

Chapter 12.

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S CURRICULUM

I. The Judgment of the Holy Spirit

T-12.I.1. You have been told not to make error real, and the way to **not make error real** is very simple. 2 If you want to believe in error, you would have to make **error** real because **error** is not true. 3 But truth is real in **truth's** own right, and to believe in truth *<you do not have to do anything>*. 4 Understand that you do not respond to anything directly, but to your interpretation of **that something**. 5 Your interpretation thus becomes the justification for the response. 6 That is why analyzing the motives of others is hazardous to you. 7 If you decide that someone is really trying to attack you or desert you or enslave you, you will respond as if he had actually done so, having made his error real to you. 8 To interpret error is to give **error** power, and having **given error power**, you will overlook truth.

Note # 1: Our individual interpretation does not correspond to the truth, but rather, to how we perceive something. Based on how we perceive something, this interpretation becomes our individual "truth." Our belief, however, has no impact on truth. Truth is eternal and changeless. Our perception is unstable and subject to change. Since our interpretation is changeable, it is not fixed. If we wish to, we can utilize the learning experience to decide to choose again and follow the thought system of the Holy Spirit instead of the ego's.

T-12.I.2. The analysis of ego motivation is very complicated, very obscuring, and never without your own ego involvement. 2 The whole process of **the analysis of ego motivation** represents a clear-cut attempt to demonstrate your own ability to understand what you perceive. 3 This **demonstration of your own ability to understand what you perceive** is shown by the fact that you react to your interpretations as if **your interpretations** were correct. 4 You may then control your reactions behaviorally, but not emotionally. 5 This **ability to control your reactions behaviorally, but not emotionally** would obviously be a split or an attack on the integrity of your mind, pitting one level within **your mind** against another.

Note # 2: This ability to control your reactions behaviorally, but not emotionally, demonstrates the conflict within your mind itself. This is an attack against your right-mindedness. The body takes orders from our mind. Our emotions are the result of conflict within our mind. If part of our mind erroneously believes that it is a body, it will respond with attack which is out of alignment with our Big "S" Self that knows that we are one unlimited spirit. Actions inappropriate to our Big "S" Self's truth will ultimately result in our loss of peace.

T-12.I.3. There is but one interpretation of motivation that makes any sense. 2 And because **the one interpretation of motivation that makes any sense** is the Holy Spirit's judgment **this interpretation** requires no effort at all on your part. 3 Every loving thought is true. 4 Everything else **that is not a loving thought** is an appeal for healing and help, regardless of the form **everything else** takes. 5 Can anyone be justified in responding with anger to a brother's plea for help? 6 No response **to a brother's plea for help** can be appropriate except the willingness to give **help** to him, for **help** and only **help** is what **the**

brother is asking for. 7 Offer **the brother** anything else **to a brother's plea for help** and you are assuming the right to attack **your brother's** reality by interpreting **your brother's reality** as you see fit. 8 Perhaps the danger of this **interpreting your brother's reality as you see fit** to your own mind is not yet fully apparent. 9 If you believe that an appeal for help is something else you will react to something else. 10 Your response will therefore be inappropriate to reality as it is, but not to your perception of **what you believe your brother's reality might be, which you have misinterpreted to be something other than to plea for help.**

Note # 3: Because we fail to interpret correctly, our response to any situation may not be what is really justified. If we knew the truth about our brother's or our own situation, our response would be different. If we perceive a brother's cry for help and love as an attack, we will respond with a counterattack instead of with loving help. Only the Holy Spirit has the ability to "judge" correctly and thus, guide us to the appropriate response.

T-12.I.4. There is nothing to prevent you from recognizing all calls for help as exactly what they are, **which is a brother's call for help**, except your own imagined need to attack. p215 2 It is only **your own imagined need to attack** that makes you willing to engage in endless "battles" with reality, in which you deny the reality of the need for healing by making **the need for healing** unreal. 3 You would not **attack your brother** except for your unwillingness to accept reality as it is, and which you therefore withhold from yourself **the reality of what you real are.**

Note # 4: Because we misperceive our oneness with our brother, we fail to recognize our brother's cry for help. Since we believe that we are a body-form, we also believe that to help our brother would require sacrifice on our part. We believe that we are not everything and, therefore, answer our brother's cry for help and love as if it were a personal attack. Because we perceive ourselves as different and separate from our brother, we believe that we will be diminished if we aid our brother. This belief in diminishment and sacrifice is true only if we believe that we are separate limited ego-bodies. If we see ourselves as one mind, we understand that there can be no diminishment. Thoughts can be shared and by sharing our own thoughts are strengthened. This sharing of our mind with our brother returns us to the reality of what we are, one mind. We are joined together in the shared, unlimited Oneness of the Mind of God.

T-12.I.5. It is surely good advice to tell you not to judge what you do not understand. 2 No one with a personal investment is a reliable witness, for truth to him has become what he wants **truth** to be. 3 If you are unwilling to perceive an appeal for help as what **the appeal for help** is, it is because you are unwilling to give help and to receive **help**. 4 To fail to recognize a call for help is to refuse help. 5 Would you maintain that you do not need **help**? 6 Yet this **claim that you do not need help** is what you are maintaining when you refuse to recognize a brother's appeal, for only by answering his appeal *<can>* you be helped. 7 Deny **your brother** your help and you will not recognize God's Answer to you, **which is the Atonement**. 8 The Holy Spirit does not need your help in interpreting motivation, but you do need **the Holy Spirit's help in interpreting a brother's motivation.**

Note # 5: The ego always misperceives and will interpret our brother's call for help as an attack. If we do not understand this error in thinking, we will fail to ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We will respond to our brother cry for help by attacking him and thus, making this misperception real in the minds of both parties. By following the thought system of the ego, we fail to ask for higher guidance and deny our brother and ourselves the Holy Spirit's help.

T-12.I.6. Only appreciation is an appropriate response to your brother. 2 Gratitude is due **your brother** for both **your brother's** loving thoughts and **your brother's** appeals for help, for both are capable of bringing love into your awareness if you perceive **both your brother's loving thoughts and your brother's appeals for help truly as they are.** 3 And all your sense of strain comes from your attempts not to **appropriately respond to your brother's loving thoughts and appeals.** 4 How simple, then, is God's plan for salvation. 5 There is but one response to reality, for reality evokes no conflict at all. **Reality knows only the truth.** 6 There is but one Teacher of reality, **the Holy Spirit Who** understands what reality is. 7 **The Holy Spirit** does not change His Mind about reality because reality does not change. 8 Although your interpretations of reality are meaningless in your divided state, **the Holy Spirit's interpretations of reality** remain consistently true. 9 **The Holy Spirit** gives **His interpretation of reality** to you because **the Holy Spirit's interpretation of reality is <for> you.** 10 Do not attempt to "help" in your way, for you cannot help yourself. 11 But hear a **brother's** call for the Help of God, and you will recognize your own need for the Father.

Note # 6: All our sense of strain and conflict comes from our inappropriate response to our brother's loving thoughts and appeals for help. Because we believe that we are the body, we generally follow the thought system of the ego. Our egoic little "s" self responds to our brother's actions as an attack upon our perceived, vulnerable ego-body. This egoic response conflicts with the proper response that both our Big "S" Self and the Holy Spirit knows is correct. This conflict between the two parts of our split-mind represents misalignment and is associated emotionally with our loss of peace. Any misalignment between our behavior and our Big "S" Self's reality and truth is felt emotionally as a bad feeling and results in our loss of inner peace. Thus, our emotional feelings help monitor and gauge our alignment of the split mind with the thought system of the Holy Spirit. When we feel true joy, our behavior and our thoughts are in alignment with our Big "S" Self. When we feel bad, angry, and guilty or have lost our inner peace, we can rest assured that we are in misalignment with the true loving nature of our One Self.

T-12.I.7. Your interpretations of your brother's needs are your interpretation of **your needs.** 2 By giving help you are asking for **help**, and if you perceive but one need in yourself you will be healed. 3 For you will recognize God's Answer as you want **God's Answer** to be, and if you want **God's Answer** in truth, **God's Answer** will be truly yours. 4 Every appeal you answer in the Name of Christ brings the remembrance of your Father closer to your awareness. 5 For the sake of your need, then, hear every call for help as what it is, **which is a cry for help** so God can answer *<you.>* **God's answer is the Atonement.**
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Note # 7: Our one need is the remembrance of God. When we choose to remember God, we reclaim the Sonship's divine birthright. We realize the Atonement principle's truth of

the sinless and guiltless reality of God's Son. God's law states that by giving help, we receive help.

T-12.I.8. By applying the Holy Spirit's interpretation of the reactions of others more and more consistently, you will gain an increasing awareness that **the Holy Spirit's** criteria are equally applicable to you. 2 For to recognize fear is not enough to escape from **fear**, although the recognition is necessary to demonstrate the need for **the escape from fear**. 3 The Holy Spirit must still translate the fear into truth. 4 If you were left with the fear, once you had recognized **fear**, you would have taken a step away from reality, not towards **reality**. 5 Yet we have repeatedly emphasized the need to recognize fear and face **fear** without disguise as a crucial step in the undoing of the ego. 6 Consider how well the Holy Spirit's interpretation of the motives of others will serve you then. 7 **The Holy Spirit's interpretation of the motives of others will have** taught you to accept only loving thoughts in others and to regard everything else as an appeal for help. **The Holy Spirit's interpretation of the motives of others** has taught you that fear itself is an appeal for help. 8 This is what recognizing fear really means. 9 If you do not protect **fear**, **the Holy Spirit** will reinterpret **fear as a cry for help**. 10 That is the ultimate value in learning to perceive attack as a call for love. 11 We have already learned that fear and attack are inevitably associated. 12 If only attack produces fear, and if you see attack as the call for help that it is, the unreality of fear must dawn on you. 13 For fear *<is>* a call for love, in unconscious recognition of what has been denied, **which is love**.

Note # 8: The idea of the separation is our denial of God's unconditional love toward us, God's Creation. This belief that we are other than God's Effect has led us into fear. If we follow the Holy Spirit's thought system and perceive any experience as either love or cry for love, we no longer move into "fear-mode." We can transform fear into truth. The Holy Spirit will only respond to any situation with truth. When we perceive fear in another as only a cry for love, we will not respond by egoically attacking our brother. When we are in fear, we move into attack-mode. This results in misalignment and conflict between our split-mind. By controlling our fear and asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can move back into realignment with our One Self and regain our inner peace.

T-12.I.9. Fear is a symptom of your own deep sense of loss. 2 If when you perceive a **sense of loss** in others you learn to supply the loss, the basic cause of fear is removed. 3 Thereby you teach yourself that fear does not exist in you. 4 The means for removing **the sense of loss caused by fear** is in yourself, and you have demonstrated this by giving **love, which removes fear**. 5 Fear and love are the only emotions of which you are capable. 6 **Fear** is false, for **fear** was made out of denial; and denial depends on the belief in what is denied for its own existence. 7 By interpreting fear correctly as a positive affirmation of the underlying belief **that fear** masks, you are undermining **fear's** perceived usefulness by rendering **fear** useless. 8 Defenses that do not work at all are automatically discarded. 9 If you raise **love, which is** what fear conceals, to clear-cut unequivocal predominance, fear becomes meaningless. 10 You have denied **fear's** power to conceal love, which was **fear's** only purpose. 11 **Fear**, the veil that you have drawn across the face of love has disappeared.

Note # 9: There are only two emotions of which we are capable; either love or fear. In the world of perception, both fear and love seem possible. In eternity, only love is real. When

we follow the thought system of the ego, we are operating out of fear. The Holy Spirit's thought system is the path to love. The little "s" self believes that both fear and love are viable choices. The Big "S" Self knows that the only real choice is love. When our behavior and thoughts align with fear, we feel stressed and conflicted because we are not following the true nature of our Big "S" Self. When we control our fears, we are able to ask for guidance. The Holy Spirit will bring truth to fear and fear will dissipate. Fear is removed by the realization that you are truly one with the Love of God. Being love, you can only give love. Fear disappears, since fear only existed in your split-mind. It is our fear from our sense of loss of God's love that makes the illusion of separation appear real within our split-mind.

T-12.I.10. If you would look upon love, which *<is>* the world's reality, how could you do better than to recognize, in every defense against **love**, the underlying appeal *<for>* **love**? 2 And how could you better learn of **love's** reality than by answering the appeal for **love** by giving **love**? 3 The Holy Spirit's interpretation of fear does dispel **fear**, for the awareness of truth cannot be denied. p217 4 Thus does the Holy Spirit replace fear with love and translate **the error of fear** into truth. 5 And thus will you learn of **the Holy Spirit** how to replace your dream of separation with the fact of unity. 6 For the separation is only the denial of union, and correctly interpreted, attests to your eternal knowledge that union is true.

Note # 10: Fear arises out of the denial of truth. The belief in the separation results in fear since the separation is the denial of God's love for the Sonship. If we recognize that fear arises only from our belief in our lack of love, we can utilize any thought of fear, as a triggering mechanism to remind us to ask for the Holy Spirit's help. The Holy Spirit will reinterpret our fearful perception into a tool for forgiveness, unity and love. This reinterpretation of our fearful perception will help us remember the truth that we are united with the Oneness of our Father.

II. The Way to Remember God

T-12.II.1. Miracles are merely the translation of denial into truth. 2 If to love oneself is to heal oneself, those who are sick do not love themselves. 3 Therefore, **those who are sick** are asking for the love that would heal them, but which **those who are sick** are denying to themselves. 4 If **those who are sick** knew the truth about themselves **those who are sick** could not be sick. 5 The task of the miracle worker thus becomes *<to deny the denial of truth.>* 6 The sick must heal themselves, for the truth is in them, **the sick person**. 7 Yet having obscured **the denial of truth in themselves**, the light in another mind must shine into **the sick person's mind** because that light of **the miracle worker** *<is>* also the light of the sick person.

Note # 11: The miracle worker translates the denial of truth in their brother back into the truth. The miracle worker observes the Christ, rather than the little "s" self in his brother. In the miracle, the miracle worker refuses to see any limitation in his brother and looks past the apparent form that "sickness" has taken within their brother. When given this correct perception of himself by the miracle worker, the sick brother may be able to accept the truth about himself and thus, heal himself. Only the sick person can heal himself or herself. The miracle takes place within the individual's own mind and is merely a change from wrong perception to correct perception.

T-12.II.2. The light in **the sick person** shines as brightly regardless of the density of the fog that obscures **the sick person's light**. 2 If you give no power to the fog to obscure the light, the fog, **which arose by the denial of the truth**, has **no power**. 3 For **the fog, which arose by the denial of the truth**, has power only if the Son of God gives power to **the denial of the truth**. 4 **The Son of God** must himself withdraw that power **that he gave the denial of the truth**, remembering that all power is of God. 5 You can remember **that all power is of God** for all the Sonship. 6 Do not allow your brother not to remember **that all power is of God**, for **our brother's** forgetfulness is your **forgetfulness**. 7 But your remembering is **our brother's remembering**, for God cannot be remembered alone. 8 *<Because if you try to remember alone, you have forgotten that God cannot be remembered alone and this is what you have forgotten.>* 9 To perceive the healing of your brother as the healing of yourself is thus the way to remember God. 10 For **when** you forgot your brothers **you forgot God also**, and God's Answer to your forgetting is but the way to remember **the truth about your brother and God**.

Note # 12: Healing is realizing the Oneness that we share with all God's creations because we live in the one Mind of God. It is only by our abdicating to the ego our own mind's power as decision-maker that makes the illusion appear real. All egoic power comes from our own mind. Thus, we imagine that we have given to the ego creative powers that belong only to our mind. This transfer of our creative power is what gives the illusion a life of its own. When we choose to forget the truth about our brother or ourselves, we perceive both our brother and ourselves as a little "s" self. This also transforms the God of Love into an idol to fear. We need to deny the false and thus, observe the truth, which is all that remains.

T-12.II.3. Perceive in sickness but another call for love, and offer your brother what **your brother** believes he cannot offer himself, **which is the truth about himself that he is only love's Big "S" Self**. 2 Whatever the sickness, there is but one remedy. 3 You will be made whole as you make whole, for to perceive in sickness the appeal for health is to recognize in hatred the call for love. 4 And to give a brother what he really wants is to offer **what he really wants, which is love**, unto yourself, for your Father wills you to know your brother as yourself. 5 Answer his call for love, and your **call for love** is answered. 6 Healing is the Love of Christ for His Father and for Himself.

Note # 13: Sickness is a form of self-hatred, which is a denial of God's love. Love, which is all we are and is all that is real, heals all illusions. When the false is brought into the light of truth, the false fades into the nothingness from which it arose.

T-12.II.4. Remember what was said about the frightening perceptions of little children, which terrify them because **the little children** do not understand **their frightening perceptions**. p218 2 If **the little children** ask for enlightenment and accept **enlightenment**, their fears vanish. 3 But if **the little children** hide their nightmares, **the little children** will keep **their nightmares**. 4 It is easy to help an uncertain child, for **an uncertain child** recognizes that he does not understand what his perceptions mean. 5 Yet you believe that you do understand **what your perceptions mean**. 6 Little child, you are hiding your head under the cover of the heavy blankets you have laid upon yourself. 7 You are hiding your nightmares in the darkness of your own false certainty, and refusing to open your eyes and look at **your nightmares**.

Note # 14: By misinterpreting our perception, we fail to realize that we need outside guidance to understand our problems. Because we believe that we understand the source of our problems, we fail to ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Only the Holy Spirit knows the truth about what we are and what we perceive ourselves to be. Therefore, only the Holy Spirit is capable of judging correctly. The ego is the problem. We cannot expect to find the solution to the problem of not knowing our divine nature by asking the ego for an answer that the ego refuses to hear and accept.

T-12.II.5. Let us not save nightmares, for **our nightmares** are not fitting offerings for Christ, and so **our nightmares** are not fit gifts for you. 2 Take off the covers and look at what you are afraid of. 3 Only the anticipation will frighten you, for the reality of nothingness cannot be frightening. 4 Let us not delay this **looking at what you are afraid of**, for your dream of hatred will not leave you without help, and Help, **in the form of the Holy Spirit**, is here. 5 Learn to be quiet in the midst of turmoil, for quietness is the end of strife and this **quietness that ends strife** is the journey to peace. 6 Look straight at every image that rises to delay you, for the goal is inevitable because **peace** is eternal. 7 The goal of love is but your right, and **love** belongs to you despite your dreams.

Note # 15: The ego will always tell you why it is right and why you are justified in your fear, anger, hurt and ultimate attack. Quiet your egoic chatter and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Only the Holy Spirit knows how to regain your inner peace.

T-12.II.6. You still want what God wills, and no nightmare can defeat a child of God in his purpose. **What both God and you will is love. This is your purpose.** 2 For your purpose was given you by God, and you must accomplish **your purpose** because **your purpose** is **God's Will**. 3 Awake and remember your purpose **of love**, for it is your will to do so. 4 What has been accomplished for you must be yours. 5 Do not let your hatred stand in the way of love, for nothing can withstand the Love of Christ for His Father, or His Father's Love for Him, **the Christ**.

Note # 16: Our Father, our Big "S" Self and the Holy Spirit all know the truth; our Will is one for we are the One Self. A false illusion of the nothingness of separation can have no affect upon the holographic Mind of God. Our little "s" self's reawakening is inevitable for God's Will is not mocked.

T-12.II.7. A little while and you will see me, for I am not hidden because *<you>* are hiding. 2 I will awaken you as surely as I awakened myself, for I awoke for you. 3 In my resurrection is your release. 4 Our mission is to escape from crucifixion, not **to escape** from redemption. 5 Trust in my help, for I did not walk alone, and I will walk with you as our Father walked with me. 6 Do you not know that I walked with **our Father** in peace? 7 And does not that mean that peace goes with *<us>* on the journey?

Note # 17: Jesus has already shone the way and will continue to do so until we too arrive in the knowing of the peace of God. We, not Jesus, are the ones that are currently choosing to deny our truth under the veil of egoic littleness.

T-12.II.8. There is no fear in perfect love. 2 We will but be making perfect to you what is already perfect in you. 3 You do not fear the unknown, **which is the perfection of your Big “S” Self**, but **you do fear** the known, **which is the false image of your egoic little “s” self**. 4 You will not fail in your mission because I did not fail in **my mission of the return to truth and love**. 5 Give me but a little trust in the name of the complete trust I have in you, and we will easily accomplish the goal of perfection together. 6 For perfection *<is,>* and cannot be denied. p219 7 To deny the denial of perfection is not so difficult as to deny truth, and what we can accomplish together will be believed when you see **truth’s perfection** as accomplished.

Note # 18: Truth just is. It is the false that must be made to cover-up the truth. To maintain the illusion of separation requires work and a great deal of effort. This is why the aim of ACIM is not to teach love, but instead to remove all the blocks that we have placed in front of love. We cannot be taught how to love because love is our natural state of being.

T-12.II.9. You who have tried to banish love have not succeeded, but you who choose to banish fear must succeed. 2 The Lord is with you, but you know not **that the Lord is with you**. 3 Yet your Redeemer liveth, and abideth in you in the peace out of which your Redeemer, **the Christ in you**, was created. 4 Would you not exchange this awareness of **perfect love** for the awareness of fear? 5 When we have overcome fear—not by hiding **fear**, not by minimizing **fear**, and not by denying **fear’s** full import in any way—this, **perfect love**, is what you will really see. 6 You cannot lay aside the obstacles to real vision without looking upon **the obstacles to real vision**, for to lay aside means to judge against. 7 If you will look, the Holy Spirit will judge, and **the Holy Spirit** will judge truly. 8 Yet **the Holy Spirit** cannot shine away what you keep hidden, for you have not offered **what you keep hidden to the Holy Spirit** and **the Holy Spirit** cannot take **what you keep hidden** from you.

Note # 19: Because we have free will, we must make the conscious choice of asking for the Holy Spirit’s guidance. Only we have the power to overcome our fears. We must control our fears and then turn them over to the truth of the Holy Spirit. Neither Jesus nor the Holy Spirit can remove our fears, for the source of fear is in your own mind. The Holy Spirit will guide us to the truth about our nightmares but we alone must choose for truth over illusions.

T-12.II.10. We are therefore embarking on an organized, well-structured and carefully planned program aimed at learning how to offer to the Holy Spirit everything you do not want. 2 **The Holy Spirit** knows what to do with **everything you do not want**. 3 You do not understand how to use what **the Holy Spirit** knows. 4 Whatever is given **the Holy Spirit** that is not of God is gone. 5 Yet you must look at **what the Holy Spirit knows within** yourself in perfect willingness, for otherwise **the Holy Spirit’s** knowledge remains useless to you. 6 Surely **the Holy Spirit** will not fail to help you, since help is **the Holy Spirit’s** only purpose. 7 Do you not have greater reason for fearing the world as you perceive **the world**, than for looking at the cause of fear and letting **fear** go forever?

Note # 20: The cause of fear is the result of the guilt we feel for our belief that we have “sinned” against the Will of God. This belief of sin, guilt and fear arose from the belief of the separation. The Holy Spirit was placed inside our minds to provide guidance for our

remembrance of the truth about our Father and ourselves. The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to assist in the healing of our split mind. This healing is our reawakening into the One Self that is the holographic Mind of God.

III. The Investment in Reality

T-12.III.1. I once asked you to sell all you have and give to the poor and follow me. 2 This is what I meant: If you have no investment in anything in this world, you can teach the poor where their treasure is. 3 The poor are merely those who have invested wrongly, **believing that in this world of illusion, they will find the treasure they seek** and, **therefore**, they are poor indeed! 4 Because **the poor** are in need it is given you to **help the poor**, since you are among **the poor**. 5 Consider how perfectly your lesson would be learned if you were unwilling to share their poverty, **which is their belief in lack of love**. 6 For poverty is lack **of love**, and there is but one lack since there is but one need.

Note # 21: A person's perceptions follow what that person values. We are poor when we give value to the nothingness of the illusion of fear and separation. We are poor when we value the idols of egoic specialness. We need to accept the Atonement for ourselves. The Atonement is the denial of the false and the acceptance of the true. It is the healing of the split mind. When we look past the littleness of the ego and look upon the Christ in our brother, we receive and see the Christ within us. Love replaces fear and God, which is love, is remembered.

T-12.III.2. Suppose a brother insists on having you do something you think you do not want to do. 2 **A brother's** very insistence should tell you that **this brother** believes salvation lies in **you doing something that he wants**. 3 If you insist on refusing and experience a quick response of opposition, you are believing that your salvation lies in *<not>* doing **something that he wants**. p220 4 You, then, are making the same mistake **this brother** is, and are making **this brother's** error real to both of you. 5 Insistence means investment, and what you invest in is always related to your notion of salvation. 6 The question is always twofold; first, *<what>* is to be saved? 7 And second, *<how>* can it be saved?

Note # 22: When we insist upon something in this world of nothingness, we are saying that our salvation rests upon doing something. We have placed value on the worthless. God's love is freely given and requires nothing of us. Love allows; it does not demand someone get "fixed". We are arguing for our ego's rightness over our brother's. Our happiness rests on being love, not in being egoically right. By requiring that we fix our brother, we make his belief in his sickness and lack real. Since to give is to receive, we acknowledge our own lack.

What we insist on is related to where and what we believe is needed to make us happy. Do we believe that our salvation must come from something outside ourselves, that we lack something or that we must do something? We need do nothing. All we need do is to be as God created us. This requires no effort. Yet, to attempt to be something that we are not does require effort. The idea that something outside ourselves must take place in order for us to be fulfilled indicates that we have accepted the idea that we are a limited, ego-body. This insistence that we are not perfect, whole and complete makes your illusionary world of provisional reality real for us. We perceive that we lack. Perceive our brother's belief in lack and you confirm your own belief that you need something to happen for you

to be “saved.” This is an affirmation that you are not whole yourself. When you argue for your limitations, you get to keep them.

T-12.III.3. Whenever you become angry with a brother, for whatever reason, you are believing that the ego is to be saved, and to be saved by attack. 2 If **a brother** attacks, you are agreeing with this belief **that the ego is to be saved by attack**; and if you attack, you are reinforcing **this belief that the ego is to be saved by attack since there is lack**. 3 *<Remember that those who attack are poor.>* 4 Their poverty asks for gifts, not for further impoverishment. 5 You who could help **those who attack** are surely acting destructively if you accept their poverty as yours. 6 If you had not invested **in the treasures of illusions** as **those who attack** had, it would never occur to you to overlook their need.

Note # 23: The world of illusion is not real. There is nothing of value in the unreal. Our salvation and happiness cannot be found in the unreal. If we substitute an illusion for the truth about ourselves, we will never escape the dream world. Our insistence that something outside ourselves is needed for us to be loved and to love is the insistence that we lack love. Defense and attack both act as false witnesses for our vulnerability as a limited ego-body. Attack is never justified. The proper response to a brother’s cry for help is love. Only through the eyes of love will we properly perceive our brother. If we look with fear, we will respond with attack in the name of egoic self-defense.

T-12.III.4. *<Recognize what does not matter,>* and if your brothers ask you for something "outrageous," do **the "outrageous," for your brother** *<because>* it does not matter. 2 Refuse **a brother’s “outrageous” request**, and your opposition establishes that it does matter to you. 3 It is only you, therefore, who have made the request outrageous, and every request of a brother is for you. 4 Why would you insist in denying **a brother’s request**? 5 For to do so is to deny yourself and impoverish both. 6 **A brother** is asking for salvation, as you are **asking for salvation**. 7 Poverty is of the ego, and never of God. 8 No "outrageous" requests can be made of one who recognizes what is valuable and wants to accept nothing else.

Note # 24: Nothing of this dream world is real and, therefore, of value. Only love is real. The only value this dream world can provide is as a learning device for reawakening from this dream to the realization that we are only love and invulnerable to the false. We are the One Self. By learning forgiveness and love for our brother, we give this to ourselves. This leads us back up the path of remembering God and thus, reclaiming our divine birthright.

T-12.III.5. Salvation is for the mind, and **salvation** is attained through peace **that arises out of love**. 2 **The mind** is the only thing that can be saved and the only way to save **the mind is through the attainment of the peace of God**. 3 Any response other than love arises from a confusion about the "what" and the "how" of **obtaining** salvation, and this, **love**, is the only answer. 4 Never lose sight **that salvation is found in love**, and never allow yourself to believe, even for an instant, that there is another answer **than love**. 5 For you will surely place yourself among the poor, who do not understand that they, **who believe they are poor actually** dwell in abundance and that salvation is come.

Note # 25: We can deny reality, but our erroneous belief cannot change the truth. We remain always as God created us, for in reality we have never left the Mind of God. There

has never been a time that God did not love His Son unconditionally. We alone have chosen to deny this truth. What we value becomes what we perceive as our “truth”. Discard fear and value only love, which is the truth that is the peace of God.

T-12.III.6. To identify with the ego is to attack yourself and make yourself poor. 2 That is why everyone who identifies with the ego feels deprived. 3 What he experiences **by identifying with the ego** then is depression or anger, because what he did **by identifying with the ego** was to exchange Self-love for self-hate, making him afraid of himself. 4 He, **who identifies with the ego**, does not realize **he has exchange Self-love for self-hate**. 5 Even if he is fully aware of anxiety he does not perceive **anxiety’s** source as his own ego identification, and he always tries to handle this **anxiety that result from ego identification** by making some sort of insane "arrangement" with the world. 6 He always perceives this world as outside himself, for this is crucial to his adjustment. p221 7 He does not realize that he makes this world, for there is no world outside of him.

Note # 26: When we identify with the ego, we fall into a state of victim consciousness. Playing the role of victim, we abdicate responsibility for the events in our life. We fail to see ourselves as the source or creator of the dream and, instead, hope something outside ourselves will arrive and make us complete and thus, “save” us. We cannot find the truth about ourselves in an unreal illusion. Only by reclaiming our decision making ability can we choose for the Holy Spirit and against the thought system of the ego. It is our choice to follow the thought system of the ego that transports us into the dream world of ego identification.

When we identify with the ego, we have moved out of alignment with our Big “S” Self. Our mind is split in its allegiance and this results in conflict and stress. Self-love and self-hate cannot co-exist. When we feel bad, our Big “S” Self is attempting to signal that we are out of balance with our true nature. Feelings of blame, fear, anger, frustration and depression all are tell us that our behavior is not in alignment with love’s correct response. We will have lost our joy and inner peace. Treat any bad feeling as a warning to stop thinking egoically and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Only the Holy Spirit knows the way back to the inner peace of the One Self.

T-12.III.7. If only the loving thoughts of God's Son are the world's reality, the real world must be in his mind. 2 **The split-minded’s** insane thoughts, too, must be in his mind, but an internal conflict of this magnitude **within the son’s mind** cannot tolerate. 3 A split mind is endangered **in God's Son**, and the recognition that **the split mind** encompasses completely opposed thoughts within itself is intolerable. 4 Therefore the mind projects the split, not the reality. 5 Everything you perceive as the outside world is merely your **split-minded’s** attempt to maintain your ego identification, for everyone believes that identification **with the ego** is salvation. 6 Yet consider what has happened **when you identify with the ego**, for thoughts do have consequences to the thinker. 7 You have become at odds with the world as you perceive **the world**, because you think that **your perceived world** is antagonistic to you. 8 This is a necessary consequence of what you have done. 9 You have projected outward what is antagonistic to what is inward, **in your own split mind**, and therefore you would have to perceive **your outside world as antagonistic to you in** this way. 10 That is why you must realize that your hatred is in your mind and not outside **your mind** before you can get rid of **your hatred**; and why you must get rid of **your hatred** before you can perceive the world as **the world** really is.

Note # 27: This viewpoint of the antagonistic outside world is the natural outcome of projection. In projection, we take something inside our mind and project it outside ourselves in an attempt to get rid of it. This results in our denial of ourselves as the source of the item that is actually found in our mind. All thoughts must originate from mind.

T-12.III.8. I said before that God so loved the world that **God gave the real world to God's** only begotten Son. 2 God does love the real world, and those who perceive **the real world's** reality cannot see the world of death. 3 For death is not of the real world, in which everything reflects the eternal. 4 God gave you the real world in exchange for the **world you perceive that you made out of your split mind. The world you perceive that you made out of your split mind** is the symbol of death. 5 For if you could really separate yourself from the Mind of God you would die.

Note # 28: The real world is the Kingdom or Heaven, which is only love. Heaven is not a place but a state of mind in which only love is real. Our Big "S" Self knows this truth that only love is real. Our split minded ego believes that both love and fear are possible. The split-mind has made an illusionary world so that it can play the game of separation until it has relearned the truth about itself.

T-12.III.9. The world you perceive is a world of separation. 2 Perhaps you are willing to accept even death to deny your Father. 3 Yet **God** would not have **you die**, and so **your death cannot be** so. 4 You still cannot will against **God**, and **because you cannot will against God this** is why you have no control over the world you made. 5 It is not a world of will because **the world you made** is governed by the desire to be unlike God, and this desire is not will. 6 The world you made is therefore totally chaotic, governed by arbitrary and senseless "laws," and without meaning of any kind. 7 For **the world you made** is made out of what you do not want, projected from your mind because you are afraid of **what you do not want**. 8 Yet this world is only in the **split** mind of its maker, along with his real salvation. 9 Do not believe **the world you made** is outside of yourself, for only by recognizing where **the world you made** is will you gain control over **the world you made within your mind**. p222 10 For you do have control over your mind, since the mind is the mechanism of decision.

Note # 29: Only in the mind of the dreamer can the dream be undone. The nightmare can only be stopped at its source, which is the insane mind that is the thought projector. If we reclaim our mind's decision-making ability and realize that we are the dreamer of the dream of separation, we can chose again. By remembering what we are, we will remember God, Whose love we have never lost.

T-12.III.10. If you will recognize that all the attack you perceive is in your own mind and nowhere else, you will at last have placed **the source of the attack**, and where **the attack** begins **the attack** must end. 2 For in this same place, **which is your mind**, there also lies salvation. 3 The altar of God where Christ abideth is there **in your mind**. 4 You have defiled the altar, but not the **real** world. 5 Yet Christ has placed the Atonement on the altar for you. 6 Bring your perceptions of the world to this altar, **for Christ's altar which holds the Atonement** is the altar to truth. 7 There you will see your vision changed, and there you will learn to see truly. 8 From this place, where God and His Son dwell in peace

and where you are welcome, you will look out in peace and behold the world truly. 9 Yet to find the place, you must relinquish your investment in the world as you project it, allowing the Holy Spirit to extend the real world to you from the altar of God.

Note # 30: By accepting of the Atonement for ourselves, we reclaim the remembrance of God and what we are. The Atonement principle undoes all misperception with the truth. The Atonement principle states that what we perceived in our dreams was never real since it was not in the Mind of God. The dream world of provisional reality is only a dream. Therefore, God demands no sacrifice or punishment from us since we have never “sinned”. To God, we will always be perfect as He created us. God’s Son remains eternally sinless and guiltless. This is our reality and our birthright. By accepting the Atonement for ourselves, we cease to deny God’s Fatherhood and accept our divine birthright. We reawaken to the Kingdom, which is the real world from which we have never left. We have always been and always will remain part of the Mind of God for we are eternal.

IV. Seeking and Finding

T-12.IV.1. The ego is certain that love is dangerous, and **that love is dangerous** is always **the ego’s** central teaching. 2 **The ego** never puts it this way **that love is dangerous**; on the contrary, everyone who believes that the ego is salvation seems to be intensely engaged in the search for love. 3 Yet the ego, though encouraging the search for love very actively, makes one proviso; do not find love. 4 **The ego’s** dictates, then, can be summed up simply as: "Seek and do <not> find love." 5 "**Seek and do <not> find love.**" is the one promise the ego holds out to you, and the one promise **the ego** will keep. 6 For the ego pursues **the ego’s** goal with fanatic insistence, and **the ego’s** judgment, though severely impaired, is completely consistent.

Note # 31: The ego does not understand what love is and, therefore, views it as dangerous. True love is dangerous to something that opposes the truth. What the ego would term love is not true love, but rather conditional love. Conditional love is acceptable to the ego because conditional love only gives to get. Conditional love confirms that the giver is not perfect, whole and complete. The giver is in need of “something” from outside itself to make it better. If this “something” is not forthcoming, the “giver” is free to take their sacrifice to another in search of a “better trade”. Thus, the ego’s goal and motto is "Seek and do <not> find love." The ego is very diligent and single minded in working to achieve its goal.

T-12.IV.2. The search the ego undertakes is therefore bound to be defeated. 2 And since **the ego** also teaches that **the ego** is your identification, **the ego’s** guidance leads you to a journey which must end in perceived self-defeat. 3 For the ego cannot love, and in **the ego’s** frantic search for love **the ego** is seeking what **the ego** is afraid to find, **which is love**. 4 **The ego’s** search, **which is “seek and do <not> find love”**, is inevitable because the ego is part of your mind, and because of **the ego’s** source, **which is the mind**, the ego is not wholly split off, or **the ego** could not be believed at all. 5 For it is your mind that believes in **the ego** and gives existence to **the ego**. 6 Yet it is also your mind that has the power to deny the ego's existence, and you will surely do so when you realize exactly what the journey is on which the ego sets you.

Note # 32: Because the ego's goal is "seek and do <not> find love", the ego wants to hide this goal from your mind. If you realized that never finding love was the true goal of the ego, you would not want to play the ego's game of "let's hide and never find God's Love." The goal of the ego is to bring you pain; yet, the ego constantly holds out to you the idea that love is just around the corner. Once we obtain what the ego claims would bring us love, we realize that we are still unhappy. The ego then changes its story and tells us that although we failed to find love in the achievement of this item or goal, something else will bring us love. **Example:** First, the ego tells us that we will be happy when we get married. Once married, the ego tells us that we will be happy when we get a divorce. And so it goes, on and on. We are constantly seeking things outside ourselves only to find that once obtained, they do not bring us happiness. By this constant seeking outside yourself, the ego confirms that you are not perfect, whole and complete. This guarantees that you will continue your false belief in the separation. This "seek and do <not> find" motto is what makes the ego's thought system so insidious and insane. As long as the ego can keep our mind, which is the true source of the ego's alleged power, in victim consciousness, our mind will never realize that the mind has the ability to choose again. Our mind will continue to believe that it is powerless and that its fate is controlled by everything outside of it. Therefore, our mind can continue to claim that it is not responsible for the "bad luck" which so often brings pain.

T-12.IV.3. It is surely obvious that no one wants to find what would utterly defeat him. p223 2 Being unable to love, the ego would be totally inadequate in love's presence, for **the ego** could not respond at all **to love**. 3 Then, you would have to abandon the ego's guidance, for it would be quite apparent that **the ego** had not taught you the response you need **to obtain and be love**. 4 The ego will therefore distort love, and teach you that love really calls forth the responses the ego *<can>* teach. 5 Follow **the ego's** teaching, then, and you will search for love, but will not recognize **love**.

Note # 33: The ego teaches that love is always conditional. Conditional love, which is not to be confused with true love, only gives in order to get something of greater value in return. Egoic, conditional love is based on separation and demands sacrifice. Each party only "gives to get." This insures that you will always be lacking something and that the return to whole-mindedness will not be achieved. If we can find a "better trade", we quickly leave the old relationship in search of greener pastures.

T-12.IV.4. Do you realize that the ego must set you on a journey of "**seek and do <not> find love**", which cannot but lead to a sense of futility and depression? 2 To seek and not to find is hardly joyous. 3 Is this the promise you would keep? 4 The Holy Spirit offers you another promise, and **the Holy Spirit's promise is** one that will lead to joy. 5 For **the Holy Spirit's** promise is always, "Seek and you *<will>* find **Love**," and under **the Holy Spirit's** guidance you cannot be defeated. 6 **The Holy Spirit's promise** is the journey to accomplishment, and the goal **the Holy Spirit** sets before you **the Holy Spirit** will give you. 7 For **the Holy Spirit** will never deceive God's Son whom **the Holy Spirit** loves with the Love of the Father.

Note # 34: The goal of the Holy Spirit is to guide you to your return to God and the remembrance of who you really are, which, like your Father, is perfect love. The Holy

Spirit's promise of "Seek and you <will> find Love," must be achieved since this is God's Will.

T-12.IV.5. You <will> undertake a journey because you are not at home in this **illusionary world of your own misperception**. 2 And you <will> search for your home whether you realize where **your home** is or not. 3 If you believe **your home** is outside you the search will be futile, for you will be seeking **your home** where it is not **in your illusionary world of provisional reality**. 4 You do not remember how to look within for you do not believe your home is there **within you**. 5 Yet the Holy Spirit remembers **where your home is** for you, and **the Holy Spirit** will guide you to your home **within you** because that is **the Holy Spirit's mission**. 6 As **the Holy Spirit** fulfills His mission **the Holy Spirit** will teach you your **mission**, for your mission is the same as **the Holy Spirit mission, which is to return to your home in the Mind of God**. 7 By guiding your brothers home you are but following **the Holy Spirit's mission**.

Note # 35: Your home is your source. Your source is the Mind of God. Although in reality you never left your Source, due to our free wil, we can temporarily deny the truth about ourselves and pretend that we live in our illusionary world of perception. If you lost your keys in the United States it is futile to seek them in Brazil. You need to seek your keys in the place you lost them. We lost our knowledge of love in our mind. That is where we will find it. To look outside our mind is a futile waste of time.

T-12.IV.6. Behold **the Holy Spirit**, the Guide your Father gave you, that you might learn you have eternal life. 2 For death is not your Father's Will nor **your will** and whatever is true is the Will of the Father. 3 You pay no price for life for **eternal life** was given you, but you do pay a price for death, and a very heavy one. 4 If death is your treasure, you will sell everything else to purchase **death**. 5 And you will believe that you have purchased **death**, because you have sold everything else **to obtain your treasure of death**. 6 Yet you cannot sell the Kingdom of Heaven. 7 Your inheritance, **which is the Kingdom of Heaven**, can neither be bought nor sold. 8 There can be no disinherited parts of the Sonship, for God is whole and all **God's** extensions are like **God**.

Note # 36: Since creation is extension, we are exactly like our Father. We share all the attributes of the Father because we share one mind, which is the Mind of God. Free will allows us to deny the truth but denial cannot change truth's reality. Since our will is God's Will, eventually, we will freely decide to choose the truth and be that Love.

T-12.IV.7. The Atonement is not the price of your wholeness, but **the Atonement** <is> the price of your awareness of your wholeness. 2 For what you chose to "sell" had to be kept for you, since you could not "buy" **what you chose to "sell"** back, **which was your divine inheritance of eternal life**. 3 Yet you must invest in **what you chose to "sell"**, not with money but with spirit. p224 4 For spirit is will, and will is the "price" of the Kingdom. 5 Your inheritance awaits only the recognition that you have been redeemed. 6 The Holy Spirit guides you into life eternal, but you must relinquish your investment in death, or you will not see life though **eternal life** is all around you.

Note # 37: We must accept the Atonement for ourselves. The Atonement is our healing since it is the acceptance to the truth that God's Son is guiltless and sinless. The Holy Spirit

will show us the way but the ultimate choice to recognize the Holy Spirit's thought system as our only thought system is a choice we must freely make. To freely realize that our will is the same as the Father's Will, will bring us home to the remembrance of God and our true spiritual nature. We will reclaim our divine inheritance.

V. The Sane Curriculum

T-12.V.1. Only love is strong because **love** is undivided. 2 The strong do not attack because **the strong** see no need to **attack**. 3 Before the idea of attack can enter your mind, you must have perceived yourself as weak. 4 Because you attacked yourself **and** believed that the attack was effective, you behold yourself as weakened. 5 No longer perceiving yourself and your brothers as equal, and regarding yourself as weaker, you attempt to "equalize" the situation you made. 6 You use attack **to attempt to "equalize" the situation you made of being unequal in the strength with your brother** because you believe that attack was successful in weakening you.

Note # 38: When we perceive ourselves as limited ego-body, we adopt the belief that we are vulnerable and can be hurt. The world of perception becomes a fearful place that is predicated on limited resources and lack. Life becomes a competitive "zero-sum game". If I am to win, someone must lose. Self-defense is required to maintain what you have and the best defense is a good offense. To insure your body's survival "preemptive strikes" becomes a way of life.

T-12.V.2. **Because you believe that attack was successful in weakening you, this** is why the recognition of your own invulnerability is so important to the restoration of your sanity. 2 For if you accept your invulnerability, you are recognizing that attack has no effect **and, therefore, you remain strong**. 3 Although you have attacked yourself, you will be demonstrating that nothing really happened **since you recognize that you are invulnerable**. 4 Therefore, by attacking you have not done anything. 5 Once you realize **that by attacking you have not done anything**, you will no longer see any sense in attack, for **attack** manifestly does not work and cannot protect you. 6 Yet the recognition of your invulnerability has more than negative value. 7 If your attacks on yourself have failed to weaken you, you are still strong. 8 You therefore have no need to "equalize" the situation to establish your strength **by attacking your brother**.

Note # 39: Unlimited spirit is invulnerable. Only when you perceive yourself as an ego-body, do you believe you are vulnerable to attack. We are not self-created. Since God is love and you are an extension of God, you must be love. Unconditional love is invulnerable and comes from strength. Attack cannot weaken it and love does not attack. Any attack on the one you love unconditionally would be an attack on yourself. The love of God gives all to all and the Christ in us is the expression of God's love. We are the One Self. A Oneness knows there can be nothing outside itself to attack.

T-12.V.3. You will never realize the utter uselessness of attack except by recognizing that your attack on yourself has no effects. 2 For others do react to attack if they perceive **an attack**, and if you are trying to attack **another** you will be unable to avoid interpreting this **attack on another** as reinforcement **to the idea that attack has no effect since your brother will react to your attack**. 3 The only place you can cancel out all reinforcement

for the idea that attack produces no effects is in yourself. 4 For you are always the first point of your attack, and if this has never been, **attack** has no consequences.

Note # 40: The Laws of God state that what we give, we will receive. Only when we perceive ourselves as a body, do we believe that we are vulnerable to attack. It is this belief that we can be hurt that leads us to believe that “preemptive strikes” are a means of self-defense. If you realize that you are spirit, the One Self, you will understand that love and forgiveness are your function. Being a Oneness, you will see no gain in attack since all attack is a form of self-attack and self-hatred.

T-12.V.4. The Holy Spirit's Love is your strength, for **your strength** is divided and therefore not real. 2 You cannot trust your own love when you attack **your own love**. 3 You cannot learn of perfect love with a split mind, because a split mind has made itself a poor learner. 4 You tried to make the separation eternal, because you wanted to retain the characteristics of creation, but with your own content. p225 5 Yet creation is not of you, and poor learners do need special teaching.

Note # 41: Believing that we could be separate from God, we wanted to be able to make something other than an extension of our Big “S” Selves. We wanted to “create” based on limitation and specialness. Unlike God, Who gives everything of Himself, we wished to give selectively. We wished to exclude rather than include and thus, maintain our claim to a unique, individual separateness that we perceive to be our little “s” self. This egoic mindset of making is an attack on our Big “S” Self. Special or conditional love is not the Love of God. The split mind is divided and cannot learn two opposing concepts of love. We need the Holy Spirit’s guidance.

T-12.V.5. You have learning handicaps in a very literal sense. 2 There are areas in your learning skills that are so impaired that you can progress only under constant, clear-cut direction, provided by a Teacher Who can transcend your limited resources. 3 **The Holy Spirit** becomes your Resource because of yourself you cannot learn. 4 The learning situation in which you placed yourself is impossible, and in this situation you clearly require a special Teacher, **who is the Holy Spirit**, and a special curriculum. 5 Poor learners are not good choices as teachers, either for themselves or for anyone else. 6 You would hardly turn to **poor learners** to establish the curriculum by which **the poor learners** can escape from their limitations. 7 If **the poor learners** understood what is beyond them, **the poor learners** would not be handicapped.

Note # 42: Someone who does not know the truth can neither teach the truth nor establish its curriculum. They lack the basic knowledge to achieve the desired results. The split-minded do not know the truth. The egoic thought system cannot teach what it does not know. Only the Holy Spirit knows the truth and thus, can teach it.

T-12.V.6. You do not know the meaning of love, and that is your handicap. 2 Do not attempt to teach yourself what you do not understand, and do not try to set up curriculum goals where yours have clearly failed. 3 Your learning goal **of the meaning of love** has been *<not>* to learn, and this cannot lead to successful learning **of love**. 4 You cannot transfer what you have not learned, and the impairment of the ability to generalize is a crucial learning failure. 5 Would you ask those who have failed to learn what learning aids

are for? 6 **Those who have failed to learn** do not know **what learning aids are for**. 7 If **those who have failed to learn** could interpret the aids correctly, they would have learned from **the learning aids**.

Note # 43: The ego's goal is for us to "Seek and never find love." To the ego, the body is a device for separation. The body has become a tool of attack and vulnerability. To the Holy Spirit the body is a communication device that the Holy Spirit can utilize to teach us that we are that One Self.

T-12.V.7. I have said that the ego's rule is, "Seek and do not find." 2 Translated into curricular terms this means, "Try to learn but do not succeed." 3 The result of **the ego's** curriculum goal is obvious. 4 Every legitimate teaching aid, every real instruction, and every sensible guide to learning will be misinterpreted, since they are all for facilitating the learning this strange curriculum is against. 5 If you are trying to learn how not to learn, and the aim of your teaching is to defeat itself, what can you expect but confusion? 6 Such a curriculum as **"Try to learn but do not succeed,"** does not make sense. 7 This attempt at "learning" has so weakened your mind that you cannot love, for the curriculum you have chosen is against love, and amounts to a course in how to attack yourself. 8 A supplementary goal in **the ego's** curriculum of **"Try to learn but do not succeed,"** is learning how *<not>* to overcome the split that makes **the ego's** primary aim, **the belief in the separation,** believable. 9 And you will not overcome the split in **the ego's** curriculum, for all your learning will be on **the ego's** behalf. 10 Yet your mind, **our Big "S" Self,** speaks against your **egoic** learning as your **egoic** learning speaks against your **mind's Big "S" Self,** and so you fight against all learning and succeed, for that is what you want. p226 11 But perhaps you do not realize, even yet, that there is something you want to learn, and that you can learn it because **to learn what you really want to learn** *<is>* your choice to do so.

Note # 44: The ego does not know love or how to love and, therefore, cannot teach love. Love is inclusive and the ego teaches exclusion. As long as we follow the instructions of the ego, we will fail to learn about love. The ego can only teach what it knows, which is the belief in separation. We need to change our teacher if we wish to learn about love. The Holy Spirit, which is love, is the only logical choice to teach us how to remove all the blocks that we place before love. Until we make the choice for this new teacher, our "two selves" will continue to be in conflict and whole-mindedness cannot return.

T-12.V.8. You who have tried to learn what you do not want should take heart, for although the curriculum you set yourself is depressing indeed, it is merely ridiculous if you look at **the curriculum you set yourself, which was, "Try to learn but do not succeed."** 2 Is it possible that the way to achieve a goal is not to attain **the goal?** 3 Resign now as your own teacher. 4 This resignation will not lead to depression. 5 **Your resignation as your own teacher** is merely the result of an honest appraisal of what you have taught yourself, and of the learning outcomes that have resulted. 6 Under the proper learning conditions, which you can neither provide nor understand, you will become an excellent learner and an excellent teacher. 7 But **the proper learning conditions** are not so yet, and will not be so until the whole learning situation as you have set it up is reversed.

Note # 45: As long as we believe and value the egoic thought system, we will not be willing to change teachers. ACIM asks us to look at the results of our ego's curriculum and honestly ask if we are pleased with our progress toward our goal of love and happiness. If we are not, we need to realize we cannot self-teach what we do not know. Yet, under the tutelage of the Holy Spirit, we will become both an excellent student and teacher.

T-12.V.9. Your learning potential, properly understood, is limitless because **your learning potential** will lead you to God. 2 You can teach the way to **God** and learn **the way to God**, if you follow the Teacher, **the Holy Spirit**, Who knows the way to **God** and understands His curriculum for learning **the way to God**. 3 The curriculum is totally unambiguous, because the goal is not divided and the means and the end are in complete accord. 4 You need offer only undivided attention. 5 Everything else will be given you. 6 For you really want to learn aright, and nothing can oppose the decision of God's Son **to learn**. 7 **God's Son's** learning is as unlimited as he is.

Note # 46: We have truly only wanted to experience love, extend love and thus, be love. This is our goal. When we follow the thought system of the Holy Spirit, both the means to achieve the goal of being only love and the goal of love are in alignment. The Holy Spirit's curriculum is designed to teach the remembrance of love. Since the means and the goal are in alignment, our learning will be quick and easy. When we follow the egoic little "s" self, the curriculum's goal is never to obtain love and thus, we could not learn to be love.

VI. The Vision of Christ

T-12.VI.1. The ego is trying to teach you how to gain the whole world and lose your own soul. 2 The Holy Spirit teaches that you cannot lose your soul and there is no gain in the world, **for of itself to gain the whole world and lose your own soul, you profit nothing**. 3 To invest without profit is surely to impoverish yourself, and the overhead is high. 4 Not only is there no profit in the investment **to gain this illusory world** but the cost to you is enormous. 5 For this investment costs you the **real** world's reality by denying **your divine birthright**, and gives you nothing in return. 6 You cannot sell your soul, but you can sell your awareness of **your soul**. 7 You cannot perceive your soul, but you will not know **your soul** while you perceive something else as more valuable.

Note # 47: Since this world of perception is not of the Mind of God, it is unreal. A fantasy world is nothing in eternity; therefore, to attain an illusory dream world would be to gain nothing. Yet, when we believe in and value an illusory world of nothing, we deny your divine birthright as unlimited spirit. If you value your false belief in individuality, specialness and separation over the reality of your Oneness in the Mind of God, you deny the truth and prefer a false illusion. The decision to cast this vote comes from the egoic belief in the reality of the separation and is your attempt to make the dream real. What you value, you will choose to perceive for perception flows from your beliefs. The value you place on specialness is greater than the value you place on the truth that you are that One Self. Truth can be denied, but your denial of truth will never affect the truth in eternity. You are not a body. You are unlimited spirit. You are the Christ.

T-12.VI.2. The Holy Spirit is your strength because **the Holy Spirit** knows nothing but the spirit as you. 2 **The Holy Spirit** is perfectly aware that you do not know yourself, and perfectly aware of how to teach you to remember what you are. p227 3 Because **the Holy**

Spirit loves you, **the Holy Spirit** will gladly teach you what **the Holy Spirit** loves, for **the Holy Spirit** wills to share **His knowledge of what you truly are with you**. 4 Remembering you always, **the Holy Spirit** cannot let you forget your worth. 5 For the Father never ceases to remind **the Holy Spirit** of **the Father's Son**, and **the Holy Spirit** never ceases to remind **God's Son** of the Father. 6 God is in your memory because of **the Holy Spirit**. 7 You chose to forget your Father but you do not really want to do so, and therefore you can decide otherwise. 8 As it was my decision **not to forget my Father**, so is it **your decision not to forget your Father**.

Note # 48: The Holy Spirit knows the truth that you are the Christ, the One Self and will teach you to rediscover your divine birthright. When the idea of the separation occurred, God placed the Holy Spirit within the split mind of the Sonship so that His Son would eternally remain safe and always be able to find his way home. The Christ in you is the home of the Holy Spirit and is your remembrance of God. Your return home is guaranteed. In eternity, the separation never occurred but in time the guidance of the Holy Spirit is needed to reawaken God's Son and return him to the Kingdom. Time arose in order to allow for the correction of this mad idea of the separation. Time allows us to play the "game of forgetfulness" in perfect safety. Time exists only in the world of perception and will disappear along with the dream of the "game of forgetfulness" when knowledge returns to God's Son.

T-12.VI.3. You do not want the world of perception. 2 The only thing of value in **the world of perception** is whatever part of **the world of perception** you look upon with love. 3 **Your love thought** gives **the world of perception** the only reality **the world of perception** will ever have. 4 **The world of perception's** value is not in itself, but your **value** is in you. 5 As self-value comes from self-extension, so does the perception of self-value come from the extension of loving thoughts outward. 6 Make the world real unto yourself, for the real world is the gift of the Holy Spirit, and so **the real world** belongs to you.

Note # 49: Even in the "game of forgetfulness," we have the power to create. We create whenever we respond to any experience with only loving thoughts. Being the One Self, loving thoughts are really self-love. If we respond out of fear, the Holy Spirit only asks for us to choose again. In this way, we relearn the truth that only love is real and we are only love. Creation is extension. Only by the sharing of love, which is what you are, does creation occur. Creation does not exclude but only gives what it truly is. Being love, only loving thoughts can create and are part of the Mind of God.

T-12.VI.4. Correction is for all who cannot see. 2 To open the eyes of the blind is the Holy Spirit's mission, for **the Holy Spirit** knows that **all who cannot see** have not lost their vision, but **all who cannot see** merely sleep. 3 **The Holy Spirit** would awaken **all who cannot see** from the sleep of forgetting to the remembering of God. 4 Christ's eyes are open, and **Christ** will look upon whatever you see with love if you accept **Christ's** vision as **your vision**. 5 The Holy Spirit keeps the vision of Christ for every Son of God who sleeps. 6 In **the Holy Spirit's** sight the Son of God is perfect, and **the Holy Spirit** longs to share **Christ's** vision with you. 7 **The Holy Spirit** will show you the real world because God gave you Heaven. 8 Through **the Holy Spirit's** your Father calls His Son to remember. 9 The awakening of His Son begins with **His Son's** investment in the real

world, and by this he will learn to re-invest in himself. 10 For reality is one with the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit blesses the real world in Their Name.

Note # 50: By following the guidance of the ego's thought system, you block the vision of Christ. By asking for the Holy Spirit's guidance, the vision of Christ overcomes this "egoic way of seeing". The Christ represents the right-minded part of the split-minded son's mind. The Christ is your remembrance of God and what you are. It is the home of the Holy Spirit. Your Christ consciousness can never be lost, but you can refuse to hear it.

T-12.VI.5. When you have seen this real world, as you will surely do, you will remember Us, **the Christ, Jesus and the Holy Spirit**. 2 Yet you must learn the cost of sleeping, **which is the forgetting of your divine birthright**, and refuse to pay **this cost**. 3 Only **when you refuse to pay the cost of your divine birthright** will you decide to awaken. 4 And then the real world will spring to your sight, for Christ has never slept. 5 **Christ** is waiting to be seen, for **Christ** has never lost sight of you. 6 **Christ** looks quietly on the real world, which **Christ** would share with you because **Christ** knows of the Father's Love for **His Son**. 7 And knowing **the Father's Love for His Son**, **Christ** would give you what is yours. 8 In perfect peace **Christ** waits for you at His Father's altar, holding out the Father's Love to you in the quiet light of the Holy Spirit's blessing. 9 For the Holy Spirit will lead everyone home to his Father, where Christ waits as his **Big "S"** Self. p228

Note # 51: When we choose to play the "game of forgetfulness", the price that we pay to play this game is the forgetting of our divine birthright. This game ends when we no longer value anything but the Oneness of the Mind of God. We are no longer willing to continue paying the painful price of our birthright in order to play this game of "What AM I?" We choose to be love and, therefore, transcend the world of perception and reawaken back into the real world of the loving One Self. Christ is the Big "S" Self. The Christ has never lost the truth of what you are. The ego's thought system represents the small or little "s" self.

T-12.VI.6. Every child of God is one in Christ, for his being is in Christ as Christ's is in God. 2 Christ's Love for you is **Christ's** Love for His Father, which **Christ** knows because **Christ** knows His Father's Love for Him, **the Christ**. 3 When the Holy Spirit has at last led you to Christ at the altar to His Father, perception fuses into knowledge because perception has become so holy that **perception's** transfer to holiness is merely **perception's** natural extension. 4 Love transfers to love without any interference, for the two, **holiness and knowledge**, are one. 5 As you perceive more and more common elements in all situations, the transfer of training under the Holy Spirit's guidance increases and becomes generalized. 6 Gradually you learn to apply **the Holy Spirit's guidance** to everyone and everything, for **the Holy Spirit's guidance** applicability is universal. 7 When this has been accomplished, **this holy** perception and knowledge have become so similar that they share the unification of the laws of God.

Note # 52: The Holy Spirit will reinterpret your misperceptions into correct perceptions. This occurs through the tool of forgiveness and love. The Holy Spirit's thought system comes from the knowledge that we are joined in the Mind of God and, therefore, what we do to our brother, we do onto ourselves. By forgiving our brother, we forgive ourselves and realize our shared oneness with God's Will. Correct perception aligns with the truth.

When we ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, egoic misperception is replaced with correct perception. When we choose to exclusively follow the Holy Spirit's thought system, we perceive only with the eyes of Christ and our perception becomes holy perception that is easily transformed into knowledge. When we are vigilant only for God, God will return His Son to knowledge.

T-12.VI.7. What is one cannot be perceived as separate, and the denial of the separation is the reinstatement of knowledge. 2 At the altar of God, the holy perception of God's Son becomes so enlightened that light streams into **the altar of God**, and the spirit of God's Son shines in the Mind of the Father and becomes one with **the altar of God**. 3 Very gently does God shine upon Himself, loving the extension of Himself that is His Son. 4 The world has no purpose as **the world** blends into the purpose of God. 5 For the real world has slipped quietly into Heaven, where everything eternal in **the real world** has always been. 6 There the Redeemer and the redeemed join in perfect love of God and of each other. 7 Heaven is your home, and being in God, **heaven** must also be in you.

Note # 53: When we share the same goal and purpose of love's extension, we realize that we are one. When our holy perception mirrors the knowledge of God, the Father takes the final step to raise the Son back to the return to knowledge. Our total denial of the belief that the separation was real is needed to return our split minds to whole-mindedness. With this denial of the false, our world of provisional reality and individual perception will disappear. The Sonship will return to the Kingdom, which is the Oneness of the Mind of God. The Father, the Holy Spirit, the Sonship and the Son's Creation will continue to extend the wholeness of this One Self throughout eternity. The unified Mind of God, perfect, whole and complete, will continue to know Itself by extending itself to all of Itself. This is the co-creative process that we call love.

VII. Looking Within

T-12.VII.1. Miracles demonstrate that learning has occurred under the right guidance of **the Holy Spirit**, for learning is invisible and what has been learned can be recognized only by **learning's** results. 2 The generalization of **the Holy Spirit's learning** is demonstrated as you use **the Holy Spirit's guidance** in more and more situations. 3 You will recognize that you have learned there is no order of difficulty in miracles when you apply **the Holy Spirit's guidance** to all situations. 4 There is no situation to which miracles do not apply, and by applying **the Holy Spirit's guidance** to all situations you will gain the real world. 5 For in this holy perception **under the Holy Spirit's guidance** you will be made whole, and the Atonement will radiate from your acceptance of **the Atonement** for yourself to everyone the Holy Spirit sends you for your blessing. 6 In every child of God, **God's** blessing lies, and in your blessing of the children of God is **God's** blessing to you. p229

Note # 54: Miracles are natural when we follow the thought system of the Holy Spirit instead of the ego's system. The Holy Spirit applies the Atonement principle to all that we perceive. Our alignment of perception with the truth becomes the basis for miracle mindedness.

T-12.VII.2. Everyone in the world must play his part in **the world's** redemption, in order to recognize that the world has been redeemed. 2 You cannot see the invisible. 3 Yet if you see **the invisible's** effects **upon the world's redemption** you know **the invisible**

must be there. 4 By perceiving what **the invisible's effect** does, you recognize **the invisible's** being. 5 And by what **the invisible's effect** does, you learn what **the invisible** is. 6 You cannot see your strengths, but you gain confidence in **your strengths'** existence as **your invisible strengths** enable you to act. 7 And the results of your actions you *<can>* see.

Note # 55: You will know the effects of anything by observing their results. If the effect is there, you assume the effect's cause was also present. You learn that you exist as a Oneness by Its effects. You learn that the Holy Spirit exists in you by Its effects. If the results do not bring you peace, the Holy Spirit asks that you choose again. All parts have a role to play in the return to knowledge. No one can be left out.

T-12.VII.3. The Holy Spirit is invisible, but you can see the results of **the Holy Spirit's** Presence, and through **the results of the Holy Spirit's Presence** you will learn that **the Holy Spirit** is there. 2 What **the Holy Spirit** enables you to do is clearly not of this world, for miracles violate every law of reality as this world judges **reality**. 3 Every law of time and space, of magnitude and mass is transcended by **miracles**, for what the Holy Spirit enables you to do is clearly beyond **all of the laws of time and space, of magnitude and mass**. 4 Perceiving **the Holy Spirit's** results, you will understand where **the Holy Spirit** must be, and finally know what **the Holy Spirit** is.

Note # 56: Although invisible, the result of the Holy Spirit's thought system is obvious to the follower because the results bring the follower peace. The miracle follows the Laws of God, not the laws of time and space.

T-12.VII.4. You cannot see the Holy Spirit, but you can see **the Holy Spirit's** manifestations. 2 And unless you do **see the Holy Spirit's manifestations**, you will not realize **the Holy Spirit** is there. 3 Miracles are **the Holy Spirit's** witnesses, and speak for **the Holy Spirit's** Presence. 4 What you cannot see becomes real to you only through the witnesses that speak for **what you cannot see**. 5 For you can be aware of what you cannot see, and **what you cannot see** can become compellingly real to you as **the presence of what you cannot see** becomes manifest through you. 6 Do the Holy Spirit's work, for you share in **the Holy Spirit's** function. 7 As your function in Heaven is creation, so your function on earth is healing. 8 God shares the **Father's** function with you in Heaven, and the Holy Spirit shares **the Holy Spirit's function of healing** with you on earth. 9 As long as you believe **that you have other functions than creation in heaven or healing on earth**, so long will you need correction. 10 For this belief **that you have other functions than creation in heaven or healing on earth** is the destruction of peace. **The destruction of peace is** a goal in direct opposition to the Holy Spirit's purpose, **which is to return God's Son to peace thought healing to son's split mind**.

Note # 57: In the real world of the Kingdom, we share God's function and co-create with our Father. In our present split-minded state that resulted from our belief in separation, we currently share the function of the Holy Spirit, which is the healing of the Sonship's split mind. The Father is unaware of our belief in the separation and, therefore, never sees His Creation as anything but perfect, whole and complete. The function of the Holy Spirit is healing since the Holy Spirit is aware of both our true nature and our misperception that we are a limited ego-body. Forgiveness is the major tool that the Holy Spirit uses to teach the

sleeping child to reawaken to whole-mindedness. While we participate in the dream of separation, our purpose becomes healing of both our brother's mind and our own mind.

T-12.VII.5. You see what you expect, and you expect what you **invite**. 2 Your perception is the result of your invitation. **Your perception comes** to you as you sent for it, **based on what you expected**. 3 Whose manifestations would you see? 4 Of whose presence would you be convinced? 5 For you will believe in what you manifest, and as you look out so will you see in **what you believe**. 6 Two ways of looking at the world are in your mind, and your perception will reflect the guidance you have chosen.

Note # 58: Our perception follows our purpose or intention. Because thoughts are causative and what we become aware of is the effect of the causative thought, what we think becomes important. Our thoughts become our perceived reality. If we follow the thought system of the ego, what we choose to manifest into our awareness will confirm the idea that the separation was real. If we follow the thought system of the Holy Spirit, we will manifest into our awareness the unity and oneness with our brother. There are only two thought systems and, therefore, only two choices are available for the decision-maker.

T-12.VII.6. I, **Jesus**, am the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, and when you see me it will be because you have invited **the Holy Spirit**. 2 For **the Holy Spirit** will send you **the Holy Spirit's** witnesses if you will but look upon **the Holy Spirit's** witnesses. 3 Remember always that you see what you seek, for what you seek you will find. 4 The ego finds what **the ego** seeks, and only **what the ego seeks**. p230 5 **The ego** does not find love, for **love** is not what **the ego** is seeking. 6 Yet seeking and finding are the same, and if you seek for two goals you will find **both goals**, but you will recognize neither **goal**. 7 You will think **both goals** are the same because you want both of them. 8 The mind always strives for integration, and if **the mind** is split and wants to keep the split, **the split mind** will still believe **the split mind** has one goal by making **both goals** seem to be one **goal**.

Note # 59: We cannot follow both thought systems and expect to achieve the goal of either since we will always be in conflict. We cannot serve two conflicting masters and be at peace. The ego's thought system teaches and brings all the obstacles to block love and peace. The Holy Spirit's thought system will bring love and inner peace by healing our split mind. We must be only vigilant for God if we wish to return to the peace of God.

T-12.VII.7. I said before that what you project or extend is up to you, but you must do one or the other, **(project or extend)**, for that, **(to project or extend)**, is a law of mind, and you must look in before you look out. 2 As you look in, you choose **either the ego or the Holy Spirit** as the guide for seeing. 3 And then you look out and behold **your chosen guide's** witnesses. 4 This is why you find what you seek. 5 What you want in yourself you will make manifest, and you will accept **what you want in yourself** from the world because you put **what you want in the world** by wanting **what you want in yourself**. 6 When you think you are projecting what you do not want, it is still because you *<do>* want **what you believe that you do not want**. 7 This leads directly to dissociation, for **wanting what you believe you do not want** represents the acceptance of two goals, each perceived in a different place; separated from each other because you made **each goal** different. 8 The mind then sees a divided world outside itself, but not within **its own mind**. 9 This gives **the split mind** an illusion of integrity, and enables **the split mind** to believe that **the split**

mind is pursuing one goal. 10 Yet as long as you perceive the world as split, you are not healed. 11 For to be healed is to pursue one goal, because you have accepted only one and want but one.

Note # 60: Whether we project or extend is contingent on whether we are coming from fear or love. Due to the creative power of the mind, we always manifest our thoughts. However, we are often not aware of what we are actually thinking in our subconscious mind. What we say we want and what we actually want are often at opposite ends of the same pole. We will manifest what we actually want. No decision is a decision.

Both the ego and the Holy Spirit claim their goal is that we are happy and find love. Yet, because of opposing beliefs as to what we are, they seek different result. When we first look within mind to choose our guide, we will be making this choice based on what we value the most. Will it be egoic specialness or the Holy Spirit's truth of our One Self?

T-12.VII.8. When you want only love you will see nothing else. 2 The contradictory nature of the witnesses you perceive is merely the reflection of your conflicting invitations **to both the Holy Spirit and the ego.** 3 You have looked upon your mind and accepted opposition there, having sought **conflicting goals of both the Holy Spirit and the ego there in your split mind.** 4 But do not then believe that the witnesses for opposition, **the ego's,** are true, for **the egoic witnesses for opposition** attest only to your decision about reality, returning to you the messages you gave them **about your individualized provisional reality of separation.** 5 Love, too, is recognized by its messengers, **which come from the Holy Spirit.** 6 If you make love manifest, **the Holy Spirit's** messengers will come to you because you invited **the Holy Spirit's messengers.**

Note # 61: You cannot have love if you want exclusion. The thought system of the ego requires specialness, which is based of exclusion. Love requires sharing. Our Big "S" Self always seeks only love. It is our little "s"self that believes it has a choice between love and fear, inclusion and exclusion. When we choose for fear, we will feel conflicted and lose our peace.

T-12.VII.9. The power of decision is your one remaining freedom as a prisoner of this world **of perception or your provisional reality.** 2 You can decide to see **the world of perception** right. 3 What you made of **the world of perception** is not its reality, for **the world of perception's** reality is only what you give it. 4 You cannot really give anything but love to anyone or anything, nor can you really receive anything but love from **anyone or anything.** 5 If you think you have received anything else **but love,** it is because you have looked within **your mind** and thought you saw the power to give something else within yourself **other than love.** 6 It was only this decision **of what you wish to project** that determined what you found, for it was the decision for what you sought. p231

Note # 62: Although we are only love, in our dream world, we can believe we are something other than as God created us. This incorrect remembering of what we are leads us to the thought that we can be something that we are not. Projection comes from exclusion and the belief in limitation. Creation comes from inclusion, which is sharing. Whatever we value the most will determine whether we project (fear based) or extend (love based). Whichever thought system we value will determine the witnesses we choose to perceive.

T-12.VII.10. You are afraid of me because you looked within and are afraid of what you saw. 2 Yet you could not have seen reality, for the reality of your mind is the loveliest of God's creations. 3 Coming only from God, **your mind's true** power and grandeur could only bring you peace *<if you really looked upon your true mind.>* 4 If you are afraid, it is because you saw something that is not there **in your true mind**. 5 Yet in that same place **with your true Big "S" Self's mind**, you could have looked upon me and all your brothers, in the perfect safety of the Mind which created us, **which is the Mind of God**. 6 For we are there **in your true Big "S" Self's mind** in the peace of the Father, Who wills to extend **the Father's** peace through you.

Note # 63: If we are afraid to look within our mind, it is because we once misperceived what we were. We saw the split mind of the ego, not our Big "S" Self's mind, which is the Christ. We all share in the Oneness of the Mind of God. We are all that One Self.

T-12.VII.11. When you have accepted your mission to extend peace you will find peace, for by making **your mission the extension of peace**, **peace's** manifest you will see. 2 **Peace's** holy witnesses will surround you because you called upon **peace's holy witnesses**, and **peace's holy witnesses** will come to you. 3 I have heard your call and I have answered **your call**, but you will not look upon me nor hear the answer that you sought. 4 That is because you do not yet want *<only>* **the extension of peace**. 5 Yet as I become more real to you, you will learn that you do want only **the extension of peace**. 6 And you will see me as you look within **your mind**, and we will look upon the real world together. 7 Through the eyes of Christ, only the real world exists and only the real world can be seen. 8 As you decide so will you see. 9 And all that you see but witnesses to your decision of **which thought system you will follow**.

Note # 64: We will vacillate between the two thought systems for a while. If our goal is the extension of peace then when we compare the differing results, we will tend to decide more and more in favor of the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

T-12.VII.12. When you look within and see me, it will be because you have decided to manifest truth. 2 And as you manifest **truth** you will see **truth** both without and within **your mind**. 3 You will see **truth** without *<because>* you saw **truth** first within **your mind**. 4 Everything you behold without is a judgment of what you beheld within **your mind**. 5 If **what you beheld within your mind** is your **egoic** judgment **your judgment** will be wrong, for judgment is not your function. 6 If **what you beheld within your mind** is the judgment of the Holy Spirit **the judgment** will be right, for judgment *<is>* **the Holy Spirit's** function. 7 You share **the Holy Spirit's** function only by judging as **the Holy Spirit** does, reserving no judgment at all for **your egoic self**. 8 You will judge against yourself, but **the Holy Spirit** will judge *<for>* you.

Note # 65: Because we have forgotten what we are, we are incapable of judging correctly. We lack knowledge because our mind is split. The only judgment that we should make is to accept the fact that we are incapable of judging correctly and, therefore, ask the Holy Spirit to replace our judgment with His. Only the Holy Spirit is capable of judging correctly because He knows both the truth about what we are and is also, aware that we have fallen asleep. The Holy Spirit's judgment comes from knowledge, not perception.

T-12.VII.13. Remember, then, that whenever you look without and react unfavorably to what you see, you have judged yourself unworthy and have condemned yourself to death. 2 The death penalty is the ego's ultimate goal, for **the ego** fully believes that you are a criminal, as deserving of death as God knows you are deserving of life. 3 The death penalty never leaves the ego's mind, for **the death penalty** is what **the ego** always reserves for you in the end. 4 Wanting to kill you as the final expression of **the ego's** feeling for you, **the ego** lets you live but to await death. 5 **The ego** will torment you while you live, but **the ego's** hatred is not satisfied until you die. p232 6 For your destruction is the one end toward which **the ego** works, and **your destruction** is the only end with which **the ego** will be satisfied.

Note # 66: The ego's thought system requires your destruction because your death is the ultimate proof that you are not created by God. Death is the ego's ultimate proof that you are an individual, separate from God. Ego autonomy is the goal of the ego and this can only be achieved by the denial of the Oneness that you share in the Mind of God. Your belief and participation in death confirms to your split mind that you are a body, not spirit and, therefore can and must die.

T-12.VII.14. The ego is not a traitor to God, to Whom treachery is impossible. 2 But **the ego** is a traitor to you who believe that you have been treacherous to your Father. 3 That is why the undoing of guilt is an essential part of the Holy Spirit's teaching. 4 For as long as you feel guilty **because you believe that you have been treacherous to your Father**, you are listening to the voice of the ego, which tells you that you have been treacherous to God and therefore deserve death. 5 You will think that death comes from God and not from the ego because, by confusing yourself with the ego, you believe that you want death. 6 And from what you want God does not save you.

Note # 67: When we believe that we are a body, we identify with the thought system of the ego. We believe that we are the ego and not God's Son. Because we have free will, God will not prevent us from exercising our ability to choose for the ego's thought system. If God were to prevent us from choosing for the ego and thus, save us from ourselves, God would be giving reality to our illusion of the separation. God would be acknowledging that His Son is flawed. God knows us to always be perfect as God created us. It is the task of the Holy Spirit to gently reawaken God's Son to the Sonship's own spiritual magnificent. The Son will do this freely by relearning what he is and thus, freely choosing for the remembrance of God and whole-mindedness. Reality will be restored in the healed mind of the Son. This is why healing is the function of the Holy Spirit. Healing is also our function as long as we choose to believe that we are split minded and thus, in need of healing.

T-12.VII.15. When you are tempted to yield to the desire for death, *<remember that I did not die.>* 2 You will realize that this is true when you look within **your mind** and *<see>* me. 3 Would I have overcome death for myself alone? 4 And would eternal life have been given me of the Father unless **the Father** had also given **eternal life** to you? 5 When you learn to make me manifest, you will never see death. 6 For you will have looked upon the deathless in yourself, and you will see only the eternal as you look out upon a world that cannot die.

Note # 68: When you see with the Vision of Christ, you will be aware of the eternal truth of reality. You will see the great rays in your brother, not his physical body. This truth never left your Christ consciousness, which is the home of the Holy Spirit. You will reawaken to the Kingdom when you we accept the Atonement for yourselves.

VIII. The Attraction of Love for Love

T-12.VIII.1. Do you really believe that you can kill the Son of God? 2 The Father has hidden His Son safely within Himself, and kept **His Son** far away from your destructive thoughts, but you know neither the Father nor the Son because of **your destructive thoughts**. 3 You attack the real world every day and every hour and every minute, and yet you are surprised that you cannot see **the real world**. 4 If you seek love in order to attack **love**, you will never find **love**. 5 For if love is sharing, how can you find **love** except through itself? 6 Offer **love** and **love** will come to you, because **love** is drawn to itself. 7 But offer attack and love will remain hidden, for **love** can live only in peace.

Note # 69: Because perception follows our purpose, we will see love only when love is our purpose. The real world of the Kingdom remains safe from any egoic fear-based thoughts since fear is not part of love's reality, which is the Kingdom.

T-12.VIII.2. God's Son is as safe as his Father, for the Son knows his Father's protection and cannot fear. 2 His Father's Love holds **God's Son** in perfect peace, and needing nothing, **God's Son** asks for nothing. 3 Yet **God's Son** is far from you whose Self, **God's Son** is, for you chose to attack **God's Son** and **God's Son** disappeared from your sight into his Father. 4 **God's Son** did not change, but you did. 5 For a split mind and all a **split mind's** works were not created by the Father, and could not live in the knowledge of the **Father**.

Note # 70: In the split mind of someone who is under the ego's thought system, God's Son appears to have disappeared. Yet, this is not true in reality. God's Son, our Big "S" Self, remains within our mind as the Christ consciousness part of our split mind. The Christ appears to be asleep because the Voice for God, the Holy Spirit, is not being listened to. We cannot hear the Voice for God because we have chosen to follow the ego's thought system. Our split mind has chosen to believe that we are a limited ego-body rather than unlimited spirit.

T-12.VIII.3. When you made visible what is not true, **which was your illusionary world of provisional reality**, what *<is>* true, **the Kingdom, which is reality**, became invisible to you. 2 Yet **the Kingdom, which is reality**, cannot be invisible in itself, for the Holy Spirit sees **the Kingdom, which is the real world**, with perfect clarity. 3 **The Kingdom, which is the real world**, is invisible to you because you are looking at something else **which is your illusionary world of provisional reality**. 4 Yet it is no more up to you to decide what is visible and what is invisible, than it is up to you to decide what reality is. 5 What can be seen is what the Holy Spirit sees. p233 6 The definition of reality is God's, not yours. 7 **God** created **what reality is**, and **God** knows what **reality** is. 8 You who knew have forgotten **what reality is**, and unless **God** had given you a way to remember **what reality is**, you would have condemned yourself to oblivion, **which is your illusionary world of provisional reality**.

Note # 71: The ego tells us that we are the arbitrators of truth. If we can decide what truth is for us, it also follows that egoic thought would claim that we are the arbitrators or creators of our own reality. We can deny reality; yet, our denial does not change the truth of what reality is. Yet, within our split mind, our denial does result in our belief that our illusionary world of misperception is real. Because of this denial by the split-minded, the false has replace the real and become our provisional reality.

T-12.VIII.4. Because of your Father's Love you can never forget **your Father**, for no one can forget what God Himself placed in his memory. 2 You can deny **what God placed in your memory**, but you cannot lose **what God placed in your memory**. 3 A Voice, **which is the Holy Spirit's**, will answer every question you ask, and a vision, **which is the Vision of Christ**, will correct the perception of everything you see. 4 For what you have made invisible is the only truth, and what you have not heard is the only Answer. 5 God would reunite you with yourself, and did not abandon you in your distress. 6 You are waiting only for **God**, and do not know **you are waiting only for God**. 7 Yet **God's** memory shines in your mind and **God's memory** cannot be obliterated. 8 **God's memory** is no more past than future, being forever always.

Note # 72: The Christ consciousness always remembers God even when we are unaware of Christ's presence. This "forgetfulness" is due to our mind's erroneous belief in the separation. Yet, our denial is powerless to change the Will of God.

T-12.VIII.5. You have but to ask for this memory **of God**, and you will remember. 2 Yet the memory of God cannot shine in a mind that has obliterated **this memory of God** and wants to keep **this memory of God in oblivion**. 3 For the memory of God can dawn only in a mind that chooses to remember, and that has relinquished the insane desire to control reality. 4 You who cannot even control yourself should hardly aspire to control the universe. 5 But look upon what you have made of **your world of provisional reality**, and rejoice that **your world of provisional reality** is not so.

Note # 73: Because we have free will, we must freely request the guidance of the Holy Spirit. With His guidance, we can freely choose to align our will with the Will of God. When we do this, we understand that God's Will and our will are one. The memory of God is in our Christ consciousness and is reawakened in God's sleeping Son through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

T-12.VIII.6. Son of God, be not content with nothing, **which is what your illusionary world of provisional reality is!** 2 What is not real cannot be seen and has no value. 3 God could not offer His Son what has no value, nor could His Son receive **what has no value**. 4 You were redeemed the instant you thought you had deserted **God**. 5 Everything you made has never been, and is invisible because the Holy Spirit does not see **every illusion that you made in your dream world as real**. 6 Yet what **the Holy Spirit** does see is yours to behold, and through **the Holy Spirit's** vision your perception is healed. 7 You have made invisible the only truth that this world holds. 8 Valuing nothing, you have sought nothing. 9 By making nothing real to you, you have seen **nothing that was real**. 10 *<But what you wrongly thought and saw as real is not there.>* 11 And Christ is invisible to you because of what you have made visible to yourself, **which is your belief that you are a limited ego-body**.

Note # 74: We allow ourselves to “see” only what we choose to value. Our perception always follows our purpose. Our dream world of perception is not real and is worthless since it is nothing. The world of perception was made by our egoic selves for the purpose of hiding the truth about our spiritual nature from us. This world was made by us as a place to keep out God’s love so that we could pretend that we were separate from God and could do something other than God’s Will. We wanted to be special individuals, not an equal Oneness of Everything. Whenever we attempt to deny our divine birthright, our inheritance remains safe in the Mind of God. The Holy Spirit will guide God’s prodigal Son back home.

T-12.VIII.7. Yet it does not matter how much distance you have tried to interpose between your awareness and truth. p234 2 God's Son, **the Christ**, can be seen because his **Christ** vision is shared. 3 The Holy Spirit looks upon him, and sees nothing else in you, **but God's Son**. 4 What is invisible to you is perfect in **the Holy Spirit and Christ's** sight, and encompasses all of **what is invisible to you**. 5 **The Holy Spirit and the Christ** has remembered you because **Christ** forgot not the Father. 6 You looked upon the unreal and found despair. 7 Yet by seeking the unreal, what else could you find **but despair**? 8 The unreal world *<is>* a thing of despair, for **the unreal world** can never be. 9 And you who share God's Being with **God** could never be content without reality. 10 What God did not give you has no power over you, and the attraction of love for love remains irresistible. 11 For it is the function of love to unite all things unto itself, and to hold all things together by extending **love's** wholeness.

Note # 75: The Holy Spirit helps reawaken your split mind to the truth that you are the Christ, God’s Son. This knowledge of what you are has never been lost to the Christ conscious part of our split mind. We just choose to ignore Its voice and, therefore, to the split-minded, the Christ consciousness mind appears to have fallen asleep. Thus the split-minded only chose to listen to the egoic thought system’s version of “reality” and “truth”.

T-12.VIII.8. The real world was given you by God in loving exchange for the world of **illusion** you made and the world of **illusion** you see. 2 Only take **the real world, which is the Kingdom**, from the hand of Christ and look upon **the real world**. 3 **The real world's** reality will make everything else invisible, for beholding **the real world** is total perception. 4 And as you look upon **the real world** you will remember that **the real world** was always so. 5 Nothingness will become invisible, for you will at last have seen truly. 6 Redeemed perception is easily translated into knowledge, for only perception is capable of error and perception has never been. 7 Being corrected **perception** gives place to knowledge, which is forever the only reality. 8 The Atonement is but the way back to what was never lost. 9 Your Father could not cease to love His Son. p235

Note # 76: When we no longer value any part of the illusion of perception, we will freely exchange our egoic misperception and judgments for the Holy Spirit’s correct perception and correct judgment. When we ask for only the Holy Spirit’s guidance, the light of truth will dissolve all illusion of the false. Misperception will be replaced with correct perception. This is the acceptance of the Atonement for ourselves. The Atonement is the realization that the separation never happened and we remain sinless and guiltless. All illusions are undone and fade away into the nothingness from which they arose. Sin, which

can be defined as belief in lack, never occurred in the Mind of God. God is unconditional love. Being Love, God gives Love totally to His Creation. God created by extending Himself completely to the Sonship. There can never be a moment when God's Love for His Son is not total and perfect. God's Son has never lacked God's love and thus, could never lack for anything. The split-minded, however, have chosen to deny God's love for His Son. This denial is a mistake, not a sin. By accepting the Atonement for ourselves, this mistake is corrected and the split-minded are returned to the sanity of whole-mindedness. Illusions are dispelled and the real world reappears.