

## 11. Mind is Responsible for Bondage and Liberation

*When consciousness changes, destiny also changes.*

### I. Is there freewill?

1. The world, in the original connotation of the term 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 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. UT p. 13

2. Your mind is capable of creating worlds, but it can also DENY what it creates, because it is free. You do not realize how much you have denied yourself, and how much God, in His love, would not have it so. Yet He would not interfere with you, because He would not know His Son if he were not free. T10.V.9

3. There is no man who does not feel that he is imprisoned in some way. If this has been the result of his own free will, he must regard his will as if it were NOT free. T3.II.4

4. The argument that underlies the DEFENSE of freedom is perfectly valid. Because it is true, it should not be FOUGHT for, but it SHOULD be sided WITH. Those who are AGAINST freedom believe that its outcome will hurt THEM, which CANNOT be true. But those who are FOR freedom, even if they are misguided in HOW they defend it, are siding with the one thing in the world which IS true. T7.III.11

### II. God's will is real

1. If your will is out of accord with God's, YOU ARE WILLING WITHOUT MEANING, but because ONLY God's will is unchangeable, no REAL conflict of will is possible. T7.VI.13

2. The ego tries to teach that you want to oppose God's Will. This unnatural lesson cannot be learned, and the attempt to learn it is a violation of your own freedom, making you afraid of your will *because it is free.* T8.II.4

3. To fulfill the Will of God perfectly is the only joy and peace that can be fully KNOWN, because it is the only function that can be FULLY EXPERIENCED. When this is accomplished, then there IS no other experience. But the WISH for other experience will block this,

because God's Will CANNOT be forced upon you, being an experience of total WILLINGNESS. T8.III.2

4. Fear of the Will of God is one of the strangest beliefs that the human mind has ever made. This could not possibly have occurred unless the mind was already profoundly split, making it possible for IT to be afraid of what it really is. It is apparent that reality CANNOT "threaten" anything except illusions, because reality can only UPHOLD truth. The very fact that the Will of God, which IS what you are, is perceived as fearful TO you, demonstrates that you ARE afraid of what you are. It is not, then, the Will of God of which you are afraid, but YOURS. Your will is NOT the ego's, and that is why the ego is against you. What seems to be the fear of God is really only the fear of YOUR OWN REALITY. T9.I.1

5. Your will is your salvation, BECAUSE IT IS THE SAME AS GOD'S. The separation is nothing more than the belief that it is DIFFERENT. NO mind can believe that its will is STRONGER than God's. If, then, a mind believes that ITS will is different FROM His, it can only decide either that there IS no God, or that God's will is FEARFUL. T9.I.8

6. The reason why you must ask what God's will is in everything, is merely because it IS yours. Blessed are you who learn that to hear the Will of your Father, is to learn your own. God's will is that His Son be One, and united with Him in His Oneness. That is why healing is the beginning of the recognition that YOUR WILL IS HIS. T11.I. 11

7. God is not willing that His Son be content with less than everything. For He is not content without His Son and His Son cannot be content with less than His Father has given him. T15.III.4

8. What is the Will of God? He wills His Son have everything. And this He guaranteed when He created him AS everything. T26.VII.10

9. Sickness and death entered the mind of God's Son against His will. The "attack on God" made His Son think he was fatherless, and out of his depression he made the god of depression. This was his alternative to joy, because he would not accept the fact that, although he was a creator, he had been created. Yet the Son IS helpless without the Father, Who alone IS his Help. We said before that of yourselves you can do nothing, but you are not OF yourselves. If you were, what you have made would be true, and you could never escape. T10.V.4

### III. Will resides in the mind

1. Freewill is the attribute of the mind, NOT the Soul. The Soul always remains changeless, because it never leaves the sight of God.

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2. What you do not realize is that the mind can mis-create only when it is NOT free. An imprisoned mind is not free by definition. It is possessed, or held back, by ITSELF. Its will is therefore limited, and not free to assert itself. In the service of the "Right Mind", the denial of ERROR frees the mind and reestablishes the freedom of the will. When the will is REALLY free, it CANNOT mis-create, because it recognizes ONLY TRUTH.

T3.II.4

3. Mind is responsible for both bondage and liberation. SB

4. God placed His knowledge in your mind when He created you. SB

### IV. We are always choosing with God or ego

1. You can NEVER choose EXCEPT between God and the ego. Thought-systems are but true or false, and all their ATTRIBUTES come simply from what they ARE. A major tenet in the ego's insane religion is that sin is NOT error, but TRUTH. And it is INNOCENCE that would deceive. PURITY IS SEEN AS ARROGANCE, and the acceptance of the self AS SINFUL is perceived as holiness. T17.III.9

2. You will not make decisions by yourself WHATEVER you decide. For they are made with idols or with God. And you ask help of Christ or anti-Christ, and which you choose WILL join with you, and tell you what to do.

T30.I.14

3. Would you be hostage to the ego or host to God? You will accept only whom you invite. You are free to determine who shall be your guest, and how long he shall remain with you. Yet this is not real freedom, for it still depends on how you see it.

T11.II.7:1-4

4. And now you stand in terror before what you swore never to look upon. Your eyes look down, remembering your promise to your "friends." The "loveliness" of sin; the delicate appeal of guilt, the "holy" waxen image of death, and the fear of vengeance of the ego you swore in blood not to desert, all rise to bid you NOT to raise your eyes. For you realize that if you look on THIS and LET the veil be lifted, THEY WILL BE GONE FOREVER. All of your "friends," your "protectors," and your "home," will vanish. Nothing that you remember NOW, will you remember. It seems to you the world will

utterly abandon you, if you but raise your eyes. Yet all that WILL occur is YOU will leave the world forever. This is the reestablishment of YOUR will. Look upon it, open-eyed, and you will nevermore believe that you are at the mercy of things BEYOND you, forces you CANNOT control, and thoughts that come to you AGAINST your will. IT IS YOUR WILL TO LOOK ON THIS. T19.IV.D.6

5. You HAVE dreamed of a separated ego, and you HAVE believed in a world which rested upon it. This is very real to you. You cannot undo this by doing nothing and not changing. T3.VII.5

6. The ego tries to teach that you want to oppose God's Will. This unnatural lesson cannot be learned, and the attempt to learn it is a violation of your own freedom, making you afraid of your will *because* it is free. The Holy Spirit opposes any imprisoning of the will of a Son of God, knowing that the Will of the Son is the Father's. The Holy Spirit leads you steadily along the path of freedom, teaching you how to disregard or look beyond everything that would hold you back. T8.II.4

#### **V. Ego wills to exist**

1. All things that man creates have energy, because, like the Creation of God, they come FROM energy, and are endowed by their creator with the power to create. Mis-creation is still a genuine creative act in terms of the underlying IMPULSE, but NOT in terms of the CONTENT of the creation. This, however, does not deprive the creation of its Own creative power. It DOES, however, guarantee that the power will be misused, or USED FEARFULLY. T2.VII

2. The ego is immobilized in the presence of God's grandeur, because HIS grandeur establishes YOUR freedom. Even the faintest hint of your reality literally drives the ego from your mind, because of the complete lack of investment in it. Grandeur is totally WITHOUT illusion, and because it is real, it is compellingly convincing. T9.VIII.4

#### **VII. Freewill means you can make mistakes**

1. Errors cannot really threaten Truth, which ALWAYS can withstand its assaults. (Only the error is really vulnerable) T1.III.5  
errors should be corrected, not punished. Turn over to spirit...

2. The ego does not perceive sin as a lack of love. It perceives it as a POSITIVE ACT OF ASSAULT. This is an interpretation which is necessary to its survival, because as soon as YOU regard it as a LACK, you will automatically attempt to remedy the situation. And you will also succeed. The ego regards this as doom, but YOU must

learn to regard it as freedom. The ego cannot OPPOSE the laws of God, anymore than YOU can. But it can INTERPRET them according to what it wants, just as YOU can. That is why the question, “what DO you want” must be answered. You ARE answering it every minute and every second, and each moment of decision is a judgment which is anything BUT ineffectual. Its effects will follow automatically UNTIL THE DECISION IS CHANGED. Any decision can be Unmade as well as made. T5.V.4

3. Errors ARE of the ego, and CORRECTION of errors of ANY kind lies solely in the RELINQUISHMENT of the ego. When you react AT ALL to errors you are not listening to the Holy Spirit. T9.III.2

4. Reason cannot see sin, but CAN see errors, and LEADS to their correction. It does not value THEM, but their CORRECTION. T21.VI.1

5. Who can see a sinful world, and look upon himself APART from it? T21.VI.2

6. Sin is not error. For sin entails an arrogance which the idea of error lacks. To sin would be to violate reality, AND TO SUCCEED. Sin is the proclamation that attack is real and guilt is JUSTIFIED. It assumes the Son of God IS guilty, and has thus SUCCEEDED in losing his innocence, and making of himself what God created NOT. Sin is the “grand illusion” underlying ALL the ego’s grandiosity. The Son of God CAN be mistaken; he CAN deceive himself; he can even turn the power of his mind AGAINST himself. But he can NOT sin. There is NOTHING he can do that would REALLY change his reality in ANY way, nor make him REALLY guilty. That is what sin WOULD do, for such is its purpose. T19.II.2+3

7. A major tenet in the ego’s insane religion is that sin is NOT error, but TRUTH. And it is INNOCENCE that would deceive. PURITY IS SEEN AS ARROGANCE, and the acceptance of the self AS SINFUL is perceived as holiness. T19.II.4

8. There is but one mistake, the whole idea that loss is possible, and could result in gain for anyone. This one mistake, in ANY form, has one correction. There is no loss. To think there is, is a mistake. T26.II.2

9. Sin is a misnomer for what are really mistakes. God will efface all your errors provided you vow not to walk in error again. SB

## **VIII. Self Responsibility**

1. This is the ONLY thing that you need do for vision, happiness, release from pain, and the COMPLETE escape from sin, ALL to be given you. Say ONLY this, but MEAN it with NO reservations, for here the power of salvation lies:

"I AM responsible for what I see.  
I CHOSE the feelings I experience,  
and I DECIDED ON the goal I would achieve.  
And everything that SEEMS to happen TO me,  
I ASKED FOR and received as I had asked."

T-21.II.2

2. The secret of salvation is but that you are doing this unto yourself

T27.VIII.10.1

3. Man is free to believe what he chooses. What he DOES attests to what he believes.

T1.III.2

4. Behavior is a response to MOTIVATION, and motivation is will.

T5.II.12

5. The power of decision is your own.

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6. 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

7. All that the ego is, is an idea that it is possible that things should HAPPEN to the Son of God, WITHOUT his will.

T26.X.4

## **VI. There are no independent wills**

1. And not one Thought that God has ever had but waited for your blessing to be born. God is no enemy to you. He asks no more than that He hear you call Him "Friend."

T30.II.2

2. God created Souls so He could depend on them BECAUSE He created them perfectly. God and the Souls He created ARE

symbiotically related. They are COMPLETELY dependent on each other. T2.III.5

3. God can transform the world through the transformation of our hearts. SB

### **IX. Power in uniting our wills**

1. All things BECOME possible through our JOINT will. But my will alone will not help you. Your will is as free as mine, and God Himself would not go against it. I cannot will what God does NOT will. I CAN offer you my will to make YOURS invincible by this sharing, but I CANNOT oppose yours without competing with it and thereby violating God's Will for you. Nothing God created can oppose your will, as nothing God created can oppose His. God GAVE your will its power, which I can only acknowledge in honor of HIS. If you want to be LIKE me, I will help you, knowing that we ARE alike. If you want to be DIFFERENT, I will wait until you change your mind. I can TEACH you, but only you can choose to LISTEN to my teaching. How else can it be, if God's Kingdom IS freedom? When your will is NOT mine, it is not OUR Father's. This means that you have imprisoned YOURS, and have not LET it be free. Of yourselves you can do nothing, because of yourselves you ARE nothing. T8.III.2

2. Alone we can do nothing, but TOGETHER our wills fuse into something whose power is far beyond the power of its separate parts. T8.VI.8

3. For we wait in quiet expectation for our **God** and Father. He has promised He will **take the final step** Himself. And we are sure His promises are kept. wkbk221

"There are three steps or stages in the spiritual journey. 'I am Yours'; 'You are Mine' and finally, 'I am YOU'! Every spiritual aspirant has to walk from one to the other, and reach the journey's end. Move on, don't halt. It is good to be born in a church, but it is not good to die in it. Grow and rescue yourselves from the limits and regulations, the doctrines that fence your freedom of thoughts, the ceremonials and rites that restrict and redirect. Reach the point where churches do not matter, where all roads end, from where all roads run."

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*Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven*