is really a weaker reflection of a much more powerful love-encompassment, which is far beyond any form of charity that man can conceive of as yet. Charity is essential to Right-Mindedness, in the limited sense to which Right-Mindedness can now be attained. Charity is a way of looking at another AS IF he had already gone far beyond his actual accomplishment in time. Since his own thinking is faulty, he cannot see the Atonement himself, or he would have no need for charity at all. The charity which is accorded him is both an acknowledgment that he IS weak, and a recognition that he COULD BE stronger. The way in which both of these beliefs are stated clearly implies their dependence on time, making it quite apparent that charity lies within the framework of human

limitations, though toward the higher levels.

We said before, twice in fact, that only Revelation transcends time. The miracle, as an expression of true human charity, can only shorten it a best. 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 Record, which corrects retroactively as well as progressively.

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This section is inserted here because it deals with a more fundamental misuse of knowledge, referred to in the Bible as the cause of the Fall (or Separation). There are several introductory remarks which are intended to make these explanations less fear-provoking. The first is a couplet which I drew to your attention during the fragments of *Midsummer Night's Dream*, which you heard last night:

"Be as thou wast wont to be

See as thou wast wont to see."

It is noteworthy that these words were said by Oberon in releasing Titania from her own errors, both of being and perceiving. These were the words which re-established her true identity as well as her true abilities and judgment. The similarity here is obvious.

There are also some definitions, which I asked you to take from the dictionary, which will also be helpful. Their somewhat unusual nature is due to the fact that they are not first definitions in their chronological appearance. Nevertheless, the fact that each of them does appear in the dictionary should be reassuring.

Project (verb): to extend forward or out.

Project (noun): a plan in the mind

World: a natural grand division. (Note that you originally wrote "word" instead of "world".)

We will refer later to projection as related to both mental illness and mental health. It will also be commented on that Lucifer literally projected himself from heaven. We also have observed that man can create an empty shell, but cannot create nothing at all.

This emptiness provides the screen for the misuse of projection.

The Garden of Eden, which is described as a literal garden in the Bible, was not originally 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, again an overly-literal concept, (as is clearly shown by the subsequent reference to "eating of the fruit of the tree") is a symbolic reference to some of the misuses of knowledge referred to in the section immediately preceding this one. There is, however, considerable clarification of this concept, which must be understood before the real meaning of the "detour into fear" can be fully comprehended. Projection, as defined above, (this refers to the verb) is a fundamental attribute of God, which he also gave to his Son. In the Creation, God projected his Creative Ability out of Himself toward the Souls which He created, and also imbued them with the same loving wish (or will) to create. We have commented before on the FUNDAMENTAL error involved in confusing what has been created with what is being created. We have also emphasized that man, insofar as the term relates to Soul, has not only been fully Created, but also been created perfect. There is no emptiness in him. The next point, too, has already been made, but bears repetition here. The Soul, because of its own likeness to its Creator, is creative. No Child of God is capable of losing this ability, because it is inherent in what he IS.

Whenever projection in its inappropriate sense is utilized, it always implies that some emptiness (or lack of everything)

must exist, and that it is within man's ability to put his own ideas there INSTEAD of the truth. If you will consider carefully what this entails, the following will become quite apparent:

First, the assumption is implicit that what God has Created can be changed by the mind of Man.

Second, the concept that what is perfect can be rendered imperfect (or wanting) is intruded.

Third, the belief that man can distort the Creations of God (including himself) has arisen, and is tolerated.

Fourth, that since man can create himself, the direction of his own creation is up to him.

These related distortions represent a picture of what actually occurred in the Separation. None of this existed before, nor does it actually exist now. The world, as defined above, WAS made as a natural grand division, or projecting outward of God. That is why everything which He Created is like Him.

It should be noted that the opposite of pro is con. Strictly speaking, then, the opposite of projecting is conjecting, a term which referred to a state of uncertainty or guess work. Other errors arise in connection with ancillary defenses, to be considered later.

For example, dejection, which is obviously associated with depression, injection, which can be misinterpreted readily enough, in terms of possession fallacies (particularly penetration), and rejection, which is clearly associated with denial. It should be noted also that rejection can be used as refusing, a term which necessarily involves a perception of what is refused as something unworthy.

Projection as undertaken by God was very similar to the kind of inner radiance which the 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 is internal.

This is as true of the Son as of the Father.

The world, in its original connotation, included both the proper creation of man by God, AND the proper creation by man in his Right Mind. The latter required the endowment of man by God with free will, because all loving creation is freely given. Nothing in either of these statements implies any sort of level involvement, or, in fact, anything except one continuous line of creation, in which all aspects are of the same order.

When the "lies of the serpent" were introduced, they were specifically called lies because they are not true. When man listened, all he heard was untruth. He does not have to continue to believe what is not true, unless he chooses to do so. All of his miscreations can disappear in the well known "twinkling of an eye", because it is a visual misperception.

Man's spiritual eye can sleep, but as will shortly appear in the notes (reference Bob, elevator operator) a sleeping eye can still see. One translation of the Fall, a view emphasized by Mary Baker Eddy, and worthy of note, is that "a deep sleep fell upon Adam". While the Bible continues to associate this sleep as a kind of anaesthetic utilized for protection of Adam during the creation of Eve, Mrs. Eddy was correct in emphasizing that nowhere is there any reference made to his waking up. While Christian Science is clearly incomplete, this point is much in its favor.

The history of man in the world as he saw it has not been characterized by any genuine or comprehensive re-awakening, or re-birth.

This is impossible as long as man projects in the spirit of miscreation. It still remains within him to project as God projected his own Spirit to him. In reality, this is his ONLY choice, because his free will was made for his own joy in creating the perfect.

All fear is ultimately reduceable to the basic misperception of man's ability to USURP the power of God. It is again emphasized that he neither CAN nor HAS been able to do this. In this statement lies the real justification for his escape from fear. This is brought about by his acceptance of the Atonement, which places him in a position to realize that his own errors never really occurred.

When the deep sleep fell upon Adam, he was then in a condition to experience nightmares, precisely because he was sleeping. If a light is suddenly turned on while someone is dreaming, and the content of his dream is fearful, he is initially likely to interpret the light itself as part of the content of his own dream. However, as soon as he awakens, the light is correctly perceived as the release from the dream, which is no longer accorded reality. I would like to conclude this with the Biblical injunction "Go ye and do likewise."

It is quite apparent that this depends on the kind of knowledge which was NOT referred to by the "Tree of Knowledge" which bore lies as fruit. The knowledge that illuminates rather than obscures is the knowledge which not only makes you free, but also shows you clearly that you ARE free.

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The preceding sections were inserted because of the necessity of distinguishing between real and false knowledge. Having made this distinction, it is well to return to the errors already listed a while back. It might be well to recapitulate them here.

The first involved the fallacy that only the physical is real. The second involved things rather than people. The third involves the endowment of the physical with non-physical properties. And the fourth clarified the misuse of knowledge. All of them were subsumed under possession fallacies. The denial mechanism for three has already been set forth in some detail, and will also continue after the following:

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SPECIAL MESSAGE

You still have too much faith in the body as a source of strength. What plans do you make that do NOT involve its comfort or protection or enjoyment in some way? This makes it an end and not a means in your interpretation, and this ALWAYS means YOU STILL FIND SIN ATTRACTIVE. No-one accepts Atonement for himself who still accepts sin as his goal. You have thus not met your one responsibility. Atonement is not welcomed by those who PREFER pain and destruction.

You have made much progress, and are really trying to make still more, but there is one thing you have never done; not for one instant have you utterly forgotten the body. It has faded at times from your sight, but it has not yet COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED. You are not asked to let this happen for more than an instant, but it is in this instant that the miracle of Atonement happens. Afterwards, you will see the body again, but never quite the same. And every instant that you spend WITHOUT awareness of it gives you a different view of it, when you return.

At no SINGLE instant does the body exist at all. It is always remembered or anticipated, but NEVER experienced just now. Only its past and future make it seem real. Time controls it entirely. For sin is never present. In any SINGLE instant, the attraction of guilt would be experienced as pain and nothing else, and would be avoided. IT HAS NO ATTRACTION NOW. Its whole attraction is imaginary, and therefore MUST be thought of from the past, or in the future.

It is impossible to accept the holy instant WITHOUT RESERVATION unless, JUST FOR AN INSTANT, you are willing to see no past or future. You cannot PREPARE for it without placing it in the FUTURE. Release is given you the INSTANT you desire it. Many have spent a lifetime in preparation, and have, indeed, achieved their instants of success. This course does not attempt to teach more than they learned in time. But it does aim at SAVING time.

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You are attempting to follow a very long road to the goal you have accepted. It is extremely difficult to reach Atonement by fighting against sin. Enormous effort is expended in the attempt to make holy what is hated and despised. Nor is a lifetime of contemplation, and long periods of meditation aimed at DETACHMENT from the body necessary. All such attempts will ultimately succeed, because of their purpose. But the means are tedious and very time consuming, for all of them LOOK TO THE FUTURE for release from a state of present unworthiness and inadequacy.

Your way will be different. NOT in purpose, but in means. A HOLY RELATIONSHIP IS A MEANS OF SAVING TIME. One instant spent TOGETHER restores the universe to BOTH of you. You ARE prepared. Now you need but remember YOU NEED DO NOTHING. It would be FAR more profitable now merely to concentrate on this, than to consider what you SHOULD do.

When peace comes at last to those who wrestle with temptation, and fight against giving in to sin; when the light comes at last into the mind given to contemplation, or when the goal is finally achieved by anyone, it ALWAYS comes with just ONE happy realization, -- "I need do nothing." Here is the ultimate release that everyone will one day find in his own way, at his own time. We do not need this time. Time has been SAVED for you, because you are together. This is the special means this course is using, to save you time.

You are not making use of the course if you insist on using means that have served others well, neglecting what was made for YOU. Save time for me by only this one preparation, and practice

doing NOTHING ELSE. "I need do nothing" is a statement of allegiance, a truly undivided loyalty. Believe it for just one instant, and you will accomplish more than is given to a century of contemplation, or of struggle against temptation.

To DO anything involves the body. And, if you recognize you NEED do nothing, you HAVE withdrawn the body's value from your mind. Here is quick and open door through which you slip past centuries of effort, and ESCAPE from time. This is the way in which sin loses ALL attraction RIGHT NOW. For here is time denied, and past and future gone. Who need do nothing has no need for time. To do nothing is to rest, and make a place within you where the activity of the body ceases to demand attention. Into this place the Holy Spirit comes, and there abides.

He will remain when you forget, and the body's activities return to occupy your conscious mind. But there will always be this place of rest, to which you can return. And you will be more aware of the quiet center of the storm, than all its raging activity. This quiet center, IN WHICH YOU DO NOTHING, will remain with you, giving you rest in the midst of every busy doing on which you are sent. For, FROM this center, will you be directed how to use the body sinlessly. It is this center, from which the body is ABSENT, that will keep it so, in your awareness of it.

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Special Message:

When you come to the place where the branch in the road is quite apparent, you cannot go ahead. You MUST go one way or the other. For now, if you go straight ahead, the way you were going before you came to the branch, YOU WILL GO NOWHERE. The whole purpose of coming this far is to decide WHICH BRANCH YOU WILL TAKE FROM HERE ON. The way you came no longer matters. IT CAN NO LONGER SERVE.

No-one who reaches this far CAN make the wrong decision. But he CAN delay. And there is no part of the journey that seems more hopeless and futile than standing where the road branches, and not deciding which way to go. It is only the first few steps along the right way that seem hard, because you HAVE chosen, but you still think you can go back and make the other choice.

This is not so. A choice made with the power of Heaven to uphold it cannot BE undone. Your way IS decided.

There will be nothing you will NOT be told, if you acknowledge this.

The rest is handwritten and beyond my powers of
deciphering.....