

Projection Makes Perception

1. Separation from God is the only lack man really needs to correct. His separation would never have occurred if he had not distorted his perception of truth, and thus perceived himself as lacking. T1.VI.2

2. 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 truth. It assumes that:

- 1) what God has created can be changed by the mind of Man.
- 2) what is perfect can be rendered imperfect.
- 3) man can create himself, thus the direction of his own creation is up to him.
- 4) man can distort the Creations of God. T2.I.1

3. Denial should be directed only to error, and projection should be limited to truth. T2.II.2+3

4. All fear is ultimately reducible to the basic mis-perception of man's ability to USURP the power of God. T2.I.4

5. The Last Judgment is one of the greatest threat concepts in Man's perception. This is only because he does not understand it. Judgment is not an essential attribute of God. Man brought judgment into being only because of the Separation, however, there WAS a place for justice in the schema, because it was one of the many learning devices which had to be built into the overall plan. T2.VIII.2

6. Most of the abilities man now possesses are only shadows of his real strengths. The Soul knows, loves and creates. These are its unequivocal functions. All of the functions of man are equivocal, or open to question or doubt. This is because he can no longer be certain how he will USE them. He is therefore incapable of knowledge, because he is uncertain. He is also incapable of true loving, because he can perceive lovelessly. He cannot create surely, because perception deceives, and illusions are not pure. T3.IV.1

7. True vision can be perceived only by the truly innocent. Because their hearts are pure, they defend true perception, instead of defending themselves AGAINST it. Understanding the lesson of the

Atonement, they are without the will to attack, and therefore they see truly. T3.II.3

8. To know is to be certain. Uncertainty merely means that you DON'T know. Knowledge is power BECAUSE it is certain, and certainty is strength. Perception is temporary. It is an attribute of the space-time belief, and is therefore subject to fear or love. Misperception produces fear, and true perception produces love. NEITHER produces certainty because all perception varies. That is why it is NOT knowledge. True perception is the BASIS for knowledge, but KNOWING is the affirmation of truth. T3.III.1

9. While you ask questions about God, you are clearly implying that you do NOT know Him. Certainty does not require action. When you say you are ACTING on the basis of sure knowledge, you are really confusing perception and cognition. Knowledge brings MENTAL strength for creative THINKING, but not for right doing. Perception, miracles, and doing are closely related. Knowledge is a result of revelation, and induces only thought. Knowledge is SURE. T3.III.5

10. Man has every reason to feel anxious, as he perceives himself. This is why he cannot escape fear until he KNOWS that he DID not and CAN not create himself. He can NEVER make this misperception valid, and when he at last PERCEIVES clearly, he is GLAD HE CAN'T. His Creation is beyond his own error variance, and this is why he MUST eventually choose to heal the Separation. T3.IV.3

11. 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

12. The mind DID divide itself when it willed to create its own levels AND the ability to perceive them. But it could NOT entirely separate itself from the Soul, because it is FROM the Soul that it derives its whole power to create. Even in mis-creating, will is affirming its source, or it would merely cease to be. This is impossible, because it IS part of the Soul, which God created, and which is therefore eternal. T3.IV.5

13. The separated mind cannot maintain the separation EXCEPT by dissociating. Having done this, it utilizes repression against all truly natural impulses, not because the EGO is a separate thing, but because you want to believe that YOU are. T4.VI.4

14. What you project you disown, and therefore DO NOT BELIEVE IS YOURS. T6.II.2

15. Projection will always hurt you. T6.II.3

16. Anger is never justified; Anger without projection is impossible. T6.II.3

17. All the separated ones have a basic fear of retaliation and abandonment. This is because they BELIEVE in attack and rejection, so this is what they perceive and teach and LEARN. These insane concepts are clearly the result of their own dissociation and projection. What you teach, you are, but it is quite apparent that you can teach wrongly, and therefore TEACH YOURSELVES WRONG. An insane learner learns strange lessons. T6.V.B.1

18. To heal is the ONLY kind of thinking in this world that resembles the Thought of God. To heal is to correct perception in your brother AND yourself by SHARING THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH HIM. T7.XI.6

19. Knowledge cannot deceive, but perception CAN. Man can perceive himself as self-creating, but he CANNOT do more than BELIEVE it. He CANNOT make it true. T7.I.1

20. Projection to the Holy Spirit is the law of extension. To the ego, it is the law of deprivation. It therefore produces abundance or scarcity, depending on how you choose to apply it. This choice IS up to you, but it is NOT up to you to decide whether or not you will UTILIZE projection. Every mind MUST project, because that is how it lives, and every mind IS life. The ego's use of projection must be fully understood before the INEVITABLE association between projection and anger can be finally Unmade. T7.VIII.1

21. YOU have made by projection, but God has created by extension. T11.In.3

22. The perception of goodness is not knowledge, but the denial of the OPPOSITE of goodness enables you to perceive a condition in which opposites do not exist. This is a very simple course. Perhaps

you do not feel that a course which, in the end, teaches nothing more than that only reality is true is necessary. BUT DO YOU BELIEVE IT? When you have perceived the real world, you will recognize that you did NOT believe it. T11.VII.4

23. Every loving thought that the Son of God ever had is eternal. Those which his mind perceives in this world are the world's only reality. They are still perceptions, because he still believes that he is separate, yet they are eternal, because they are loving. And BEING loving, they are like the Father, and therefore will not die. T11.VIII.2

24. The problem of guilt is that it stands in the way of your remembering God, Whose pull is so strong that you cannot resist it. If you are to retain guilt, as the ego insists, you cannot be you. Only by persuading you that IT is you, could the ego possibly induce you to PROJECT guilt, and thereby keep it in your mind. You PROJECT guilt to get rid of it, but you actually merely CONCEAL it. T13.II.13

25. The outside world is projected from within. T20.VII.9

26. Projection makes perception; the world you see is what you GAVE it, nothing more than that. But though it is no MORE than that, it is NOT less. Therefore, to YOU, it IS important. It is the witness to your state of mind, the OUTSIDE picture of an INWARD condition. As a man thinketh, so does he perceive. Therefore seek not to change the world, but will to change your mind ABOUT the world. T21.In.1

27. I have no neutral thoughts. What gives rise to the perception of a whole world can hardly be called neutral. WKBK16

28. As we learn to recognize our perceptual errors, we also learn to look past them or 'forgive.' At the same time we are forgiving ourselves, looking past our distorted self-concept to the Self That God created in us and as us. Wkbk 325