

7. Lead Us To the Real

1. Nothing real can be threatened. Nothing unreal exists. Herein lies the peace of God. ACIM Intro.

2. The spiritual path is very easy: Stop making the unreal real and allow the real to be what it is. Sai Baba

Reality cannot change

1. What YOU have made can always be changed, because when you do not think LIKE God, you have not really thought at all. Delusional ideas are NOT thought, but you CAN think that you believe in them.

T5.V.6

2. 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

3. Valuing nothing, you have sought it and found it. By making nothing real to you, you have SEEN it.

T12.VIII.6

4. You who prefer specialness to sanity could not obtain it in your right minds. You were at peace until you asked for special favor. And God did not give it. For the request was alien to Him, and you could not ask this of a Father who truly loved His Son. Therefore, you made of Him an UNloving father, demanding of Him what only such a father COULD give. And the peace of God's Son was shattered, for he no longer understood his Father. He feared what he had made, but still more, did he fear his REAL Father, having attacked his glorious equality WITH HIM.

T13.III.10

5. 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 if 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+31.

The Real World

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. UT p. 13

2. 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

3. What is the Real World? The real world is a symbol, like the rest of what perception offers. Yet it stands for what is opposite to what you made. Your world is seen through eyes of fear, and brings the witnesses of terror to your mind. The real world cannot be perceived except through eyes forgiveness blesses, so they see a world where terror is impossible, and witnesses to fear cannot be found.

The real world holds a counterpart for each unhappy thought reflected in your world. Look upon the world you see, and tell yourself, "The real world is not like this. It has no buildings, and there are no streets where people walk alone and separately. There are no stores where people buy an endless list of things they do not need. It is not lit with artificial light, and night comes not upon it. There is no day that brightens and grows dim. There is no loss. Nothing is there but shines, and shines forever." This world you see MUST BE DENIED, for sight of it is costing you a different kind of vision. YOU CANNOT SEE BOTH WORLDS. For each of them involves a different kind of seeing, and depends on what you cherish. The sight of one is possible because you have DENIED THE OTHER. Wkbk.291

Unreal World

1. The conflict cannot disappear until it is fully recognized that mis-creation is NOT real, and therefore there IS no conflict. This entails a full realization of the basic fact that, although man has mis-created in a very real sense, he need neither continue to do so, nor suffer from his past errors in this respect. UrText p. 50

2. 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. T5.V.6

3. When you do not SHARE a thought system, you ARE weakening it. Those who BELIEVE in it therefore perceive this as an ATTACK ON THEM. This is because everyone identifies himself WITH his thought system, and EVERY thought system centers on WHAT YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE. T6.V.B.1

4. If the mind makes illusions it will BELIEVE in them, because THAT IS HOW IT MADE THEM. When you BELIEVE something, you HAVE made it true FOR YOU. T7.VI.5

5. YOU THINK YOU HAVE MADE A WORLD THAT GOD WOULD DESTROY. And by loving Him, WHICH YOU DO, you would throw this world away, which you would. Therefore, you have used the world to COVER YOUR LOVE, and the deeper you go into the blackness of the ego's foundation, the closer you come to the love that is hidden beneath it. AND IT IS THIS THAT FRIGHTENS YOU. You can accept insanity, BECAUSE YOU MADE IT. But you cannot accept love, BECAUSE YOU DID NOT. You would rather be slaves of the crucifixion, than Sons of God in redemption. For your INDIVIDUAL death is more valued than your living Oneness, and what is GIVEN you, is not so dear as what you MADE. You are more afraid of God than of the ego and love cannot enter where it is not welcome. But hatred CAN, for it enters of ITS will, and cares not for YOURS.

T13.III.4

6. Dreams show you that you HAVE the power to make a world as you would have it, and that, BECAUSE you want it, you see it. And WHILE you see it, you do NOT doubt that it is real. Yet here is a world, clearly WITHIN your mind, that SEEMS to be outside. You do not respond to it as though you made it, nor do you realize that the emotions which the dream produces MUST come from you. IT is the FIGURES in the dream, and what THEY do that seem to MAKE THE DREAM. You do not realize that you are making them act out FOR you, for if you did, the guilt would not be theirs, and the illusion of satisfaction would be gone. Your sleeping and your waking dreams have different forms and that is all. THEIR CONTENT IS THE SAME. They are your protest AGAINST reality, and your fixed and insane wish to CHANGE it.

T18.II.5

7. The World You Made (three paragraphs)

T20.III.4

8. I loose the world from all I thought it was. What keeps the world in chains but your beliefs? And what can save the world except your Self? Belief is powerful indeed. The thoughts you hold are mighty, and illusions are as strong in their effects as is the truth. A madman thinks the world he sees is real, and does not doubt it. Nor can he be swayed by questioning his thoughts' effects. It is but when their source is raised to question that the hope of freedom comes to him at last.

Yet is salvation easily achieved, for anyone is free to change his mind, and all his thoughts change with it. Now the source of thought has shifted, for to change your mind means you have changed the source of all ideas you think or ever thought or yet will think. You free the past from what you thought before. You free the future from all ancient

thoughts of seeking what you do not want to find.

The world is nothing in itself. Your mind must give it meaning. And what you behold upon it are your wishes, acted out so you can look on them and think them real. Perhaps you think you did not make the world, but came unwillingly to what was made already, hardly waiting for your thoughts to give it meaning. Yet in truth you found exactly what you looked for when you came.

There is no world apart from what you wish, and herein lies your ultimate release. Change but your mind on what you want to see, and all the world must change accordingly. Ideas leave not their source.

It is pride that argues you have come into a world quite separate from yourself, impervious to what you think, and quite apart from what you chance to think it is. There is no world! This is the central thought the course attempts to teach. Not everyone is ready to accept it, and each one must go as far as he can let himself be led along the road to truth. He will return and go still farther, or perhaps step back a while and then return again.

But healing is the gift of those who are prepared to learn there is no world, and can accept the lesson now. Their readiness will bring the lesson to them in some form which they can understand and recognize.

If it is indeed your own imagining, then you can loose it from all things you ever thought it was by merely changing all the thoughts that gave it these appearances. The sick are healed as you let go all thoughts of sickness, and the dead arise when you let thoughts of life replace all thoughts you ever held of death.

What is the lesson for today except another way of saying that to know your Self is the salvation of the world? To free the world from every kind of pain is but to change your mind about yourself. There is no world apart from your ideas because ideas leave not their source, and you maintain the world within your mind in thought. WKBK.132

Salvation of the world

1. 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

2. On your learning depends the welfare of the world. And it is only arrogance that would DENY the power of your will. T22.VI.10

3. As long as a single slave remains to walk the earth, your release is not complete. Complete restoration of the Sonship is the only true goal of the miracle-minded. T1.VII.3

4. You WILL rejoice at what you see, BECAUSE you see it TO rejoice. And while you think that suffering and sin will bring you joy, so long will they be there for you to see. Nothing is harmful or beneficent APART from what you wish. It is your wish that MAKES it what it is in its effect on you. Because you chose it as a means to GAIN the same effects, believing them to be the bringers of rejoicing and of joy. T25.IV.2

5. For this alone I need; that you will hear the words I speak, and give them to the world. You are my voice, my eyes, my feet, my hands through which I save the world. Wkbk.171

6. Salvation of the world depends on me. Here is the statement that will one day take all arrogance away from every mind. Here is the thought of true humility, which holds no function as your own but that which has been given you. It offers your acceptance of a part assigned to you, without insisting on another role. It does not judge your proper role. It but acknowledges the Will of God is done on earth as well as Heaven. It unites all wills on earth in Heaven's plan to save the world, restoring it to Heaven's peace. Wkbk.186

Self – Responsibility

1. All that stands between you and the power of God in you, is but your learning of the false, and your attempts to UNDO THE TRUE. T14.XI.1

2. Salvation lies in the simple fact that illusions are NOT fearful, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT TRUE. And they but SEEM to be fearful to the extent to which you fail to recognize them FOR WHAT THEY ARE. T16.V.14

3. Hallucinations disappear when they are RECOGNIZED for what they are. This IS the healing and the remedy. Believe them not, and they ARE gone. And all YOU need to do is recognize YOU DID THIS. Once you ACCEPT this simple fact, and take unto YOURSELF the power you GAVE them, YOU are released from them. One thing is sure; hallucinations serve a purpose, and when that PURPOSE is no longer held, THEY disappear. Therefore, the question never is whether you want THEM, but ALWAYS do you want the purpose that they serve? T20.VIII.8

4. 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.

5. Deceive yourself no longer that you are helpless in the face of what is done TO you. Acknowledge but that YOU have been mistaken, and ALL effects of your mistakes will disappear. It is impossible the Son of God be merely driven by events OUTSIDE him. It is impossible that the happenings that come to him were NOT his choice. His power of decision is the DETERMINER of every situation in which he seems to FIND himself by chance or accident. No accident of chance is POSSIBLE within the universe as God created it, OUTSIDE of which is nothing. Suffer, and YOU decide sin was your goal. Be happy, and you GAVE the power of decision to Him who MUST decide for God for you. T21.II.2

6. If you CHOOSE to see a world WITHOUT an enemy, in which you are NOT helpless, the MEANS to see it WILL be given you. T21.VII.9

7. No one can make one illusion real, and still escape the rest. T26.VI.1

8. My holiness blesses the world. There is nothing my holiness cannot do. Wkbk.37&38

Love is real

1. 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.211.

2. YOU DO NOT WANT THE WORLD. The only thing of value in it is whatever part of it YOU look upon with love. This GIVES it the only reality it will ever have. T12.VI.3

Forgiveness undoes the illusion

1. Having been restored to your original state, you naturally become part of the Atonement yourself. You now share MY inability to tolerate the lack of love in yourself and in everyone else, and MUST join the GREAT CRUSADE to correct it. UT p. 5

2. The will inevitably disown its mis-creations, and having withdrawn belief from them, they will no longer exist. T2. VIII.4

3. The journey to the cross should be the last "useless journey." Do not dwell upon it, but dismiss it as accomplished. If you can accept it as your own last useless journey, you are also free to join my resurrection. Until you do so your life is indeed wasted. It merely re-enacts the separation, the loss of power, the futile attempts of the ego at reparation, and finally the crucifixion of the body, or death. Such repetitions are endless until they are voluntarily given up. Do not make the pathetic error of "clinging to the old rugged cross." The only message of the crucifixion is that you can overcome the cross. Until then you are free to crucify yourself as often as you choose. This is not the gospel I intended to offer you. We have another journey to undertake, and if you will read these lessons carefully they will help prepare you to undertake it. T4.In.III

4. To forgive is merely to remember ONLY the LOVING thoughts you gave in the past, and those that were given you. All the rest, must be forgotten. Forgiveness is a selective remembering, based NOT on YOUR selection. Be willing to forgive the Son of God for what he did NOT do. T26.IX.V.6

5. Salvation is a paradox indeed! What could it be EXCEPT a happy dream? For you are asked but to forgive all things that no-one ever did, to overlook what is not there; and not to look upon the unreal as reality. You are but asked to let your will be done, and seek no longer for the things you do not want. And you are asked to let yourself be free of all the dreams of what you never were, and seek no more to substitute the strength of idle wishes for the Will of God. Here does the dream of separation start to fade and disappear. For here the gap that is not there begins to be perceived without the toys of terror that you made. T30.IV.7

6. Salvation is my only function here. Salvation and forgiveness are the same. They both imply that something has gone wrong; something to be saved from, forgiven for; something amiss that needs corrective change; something apart or different from the Will of God. Thus do both terms imply a thing impossible but yet which has occurred, resulting in a state of conflict seen between what is and what could never be.

Truth and illusions both are equal now, for both have happened. The impossible becomes the thing you need forgiveness for, salvation from. Salvation now becomes the borderland between the truth and the illusion. It reflects the truth because it is the means by which you can escape illusions. Yet it is not yet the truth because it undoes what was

never done.

Wkbk99

Unreal Body

1. I am not a body I am free, for I am still as God created me. Wkbk201

2. In the ultimate sense, reincarnation is impossible. There is no past or future, and the idea of birth into a body has no meaning either once or many times. Reincarnation cannot, then, be true in any real sense. Our only question should be, "Is the concept helpful?" And that depends, of course, on what it is used for. If it is used to strengthen the recognition of the eternal nature of life, it is helpful indeed. Is any other question about it really useful in lighting up the way? Like many other beliefs, it can be bitterly misused. At least, such misuse offers preoccupation and perhaps pride in the past. At worst, it induces inertia in the present. In between, many kinds of folly are possible. MT.24.1

You are real

1. God, who encompasses ALL being, never the less created separate beings who have everything individually, but who want to share it to increase their joy. Nothing that is real can be increased EXCEPT by sharing it. That is why God Himself created you. Divine Abstraction takes joy in application and that is what creation MEANS. How, what, and to whom are irrelevant, because real creation gives everything, since it can only create like itself. Remember that in being, there is no difference between having and being, as there is in existence. In the state of being, the mind gives everything always. T4.VII.5

2. I separated myself from myself to love myself.

Sai Baba

Love All ~ Serve All

Help Ever ~ Hurt Never