

Chapter 11 GOD OR THE EGO

Introduction

T-11.in.1. Either God or the ego is insane. 2 If you will examine the evidence on both sides fairly, you will realize **that either God or the ego is insane** and this must be true. 3 Neither God nor the ego proposes a partial thought system. 4 Each **thought system** is internally consistent, but **each thought system is** diametrically opposed in all respects so that partial allegiance is impossible. 5 Remember, too, that **each thought system's** results are as different as **each thought system's** foundations, and **each thought system's** fundamentally irreconcilable natures cannot be reconciled by vacillations between **the two thought systems**. 6 Nothing alive is Fatherless, for life is creation. 7 Therefore, your decision is always an answer to the question, "Who is my father?" 8 And you will be faithful to the father you choose

Note # 1: ACIM ask you to choose between the thought system of either God's, which is represented by the Holy Spirit, or the thought system of the little "s" self, which is represented by the ego. The ego claims that you are egoically self-created and, therefore, different from God. The Holy Spirit states that you are God's effect and, therefore, are the perfect extension of God. Due to each system different major premise, they give opposite answers to every question asked. Both cannot be right. ACIM states that our decision-maker must choose only one.

T-11.in.2. Yet what would you say to someone who believed this question, "**Who is my father?**" really involves conflict? 2 If you made the ego, how can the ego have made you? 3 The authority problem, **which asks, "Who is my father?"** is still the only source of conflict, because the ego was made out of the wish of God's Son to father **God**. 4 The ego, then, is nothing more than a delusional system in which you made your own father. 5 Make no mistake about this **that the ego, then, is nothing more than a delusional system in which you made your own father**. 6 It sounds insane when **the ego that you made claims also to be your own father. Yet when you look at it** with perfect honesty, **this is what the ego is claiming. Because of this** the ego never looks on what **the ego** does with perfect honesty. 7 Yet that is **the ego's** insane premise **of the fatherhood of you**, which is carefully hidden in the dark cornerstone of **the ego's** thought system. 8 And either the ego, which you made, *<is>* your father, or **the ego's** whole thought system will not stand.

Note # 2: The authority problem forms the basis for the ego's thought system. It claims that you are your own creator. Being egoically self-created, the ego claims that it also will create a god in its own image. This god of the ego is a god of fear, limitation and judgment. If the ego's thought system's first premise is wrong, everything that follows logically will also be incorrect. ACIM points out that our mind made our ego and, therefore, our ego could not create our mind. Both beliefs are in conflict, which means that the egoic thought system must leave us fatherless.

T-11.in.3. You make by projection, but God creates by extension. 2 The cornerstone of God's creation is you, for **God's** thought system is light. 3 Remember the Rays that are there unseen. 4 The more you approach the center of **God's** thought system, the clearer the light becomes. 5 The closer you come to the foundation of the ego's thought system; the darker and more obscure becomes the way. 6 Yet even the little spark in your mind is

enough to lighten **your mind to the way**. 7 Bring this light fearlessly with you, and bravely hold **this light** up to the foundation of the ego's thought system. 8 Be willing to judge **the ego's thought system** with perfect honesty. 9 Open the dark cornerstone of terror on which **the ego's thought system** rests, and bring **the ego's thought system** out into the light. 10 There you will see that **the ego's thought system** rested on meaninglessness, and that everything of which you have been afraid was based on nothing. p193

Note # 3: Projection's goal is exclusion. Creation or extension is inclusion. Creation is the process of extending all that you are to our creation. This is sharing and the extension of the Oneness. Projection is the process of trying to get rid of something you do not want. This is exclusion.

ACIM states that we need to be vigilant for God, which is truth. When we examine the thought system of the ego before the light of truth, we will discover that the ego's thought system is fundamentally flawed and needs to be discarded.

T-11.in.4. My brother, you are part of God and part of me. 2 When you have at last looked at the ego's foundation without shrinking you will also have looked upon our **foundation of your little "s" self**. 3 I come to you from our Father to offer you everything again. 4 Do not refuse **everything again** in order to keep a dark cornerstone hidden, for **the protection of this dark cornerstone of the ego's thought system** will not save you. 5 I give you the lamp and I will go with you. 6 You will not take this journey alone. 7 I will lead you to your true Father, Who hath need of you, as I have. 8 Will you not answer the call of love with joy?

Note # 4: Jesus asks that we follow him and the thought system of the Holy Spirit, which offers us everything. The ego's thought system promises us specialness but gives us only the false. Instead of love, we get loves opposites of sin, guilt and fear. How can we sanely perceive this exchange of our happiness for the ego's gifts as being a "good trade"?

I. The Gifts of Fatherhood

T-11.I.1. You have learned your need of healing. 2 Would you bring anything else **but healing** to the Sonship, recognizing your need of healing for yourself? 3 For in this **healing** lies the beginning of the return to knowledge. **Healing is** the foundation on which God will help build again the thought system you share with **God**. 4 Not one stone you place upon **the thought system you share with God** but will be blessed by **God**, for you will be restoring the holy dwelling place of His Son, where **God** wills His Son to be and where **His Son** is. 5 In whatever part of the mind of God's Son you restore this reality, you restore **this reality** to yourself. 6 You dwell in the Mind of God with your brother, for God Himself did not will to be alone.

Note # 5: We share the mind of the Sonship with all our brothers. If a brother and we jointly heal our fragmented split-mind, all the Sonship benefits. Healing is accomplished by choosing to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Our egoic misperceptions and judgment are converted into correct perception.

T-11.I.2. To be alone is to be separated from infinity, but how can **you be separated from infinity** if infinity has no end? 2 No one can be beyond the limitless, because what has no limits must be everywhere. 3 There are no beginnings and no endings in God,

Whose universe is Himself. 4 Can you exclude yourself from the universe, or from God Who *<is>* the universe? 5 I and my Father are one with you, for you are part of Us. 6 Do you really believe that part of God can be missing or lost to **God**?

Note # 6: Since God is the Oneness of everything, where could we be except in God? In a hologram, the whole is contained in each part. Because we are part of God's Oneness, we must be part of the whole. This is why the return to knowledge is based on our healing which is part of the healing of the entire Sonship. All are interconnect on the Oneness that is the web of life that is the Mind of God.

T-11.I.3. If you were not part of God, **God's Will** would not be unified. 2 Is this conceivable **that God's Will would not be unified**? 3 Can part of **God's Mind** contain nothing? 4 If your place in **God's Mind** cannot be filled by anyone except you, and your filling **God's Mind** was your creation, without you there would be an empty place in God's Mind. 5 Extension cannot be blocked, and **extension and God's Mind** has no voids. 6 **The extension of God's Mind** continues forever, however much **the extension of God's Mind** is denied. 7 Your denial of **the reality of the extension of God's Mind** may arrest **the extension of God's Mind** in time, but not in eternity. 8 That is why your creations have not ceased to be extended, and why so much is waiting for your return. p194

Note # 7: In time, our creations await our return to whole-mindedness. Our denial of our Oneness does not change the truth; it merely limits our total recognition of the truth. Our Big "S" Self continues to co-create while our egoic mind chooses to make images of the false. In eternity, there can be nothing missing from the Oneness of Everything since that would be a contradiction in terms. In time, we can perceive the false and imagine a void in the Oneness. Our imagination cannot make the void real. In time, we can believe something that is not true, yet, our erroneous belief is powerless to change reality.

T-11.I.4. Waiting is possible only in time, but time has no meaning. 2 You who made delay can leave time behind simply by recognizing that neither beginnings nor endings were created by the Eternal. **God** placed no limits on His creation or upon those who create like **God**. 3 You do not know this simply because you have tried to limit what **God** created, and so you believe that all creation is limited. 4 How, then, could you know your creations, having denied infinity?

Note # 8: Time is needed until we decide to be vigilant only for truth. Time exists to allow us to imagine what it would be like to be something other than as God created us. Until we make the decision to be only love, we will continue to miscreate out of fear. Creation is extension. God's Law of Creation is to have all, give all, to all. Since we believe that we are limited, we cannot create. Making is the attempt to exclude. Extension always is inclusive. Making attempts to confirm that there is something outside of you and that it is different. Creation always includes everything since that is what the creator is. You can only extend what you are. Making attempts to give something, which you are not. This something is the belief in the separation due to your belief that you are limited. When we accept the truth of the Atonement for ourselves, we will no longer value anything that time appears to offer. Placing no value in egoic littleness, time will become functionless and disappear.

T-11.I.5. The laws of the universe do not permit contradiction. 2 What holds for God holds for you. 3 If you believe you are absent from God, you will believe that **God** is absent from you. 4 Infinity is meaningless without you, and you are meaningless without God. 5 There is no end to God and His Son, for we *<are>* the universe. 6 God is not incomplete, and **God** is not childless. 7 Because **God** did not will to be alone, **God** created a Son like Himself. 8 Do not deny **God** His Son, for your unwillingness to accept **God's** Fatherhood has denied you **your fatherhood**. 9 See **God's** creations as His Son, for your **creations** were created in honor of **God**. 10 The universe of love does not stop because you do not see **the universe of love**, nor have your closed eyes lost the ability to see. 11 Look upon the glory of **God's** creation, and you will learn what God has kept for you.

Note # 9: God has preserved our birthright for us. Although we can deny our birthright, we can never lose it. Our Big "S" Self, God, Our Creator, and the Holy Spirit all know the eternal truth of what we are. We can never be separate for our Source. Cause and Effect remain eternally intertwined as one Oneness of "All That Is".

T-11.I.6. God has given you a place in **God's** Mind that is yours forever. 2 Yet you can keep **your place in God's Mind** only by giving it, as **your place in God's Mind** was given you, **which is forever**. 3 Could you be alone there, when **your place in God's Mind** was given you because God did not will to be alone? 4 God's Mind cannot be lessened. 5 **God's Mind** can only be increased, for everything **God** creates has the function of creating. 6 Love does not limit, and what **love** creates is not limited. 7 To give without limit is God's Will for you, because only **to give without limit** can bring you the joy that is **God's** and that **God** wills to share with you. 8 Your love is as boundless as **God's** because **your love** *<is>* **God's Love**.

Note # 10: Your function is to create, (extend), like God, since the Sonship is created in God's exact image. We cannot be happy unless we are fulfilling our function as co-creators with God. Creation is being and thus, extending only love.

T-11.I.7. Could any part of God be without **God's** Love, and could any part of **God's** Love be contained? 2 God is your heritage, because **God's** one gift is Himself. 3 How can you give except like **God** if you would know **God's** gift to you? 4 Give, then, without limit and without end, to learn how much **God** has given you. 5 Your ability to accept **God** depends on your willingness to give as **God** gives. 6 Your fatherhood and your Father are One. 7 God wills to create, and your will is **God's Will**. 8 It follows, then, that you will to create, since your will follows from **God's Will**. 9 And being an extension of **God's Will**, your **will** must be the same as **God's Will**. p195

Note # 11: Only by giving all, do we experience that we have all. If we decide to accept God's love, we also have decided to give God's love: Giving and receiving are two sides of the same coin. You cannot have a one sided coin. Each half completes the other and creates a whole. Through our creation, we know ourselves to be complete and with this being a co-creator with our Father, we complete each other. Cause must have its effect and God's creations are not causeless. The only difference between the Father and Son is that God is First Cause. After this there is no difference. There is just the extension of the Oneness of "All That Is".

T-11.I.8. Yet what you will you do not know. 2 This **idea of not knowing what you will** is not strange when you realize that to deny is to "not know." 3 God's Will is that you are His Son. 4 By denying **that you are His Son**, you deny your own will, and therefore do not know what **your own will** is. 5 You must ask what God's Will is in everything, because **God's Will is your will**. 6 You do not know what **your will** is, but the Holy Spirit remembers **your will** for you. 7 Ask **the Holy Spirit**, therefore, what God's Will is for you, and **the Holy Spirit** will tell you your will. 8 It cannot be too often repeated that you do not know **your will is God's Will**. 9 Whenever what the Holy Spirit tells you appears to be coercive, it is only because you have not recognized your will.

Note # 12: ACIM suggests that you ask the Holy Spirit's advice, rather than asking the ego's thought system. Only the Holy Spirit knows both your illusion of limitation and the truth about the Oneness that you really are. The Holy Spirit's advice will always align your will, which is your Big "S" Self's will, with God's Will, for they are One and the same.

T-11.I.9. The projection of the ego makes it appear as if God's Will is outside yourself, and therefore **that God's Will is not your will**. 2 In this interpretation of **separate wills**, it seems possible for God's Will and **your will** to conflict. 3 God, then, may seem to demand of you what you do not want to give, and thus **God may seem to deprive you of what you want**. 4 Would God, Who wants only your will, be capable of this **desire to deprive you**? 5 Your will is **God's life**, which **God** has given to you. 6 Even in time you cannot live apart from **God**. 7 Sleep is not death. 8 What **God** created can sleep, but **what God created** cannot die. 9 Immortality is **God's Will** for His Son, and His Son's will for himself. 10 God's Son cannot will death for himself because his Father is life, and His Son is like **His Father**. 11 Creation is your will <because> **creation is God's Will**.

Note # 13: The ego's thought system is based on the concept of separation. It has made an entire illusionary world to entrap your mind into the belief that you are a limited ego-body. The ego will always claim that you are separate from your Father because the ego claims you are self-created and that what you created, your little "s" self, somehow could create you. The ego claims that somehow the child can create its father. Littleness cannot be the will of the Big "S" Self, which is the extension of the Creator's Will. Creation, not making, is the Sonship's will.

T-11.I.10. You cannot be happy unless you do what you will truly, and you cannot change this because **to be happy you must do your true will for this fact** is immutable. 2 **To be happy you must do your true will** is immutable by God's Will and **your will**, for otherwise **God's Will** would not be extended. 3 You are afraid to know God's Will, because you believe **God's Will is not your will**. 4 This belief **that God's Will is not your will** is your whole sickness and your whole fear. 5 Every symptom of sickness and fear arises **from this belief that God's Will is not your will**, because this **belief that God's Will is not your will** is the belief that makes you <want> not to know. 6 Believing this **belief that God's Will is not your will**, you hide in darkness, denying that the light is in you.

Note # 14: God's will is only that His Creation be happy. How can we deny that this is not our own will? The ego sacrifices our happiness so that we can pretend to be right. This is not the will of our Big "S" Self.

Sickness is any belief that we are not as God created us to be. ACIM states clearly that our belief in sickness and fear arises from our wish to deny that our will and God's Will are the same. This claim arises from our belief that we are separate and, therefore, different from how God created us. The ego claims that we could deny the Will of God, which is only that we be happy. The ego argues that the changeless and eternal could be changed. It argues for our littleness and that we could be something other than perfect, whole and complete. How can this claim for littleness make you happy? Would you rather be happy or "right"?

T-11.I.11. You are asked to trust the Holy Spirit only because **the Holy Spirit** speaks for you. 2 **The Holy Spirit** is the Voice for God, but never forget that God did not will to be alone. 3 **God** shares His Will with you; **God** does not thrust **His Will** upon you. 4 Always remember that what **God** gives **God** keeps, so that nothing **God** gives can contradict **God**. 5 You who share **God's** life must share **God's Will** to know **God's life**, for sharing <is> knowing. 6 Blessed are you who learn that to hear the Will of your Father is to know your own **will**. 7 For it is your will to be like **God**, Whose Will it is that it be so **that you are like your Father**. 8 God's Will is that His Son be One, and united with Him in His Oneness. 9 That is why healing is the beginning of the recognition that your will is **God's Will**. p196

Note # 15: To know is to be. This world of separation was made to keep God's love out. The Holy Spirit has transformed the world of perception into a learning device in which we relearn what we really are. Here in time and space, we can reawaken to what it feels like to be only love. Since the world of perception allows for both love and the illusion of fear to exist side by side, it allows our decision-maker the choice of freely choosing between love and fear. The choice for love is the decision to create. The decision for fear only miscreates or makes. We remember God when we choose to co-create like and with Him. To be like your Father is to create like the Father. The only difference between the Sonship and the Father is that the Father came first. We, as God's Children, can create our own "children", who in turn can create their own "children". In this way we are like the Father, but we cannot be father to ourselves. This egoic idea in self-creation is the underlying belief that results in the "authority problem". It states that somehow a child can create or be his own parent.

II. The Invitation to Healing

T-11.II.1. If sickness is separation, the decision to heal and to be healed is the first step toward recognizing what you truly want, **which is to be one will with God's Will**. 2 Every attack is a step away from **what you truly want**, and every healing thought brings **what you truly want** closer. 3 The Son of God <has> both Father and Son, because **Son of God** <is> both Father and Son. 4 To unite <having> and <being> is to unite your will with **God's Will**, for **God** wills you Himself. 5 And you will yourself to **God** because, in your perfect understanding of **God**, you know there is but one Will. 6 Yet when you attack any part of God and His Kingdom your understanding is not perfect, and what you really want is therefore lost to you.

Note # 16: Sickness is any belief that we are not one with God. Anytime we have thoughts that contradict the truth that we are perfect, whole and complete, our mind is in need of healing. It has slipped into fear-based thoughts and doubts about our own nature as

unlimited spirit. Whole-mindedness is not intellectual egoic thinking that we are one. Instead, whole-mindedness is being One. It is being a co-participant with God in the dance of creation. It is our being a conduit for only love.

T-11.II.2. Healing thus becomes a lesson in understanding, and the more you practice **healing** the better teacher and learner you become. 2 If you have denied truth, what better witnesses to **truth's** reality could you have than those who have been healed by **truth's reality**? 3 But be sure to count yourself among **the healed**, for in your willingness to join **the healed** is your healing accomplished. 4 Every miracle that you accomplish speaks to you of the Fatherhood of God. 5 Every healing thought that you accept, either from your brother or in your own mind, teaches you that you are God's Son. 6 In every hurtful thought you hold, wherever you perceive **a hurtful thought**, lies the denial of God's Fatherhood and of your Sonship.

Note # 17: To heal is to accept the truth that God is the First Cause and that we are His Effect. An effect cannot change its cause and Cause and Effect are inseparable, forever joined as one. We also need to be clear that like begets like and thus, being God's creation we must also replicate God's creation, which is the extension of the Oneness of the Mind of God. Creation is extension. We, God's Effect, complete our Cause when we freely join in the co-creative process with God. Creating like Our Father is the demonstration that extension, not separation, of the Oneness is the only reality within the Oneness of the Mind of God.

T-11.II.3. And denial is as total as love. 2 You cannot deny part of yourself, because the rest of **yourself** will seem to be separate and therefore without meaning. 3 And **the rest of yourself** being without meaning to you, you will not understand **yourself**. 4 To deny meaning is to fail to understand. 5 You can heal only yourself, for only God's Son needs healing. 6 You need **healing** because you do not understand yourself, and therefore know not what you do. 7 Having forgotten your will, you do not know what you really want.

Note # 18: The split-minded have moved into a state of doubt. Our Big "S" Self knows what it is. It operates from an "I AM" State of consciousness. The egoic little "s" self has moved into the questioning state. Instead of just being the "I AM" State, the ego is in the "What AM I?" state. The ego is the state of mind that claims it does not know that your will and God's will are the same. Since the split-minded have forgotten that they are the Effect of their Creator, they fail to remember their true Source and deny their shared Oneness in the holographic Mind of God.

T-11.II.4. Healing is a sign that you want to make whole. 2 And this willingness **to make whole** opens your ears to the Voice of the Holy Spirit, Whose message is wholeness. 3 **The Voice of the Holy Spirit** will enable you to go far beyond the healing you would undertake, for beside your small willingness to make whole **the Voice of the Holy Spirit** will lay **the Holy Spirit's** Own complete Will and make **your will** whole. 4 What can the Son of God not accomplish with the Fatherhood of God in him? 5 And yet the invitation **to invite the Fatherhood of God back in him** must come from you, for you have surely learned that whom you invite as your guest will abide with you.

Note # 19: The Holy Spirit will help you heal your split-mind and return it to wholeness or

right-mindedness. The Holy Spirit cannot do this task alone. It requires that you ask or invite Its assistance. Once invited to be your guide, the Holy Spirit cannot fail in Its mission for that is not the One Will that we share with our Father.

T-11.II.5. The Holy Spirit cannot speak to an unwelcoming host, because **the Holy Spirit** will not be heard. p197 2 The Eternal Guest remains, but **the Holy Spirit's** Voice grows faint in alien company. 3 **The Holy Spirit** needs your protection, only because your care is a sign that you want **the Holy Spirit**. 4 Think like **the Holy Spirit** ever so slightly, and the little spark becomes a blazing light that fills your mind so that **the Holy Spirit** becomes your only Guest. 5 Whenever you ask the ego to enter, you lessen **the Holy Spirit's** welcome. 6 **The Holy Spirit** will remain, but you have allied yourself against **the Holy Spirit**. 7 Whatever journey you choose to take, **the Holy Spirit** will go with you, waiting. 8 You can safely trust **the Holy Spirit's** patience, for **the Holy Spirit** cannot leave a part of God. 9 Yet you need far more than patience.

Note # 20: The Holy Spirit always remains a part of you, but you must ask for His guidance and then silence the voice for the ego. Without quieting the voice of the ego, we will not hear or heed the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit's home is our Big "S" Self and It will not and cannot leave Its host, our Christ Self. Being only part of the indivisible Oneness, where could It go? The Holy Spirit will wait patiently until the split-minded are tired of their game of separation and ask to be returned and reawakened in their home, which is the Kingdom. Upon awakening, the now whole-minded will realize that they had never left their home, which is the shared Oneness of the Mind of God.

T-11.II.6. You will never rest until you know your function and fulfill **your function**, for only in **knowing your function** can your will and your Father's **Will** be wholly joined. 2 To have **God** is to be like **God**, and **God** has given Himself to you. 3 You who have God must be as God, for **God's** function became yours with **God's** gift. 4 Invite this knowledge back into your mind, and let nothing that obscures **knowing your function** enter **your mind**. 5 The Guest Whom God sent you will teach you how to do this, if you but recognize the little spark and are willing to let **the little spark** grow. 6 Your willingness need not be perfect, **because God's witness, the Holy Spirit, is perfect**. 7 If you will merely offer **the Holy Spirit** a little place, **the Holy Spirit** will lighten **this little place** so much that you will gladly let **this little place** be increased. 8 And by this increase, you will begin to remember creation.

Note # 21: Being an extension of God, we must fulfill our now shared function with God. This shared function is to co-create with God. The Holy Spirit will heal the split-minded so that the Sonship will know Himself and resume His rightful place as a conduit for love. By extending what we are, which is only love; we partake in the creative process.

T-11.II.7. Would you be hostage to the ego or host to God? 2 You will accept only whom you invite. 3 You are free to determine who shall be your guest, and how long he shall remain with you. 4 Yet this **freedom to determine who shall be your guest and for how long** is not real freedom, for **who shall be your guest** still depends on how you see it. 5 The Holy Spirit is there, although **the Holy Spirit** cannot help you without your invitation. 6 And the ego is nothing, whether you invite **the ego** in or not. 7 Real freedom depends on welcoming reality, and of your guests only the Holy Spirit is real. 8 Know,

then, **the Holy Spirit** Who abides with you merely by recognizing what is there already, and do not be satisfied with imaginary comforters **like the ego**, for the Comforter of God is in you.

Note # 22: Only the Holy Spirit is real and, therefore, the only real choice you can ultimately make is to choose reality. The choice to follow the thought system of the ego is a choice for illusion and thus, is not a real choice. Any choice for an illusion is no choice since an illusion is powerless to change reality. Since illusions are nothing and not real, the choice to maintain an illusion is a choice for nothing. Nothingness is not a replacement for the truth of reality. Reality is everything since it is truth. The Holy Spirit, not an illusion, is real.

III. From Darkness to Light

T-11.III.1. When you are weary, remember you have hurt yourself. 2 Your Comforter, **the Holy Spirit**, will rest you, but you cannot **rest yourself**. 3 You do not know how **to rest**, for if you did **know how**, you could never have grown weary. 4 Unless you hurt yourself you could never suffer in any way, for that **you be hurt** is not God's Will for His Son. 5 Pain is not of **God**, for **God** knows no attack and **God's** peace surrounds you silently. p198 6 God is very quiet, for there is no conflict in **God**. 7 Conflict is the root of all evil, for being blind **conflict** does not see whom **conflict** attacks, **which is truth and our Big "S" Self**. 8 Yet **conflict** always attacks the Son of God, and the Son of God is you.

Note # 23: Conflict is failing to align our split mind's thoughts with our shared will with God's. Conflict is the result of this misalignment and is the source of all "evil". When we fail to be our true Big "S" Self's will, we attack ourselves. We are out of alignment with our true spiritual nature of what we are. An attack on any brother is an attack upon both ourselves and the entire oneness of the Sonship.

T-11.III.2. God's Son is indeed in need of comfort, for **God's Son** knows not what **God's Son** does, believing **God's Son's** will is not his own. 2 The Kingdom is **the Son of God's kingdom**, and yet **God's Son** wanders homeless. 3 At home in God, **God's Son** is lonely, and amid all his brothers **God's Son** is friendless. 4 Would God let His Son **be lonely and could** this be real, when **God** did not will to be alone Himself? 5 And if your will is **God's Will, to be alone** cannot be true of you, because **to be alone** is not true of **God**.

Note # 24: We are not at home in the world of time, space and perception. It is not God's will that we should attempt to hide from our Creator. God asks his prodigal Son to return to the knowledge of the Oneness of all there is.

T-11.III.3. O my child, if you knew what God wills for you, your joy would be complete! 2 And what **God** wills has happened, for **God's Will** was always true. 3 When the light comes and you have said, "God's Will is mine," you will see such beauty that you will know **the light** is not of you. 4 Out of your joy you will create beauty in **God's Name**, for your joy could no more be contained than **God's joy**. 5 The bleak little world will vanish into nothingness, and your heart will be so filled with joy that **your heart** will leap into Heaven, and into the Presence of God. 6 I cannot tell you what this will be like, for

your heart is not ready. 7 Yet I can tell you, and remind you often, that what God wills for Himself **God** wills for you, and what **God** wills for you is your **will**.

Note # 25: The “light is not of you” means that the light does not come from your limited ego, but rather your shared Oneness with the Creator. All of our power’s flow from our Source.

T-11.III.4. The way is not hard, but **the way** <is> very different. 2 Yours is the way of pain, of which God knows nothing. 3 That way, **your way of pain**, is hard indeed, and very lonely. 4 Fear and grief are your guests, and **fear and grief** go with you and abide with you on the way. 5 But the dark journey is not the way of God's Son. 6 Walk in light and do not see the dark companions of **fear and grief**, for **fear and grief** are not fit companions for the Son of God, who was created <of> light and <in> light. 7 The Great Light always surrounds you and shines out from you. 8 How can you see the dark companions of **fear and grief** in a light such as this? 9 If you see **fear and grief**, it is only because you are denying the light. 10 But deny **fear and grief** instead, for the light is here and the way is clear.

Note # 26: We walk with our brother on our journey home. The direction in which we walk depends on which thought system we choose to follow. Do we value the light of truth or the darkness of fear and the false?

T-11.III.5. God hides nothing from His Son, even though His Son would hide himself. 2 Yet the Son of God cannot hide his glory, for God wills **His Son** to be glorious, and gave **His Son** the light that shines in **His Son**. 3 You will never lose your way, for God leads you. 4 When you wander, you but undertake a journey that is not real. 5 The dark companions of **fear and grief**, **this dark way you wander alone**, are all illusions. 6 Turn toward the light, for the little spark in you is part of a light so great that this **little spark of light in you** can sweep you out of all darkness forever. 7 For your Father <is> your Creator, and you <are> like **your Father**. p199

Note # 27: We can choose to follow our Big “S” Self and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. By following the Voice for God, the darkness of our egoic world of fear and illusions will fade away. Darkness fades way before the light of truth. Our Big “S” Self represents this truth about what we are.

T-11.III.6. The children of light cannot abide in darkness, for darkness is not in **God’s children**. 2 Do not be deceived by the dark comforters of **fear and grief**, and never let **fear and grief** enter the mind of God's Son, for **fear and grief** have no place in **God’s** temple. 3 When you are tempted to deny **God** remember that there <are> no other gods to place before **God**, and accept **God’s** Will for you in peace. 4 For you cannot accept **God’s Will for you** otherwise. **For God’s Will for you comes only in your own peace**.

Note # 28: God’s temple is you, the Sonship, as God created it, perfect, whole and complete. Fear and grief are cornerstones of the egoic thought system. When we follow our ego, we lose our inner peace because our split-mind is in conflict.

T-11.III.7. Only God's Comforter, **the Holy Spirit**, can comfort you. 2 In the quiet of God's temple, **the Holy Spirit** waits to give you the peace that is yours. 3 Give **the Holy Spirit's** peace, that you may enter the temple and find **God's peace** waiting for you. 4 But be holy in the Presence of God, or you will not know that you are there **in God's temple**. 5 For what is unlike God cannot enter **God's Mind**, because **what is unlike God** was not **God's Thought** and therefore does not belong to **God's Mind**. 6 And your mind must be as pure as **God's Mind**, if you would know what belongs to you. 7 Guard carefully **God's** temple, for **God** Himself dwells there and abides in peace. 8 You cannot enter God's Presence with the dark companions **of fear and grief** beside you, but you also cannot enter alone. 9 All your brothers must enter with you, for until you have accepted **all your brothers** <you> cannot enter **God's temple**. 10 For you cannot understand wholeness unless you are whole, and no part of the Son can be excluded if he would know the Wholeness of his Father.

Note # 29: We need to forgive our brothers and view all parts of the Sonship as perfect if we are to know our own wholeness. To be holy is to be whole, for that is how God creates. Creation is extension. God created us in His image, therefore, like our Father, all the Sonship is perfect, whole and complete. God's temple is His creation. We are God's temple. When we believe that we are separate from God's Will, we place the false idols of our ego into our split-mind. Our split-mind becomes the home for the false egoic gods we chose to worship.

God's Temple and our temple are not places. Like everything else that is real, the term temple refers back to mind. God's creation is God's thoughts. Only ideas, not form, can be shared. The Holy Spirit is also a thought of God. The Holy Spirit is the thought within our mind that remembers God's thoughts. God's thoughts are only love, joy, peace and Oneness. The Mind of God is our temple as it is the Home of God and the Holy Spirit. Where else could thoughts be at home except in the mind that thinks them? When we have thoughts other than God's thoughts, we are in conflict, pain and separation. Due to our free will, we have chosen to place blocks before the thoughts of God. These blocks are the thought system of the egoic separation. Remember, although we speak of the ego like it is a "bad thing," the ego is only a group of thoughts that we currently utilize in time and space to define how we perceive ourselves. When we choose to define ourselves based on the thought system of the Holy Spirit, our "ego" does not really "disappear." Instead, we choose to define ourselves as God knows us, which is only love, joy, peace and Oneness. As long as perception exists, our decision-maker will determine what thoughts we will call into our awareness. When we are vigilant only for God, we only hold thoughts of love, joy, peace and oneness in our mind's awareness. This is the happy dream. From this state of mind, God will take the final step and return the Sonship to knowledge. Knowledge is certain. It is beyond perception since it does not involve thinking and choice. There is no conflict since knowledge just knows what is. Our mind and God's mind are One Will and One Mind.

T-11.III.8. In your mind you can accept the whole Sonship and bless **the whole Sonship** with the light your Father gave **the whole Sonship**. 2 Then you will be worthy to dwell in the temple with God, because it is your will not to be alone. 3 God blessed His Son forever. 4 If you will bless **the whole Sonship** in time, you will be in eternity. 5 Time cannot separate you from God if you use **time** on behalf of the eternal.

Note # 30: We bless our brothers when we drop all our grievances and forgive our brothers of any wrong that we believe they have done to us. By utilizing time to grant forgiveness to our brothers, we also grant forgiveness to ourselves. By granting forgiveness to all, we remember that we are eternally One, created perfect, whole and complete. In this remembering of our true nature, we remember God and time has served its purpose. We recall that we are God's temple and thus, reclaim our birthright as a Child of God. We return to the Oneness of God, which is our eternal reality. In the Mind of God, we have never left the Oneness. Our little "s" self has merely dreamed that our oneness had been shattered when it imagined that God's Son had denied God's Love. This dream of separation arose from our decision to experience thoughts that were not of God. We chose to believe that conflict, pain and separation were possible and thus, made them real within our now perceived split-mind. Since these thoughts are not of the Mind of God, they are only thoughts held in our imaginations. These fear-based thoughts are not shared with God and thus, are not real. We need to drop all fears and judgments and reawaken from our illusionary world of provisional reality and enter into the truth of the Kingdom. In truth, the Sonship stands united with the Oneness we call the Mind of God.

IV. The Inheritance of God's Son

T-11.IV.1. Never forget that the Sonship is your salvation, for the Sonship is your **Big "S" Self**. 2 As God's creation, **the Sonship, your Big "S" Self and salvation** is yours, and belonging to you. **The Sonship, your Big "S" Self and salvation is God, the One Self**. 3 Your **Big "S" Self** does not need salvation, but your mind needs to learn what salvation is. 4 You are not saved *<from>* anything, but you are saved *<for>* glory. 5 Glory is your inheritance, given you by your Creator that you might extend **glory**. 6 Yet if you hate part of your Self all your understanding is lost, because you are looking on what God created as yourself without love. 7 And since what **God** created is part of **God**, you are denying **God** His place in **God's** Own altar. p200

Note # 31: There is but One Self. This is the oneness of "All That Is". This One Self is the united Sonship. It is our Christ or Big "S" Self. It is the face of God. They are One Self, indivisible and never changing. All parts once perceived as separate are now known as One. Because we perceive ourselves to exist in a dualistic world, ACIM must refer to them as if they are separate but this is only to aid in our understanding. In the Kingdom, there is but truth and that truth is the One Self and we are that One. Nothing exists outside or beyond the One Self for It is everywhere and everything.

T-11.IV.2. Could you try to make God homeless and know that you are at home? 2 Can the Son deny the Father without believing that the Father has denied **the Son**? 3 God's laws hold only for your protection, and **God's laws** never hold in vain. 4 What you experience when you deny your Father is still for your protection, for the power of your will cannot be lessened without the intervention of God against **your will**, and any limitation on your power is not the Will of God. 5 Therefore, look only to the power that God gave to save you, remembering that **the power that God gave to save you** is yours *<because>* **the power that God gave to save you is God's power**, and join with your brothers in **God's** peace.

Note # 32: God's Will protects us even when we appear to be trapped in our dream world of provisional reality. God has insured that we will reawaken by placing the call of the

Holy Spirit's thought system in our split mind. The acceptance of the Atonement for ourselves is the means in which we recover what we really are, a capital "S" Self".

Our denial of God made our imagined world of provisional reality, real to us. Even in this illusion of suffering, pain and separation, we are protected by our Father's Will. By allowing us to play our game of separation, God has protected our absolute freedom. God does not allow the illusion to become real in His Mind so He has protected our divine birthright. If God's Will had not "trumped" our own desire, we would have made the illusion of separation real and condemned ourselves into everlasting limitation. God did not take our illusion seriously and, therefore, we could not share the illusion with God and make it real. Due to God's Laws or God's Will, ideas that remain unshared are not real and thus, are not so. The error in thinking that we could be different from our Cause was not allowed to be raised to the level of reality or knowledge. If this error had been accepted as part of the Mind of God, the error would have been elevated to the status of knowledge and thus, it would have made sin real. The error of our mistaken identity occurred only at the level of perception. It remained only an error that is only a mistake and just requires correction in the mind of the thinker. The Holy Spirit, God's Voice, simply asks the thinking Sonship to choose again thus, correcting their erroneous thought. Because of this, in God's Mind there was no harm and therefore no fowl. God's Creation remains sinless and guiltless.

T-11.IV.3. Your peace lies in **your Big "S" Self's** limitlessness. 2 Limit the peace you share, and your **Big "S" Self** must be unknown to you. 3 Every altar to God is part of you, because the light **God** created is one with **God**. 4 Would you cut off a brother from the light that is yours? 5 You would not do so if you realized that you can darken only your own mind. 6 As you bring a **brother back to the light**, so will you return **to the light that is yours**. 7 That is the law of God, for the protection of the Wholeness of His Son.

Note # 33: The law of God is that what you give, you will receive. Give forgiveness to your brother and you get forgiveness to yourself. All of the parts of the Sonship are connected. Just as the Sonship is One with the Father, we are united as one with the Sonship. There is just the One Self.

T-11.IV.4. *<Only you can deprive yourself of anything.>* 2 Do not oppose this realization **that only you can deprive yourself of anything**, for **this realization that only you can deprive yourself of anything** is truly the beginning of the dawn of light. 3 Remember also that the denial of this simple fact that **only you can deprive yourself of anything** takes many forms, and these **many forms** you must learn to recognize and to oppose steadfastly, without exception. 4 **Your steadfast opposition of any form of denial that only you can deprive yourself of anything** is a crucial step in the reawakening. 5 The beginning phases of this reversal **and the realization that you are the source of all you experience** are often quite painful, for as blame is withdrawn from without, there is a strong tendency to harbor **blame** within. 6 It is difficult at first to realize that this is exactly the same thing, for there is no distinction between **blame** within and **blame** without.

Note # 34: Reclaiming the realization that you have the power to project your thoughts outside yourself and into your own illusory world of provisional reality is critical for remembering who you are. Until you accept responsibility for your world of provisional reality, you believe that you are a victim of some outside force beyond your control. Only

by reclaiming the mind's decision-making ability can you move out of victim consciousness, which is where the ego's thought system is designed to entrap you. When you do finally realize that only yourself can deprive yourself of anything, you will need to guard against shifting the guilt you normally associate with being limited, which is defined as sin, from someone outside you, to yourself (inside you). As long as you believe guilt must be associated with your experiences, you will remain trapped in the ego's world of victim consciousness. All blame must disappear if we are to reclaim our unlimited power that God gave to us.

Because of our belief that we have sinned against God, we use egoic projection to get rid of our own guilt and blame it on our brother. Blaming another is less painful to the split-minded than blaming ourselves. When you realize that you are 100% responsible for all that you call into your experience, blaming another become impossible. Yet, since you still believe you have sinned, you now must turn upon yourself and place the blame upon yourself. The blame you felt for another now becomes the guilt you feel towards yourself. This blaming yourself will feel worse than blaming your brother. You cannot escape this guilt until you accept the fact that you are not a body and that your belief in sin is not justified since the body is not real. When you disassociate your experience from all judgments of good and bad, sin no longer has any basis for reality. This is why sin is a preeminent player in the thought system of the ego and is nonexistent in the thought system of the Holy Spirit.

T-11.IV.5. If your brothers are part of you and you blame **your brothers** for your deprivation, you are blaming yourself. 2 And you cannot blame yourself without blaming **your brothers**. 3 That is why blame must be undone, not seen elsewhere. 4 Lay **blame upon** yourself and you cannot know yourself, for only the ego blames at all. 5 Self-blame is therefore ego identification, **and, therefore, self-blame is** as much an ego defense as blaming others. 6 *<You cannot enter God's Presence if you attack His Son.>* 7 When His Son lifts his voice in praise of his Creator, he will hear the Voice for his Father. 8 Yet the Creator cannot be praised without His Son, for Their glory is shared and **Father and Son** are glorified together.

Note # 35: When we place blame on our brother or ourselves, we are placing our allegiance with the ego's thought system. We are denying our divine birthright and, therefore, claiming that our Father was not our Creator. Any blame or guilt is a denial of our unlimited nature. Blame is associated with sin and if sin is real, it requires punishment for someone must judge and demand retribution. God and the thought system of the Holy Spirit deny the existence of sin. Without sin there is no blame.

T-11.IV.6. Christ, **your Big "S" Self**, is at God's altar, waiting to welcome His Son. 2 But come wholly without condemnation, for otherwise you will believe that the door is barred and you cannot enter. 3 The door is not barred, and it is impossible that you cannot enter the place where God would have you be. p201 4 But love yourself with the Love of Christ, for so does your Father love you. 5 You can refuse to enter **God's altar**, but you cannot bar the door that Christ holds open. 6 Come unto me who holds **the door to God's altar** open for you, for while I live **the door to God's altar** cannot be shut, and I live forever. 7 God is my life and yours, and nothing is denied by God to His Son.

Note # 36: God's altar is the Christ in you. The Sonship is God's creation, as God created It. We are the One Self and can do nothing to change that truth. When following our ego, we can and do deny the Christ within us. This denial takes the form of condemnation of any part of the Sonship. Deny the Christ in anyone and you deny it in yourself. This means that you have refused to accept the Atonement for yourself.

T-11.IV.7. At God's altar Christ waits for the restoration of Himself in you. 2 God knows His Son as wholly blameless as Himself, and **God and the Christ** is approached through the appreciation of His Son. 3 Christ waits for your acceptance of Him as yourself, and of Christ's Wholeness as yours. 4 For Christ is the Son of God, Who lives in His Creator and shines with **God's** glory. 5 Christ is the extension of the Love and the loveliness of God, as perfect as His Creator and at peace with Him.

Note # 37: We, the Big "S" Self, are the Christ, which is one with the Father. We share in all the Father's attributes since extension of the totality of God, Himself, and is the law of creation. We can deny we are this Oneness, but our denial can never change the truth. We remain eternally as God created us. Accepting the Atonement for ourselves is all we need do to reclaim our Oneness. Blame, sin guilt and fear are all remove by this acceptance. We reclaim our divine birthright as the One Self.

T-11.IV.8. Blessed is the Son of God whose radiance is of his Father, and whose glory he wills to share as his Father shares **glory** with him. 2 There is no condemnation in the Son, for there is no condemnation in the Father. 3 Sharing the perfect Love of the Father the Son must share what belongs to Him, for otherwise he will not know the Father or the Son. 4 Peace be unto you who rest in God, and in whom the whole Sonship rests.

Note # 38: There is no condemnation in the Father, since the Father only knows His Son as perfect, whole and complete. The Sonship is God's creation and always remains eternally perfect as God created Him. When we accept the Atonement for ourselves, we grant the Atonement to all the Sonship. We share the Atonement with our brother. Loving thoughts can be shared with God and our brother. This is extension or co-creation with God. To have all, we must give all to all. This is the fulfilling of our function as co-creator and the achieving of our destiny, which is the peace of God.

V. The "Dynamics" of the Ego

T-11.V.1. No one can escape from illusions unless he looks at **illusions**, for not looking **at illusions** is the way **illusions** are protected. 2 There is no need to shrink from illusions, for **illusions** cannot be dangerous. 3 We are ready to look more closely at the ego's thought system because together we have the lamp that will dispel **the illusions of the ego's thought system**. And since you realize you do not want **the ego's thought system**, you must be ready. 4 Let us be very calm **in looking at the ego's thought system since** in doing this, for we are merely looking honestly for truth. 5 The "dynamics" of the ego will be our lesson for a while, for we must look first at **the "dynamics" of the ego** to see beyond **the ego**, since you have made **the ego** real. 6 We will undo this error of **making the ego real** quietly together, and then look beyond **this error of making the ego real** to **the truth**.

Note # 39: If we refuse to examine the validity of our beliefs, we will never be able to move beyond them. Jesus asks that together we examine the beliefs of the egoic thought system objectively without first assuming that what we are to examine must be true. We will examine it under the light of Truth and see if it can stand up to cross-examination from Jesus.

T-11.V.2. What is healing but the removal of all that stands in the way of knowledge? 2 And how else can one dispel illusions except by looking at **illusions** directly, without protecting **illusions**? 3 Be not afraid, therefore, for what you will be looking at **in an illusion** is the source of fear, and you are beginning to learn that fear is not real **for fear is based on only illusions**. 4 You are also learning that **fear's** effects can be dispelled merely by denying **the illusion's** reality. p202 5 The next step is obviously to recognize that what has no effects does not exist. 6 Laws do not operate in a vacuum, and what leads to nothing has not happened. 7 If reality is recognized by **reality's** extension, what leads to nothing could not be real. 8 Do not be afraid, then, to look upon fear, for **illusions** cannot be seen. 9 Clarity undoes confusion by definition, and to look upon darkness through light must dispel **confusion**.

Note # 40: Jesus states that we must not be afraid to look upon our fears. Fear arises from lack of knowledge and our raising of false beliefs into misperceptions of reality. Illusions are not real since they have no effect on the reality of truth. Examine your fears with the knowledge that you are unlimited, invulnerable spirit and your fears will be dispelled. If they disappear when confronted by Truth, they are powerless and, thus, must be nothing.

T-11.V.3. Let us begin this lesson in "ego dynamics" by understanding that the term, "**ego dynamics**", itself does not mean anything. 2 "**Ego dynamics**" contains the very contradiction in terms that makes it meaningless. 3 "Dynamics" implies the power to do something, and the whole separation fallacy lies in the belief that the ego *<has>* the power to do anything. 4 The ego is fearful to you because you believe **in the fallacy that the ego <has> the power to do something**. 5 Yet the truth is very simple:

6 All power is of God.

*7 What is not of **God** has no power to do anything.*

Note # 41: Since God did not create the ego the ego is powerless. We made the ego rather than created the ego. The egoic little "s" self was made out of fear born from our belief that we were separate and limited. Thus, the ego rests upon the false premise of separation and can only be a witness to the false. The false cannot be real and is powerless to change the Truth. The ego is a symbol for this fallacy that we have made up about ourselves. It can have no reality except in the mind of the insane who claim they do not know what they are.

T-11.V.4. When we look at the ego, then, we are not considering dynamics but delusions. 2 You can surely regard a delusional system without fear, for a **delusional system** cannot have any effects if **the delusional system's** source is not real. **The ego's delusional system cannot be real since the egoic little "s" self is not real**. 3 Fear becomes more obviously inappropriate if you recognize the ego's goal, which is so clearly senseless that any effort on **the egoic goal's** behalf is necessarily expended on nothing. 4 The ego's goal is quite explicitly ego autonomy. 5 From the beginning, then, **the ego's**

purpose is to be separate, sufficient unto itself and independent of any power except **the ego's** own. 6 This is why **the ego** is the symbol of separation.

Note # 42: Ego autonomy is the belief that the ego is self-created and has power independent of God. It is the belief that the ego, rather than God, is the source of our power. It is the belief that the ego, which was made by your own mind, has power over its own source. Ego autonomy is part of the authority problem. The ego, our mind's effect, claims that it is self-created and that the mind's effect, which is the ego, now controls its maker. Ego autonomy claims that the effect has somehow usurped the power of its creator and that the effect now is the creator of its cause. The ego claims that effect is now cause and cause, your mind, is now the ego's effect.

T-11.V.5. Every idea has a purpose, and **every idea's** purpose is always the natural outcome of what **the idea** is. 2 Everything that stems from the ego is the natural outcome of **the ego's** central belief of **ego autonomy**. The way to undo **the results in the ego's central belief of ego autonomy** is merely to recognize that **the source of the belief, the ego**, is not natural, being out of accord with your true nature. 3 I said before that to will contrary to God is wishful thinking and **is** not real willing. 4 **God's Will** is One <because> the extension of **God's Will** cannot be unlike itself. 5 The real conflict you experience, then, is between the ego's idle wishes and the Will of God, which you share. 6 Can **an idle wish of the unreal ego** be a real conflict to **the Will of God**?

Note # 43: ACIM states that since ego autonomy is based of the false premise that the ego has the power of self-creation, it is an illusion that can have no effect on reality. Ego autonomy defies our spiritual nature. The fantasy of ego autonomy is an illusion of nothing and cannot oppose God's Will. Since it is not real, ego autonomy cannot conflict with God's will and should not be perceive as fearful, but rather laughable. The thought of separation was **not** a problem. The problem arose when God's Son took the illusion seriously and forgot to laugh. When we forgot to laugh, we made the illusion real within our mind and fear was birthed.

T-11.V.6. **Your will** is the independence of creation, not of autonomy. 2 Your whole creative function lies in your complete dependence on God, Whose function **God** shares with you. p203 3 By **God's** willingness to share **His function of creation with you, God** became as dependent on you as you are on **God**. 4 Do not ascribe the ego's arrogance to **God** Who wills not to be independent of you. 5 **God** has included you in **God's** Autonomy. 6 Can you believe that autonomy is meaningful apart from **God**? 7 The belief in ego autonomy is costing you the knowledge of your dependence on God, in which your freedom lies. 8 The ego sees all dependency as threatening, and has twisted even your longing for God into a means of establishing itself. 9 But do not be deceived by **the ego's** interpretation of your conflict.

Note # 44: The undoing of the ego's thought system rests on our reclaiming our divine birthright of what we are, God's perfect creation, a Oneness with our Father. We need to realize that we are God-created and not self-created. By claiming our birthright, we reclaim all the power that resides in our Source. God, being real and "All That Is," is the true source of all power. Since creation is the extension of God, we have become one with our Source. To deny our Cause is to render our mind powerless to created since by our denial

of our spirit nature, we refuse to give all to all. The ego is nothing. Being nothing, the ego can only give nothing. The attempt to “share” nothing cannot be creation. It can only be nothing.

T-11.V.7. The ego always attacks on behalf of separation. 2 Believing **the ego** has the power to do this **the ego** does nothing else **but attack on behalf of separation**, because **the ego’s** goal of autonomy *<is>* nothing else **but an attack on behalf of separation**. 3 The ego is totally confused about reality, but **the ego** does not lose sight of **the ego’s** goal **of ego autonomy**. 4 **The ego** is much more vigilant than you are, because **the ego** is perfectly certain of **the ego’s** purpose **of separation by obtaining ego autonomy**. 5 You are confused because you do not recognize your **purpose is to be a creator, like your Father**.

Note # 45: The ego is single minded about its purpose. It understands that its existence rests on convincing its creator, your own mind, that the ego is the controller of your mind. If we accept the belief in egoic autonomy, we fail to maintain our One Self’s goal of co-creation, which is “to make happy”. We confuse our Big “S” Self’s purpose with the ego’s purpose of separation. The ego’s goal and purpose is to claim the correctness of ego autonomy. Now within our split mind, we have two conflicting purposes. Our Big “S” Self wants to be happy and our split-minded egoic side demands to be right in its claim of egoic autonomy.

T-11.V.8. You must recognize that the last thing the ego wishes you to realize is that you are afraid of **the ego**. 2 For if the ego could give rise to fear, **fear** would diminish your independence and weaken your power. 3 Yet **the ego’s** one claim to your allegiance is that **the ego** can give power to you. 4 Without this belief **that the ego can give power to you**, you would not listen to **the ego** at all. 5 How, then, can **the ego’s** existence continue if you realize that, by accepting **the ego**, you are belittling yourself and depriving yourself of power?

Note # 46: Sin, guilt and fear are the “unholy trinity” which keeps the ego’s thought system in power. The ego would “lose” its control over us if we realized that all three concepts are based on the fallacy of our belief in egoic separation. The goal of the ego is to advise its follower that sin, guilt and fear are not of the ego’s making but that the ego has a plan that allows its followers to escape from them. Projection is one of the chief tools used by the ego to attempt to “save” us from the egoic sin, guilt and fear.

T-11.V.9. The ego can and does allow you to regard yourself as supercilious, unbelieving, "lighthearted," distant, emotionally shallow, callous, uninvolved and even desperate, but not really afraid. 2 Minimizing fear, but not **the undoing of fear**, is the ego's constant effort, and is indeed a skill at which **the ego** is very ingenious. 3 How can **the ego** preach separation without upholding **separation** through fear, and would you listen to **the ego** if you recognized **upholding separation through fear** is what **the ego** is doing?

Note # 47: Without the belief in the separation, the entire egoic thought system would fall apart along with the ego. A Oneness of everything has nothing to fear. Fear needs something outside itself to be afraid of. Since there is nothing outside the Oneness, the split-mind makes an illusionary world based on sin, guilt and fear. We fear because we

believe that we lack something. The ego's plan is to help you manage your fear but not eliminate fear totally. If fear were eliminated, only the truth of our wholeness would remain. Realizing that we are unlimited and invulnerable spirit, the ego would disappear.

T-11.V.10. Your recognition that whatever seems to separate you from God is only fear, regardless of the form **the ego's idea of separation** takes and quite apart from how the ego wants you to experience **the idea of separation**. **Our realization that only fear separates us from God** is therefore the basic ego threat. 2 **The ego's** dream of autonomy is shaken to its foundation by this awareness **that only fear separates us from God**. 3 For though you may countenance a false idea of independence, you will not accept the cost of fear if you recognize **the price the false idea of independence brings**. 4 Yet **fear** is the cost, and the ego cannot minimize **this cost**. 5 If you overlook love you are overlooking yourself, and you, **who have overlooked God's love**, must fear unreality <because> you have denied yourself, **which is love**. 6 By believing that you have successfully attacked truth, you are believing that attack has power. p204 7 Very simply, then, you have become afraid of yourself, **which is love**. 8 And no one wants to find what he believes would destroy him.

Note # 48: Our belief in the ego is the result of the desire to be separate from the Oneness. It is a rejection of our true nature, which is the love that we share with our Creator. Our belief in sin, which has been defined as the lack of love, is a founding member for the rise of the ego to predominance. The ego's thought system is based on the belief in sin, which is immediately accompanied by guilt and fear. We have replace God's love, with the ego's belief that God will seek His revenge upon us. Now the true God of Love has become the ego's god of fear.

Our false belief in ego autonomy has birthed fear at the price of our true nature, which is love. The ego's goal is to keeps us from remembering our true nature. When we rediscover our true nature, we will remember our true Creator. This would result in the undoing to the ego. It is our acceptance of the ego's vision of what god is that keeps us afraid to seek God's help. When we understand that only love is real and God is love, we realize there is nothing to fear.

T-11.V.11. If the ego's goal of autonomy could be accomplished, God's purpose could be defeated, and this is impossible. 2 Only by learning what fear is can you finally learn to distinguish the possible from the impossible and the false from the true. 3 According to the ego's teaching, <the ego's> goal can be accomplished and God's purpose can <not.> 4 According to the Holy Spirit's teaching, <only> God's purpose can be accomplished, and **God's purpose** is accomplished already.

Note # 49: In eternity, we have never left the Mind of God. Only in the false world of provisional reality do we dream that we are separate ego-bodies. The Holy Spirit is God's representative for truth while God's Child sleeps.

T-11.V.12. God is as dependent on you as you are on **God**, because **God's** Autonomy encompasses **your autonomy**, and is therefore incomplete without **your autonomy**. 2 You can only establish your autonomy by identifying with **God**, and fulfilling your function as **your function** exists in truth. 3 The ego believes that to accomplish **the ego's** goal is happiness. 4 But it is given you to know that God's function, **which is love demonstrated**

in his creation, the Sonship, is also your function, and happiness cannot be found apart from Your joint Will. 5 Recognize only that the ego's goal, which you have pursued so diligently, has merely brought you fear, and it becomes difficult to maintain that fear is happiness. 6 Upheld by fear, this is what the ego would have you believe. 7 Yet God's Son is not insane, and cannot believe **that fear is happiness.** 8 Let **God's Son** but recognize **that the ego's goal has brought you fear,** and **God's Son** will not accept **the ego's goal.** 9 For only the insane would choose fear in place of love, and only the insane could believe that love can be gained by attack. 10 But the sane realize that only attack could produce fear, from which the Love of God completely protects them.

Note # 50: Our safety lies in the Will of God, which protects us from our delusions about ourselves. God wills only happiness for His Son. We need to honestly examine what our years of following the egoic thought system have brought us. Has it brought us happiness and love or fear and guilt? If we are dissatisfied with the results, the Holy Spirit advises us to drop all judgment and blame, and simply choose again.

T-11.V.13. The ego analyzes; the Holy Spirit accepts. 2 The appreciation of wholeness comes only through acceptance, for to analyze means to break down or to separate out. 3 The attempt to understand totality by breaking **totality** down is clearly the characteristically contradictory approach of the ego to everything. 4 The ego believes that power, understanding and truth lie in separation, and to establish this belief **of the separation, the ego** must attack. 5 Unaware that the belief **of the separation** cannot be established, and obsessed with the conviction that separation is salvation, the ego attacks everything it perceives by breaking **everything it perceives** into small, disconnected parts, without meaningful relationships and therefore without meaning. 6 The ego will always substitute chaos for meaning, for if separation is salvation, harmony is threat.

Note # 51: The ego divides and separates to prove that the Oneness does not exist. To the ego, a whole can be broken into distinct parts that are not equal. Separation and littleness is the law of the illusionary world of the ego. Yet, the Holy Spirit knows that hidden beneath the body-form is the content of what we truly are, which is the shared Oneness of the Mind of God. Mind is thought, not form, and thus, can be shared. By sharing thought, the thought is strengthened and is extended. When thought are shared and accepted as one's own, the thought becomes one with that mind. True sharing excludes nothing and is given to all. We extend or co-create with God when we share God's thoughts. God's thoughts are love, joy peace and Oneness. Mind is holographic in nature. In a hologram, each indivisible part contains the whole and the whole contains all parts. Indivisible wholeness is the Law of God. All God's thoughts are shared completely and thus, all parts contain the whole of God and each part is the whole of God. There is no separation. There is only the extension of the One Mind of God.

T-11.V.14. The ego's interpretations of the laws of perception are, and would have to be, the exact opposite of the Holy Spirit's **interpretations.** p205 2 The ego focuses on error and overlooks truth. 3 **The ego** makes real every mistake **the ego** perceives, and with characteristically circular reasoning concludes that because of the **ego's** mistake consistent truth must be meaningless. 4 The next step **the ego takes,** then, is obvious. 5 If consistent truth is meaningless, inconsistency must be true. 6 Holding error clearly in mind, and

protecting what **the ego** has made real, the ego proceeds to the next step in its thought system: Error is real and truth is error.

Note # 52: The idea that error is real and that Truth is error, demonstrates the insanity of the ego's thought system. To the ego, Truth is not changeless but rather something that is arbitrarily determined by you based on your current desires and beliefs. It is the ego's mistaken belief system that results in egoic misperception that the false is true and the true is false. The entire erroneous egoic thought system needs to be discarded. Truth cannot be found within a thought system, which is built upon the false. The ego would have us believe that truth is a "sometimes thing". Sometimes truth is true and sometimes truth is false. Truth just is. Neither the ego nor we can be the arbitrators of truth. Truth belongs to God and is God.

T-11.V.15. The ego makes no attempt to understand this **insane logic that "error is real and truth is error."** This **insane logic** is clearly not understandable, but the ego does make every attempt to demonstrate **this insane logic that "error is real and truth is error.** This **attempt to demonstrate that the false is true the ego** does constantly. 2 Analyzing to attack meaning, the ego succeeds in overlooking **totality** and is left with a series of fragmented perceptions which **the ego** unifies on behalf of itself. 3 **These fragmented perceptions, which the ego unifies on behalf of itself,** then, becomes the universe **the ego** perceives. 4 And it is this **fragmented** universe which, in turn, becomes **the ego's** demonstration of its own reality.

Note # 53: By ignoring the totality of the Oneness, perception is born. Perception requires separation since there must be a perceiver and something outside to perceive. This gives rise to the birth of the ego, and the world of provisional reality. The physical world and the body are both examples of the use of form to bear "false witness" on behalf of the egoic belief that the separation is real. Provisional reality is a world in which error is made to appear real in the mind of the perceiver, while the Truth of the Oneness is now perceived as error. We misperceive ourselves as separate bodies and fail to see our true content, which is that we exist as unlimited spirit that is of One Mind. We are the thought of God, not some body-form. Thought is the content. Form is only the wrapping paper for the gift, which is the content that is inside.

T-11.V.16. Do not underestimate the appeal of the ego's demonstrations to those who would listen. 2 Selective perception chooses its witnesses carefully, and **the ego's** witnesses are consistent. 3 The case for insanity is strong to the insane. 4 For reasoning ends at its beginning, and no thought system transcends its source. 5 Yet reasoning without meaning cannot demonstrate anything, and those who are convinced by **reasoning without meaning** must be deluded. 6 Can the ego teach truly when **the ego** overlooks truth? 7 Can **the ego** perceive what it has denied? 8 **The ego's** witnesses do attest to its denial, but hardly to what it has denied. 9 The ego looks straight at the Father and does not see Him, for **the ego** has denied His Son.

Note # 54: The ego's major premise is the false belief in the separation and self-creation. If its major premise is false, any other conclusion that would be based on the major premise would not necessarily be true. If at the beginning of a system of logic, the original premise is false, we need to disregard the entire thought system that follows. The ego's thought

system is false because the major premise upon which it is based is false. The ego denies both the truth of what God is and what God's creation is. Thus, the ego will never see that They are One. Cause and Effect cannot be separated yet, the ego denies that you are God's Effect. The ego fragments, separates than judges a part that is inseparable from the whole. The ego attempts to separate Cause from Effect. Each cannot be understood without the other for each completes the other. They form different sides of the same coin. Yet, you cannot have one without the other. There are inseparable in their wholeness and oneness.

T-11.V.17. Would <you> remember the Father? 2 Accept **God's Son** and you will remember **the Father**. 3 Nothing can demonstrate that **God's Son** is unworthy, for nothing can prove that a lie is true. 4 What you see of **God's Son** through the eyes of the ego is a demonstration that **God's Son** does not exist, yet where the Son is the Father must be. 5 Accept what God does not deny, and it will demonstrate its truth. 6 The witnesses for God stand in **God's Son's** light and behold what He created. 7 Their silence is the sign that **the witnesses for God** have beheld God's Son, and in the Presence of Christ they need demonstrate nothing, for Christ speaks to **the witnesses for God** of Himself and of His Father. 8 **The witnesses for God** are silent because Christ speaks to them, and it is His words they speak.

Note # 55: The true witness for the Son of God knows and recognizes the Christ that is the very essence of the Sonship. The Holy Spirit is the bridge that is aware of our dream world of provisional reality and also, that of our true nature is mind or spirit. This is why it is important to request guidance from the Holy Spirit to reinterpret the "event" that occurred in our dream world of provisional reality. Without Its assistance, we would believe the false witness of the ego's thought system. The Christ or the Holy Spirit does not attack the ego's witnesses, for to attack is to make real. Instead, They merely deny and look past the ego's misperception of form and observe the content. They know that only love is real and, therefore, ask, "What would love have me do?" Love extends and thus, co-creates with God.

T-11.V.18. Every brother you meet becomes a witness for Christ or for the ego, depending on what you perceive in **your brother**. p206 2 Everyone convinces you of what you want to perceive, and of the reality of the kingdom you have chosen for your vigilance. 3 Everything you perceive is a witness to the thought system **that** you want to be true. 4 Every brother has the power to release you, if you choose to be free. 5 You cannot accept false witness of **your brother** unless you have evoked false witnesses against **your brother**. 6 If **your brother** speaks not of Christ to you, you spoke not of Christ to **your brother**. 7 You hear but your own voice, and if Christ speaks through you, you will hear **Christ**.

Note # 56: Which thought system we value will determine how we perceive another's testimony. Our purpose will determine what we are willing to perceive. Each event and witness will give testimony to support the belief system with which we choose to align ourselves. Either, the ego's or the Holy Spirit's belief in what you are, will determine what you are willing to allow into your world of provisional reality.

VI. Waking to Redemption

T-11.VI.1. It is impossible not to believe what you see, but it is equally impossible to see what you do not believe. 2 Perceptions are built up on the basis of experience, and experience leads to beliefs. 3 It is not until beliefs are fixed that perceptions stabilize. 4 In effect, then, what you believe you <do> see. 5 That is what I meant when I said, "Blessed are ye who have not seen and still believe," for those who believe in the resurrection will see **the resurrection**. 6 The resurrection is the complete triumph of Christ over the ego, not by attack but by transcendence. 7 For Christ does rise above the ego and all **the ego's** works, and ascends to the Father and His Kingdom.

Note # 57: You see what you believe. Perception is based on your beliefs. Once you have determined what you wish to believe, you will then project out the thought pattern that you wish to see. Thus "seeing" becomes your predetermined verification or witness to what you already believe. The resurrection is the complete triumph of the Christ mind over the ego. This is a triumph of Truth over error or misperception. The Christ Mind denies the false and correctly perceives what aligns with God's Truth. ACIM makes the distinction between "seeing" and "vision". Vision records the Truth about reality. Vision bypasses the nothingness of the false and only looks upon the truth that remains. Seeing only verifies your preconceived beliefs. Your perceptions are based only on what you choose to experience.

We have been given the power to extend the real or pretend to make the unreal. The unreal exists only in the unshared imagination of the dreamer. It is not shared with the totality that is the Mind of God. If you choose to experience yourself as a limited-ego body in your world of provisional reality, you will allow yourself to perceive experiences that only witness to your belief that you are a limited ego-body. Once your beliefs become fixed, how you perceive yourself will also become more ridged, fixed and stable. Since you falsely believe you are a body, you will perceive by utilizing the tool for making, which is projection. Projection is based on your belief in lack and limitation. You will make and project false witnesses that confirm your erroneous belief that your illusionary world of provisional reality is "true". Therefore, you "see" what you believe and you believe what you see. But, it is the thought that always comes first.

T-11.VI.2. Would you join in the resurrection or the crucifixion? 2 Would you condemn your brothers or free **your brothers**? 3 Would you transcend your prison and ascend to the Father? 4 These questions are all the same, and are answered together. 5 There has been much confusion about what perception means, because the word, **perception**, is used both for awareness and for the interpretation of awareness. 6 Yet you cannot be aware without interpretation, for what you perceive <is> your interpretation.

Note # 58: Perception is your viewpoint, which is your interpretation. Perception is not based on truth, which would be associated with knowledge. We lost knowledge when we fell under the spell of the ego's belief or thought system, which claimed that the separation was real. Now that which we choose to call into our awareness is based on our beliefs, which predetermine what we are willing to allow into our experience. Our viewpoint or interpretation shapes what we perceive. This is why, when we change our viewpoint; we automatically change how we perceive our world.

T-11.VI.3. This course is perfectly clear. 2 If you do not see **this course** clearly, it is because you are interpreting against **this course**, and therefore do not believe **this course**.

3 And since belief determines perception, you do not perceive what **this course** means and therefore do not accept **this course**. 4 Yet different experiences lead to different beliefs, and with **different beliefs** different perceptions. 5 For perceptions are learned *<with>* beliefs, and experience does teach **beliefs**. 6 I am leading you to a new kind of experience that you will become less and less willing to deny. 7 Learning of Christ is easy, for to perceive with **Christ** involves no strain at all. 8 **Christ's** perceptions are your natural awareness, and it is only the distortions you introduce that tire you. p207 9 Let the Christ in you interpret for you, and do not try to limit what you see by narrow little beliefs that are unworthy of God's Son. 10 For until Christ comes into His Own, the Son of God will see himself as Fatherless.

Note # 59: The Christ in you is the home of the Holy Spirit. By perceiving through the vision of Christ, you are operating under the thought system of the Holy Spirit and allowing your Big "S" Self to act as the interpreter of your experience. By your willingness to choose again, you are allowing the Holy Spirit to reinterpret the same experience through the viewpoint of correct perception. This reinterpretation gives us a "new experience" from the old one and helps reform past beliefs. Beliefs can be changed since beliefs are based on our experience. When we choose to reinterpret the same experience differently our beliefs are slowly realigned to correspond with our new interpretation.

T-11.VI.4. I am *<your>* resurrection and *<your>* life. 2 You live in me because you live in God. 3 And everyone lives in you, as you live in everyone. 4 Can you, then, perceive unworthiness in a brother and not perceive **unworthiness** in yourself? 5 And can you perceive **unworthiness** in yourself and not perceive **unworthiness** in God? 6 Believe in the resurrection because **the resurrection, which is the triumph of truth over the fallacies of the ego's thought system**, has been accomplished, and **the resurrection** has been accomplished in you. 7 **That the resurrection has been accomplished in you** is as true now as it will ever be, for the resurrection is the Will of God, which knows no time and no exceptions. 8 But make no exceptions yourself, or you will not perceive what has been accomplished for you, **which is the triumph of truth, which is the resurrection**. 9 For we ascend unto the Father together, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, for such is the nature of God's Son as his Father created him.

Note # 60: Only our false belief in our true nature, limits us. When we correct our belief in "littleness", we accept the resurrection of our divine birthright. We accept the truth that we are made like our Father to extend or co-create like our Father. Only in time, could we choose to perceive ourselves as separate and different from the Oneness of Everything that is the holographic Mind of God. In eternity, our Christ, the One Self, always knows the changeless truth.

T-11.VI.5. Do not underestimate the power of the devotion of God's Son, nor the power the god he worships has over him. 2 For he places himself at the altar of his god, whether it be the god he made or the God Who created him. 3 That is why his slavery is as complete as his freedom, for he will obey only the god he accepts. 4 The god of crucifixion, **which is the gods of the ego's thought system**, demands that he crucify, and his worshippers obey. 5 In **the gods of the ego's thought system's** name they crucify themselves, believing that the power of the Son of God is born of sacrifice and pain. 6 The God of resurrection demands nothing, for **the God of resurrection** does not will to take

away. 7 **The God of resurrection** does not require obedience, for obedience implies submission. 8 **The God of resurrection** would only have you learn your will and follow **your will**, not in the spirit of sacrifice and submission, but in the gladness of freedom.

Note # 61: When we believe that we are separate and self-created, we worship the false fearful gods of the ego's belief system. If we believe we are as God created us, we will follow God's Loving Will.

The ego's gods always demand sacrifice and suffering because this is what the ego and its gods represent. The ego says we lack and are not perfect, whole and complete. The idols of the ego represent what we believe we need to complete our imperfect little "s" self. The God of the resurrection is Our Creator. Our Creator knows His Son as only perfect, whole and complete. Our Father wants us only to be happy. Our Father, being everything, gives everything to His Creations. Our Father, being everything, has no desire to remove anything from the Oneness since to do so would be to place limits on Himself.

T-11.VI.6. Resurrection must compel your allegiance gladly, because **the resurrection** is the symbol of joy. 2 **The resurrection's** whole compelling power lies in the fact that **the resurrection** represents what you want to be. 3 The freedom to leave behind everything that hurts you and humbles you and frightens you cannot be thrust upon you, but **this freedom to leave behind everything that hurts you** can be offered you through the grace of God. 4 And you can accept **this freedom to leave behind everything that hurts you** by **God's** grace, for God is gracious to His Son, accepting him without question as **God's** Own. 5 Who, then, is *<your>* own? 6 The Father has given you all that is His, and **God** Himself is yours with **all that is His**. 7 Guard **all that is His** in their resurrection, for otherwise you will not awake in God, safely surrounded by what is yours forever.

Note # 62: All that is His or God's is everything. God is truth. God's Will is that we, His creation, know the Truth about ourselves. We are not limited, but rather, part of the Oneness of everything. With our brother, we share the Oneness that is part of the Sonship. God's creation, the Sonship, is the extension of all that God is. The resurrection is the reclaiming of the truth about the Sonship's divine birthright. If we attempt to exclude part of the Sonship from the Oneness, we are also attempting to limit our Creator and ourselves. God cannot be limited since part of the definition of God is unlimitedness. Since creation is extension, we too must be unlimited, like our Father.

T-11.VI.7. You will not find peace until you have removed the nails from the hands of God's Son, and taken the last thorn from his forehead. p208 2 The Love of God surrounds His Son whom the god of crucifixion condemns. 3 Teach not that I died in vain. 4 Teach rather that I did not die by demonstrating that I live in you. 5 For the undoing of the crucifixion of God's Son is the work of the redemption, in which everyone has a part of equal value. 6 God does not judge His guiltless Son. 7 **God**, having given Himself to him, how could it be otherwise?

Note # 63: Jesus' resurrection proved that we are not a limited ego-body. God only sees us as perfect, whole and complete. Jesus' resurrection is the overthrowing of the ego's thought system and the acceptance of the truth of what we are. Like Jesus, we who are part of the Sonship, share in this triumph of Truth over falseness. Jesus demonstrated that he knows that he is the Christ by accepting the Atonement for himself. Being part of the united

Sonship, Jesus lives in us. By our acceptance of this universal fact of the interconnectedness of Mind, we benefit from Jesus' experience and belief. How could Jesus not be part of our shared oneness, which is the Mind of God? We need only accept the Atonement for ourselves, to acknowledge the return of the Sonship to the knowing found in eternity.

T-11.VI.8. You have nailed yourself to a cross, and placed a crown of thorns upon your own head. 2 Yet you cannot crucify God's Son, for the Will of God cannot die. 3 His Son has been redeemed from his own crucifixion, and you cannot assign to death whom God has given eternal life. 4 The dream of crucifixion still lies heavy on your eyes, but what you see in dreams is not reality. 5 While you perceive the Son of God as crucified, you are asleep. 6 And as long as you believe that you can crucify him, **the Son of God**, you are only having nightmares. 7 You who are beginning to wake are still aware of dreams, and have not yet forgotten **these dreams of separation and crucifixion**. 8 The forgetting of dreams and the awareness of Christ come with the awakening of others to share your redemption.

Note # 64: We, due to our beliefs' in littleness, perceive ourselves as something we are not. As long as we perceive ourselves to be separate from our brother or God, we will continue to crucify our brother, our God, and ourselves. Forgiveness will lead us back up the path to right-mindedness and the acceptance of truth. Giving is receiving and in order to forget, we must forgive all past egoic beliefs in littleness. We are our own crucifier.

T-11.VI.9. You will awaken to your own call, for the Call to awake is within you. 2 If I live in you, you are awake. 3 Yet you must see the works I do through you, or you will not perceive that I have done **these works** unto you. 4 Do not set limits on what you believe I can do through you, or you will not accept what I can do *<for>* you. 5 Yet **these works I do through you are** done already, and unless you give all that you have received you will not know that your redeemer liveth, and that you have awakened with **your redeemer**. 6 Redemption is recognized only by sharing **redemption**.

Note # 65: Our beliefs determine what we are willing to experience. Until we are willing to believe that we are guiltless and sinless, we will refuse to accept our true spiritual magnificence as the One Self. To give is to receive and you cannot give what you believe you do not possess. Unless we share or give, we cannot receive. God gives all, because God is all. To reclaim the Truth about ourselves, we must share this Truth with all our brothers. Through the tool of forgiveness, we reawaken to the Oneness that we share. To share involves sharing the truth with another. By sharing the idea, it becomes the other's truth and both remain complete. When we share, it is inclusive and a joining. There is no one that we would withhold the truth from. Until we truly see the Christ in our brother, we cannot find the Christ in us. The Christ has always remained in us since this is God's changeless Will.

T-11.VI.10. God's Son *<is>* saved. 2 Bring only this awareness **that God's Son <is> saved** to the Sonship, and you will have a part in the redemption as valuable as mine. 3 For your part must be like mine if you learn **your part** of me. 4 If you believe that **your part** is limited, you are limiting **my part**. 5 There is no order of difficulty in miracles because all of God's Sons are of equal value, and their equality is their oneness. 6 The whole power of

God is in every part of Him, and nothing contradictory to His Will is either great or small. 7 What does not exist has no size and no measure. 8 To God all things are possible. 9 And to Christ it is given to be like the Father. p209

Note # 66: The Mind of God is holographic. All parts are indivisible yet contain the whole. The only limitation that can be placed of the Oneness is in the split-mind that temporarily chooses to deny the truth that he is a part of this One Self. This denial cannot affect the truth but it can change how that part of the mind perceives its “reality”. The illusion can be accepted as the provisional “truth” in this deluded mind until it chooses to reawaken to the Truth of its unlimited nature.

Being part of the Oneness of God, any part of the Sonship must share equally in the total power that is God. Extension is creating in the exact image. God holds nothing back. The only difference between God, the Father, and the Sonship is that the Father came first. Our will is the Will of the Father, and, therefore, nothing contradicts God’s Will since we share this same Mind of God.

VII. The Condition of Reality

T-11.VII.1. The world as you perceive **the world** cannot have been created by the Father, for the world is not as you see **the world**. 2 God created only the eternal, and everything you see is perishable. 3 Therefore, there must be another world that you do not see. **This is the eternal world of God, which is the Kingdom or Heaven.** 4 The Bible speaks of a new Heaven and a new earth, yet this cannot be literally true, for the eternal are not re-created. 5 To perceive anew is merely to perceive again, implying that before, or in the interval between, you were not perceiving at all. 6 What, then, is the world that awaits your perception when you see it?

Note # 67: Our illusionary world of egoic misperception has hidden the real world from our awareness. This veil has not changed eternity but it prevents the insane from being willing to allow the truth into their experience. Our refusal to look upon the Truth was a free will choice involving a decision in which we desired to experience something other than God’s Love. In this egoic world of individual perception, we have chosen to focus on the experience of imagining what it would be like to be something other than the Oneness of God. Our free will allows us to drop imagining limitation and return to being co-creator with God, whenever we decide to only value the Truth. The decision to be vigilant only for God is just one decision away. To be vigilant for God is to allow and desire only the thoughts of God into our awareness. The thoughts of God are love, joy, peace and oneness. Heaven is but one decision away.

T-11.VII.2. Every loving thought that the Son of God ever had is eternal. 2 The loving thoughts his mind perceives in this world are the world's only reality. 3 **The loving thoughts** are still perceptions, because he still believes that he is separate. 4 Yet **the loving thoughts** are eternal because **the loving thoughts** are loving. 5 And being loving **these loving thoughts** are like the Father, and therefore **are eternal and** cannot die. 6 The real world can actually be perceived. 7 All that is necessary is a willingness to perceive nothing else **but the real world**. 8 For if you perceive both good and evil, you are accepting both the false and the true and making no distinction between **good and evil**.

Note # 68: You cannot perceive correctly if you are aware of both good and evil. To “know” both good and evil implies that you still believe that there is something that opposes the Truth. This belief, that there is something that must be opposed, makes the separation appear real within your own mind. To perceive the real world, the Kingdom, you can only perceive what Truth is. Truth aligns with the Will of God. The false is simply denied since it is nothing. Truth is the reality of the Mind of God and is the eternal, perfect, whole and complete as God created it. Truth is Thoughts of God. Truth is love, joy, peace and oneness.

T-11.VII.3. The ego may see some good, but never only **sees** good. 2 That is why **the ego’s** perceptions are so variable. 3 **The ego’s perceptions do** not reject goodness entirely, for that you could not accept. 4 But **the ego’s perception always adds** something that is not real to the real, thus confusing illusion and reality. 5 For perceptions cannot be partly true. 6 If you believe in truth and illusion, you cannot tell which is true. 7 To establish your personal autonomy you tried to create unlike your Father, believing that what you made is capable of being unlike **your Father**. 8 Yet everything true *<is>* like **your Father**. 9 Perceiving only the real world will lead you to the real Heaven, because **perceiving only the real world** will make you capable of understanding **the real world**.

Note # 69: By adding any untruth to the ego’s perception, the entire perception becomes wrong. This misperception of conditional or partial truth once again supports the notion that there is separation. Truth cannot be compromised by attempting to join truth with illusion. This is why we need to be vigilant only for God, which is Truth. To see the real world we must have correct perception. Heaven is different from the real world in which love is only perceived. In Heaven, knowledge has replaced perception. Perception requires both an observer and something to observe. In correct perception, the observer observes the oneness in all that is. Knowledge just knows that it is just the One Self. No interpretation or thinking is involved.

T-11.VII.4. The perception of goodness is not knowledge, but the denial of the opposite of goodness enables you to recognize a condition in which opposites do not exist. 2 And this denial **of the existence of anything that could oppose goodness** *<is>* the condition of knowledge. 3 Without this awareness **of the denial of the existence of anything that could oppose goodness**, you have not met **knowledge’s** conditions, and until you do, you will not know **knowledge** is yours already. 4 You have made many ideas that you have placed between yourself and your Creator, and these beliefs are the world as you perceive **to be your illusory world of provisional reality**. 5 Truth is not absent here, but **truth** is obscure. 6 You do not know the difference between what you have made and what God created, and so you do not know the difference between what you have made and what *<you>* have created. p210 7 To believe that you can perceive the real world is to believe that you can know yourself. 8 You can know God because **to know God** is **God’s** Will to be known. 9 The real world is all that the Holy Spirit has saved for you out of what you have made, and to perceive only this is salvation, because it is the recognition that reality is only what is true.

Note # 70: True loving thoughts can and are shared with the entire holographic Mind of God. They are real extensions of a co-creation with the Father. The Holy Spirit saves our creations which arise out of love and forgiveness. Anything that we make to defend the

thought system of the ego is not preserved or saved by the Holy Spirit. These defenses are fear based attack thoughts that are not real and, therefore, are not eternal. Making arises from projection, which is exclusion. Creation is extension, which is sharing. Love and forgiveness can be shared because they are co-creative thoughts. They are part of the real world and are our true creations.

VIII. The Problem and the Answer

T-11.VIII.1. This is a very simple course. 2 Perhaps you do not feel you need a course which, in the end, teaches that only reality is true. 3 But do you believe **that only reality is true**? 4 When you perceive the real world, you will recognize that you did not believe **that only reality is true**. 5 Yet the swiftness with which your new and only real perception will be translated into knowledge will leave you but an instant to realize that this alone (**that only reality is true**) is true. 6 And then everything you made will be forgotten; the good and the bad, the false and the true. 7 For as Heaven and earth become one, even the real world will vanish from your sight. 8 The end of the world is not its destruction, but its translation into Heaven. 9 The reinterpretation of the world is the transfer of all perception to knowledge.

Note # 71: ACIM is a simple course since it involves only black and white. There is no gray in ACIM. Everything is either true or false. There is no sometimes. Our problem is that we have been taught by the ego that change is possible and that both maybe and sometimes do exist. Truth, false, maybe and sometimes all appear to exist in the dream world of time and perception but they have no reality in changeless eternity. ACIM states simply what is not truth is false and that the false does not exist.

Everything you have made will be forgotten because to make is to exclude. Projection, which is always making comes from the belief that you lack something. This is why all projected thoughts, both “good and bad,” will be forgotten. The belief that there could be something outside of the Oneness is the belief in separation. Perception arises from the viewpoint that there is something you lack. Therefore, you identify yourself as something other than as God created you, which is perfect, whole and complete.

Even “true or correct” perception “confirms” that there is something observable outside of you that you then recognize as part of the your One Self. Perception involves thinking and is not part of knowledge. Knowledge just knows.

T-11.VIII.2. The Bible tells you to become as little children. 2 Little children recognize that they do not understand what they perceive, and so **little children** ask what **they do not understand** means. 3 Do not make the mistake of believing that you understand what you perceive, for **the meaning of what you perceive has been** lost to you. 4 Yet the Holy Spirit has saved **the true meaning of what you perceive** for you, and if you will let **the Holy Spirit** interpret **what you perceived**, **the Holy Spirit** will restore to you what you have thrown away. 5 Yet while you think you know **what you perceive’s** meaning is, you will see no need to ask **for reinterpretation by the Holy Spirit**.

Note # 72: We need to ask the Holy Spirit to reinterpret our perceived experiences since only the Holy Spirit is aware of both our illusions and the truth about ourselves. Only the Holy Spirit is aware of all the facts of God’s Plan for salvation and, therefore, is the only one that is capable of judging the experience correctly. The only judgment we need make is to realize that due to our belief in the separation, our mind is “split” and, therefore, we are

incapable of judging correctly. Correct judgment requires knowledge that we have chosen to forget. We need to ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our world of perception, so that we can regain knowledge of the Kingdom.

T-11.VIII.3. You do not know the meaning of anything you perceive. 2 Not one thought you hold is wholly true. 3 The recognition **that not one thought you hold is wholly true** is your firm beginning. 4 You are not misguided; you have accepted no guide at all. **The Holy Spirit is the guide you seek.** 5 Instruction in perception is your great need, for you understand nothing. 6 Recognize **that you understand nothing** but do not accept **that you understand nothing**, for understanding is your inheritance. 7 Perceptions are learned, and you are not without a Teacher, **which is the Holy Spirit.** 8 Yet your willingness to learn of **the Holy Spirit as your Teacher** depends on your willingness to question everything you learned of yourself, **(your ego small "s" self)** for you who learned amiss should not be your own teacher.

Note # 73: Perception is based on values and beliefs. What you choose to value and believe can be changed by a simple decision. By adopting a new teacher with different beliefs, we can relearn about the truth of our Big "S" Self. If we attempt to keep both teachers, we will remain confused and in conflict.

T-11.VIII.4. No one can withhold truth except from himself. 2 Yet God will not refuse you the Answer **God** gave. p211 3 Ask, then, for what is yours, but which you did not make, and do not defend yourself against truth. 4 You made the problem God has answered. 5 Ask yourself, therefore, but one simple question:

6 Do I want the problem or do I want the answer?

7 Decide for the answer and you will have **the answer**, for you will see **the problem** as it is, and **the answer** is yours already.

Note # 74: The problem is our denial of the truth. It is our claim to be something other than as God made us. It is our desire to be a separate, special individual at the cost of our Oneness of Everything. The problem is the claim for self-creation that births the illusion of "littleness". God's answer is the truth. The truth never ceased to be, we have just refused to listen. The acceptance of the Atonement is the acceptance of the Truth about us. To want the answer, is to want to know the truth about what we are. We are and remain sinless and guiltless, God's perfect creation. The only thing that can keep the answer from our awareness is our own egoic desire not to want to hear the answer.

T-11.VIII.5. You may complain that this course is not sufficiently specific for you to understand and use. 2 Yet perhaps you have not done what **this course** specifically advocates. 3 This is not a course in the play of ideas, but in their practical application of **these ideas.** 4 Nothing could be more specific than to be told that if you ask you will receive. 5 The Holy Spirit will answer every specific problem as long as you believe that problems are specific. 6 **The Holy Spirit's** answer is both many and one, as long as you believe that the one is many. 7 You may be afraid of **the Holy Spirit's** specificity, for fear of what you think **the Holy Spirit's specificity** will demand of you. 8 Yet only by asking will you learn that nothing of God demands anything of you. 9 God gives; He does not

take. 10 When you refuse to ask, it is because you believe that asking is taking rather than sharing.

Note # 75: The Holy Spirit will answer all questions asked. We believe that we have specific problems that vary from place to place. We believe that if the form that the problem appears in is different from another form of the same problem the solution must be different. All problems are the same. They are all different forms of the “authority problem”. The ego tells us that we are the arbitrators of truth; that we are self-created. To correct all forms of the same and only problem is simply to accept the truth. When we accept the Atonement for ourselves, we accept the truth and all forms of the one common problem disappear. Accept the truth that our will and God’s will are the same. God is everything because God is everything. There is nothing else. God creates by extension. To be everything, God gives everything to everything. This is God’s Law of Creation or Sharing. God demands nothing since God shares all that He is. By sharing thought, there is no diminishment and the idea is strengthened. This sharing is the extension of the Mind of God. Because we have identified with the ego-body, we have made a world of form. Form cannot be shared, since to share form would result in diminishment to the original “owner” and giver of the form. Sharing requires no sacrifice. Thoughts of love and forgiveness can be shared and, therefore, they are real. Ask for the Holy Spirit’s guidance, and He will reinterpret your misperceptions into thoughts of love and forgiveness.

T-11.VIII.6. The Holy Spirit will give you only what is yours, and will take nothing in return. 2 For what is yours is everything, and you share **everything** with God. 3 That is its reality. 4 Would the Holy Spirit, Who wills only to restore, be capable of misinterpreting the question you must ask to learn **the Holy Spirit’s** answer? 5 You *<have>* heard the answer, but you have misunderstood the question. 6 You believe that to ask for guidance of the Holy Spirit is to ask for deprivation.

Note # 76: Since we identify, with the body, we believe that we “live” in a world of form. Form cannot be shared since the giver would have less after he gave. Because we believe we live in a world of form, lack and separation, we think to give is not the same as to receive. We fail to understand God’s basic law that to give is to receive. Because of the ego’s belief in the need for sacrifice, we refuse to hear the true answer from the Holy Spirit. We are afraid to ask for the Holy Spirit’s guidance. We fear that the Holy Spirit’s answer will require that we sacrifice something that we value. The Holy Spirit knows that we are not the body and that form is of no value to unlimited spirit. Form attempts to limit, imprison and bind. The Holy Spirit’s criterion is “How would love respond?” Only love and forgiveness is the proper response to a perceived problem since only love and forgiveness can be shared and by sharing both parties are strengthened. No sacrifice is required when thoughts are shared.

T-11.VIII.7. Little child of God, you do not understand your Father. 2 You believe in a world that takes, because you believe that you can get by taking. 3 And by that perception you have lost sight of the real world. 4 You are afraid of the world as you see **the world**, but the real world is still yours for the asking. 5 Do not deny **the real world** to yourself, for **the real world** can only free you. 6 Nothing of God will enslave His Son whom **God** created free and whose freedom is protected by **God’s** Being. 7 Blessed are you who are

willing to ask the truth of God without fear, for only thus **by asking the truth of God without fear** can you learn that **God's** answer is the release from fear.

Note # 77: God's Will is that we be happy. By not asking for and claiming our divine birthright, we choose to deny ourselves the happiness that is the peace of God. A Oneness has no wants and no fears.

T-11.VIII.8. Beautiful child of God, you are asking only for what I promised you. 2 Do you believe I would deceive you? 3 The Kingdom of Heaven *<is>* within you. p212 4 Believe that the truth is in me, for I know that **the truth** is in you. 5 God's Sons have nothing they do not share. 6 Ask for truth of any Son of God, and you have asked **the truth** of me. 7 Not one of us, **any Son of God**, but has the answer in him, to give to anyone who asks **the truth** of him.

Note # 78: The answer to the question of "What are we?" is found within us. It is arrogance to claim that you do not know what you are or that you are something that you are not. All mystic traditions say the same thing. They advise their devotee to go within. God is everything, everywhere and every when. If we wish to find God, we need only look within ourselves. ACIM is no different. If there is only a Oneness of which we are part, God must be within us and our brother. Deny not the truth in your brother and he will not deny that same truth in you. God must be in all that is real and we all are that One Self. The ego tells us to look outside ourselves to find wholeness and completeness. What could we expect to find outside a Oneness of All that Is? There can only be the false illusions of nothingness outside the Oneness of Everything.

T-11.VIII.9. Ask anything of God's Son and his Father will answer you, for Christ is not deceived in His Father and His Father is not deceived in **God's Son**. 2 Do not, then, be deceived in your brother, and see only **your brother's** loving thoughts as **your brother's** reality, for by denying that **your brother's** mind is split you will heal **your own mind**. 3 Accept **your brother** as his Father accepts **your brother** and heal **your brother** unto Christ, for Christ is **your brother's** healing and **your own healing**. 4 Christ is the Son of God Who is in no way separate from His Father, Whose every thought is as loving as the Thought of His Father by which **the Son of God** was created. 5 Be not deceived in God's Son, for thereby you must be deceived in yourself. 6 And being deceived in yourself you are deceived in your Father, in Whom no deceit is possible.

Note # 79: Your brother's true self, like you, is the Christ consciousness or Big "S" Self. Look past the body form and egoic littleness to your brother's spiritual essence. We are not an ego-body in competition with only limited ego-bodies. We are Mind, the shared Thought of God, our Creator. Deny your brother's illusion of his own littleness and only acknowledge his Big "S" Self. By granting your brother this truth, he will share that same truth with you. Truth can be shared. The false is impossible to share since it is nothing.

T-11.VIII.10. In the real world there is no sickness, for there is no separation and no division. 2 Only loving thoughts are recognized, and because no one is without your help, the Help of God goes with you everywhere. 3 As you become willing to accept this Help **from the Holy Spirit** by asking for **this Help**, you will give **this Help** because you want **this Help from the Holy Spirit**. 4 Nothing will be beyond your healing power, because

nothing will be denied your simple request. 5 What problems will not disappear in the Presence of God's Answer, **which is the Holy Spirit's correct perception and the Atonement?** 6 Ask, then, to learn of the reality of your brother, because **the reality of your brother** is what you will perceive in **your brother**, and you will see your beauty reflected in **your brother's beauty**.

Note # 80: Because of our shared Oneness with our brother and God, anything we do to or for our brother, we do onto our Father and ourselves. To heal our split mind, we must not perceive our brother's mind as split. To aid in the healing of our brother's mind is to heal our own.

T-11.VIII.11. Do not accept your brother's variable perception of himself for his split mind is your **split mind**, and you will not accept your healing without his **healing**. 2 For you share the real world as you share Heaven, and his healing is **your healing**. 3 To love yourself is to heal yourself, and you cannot perceive part of you as sick and achieve your goal of **healing your split mind**. 4 Brother, we heal together as we live together and love together. 5 Be not deceived in God's Son, for **God's Son** is one with himself and one with his Father. 6 Love **God's Son** who is beloved of his Father, and you will learn of the Father's Love for you.

Note # 81: We are all connected. There is one Sonship, which is all God created as God created it. You cannot deny a brother his divine nature without denying it to all the Sonship. There is only one will and one mind and that is the shared indivisible holographic Mind of God.

T-11.VIII.12. If you perceive offense in a brother pluck the offense from your mind, for you are offended by Christ and are deceived in **your perception of the Christ that is your brother**. 2 Heal in Christ and be not offended by **the Christ that is your brother**, for there is no offense in Him, **the Christ that is your brother**. 3 If what you perceive offends you, you are offended in yourself and are condemning God's Son whom God condemneth not. p213 4 Let the Holy Spirit remove all offenses of God's Son against himself and perceive no one but through **the Holy Spirit's** guidance, for **the Holy Spirit** would save you from all condemnation. 5 Accept **the Holy Spirit's** healing power and use **the Holy Spirit's healing power** for all **the Holy Spirit** sends you, for **the Holy Spirit** wills to heal the Son of God, in whom **the Holy Spirit** is not deceived.

Note # 82: When we condemn another, we condemn ourselves. Only the egoic thought system condemns because it judges what it does not know. The Holy Spirit condemns nothing for the Holy Spirit knows that God's Child is sinless and guiltless. Give all our perception over to the Holy Spirit, Who will heal them with His correct perception.

T-11.VIII.13. Children perceive frightening ghosts and monsters and dragons, and **these children** are terrified. 2 Yet if **these frighten children** ask someone **these children** trust for the meaning of what they perceive, and are willing to let their own **frightening** interpretations go in favor of reality, their fear goes with them. 3 When a child is helped to translate his "ghost" into a curtain, his "monster" into a shadow, and his "dragon" into a dream **the child** is no longer afraid, and laughs happily at his own fear.

Note # 83: By asking for the Holy Spirit's guidance, we will be told the truth about our egoic misperception. We will be told that we are unlimited invulnerable spirit that is part of the indivisible shared Oneness of the Mind of God. We will understand this truth and join with our brothers and once again choose to remember to laugh at the illusion of separation.

T-11.VIII.14. You, my child, are afraid of your brothers and of your Father and of yourself. 2 But you are merely deceived in **your brothers, your Father and yourself**. 3 Ask what **your brothers, your Father and you** are of the Teacher of reality, **which is the Holy Spirit**, and hearing **the Holy Spirit's** answer, you too will laugh at your fears and replace **your fears** with peace. 4 For fear lies not in reality, but in the minds of children who do not understand reality. 5 It is only their lack of understanding that frightens **the child**, and when **the child learns** to perceive truly of reality **the child is** not afraid. 6 And because of this **perceiving the truth about reality, the child** will ask for truth again when **the child is** frightened. 7 It is not the reality of your brothers or your Father or yourself that frightens you. **It is your misperception of what they are.** 8 You do not know what **your brothers, your Father or you** are, and so you perceive them as ghosts and monsters and dragons. 9 Ask what **your brothers', your Father or yourselves'** reality is from the One, **the Holy Spirit**, knows **their true reality** and **the Holy Spirit** will tell you what they **really** are. 10 For you do not understand **your brothers, your Father or yourself**, and because you are deceived by what you see you need reality to dispel your fears.

Note # 84: Ask the Holy Spirit for His guidance, and the Holy Spirit will correct your misperceptions that you hold in your split mind. Only the Holy Spirit is capable of doing this, for only the Holy Spirit is aware of your illusionary misperception about the world and the reality of what you really are. It is our belief that our illusion of separation is real that is frightening. By learning the truth of our Oneness, we understand that we were just pretending to play the "game of separation." This game was not to be taken seriously and had no affect of the reality of what we are or the Mind of God. We learn that we are the dreamer and as such, we can choose to awaken whenever we wish. Dreams lose their ability to frighten when we understand they are not real.

T-11.VIII.15. Would you not exchange your fears for truth, if the exchange **from fear to truth** is yours for the asking? 2 For if God is not deceived in you, you can be deceived only in yourself. 3 Yet you can learn the truth about yourself from the Holy Spirit, Who will teach you that **since you are** part of God, deceit in you is **also** impossible. 4 When you perceive yourself without deceit, you will accept the real world in place of the false **world** you have made **through your own misperception**. 5 And then your Father will lean down to you and take the last step for you, by raising you unto Himself. p214

Note # 85: We are the wardens of our own prison. Only we have the power to free ourselves from our own self-imprisonment for we alone condemned and then made our prison. When we no longer value egoic specialness, we will freely ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance and accelerate our journey back to the truth. Once you have accepted the correction of all of your own misperceptions, God, the Father, will take the final step in returning you to the knowledge of the Kingdom. The Holy Spirit prepares you for this remembrance of God through the use of the tools of forgiveness and love. Unless we relearn the reality of our Oneness with our brother, we cannot remember our Oneness with our Father. By accepting the Atonement for ourselves, the Sonship is healed.

