

10. We Were Created to Know

Purpose for knowledge

1. On your learning of this course depends the welfare of the world. T22.VI.10
2. No kind of knowledge is acquired by anyone unless he wants it, or believes in some way he NEEDS it. T1.VI.1
3. The mind returns itself to its proper function only when it WILLS to KNOW. The ability to perceive made the body possible, because you must perceive SOMETHING, and WITH something. This is why perception involves an exchange, or a translation, which knowledge does NOT need. The interpretive function of perception then permitted man to interpret the body as HIMSELF. T3.IV.6
4. No one can know his function unless he knows who he IS. T8.I.2
5. You would oppose this course because it teaches you YOU ARE ALIKE. You have NO purpose that is not the same. T24.I.8
6. The introduction of reason into the ego's thought system is the beginning of its undoing. For reason and the ego are CONTRADICTORY. The ego's whole continuance depends on its belief you cannot learn this course. T27.VII.13
7. The end of education is character. Sai Baba

Know Your Self to Know God

1. While you ask questions about God, you are clearly implying that you do NOT know Him. T3.III.5
2. Unless you are guiltless you cannot know God, Whose Will is that you know Him. T14.IV.7
3. Your worth is not established by teaching or learning. Your worth is established by God. T4.I.7
4. Uncertainty about who you are is self-deception on a scale so vast its magnitude can hardly be conceived. Wkbbk 139.3

Meeting the conditions of knowledge

1. Knowledge can be restored only when you meet its conditions. This is not a bargain made by God, Who makes no bargains. It is

merely the result of your misuse of His laws on behalf of an imaginary will that is not His. Knowledge is His Will. If you are opposing His Will, how can you have knowledge? I have told you what knowledge offers you, but perhaps you do not yet regard this as wholly desirable. If you did you would not be so ready to throw it away when the ego asks for your allegiance. T8.I.1

2. Truth can only be EXPERIENCED. It cannot be described and it cannot be explained. I can make you aware of the CONDITIONS of truth, but the experience is of God. Together we can meet its conditions, but truth will dawn upon you of itself. What God has willed for you IS yours. He has given His Will to His treasure, whose treasure It is. Your heart lies where your treasure is, as His does. You who are beloved of God are wholly blessed. Learn this of me, and free the HOLY WILL of ALL THOSE WHO ARE AS BLESSED AS YOU ARE. T8.VI.9

3. The search for truth is but the honest searching out of everything that INTERFERES with truth. T14.IV.2

4. The distraction of the ego SEEMS to interfere with your learning, but it HAS no power to distract unless you GIVE it the power. T8.I.2

5. Knowledge is not the motivation for learning this course. PEACE is. As the PREREQUISITE for knowledge, peace MUST be learned. This is only because those who are in conflict are not peaceful, and peace is the CONDITION of knowledge because it is the condition of the Kingdom. T8.I.3

6. The Ultimate reason why learning or teaching is perceived as frightening is because true learning DOES lead to the relinquishment (NOT destruction) of the ego to the light of the Soul. You must change your mind, and help others change theirs. T4.I.3

7. Knowledge cannot dawn on a mind full of illusions, because truth and illusions are irreconcilable. Truth is whole, and CANNOT be known by PART of a mind. T14.II.7

8. The world can teach no images of you unless you want to learn them. There will come a time when images have all gone by, and you will see you know not what you are. It is to this unsealed and open mind that truth returns, unhindered and unbound. Where concepts

of the self have been laid by is truth revealed exactly as it is. When every concept has been raised to doubt and question, and been recognized as made on no assumptions that would stand the light, then is the truth left free to enter in its sanctuary, clean and free of guilt. There is no statement that the world is more afraid to hear than this: *I do not know the thing I am, and therefore do not know what I am doing, where I am, or how to look upon the world or on myself. Yet in this learning is salvation born. And what you are will tell you of Itself.* T31.V.1

9. One Teacher (the Holy Spirit) is in all your minds, and He teaches the same lesson to all. He always teaches you the inestimable worth of EVERY Son (child) of God, teaching it with infinite patience born of the Love of Him for whom He speaks. T7.VII.7

7. Grace is an aspect of the Love of God, which is most like the state prevailing in the unity of truth. It is the world's most lofty aspiration, for it leads beyond the world entirely. It is past learning, yet the goal of learning, for grace cannot come until the mind prepares itself for true acceptance. Grace becomes inevitable instantly in those who have prepared a table where it can be gently laid and willingly received; an altar clean and holy for the gift. Wkbk 169.1

Holiness restores knowledge

1. Your understanding is NOT necessary. All that WAS necessary was merely the wish to understand. That wish was the DESIRE TO BE HOLY. The will of God IS granted you. For you desire the only thing you ever had, or ever were. T18.III.4

2. You are still convinced your UNDERSTANDING is a powerful contribution TO the truth, and MAKES IT WHAT IT IS. Yet we have emphasized that YOU need understand nothing. Salvation is easy, JUST BECAUSE it asks nothing that you cannot give RIGHT NOW. T18.IV.8

3. Forget not that it has been your decision to make everything that is natural and easy for you IMPOSSIBLE. T18.IV.7

4. When He shall appear we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as He is pure. T3.II.57

5. Heaven is not a place nor a condition. It is merely an awareness of perfect Oneness, and the knowledge that there is nothing else. Nothing OUTSIDE this Oneness, and NOTHING ELSE within. T18.VI.1

6. What has been given you? The knowledge that you are a mind, in Mind and purely mind, sinless forever, wholly unafraid, because you were created out of love. Nor have you left your Source, remaining as you were created. This was given you as knowledge which you cannot lose. It was given as well to every living thing, for by that knowledge only does it live. Wkbk 158

7. Truth is restored to you through your desire, as it was lost to you through your desire for something ELSE. T20.VIII.1

8. Knowledge is power BECAUSE it is certain, and certainty is strength. T3.III.1

9. Ingenuity is totally divorced from Knowledge, because knowledge does not require ingenuity. Ingenious thinking is NOT the truth that shall set you free. But you are free of the need to engage in it when you are willing to let it go. Knowing is not open to interpretation. T3.V.5

Teacher of God

1. How Many Teachers Of God Are Needed To Save The World?

The answer to this question is - one. One wholly perfect teacher, whose learning is complete, suffices. This one, sanctified and redeemed, becomes the Self Who is the Son of God. He who was always wholly spirit now no longer sees himself as a body, or even as in a body. Therefore he is limitless. And being limitless, his thoughts are joined with God's forever and ever. His perception of himself is based upon God's Judgment, not his own. Thus does he share God's Will, and bring His thoughts to still deluded minds. He is forever one, because he is as God created him. He has accepted Christ, and he is saved. TM

2. A teacher of God is anyone who chooses to be one. His qualifications consist solely in this; somehow, somewhere he has made a deliberate choice in which he did not see his interests as apart from someone else's. TM1.1:1-2

3. What are the characteristics of advanced teachers of God? Trust, Honesty, Tolerance, Gentleness, Joy, Defenselessness, Generosity, Patience, Faithfulness, Open-mindedness. TM

4. The message of the crucifixion is perfectly clear: Teach only love, for that is what you are. T6.I.13

Teaching and Learning are ultimately unnecessary

1. The ability to learn has no value when change of understanding is no longer necessary. The eternally creative have nothing to learn. Only after the Separation was it necessary to direct the creative force to learning, because changed behavior had become mandatory. Human beings can learn to improve their behavior, and can also learn to become better and better learners. This increase serves to bring them in closer and closer accord with the Sonship. But the Sonship itself is a perfect creation, and perfection is not a matter of degree. Only while there are different degrees, is learning meaningful. T2.II.5

2. My goal will always be to absolve you finally from the need for a teacher. This is the OPPOSITE of the ego-oriented teacher's goal. He is concerned with the effect of HIS ego on OTHER egos, and therefore interprets their interaction as a means of ego preservation. This is no less true if he is afraid to teach than if he is frankly out to dominate through teaching. T4.I.6

3. The Holy Spirit shares the goal of all good teachers, whose ultimate aim is to make themselves unnecessary by teaching their pupils all they know. T13.I.1

4. God does not teach. To teach is to imply a lack which God KNOWS is not there. God is not conflicted. Teaching aims at change, but God created ONLY the changeless. T6.IV.12

5. Simply do this: Be still, and lay aside all thoughts of what you are and what God is; all concepts you have learned about the world; all images you hold about yourself. Empty your mind of everything it thinks is either true or false, or good or bad, of every thought it judges worthy, and all the ideas of which it is ashamed. Hold onto nothing. Do not bring with you one thought the past has taught, nor one belief you ever learned before from anything. Forget this world, forget this course, and come with wholly empty hands unto your God. Wkbk 189.VII

May all the beings in all the worlds be happy and blessed.