

Chapter 20.

THE VISION OF HOLINESS

I. Holy Week

T-20.I.1. This is Palm Sunday, the celebration of victory and the acceptance of the truth. 2 Let us not spend this holy week brooding on the crucifixion of God's Son, but happily in the celebration of **God's Son's** release. 3 For Easter is the sign of peace, not pain. 4 A slain Christ has no meaning. 5 But a risen Christ becomes the symbol of the Son of God's forgiveness on himself; the sign **the Son of God** looks upon himself as healed and whole.

Note # 1: Forgiveness opens the door to truth about our innocence, sinlessness and guiltlessness. Easter is a symbol for our reclamation of our divine inheritance. It is the Son of God's triumphant return from the illusionary world of perception to the real world of truth. Easter proves the sinlessness of God's Son.

T-20.I.2. This week begins with palms and ends with lilies, the white and holy sign the Son of God is innocent. 2 Let no dark sign of crucifixion intervene between the journey and **the journey's** purpose; between the acceptance of the truth and **truth's** expression. 3 This week we celebrate life, not death. 4 And we honor the perfect purity of the Son of God, and not his sins. 5 Offer your brother the gift of lilies, **which represent innocence and forgiveness of your brother**, not the crown of thorns, **which represent belief in sin, and guilt of your brother**; the gift of love and not the "gift" of fear. 6 You stand beside your brother, thorns in one hand and lilies in the other, uncertain which to give. 7 Join now with me and throw away the thorns **of sin and guilt**, offering the lilies **of innocence and forgiveness** to replace **the thorns**. 8 This Easter I would have the gift of your forgiveness offered by you to me, and returned by me to you. 9 We cannot be united in crucifixion and in death. 10 Nor can the resurrection, **the return to truth**, be complete till your forgiveness rests on Christ, along with mine.

Note # 2: To the ego, the crucifixion is the symbol that sin demands punishment and sacrifice. In ACIM Jesus states that the resurrection, not the crucifixion, was what was significant. The resurrection proves that death is not real and that we are not a limited ego-body. We are eternal Children of God, perfect, whole and complete. The resurrection marks the return to truth. It is the triumph of truth over illusion. When we choose to see your brother as a sinner, unworthy of forgiveness, we crucify our brother. When we choose to see look upon a brother with the Vision of Christ, we forgive our brother and assist him in remembering what he truly is, a Child of God.

T-20.I.3. A week is short, and yet this holy week is the symbol of the whole journey the Son of God has undertaken. 2 **The Son of God** started with the sign of victory, the promise of the resurrection, already given him. 3 Let **your brother** not wander into the temptation of crucifixion, and delay him there **in egoic victim consciousness of sin and guilt**. 4 Help him to go in peace beyond **the egoic thought system**, with the light of his own innocence lighting his way to his redemption and release. 5 Hold **your brother** not back with thorns and nails when **your brother's** redemption is so near. 6 But let the whiteness of your shining gift of lilies, **which represent innocence and forgiveness of your brother**, speed **your brother** on his way to resurrection.

Note # 3: By utilizing the thought system of the Holy Spirit, we offer our brother forgiveness and love. By seeing through the eyes of Christ, we see our brother's innocence and sinlessness. We witness for the light of truth, instead of the darkness of fear's illusions. We no longer choose to witness for the thought system of the ego and separation.

T-20.I.4. Easter is not the celebration of the *<cost>* of sin, but of **sins** *<end.>* 2 If you see glimpses of the face of Christ behind the veil of **illusion**, looking between the snow-white petals of the lilies you have received and given as your gift, you will behold your brother's face and recognize **the Christ in your brother**. p425 3 I was a stranger and you took me in, not knowing who I was. 4 Yet for your gift of lilies you will know **the Christ**. 5 In your forgiveness of this stranger, alien to you and yet your ancient Friend, lies **your brother's** release and your redemption with **your brother, the Christ**. 6 The time of Easter is a time of joy, and not of mourning. 7 Look on your risen Friend, **the Christ in your brother**, and celebrate **your brother's** holiness along with me. 8 For Easter is the time of your salvation, along with mine.

Note # 4: By following the thought system of the Holy Spirit, we look past the bodily form of our brother. Instead of the perceived worldly actions of a brother, we see only love or a cry for love from that same brother. Our focus is on content, not form. In the holy instant, all past egoic judgments are suspended. This allows us to be in the *<now>* and see the Christ in our brother. Forgiveness now seems justified and is given. By seeing our brother as innocent and sinless, we acknowledge that we are also innocent and sinless. To give is to receive and we cannot give what we do not possess. We do not enter Heaven alone. We can only enter with our brother at our side, as one.

II. The Gift of Lilies

T-20.II.1. Look upon all the trinkets made to hang upon the body, or to cover **the body** or for **the body's** use. 2 See all the useless things made for **the body's** eyes to see. 3 Think on the many offerings made for **the body's** pleasure, and remember all these were made to make seem lovely what you hate, **which is the body**. 4 Would you employ this hated thing to draw your brother to you, and to attract his body's eyes? 5 Learn you but offer him a crown of thorns, not recognizing **the body** for what **the body** is, and trying to justify your own interpretation of **the body's** value by **your brother's** acceptance of **the body as our essence's home**. 6 Yet still the gift of **the body as being one's essence** proclaims **your brother's** worthlessness to you, as **your brother's** acceptance and delight of **your egoic gift of the body being one's essence** acknowledges the lack of value **your brother** places on himself.

Note # 5: The body is the ego's symbol of the separation. The body "proves" that you are limited, sinful and guilty. Thus, you deserve punishment. When we identify ourselves as the body, we are living under the control of the egoic thought system. What we value is what we believe we are. When we value and identify with the body, we deny our spirituality, which is our divine birthright. While we walk on this earth, we should tend to the needs of the body so that it can serve as our neutral communication device though which we teach and be only love. ACIM acknowledges the need to keep the body in "good working order" so that we can communicate with our brother. Once the body's purpose has been completed, we will release the body. We are not the body, but rather unlimited spirit having a temporary earthly experience. We may appear to be **in** the body, but we are not **of**

the body. The goal of egoic thinking is to get our mind to believe that it is the body. If the mind perceives itself as the body, it must also accept all the limitations that came with that vehicle. When we see our brother as a body or accept our brother's belief that he is the body, we limit and negate his true spiritual essence. When we do this, we also limit and condemn ourselves to the body-form.

T-20.II.2. Gifts are not made through bodies, if **gifts** be truly given and received. 2 For bodies can neither offer nor accept **gifts**; hold out nor take **gifts**. 3 Only the mind can value, and only the mind decides on what **the mind** would receive and give. 4 And every gift **the mind** offers depends on what **the mind** wants. 5 **The mind** will adorn its chosen home most carefully, making **the mind's chosen home** ready to receive the gifts **the mind** wants by offering **gifts the mind wants** to those who come unto **the mind's chosen home**, or those it would attract to **the mind's chosen home**. 6 And there **these minds** will exchange their gifts, offering and receiving what their minds judge to be worthy of them.

Note # 6: What we value, we will perceive. Perceptions always follow the purpose of our thoughts. Our mind's chosen home can be either the body or the Christ consciousness. If we value specialness, the need to be right and separation, we will see our chosen home as the ego-body. If we value truth, love and union with the Oneness, we will choose the same home as the Holy Spirit, which is our Christ center. Based on how we view ourselves, we will give and receive the gifts of either the earthly body or the gifts of the unlimited "soul." We will see ourselves either as limited ego-bodies, in competition with other ego-bodies or as unlimited spirit, which being everything, gives everything. Our gifts will represent either truth or illusions.

T-20.II.3. Each gift is an evaluation of the receiver and the *<giver.>* 2 No one but sees his chosen home as an altar to himself. 3 No one but seeks to draw to **his home's altar** the worshippers of what he placed upon **his home's altar**, making **his home's altar** worthy of their devotion. 4 And each has set a light upon his altar, that they, **other visitors**, may see what he has placed upon **his altar** and take **his home's altar** for **the visitor's own altar of what the visitor values**. 5 Here **on your altar** is the value that you lay upon your brother and on yourself. 6 Here is your gift to both **you and your brother**; your judgment on the Son of God for what he is. 7 Forget not that **your brother** is your savior to whom the gift is offered. 8 Offer **your brother** thorns, **which represent sin and guilt**, and *<you>* are crucified. 9 Offer **your brother** lilies, **which represent innocence and forgiveness of your brother**, and it is yourself you free.

Note # 7: The altar is the symbol of what we value. Ultimately the altar at which we worship will be either the altar of truth or illusion. Each altar represents an opposing thought system. We may give the altar of illusion many different names. Some may choose to worship money, sex, power, drugs, the need to be right etc. All these choices proclaim their belief that they are a limited, sinful and a guilt-ridden body. All these altars deny our divinity. It does not matter which altar of illusion we worship, for all these altars are based on the belief of limitation and separation. We cannot worship both truth and illusion at the same time. They are mutually exclusive. To whatever altar that we worship, we will attract other visitors who will see value in that same altar that we worship. When these visitors accept and give gifts to that same thought system's altar, they bear witness to the fact that we worship the correct "god". The body, which is a neutral communication device, can be

made by the mind's decision to witness for either truth or illusion. When we see our brother as the body or if he identifies himself as the body, he will accept the ego's gifts of sin, guilt and fear. He will also offer these same "gifts" to us. If we choose to see with the Vision of Christ, our brother will bear witness for union, forgiveness and truth.

T-20.II.4. I have great need for **the lilies of innocence and forgiveness**, for the Son of God has not forgiven me. p426 2 And can I offer him forgiveness when he offers thorns, **which represent his belief in sin and guilt**, to me? 3 For he who offers thorns, **which represent his belief in sin and guilt**, to anyone is against me still, and who is whole without him? 4 Be you his friend for me, that I may be forgiven and you may look upon the Son of God as whole. 5 But look you first upon the altar in your chosen home, and see what you have laid upon **your chosen home's altar** to offer me. 6 If it be **the thorns of sin and guilt** whose points gleam sharply in a blood-red light, the body is your chosen home and **its gift** is separation that you offer me. 7 And yet the thorns **of sin and guilt** are gone. 8 Look you still closer at **the gift you offer me** now, and you will see your altar is no longer what it was.

Note # 8: Jesus is asking that we reconsider what thought system we choose to worship. Jesus has proven through the resurrection that death, which is the symbol of sin's punishment, is not real. Thus, Jesus has demonstrated that the altar to the ego is a false one. We are all connected to the One Universal Mind. By Jesus' "enlightenment" to the truth, we have all gained this experience. Unfortunately, we fail to look upon our altar and still continue to worship under the belief system of limitation. Jesus' resurrection has demonstrated that sin, guilt and fear have been shown to be powerless against the truth. Jesus asks us to look at the thought system of the Holy Spirit, which is within us, and choose again. The separation ended long ago. Jesus knows this and, therefore, it has been made known to the entire Sonship. Yet, we still choose to deny this truth. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will reawaken before the altar of truth. By offering forgiveness to our brother, we offer forgiveness to all. Jesus has already offered the lilies of forgiveness to us. Unfortunately we have refused to accept them. We still hold our brothers and ourselves to be guilty sinners. What we do to the least of our brethren, we do to Jesus. Thus, we still deny forgiveness to Jesus.

T-20.II.5. You look still with the body's eyes, and **the body's eyes** can see but thorns **of sin and guilt**. 2 Yet you have asked for and received another sight, **the Vision of Christ**. 3 Those who accept the Holy Spirit's purpose as their own share also **the Holy Spirit's** vision. 4 And what enables **the Christ** to see **the Holy Spirit's** purpose shine forth from every altar now is yours as well as **the Holy Spirit's vision**. 5 **The Holy Spirit** sees no strangers; only dearly loved and loving friends. 6 **The Holy Spirit** sees no thorns **of sin and guilt** but only lilies **of innocence and forgiveness**, gleaming in the gentle glow of peace that shines on everything **the Holy Spirit's** looks upon and loves.

Note # 9: When we ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance, we are asking to see with the Vision of Christ that we share with the Holy Spirit. This Vision of Christ is always within us but the decision-making part of our mind may decline to utilize it. The decision-maker always has a choice as to how he will perceive his world. The Vision of Christ sees only love or a cry for love. Our egoic vision sees only attack and fear.

T-20.II.6. This Easter, look with different eyes upon your brother. 2 You *<have>* forgiven me. 3 And yet I cannot use your gift of **the forgiveness of lilies** while you see **the lilies** not. 4 Nor can you use what I have given unless you share **the gift of the forgiveness what I have given**. 5 The Holy Spirit's vision of **Christ** is no idle gift, no plaything to be tossed about a while and laid aside. 6 Listen and hear this carefully, nor think **the Holy Spirit's vision of Christ** but a dream, a careless thought to play with, or a toy you would pick up from time to time and then put by. 7 For if you do **think of the Holy Spirit's vision of Christ as a toy or dream**, so will it be to you.

Note # 10: Our mind has power. Whether we believe we can or we believe we cannot, we are right. If we choose to deny the Holy Spirit's gift of our Vision of Christ that resides eternally within our mind, this power will be forgotten and remain unused. This power still resides within our mind; we have just forgotten where we put it. What God has given His Creation cannot be lost or changed but we can choose to deny our inheritance in our insane dream world of provisional reality. Our Christ consciousness and the Holy Spirit always remember the truth of who we are.

T-20.II.7. You have the vision now to look past all illusions. 2 **This Christ vision** has been given you to see no thorns **of sin and guilt**, no strangers and no obstacles to peace. 3 The fear of God is nothing to you now. 4 Who is afraid to look upon illusions, knowing his savior stands beside him? 5 With **your brother**, your **Christ** vision has become the greatest power for the undoing of illusion that God Himself could give. 6 For what God gave the Holy Spirit, you have received. 7 The Son of God looks unto you for his release. 8 For you have asked for and been given the strength to look upon this final obstacle, **which is the fear of God**, and see no thorns **of sin** nor nails **of guilt** to crucify the Son of God, and crown him king of death.

Note # 11: By choosing to utilize the thought system of the Holy Spirit, we have chosen for the Vision of Christ. Only by offering forgiveness to our brother can we prove that we too are innocent, sinless and guiltless. We can only give what we possess. Refuse one brother has guiltlessness and we deny our own guiltlessness.

T-20.II.8. Your chosen home is on the other side, beyond the veil **of fear that appeared to hide the knowledge of the peace of God**. 2 **Your chosen home, Heaven**, has been carefully prepared for you, and **Heaven** is ready to receive you now. 3 You will not see **your chosen home, Heaven**, with the body's eyes. 4 Yet all you need you have. 5 Your home has called to you since time began, nor have you ever failed entirely to hear. 6 You heard **Heaven's call**, but knew not how to look, nor where. p427 7 And now you know **how and where to look**. 8 In you the knowledge lies, ready to be unveiled and freed from all the terror that kept **the knowledge of truth** hidden. 9 There *<is>* no fear in love. 10 The song of Easter is the glad refrain the Son of God was never crucified. 11 Let us lift up our eyes together, not in fear but faith. 12 And there will be no fear in us, for in our vision will be no illusions; only a pathway to the open door of Heaven, the home we share in quietness and where we live in gentleness and peace, as one together.

Note # 12: Just like a sleeping child in her bed, the child who dreams never leaves her bedroom. We always remain in heaven, but the dream of separation appears real as long as our dream lasts. The Holy Spirit calls to the sleeping mind to gently reawaken to the truth.

The Child of God cannot sleep forever. We must awaken to the truth for this is the Will of God.

T-20.II.9. Would you not have your holy brother lead you there **to your real home, Heaven?** 2 **Your brother's** innocence will light your way, offering you **innocence's** guiding light and sure protection, and shining from the holy altar within **your brother** where you laid the lilies of forgiveness. 3 Let **your brother** be to you the savior from illusions, and look on **your brother** with the new vision of **Christ** that looks upon the lilies of **forgiveness** and brings you joy. 4 We go beyond the veil of fear, lighting each other's way. 5 The holiness that leads us is within us, as is our home. 6 So will we find what we were meant to find by **the Holy Spirit** Who leads us.

Note # 13: By utilizing the thought system of the Holy Spirit, we align our purpose with the Holy Spirit. Our purpose now becomes the reawakening from the dream of separation. To give is to receive. Granting guiltlessness to our brother, we receive guiltlessness back in return. By giving sinlessness to our brother, we confirm that sinlessness is within us. You cannot give what you do not possess. We will rediscover the truth only when we go within and reclaim our own Christ conscious mind. Since we are the extension of the perfect, whole and complete, there was never anything outside ourselves to get. Being a Oneness with the perfect peace of God, we cannot find ourselves in the nothingness of the dream of separation and be happy. Lacking nothing, there was never anything outside of us that could be added to the Oneness of Everything.

T-20.II.10. This **holy instant** is the way to Heaven and to the peace of Easter, in which we join in glad awareness that the Son of God is risen from the past, and has awakened to the present. 2 Now is he, **the Son of God**, free, unlimited in his communion with all that is within him, **which is everything**. 3 Now are the lilies of his innocence untouched by guilt, and perfectly protected from the cold chill of fear and withering blight of sin alike. 4 Your gift of **the Sonship's innocence** has saved him, **your brother**, from the thorns of **sin** and nails of **guilt**, and **your brother's** strong arm is free to guide you safely through **all illusion of fear** and beyond **to the truth of Heaven**. 5 Walk with **your brother** now rejoicing, for the savior from illusions, **the truth**, has come to greet you, and lead you home with **your brother**.

Note # 14: In the holy instant, we suspend all judgments. We drop the past and focus only on the truth of the now. With our previous past misperceptions removed, the Holy Spirit can guide us. The veil of the egoic thought system has been lifted so that we can utilize the Vision of Christ. The Vision of Christ allows for the acceptance of the truth. The Atonement is the truth that God's Son is eternally innocent, sinless and guiltless. Our role is the acceptance of the Atonement for ourselves. Only by accepting the Atonement for ourselves can we give it to all.

T-20.II.11. Here is your savior, **who is your brother** and your friend, released from crucifixion through your vision, and free to lead you now where he, **your brother**, would be. 2 **The Holy Spirit** will not leave you, nor forsake the savior, **your brother**, in his pain. 3 And gladly will you and your brother walk the way of innocence together, singing as you behold the open door of Heaven and recognize the home that called to you. 4 Give joyously to your brother the freedom and the strength to lead you there **to your Heavenly home**. 5

And come before **your brother's** holy altar where the strength and freedom wait, to offer and receive the bright awareness of **innocence that** leads you home. 6 The lamp of **innocence and truth** is lit in you for your brother. 7 And by the hands that gave **the lamp of innocence and truth** to him shall you be led past fear to love. p428

Note # 15: The Christ consciousness, which is the home of truth, is within each of us. The truth is the ultimate source that heals the insane mind that believes the separation to be real. This Christ Center is the home of you and me. It is the home of the Sonship. It is the home of the Holy Spirit. It is the home of the Father-Mother-Creator. It is the home of truth. When we realize that the Christ Center is the Home of everything, we can safely conclude that this is the Oneness. It is the shared Mind of God. We are that One Self. We have never left our home, Heaven. We just need to awaken from the dream of separation.

III. Sin as an Adjustment

T-20.III.1. The belief in sin is an adjustment. 2 And an adjustment is a change; a shift in perception, or a belief that what was so before has been made different. 3 Every adjustment is therefore a distortion of a **past belief or perception**, and calls upon defenses to uphold **an adjustment** against **the truth of** reality. 4 Knowledge requires no adjustments and, in fact, **knowledge** is lost if any shift or change is undertaken. 5 For this reduces **knowledge** at once to mere perception; a way of looking in which certainty is lost and doubt has entered. 6 To this impaired condition **in which certainty is lost** <are> adjustments necessary, because **perception** is not true. 7 Who need adjust to truth, which calls on only what he is, to understand?

Note # 16: With the loss of knowledge, we entered into an unstable world of shifting perceptions. Before knowledge was lost, there was only truth. Falseness did not exist since truth just “was”. There was no “alternate reality”. The idea of the false did not exist. The dream of separation had not yet been thought. In the world of perception, egoic thinking has created an alternate reality to truth. In this dream world of the ego’s “alternate reality” both the true and the false exist. More importantly, the egoic thought system has also introduced the concept of “sometimes” or “conditional truth”. In a world of black and white, true and false decisions appear fairly easy. There are only two choices. But when we add the possibility of sometimes, our choices now become unlimited. Our world becomes less certain. Doubt becomes the norm, rather than an exception. When we are allowed to choose “SOMETIME”, we are constantly adjusting our perception based on “new facts”. The ego is constantly comparing. The ego is comparing or judging everything against each other. The ego is a lean, mean judging machine. By its constant comparisons, the ego helps reconfirm that the separation is real. This judging machine is always looking for a “good deal” and attempting to determine when a previous “good deal” has gone bad. There are varying degrees of everything. It is the ego that takes a neutral experience and interprets it as either good or bad. If there was only a Oneness, what would the ego have to compare that was different or outside of the Oneness of everything? To the ego, sin became necessary to explain the shift from knowledge to perception. Since the beginning of the “mad idea,” the ego has been constantly adjusting its plan to deny the truth. The goal of these adjustments is always to refit the dream of separation to changing perceptions. This insures that our decision-maker remains asleep and does not decide to change his mind about being a sinner.

T-20.III.2. Adjustments of any kind are of the ego. 2 For it is the ego's fixed belief that all relationships depend upon adjustments, to make of **the relationship** what **the ego** would have **the relationship** be. 3 Direct relationships, in which there are no **egoic** interferences, are always seen as dangerous **to the ego**. 4 The ego is the self-appointed mediator of all relationships, making whatever adjustments **the ego** deems necessary and interposing **the adjustments** between those who would meet, to keep **those who would meet** separate and prevent their union. 5 It is this studied interference **by the ego** that makes it difficult for you to recognize your holy relationship for what **a holy relationship** is.

Note # 17: The ego utilizes past beliefs to compare and judge the <now>. By doing this, the ego keeps the mind focused on the past rather than being in the <now>. Due to the judging mentality of the ego, a holy relationship becomes impossible since the ego believes in lack and is always trying to get something. Separation, not joining, is the ego's goal. The ego takes the natural holy relationship, which is based on sharing, love and joining, and transforms or adjusts it into the "special relationship." The special relationship is based on the egoic concept that you should give only in order to get. The ego constantly adjusts or updates the special relationship as the ego's goals change. The ego's plan is that you seek for happiness but never find it. The special relationship is constantly being adjusted by the ego so that we never find the truth and happiness that we seek. The ego judges and then determines what needs to be fixed to make the relationship "more perfect." Rather than accept and allow, the ego judges and "fixes" what it has previously determined to be imperfect, not whole and very incomplete.

T-20.III.3. The holy do not interfere with truth. 2 **The holy** are not afraid of **the truth**, for it is within the truth **that the holy** recognize their holiness, and rejoice at what they see. 3 **The holy** look on **the truth** directly, without attempting to adjust themselves to **the truth**, or **the truth** to them. 4 And so **the holy see** that **the truth** was in them, not deciding first where they would have **the truth** be. 5 Their looking merely asks a question, and **the truth** is what they see that answers them. 6 **Our egoic mind** makes the world and then adjusts to **the egoic world**, and **the egoic world** to you. 7 Nor is there any difference between yourself and **your world** in your perception, which made them both.

Note # 18: A holy relationship is natural in the Holy Spirit's thought system. Christ consciousness is our normal condition. We were created as the holy and whole-minded state of being, which is the holographic Mind of God. Being the truth, there is no need to adjust or modify the truth. The truth just is and we allow the truth. With the loss of knowledge however, doubt entered the picture. To support its belief that the separation was real, our egoic split-mind made-up the world of perception. This world of perception was birthed out of the belief in sin, guilt and fear. It also requires an adjustment to the Sonship from a state of perfect innocence to a corrupted state of sinfulness. Heaven and the Sonship were both modified or adjusted to fit into an imagined world of form. The world of form supports the belief in separation. Heaven, which is the representative for truth, was adjusted to become the physical world of form, which is the representative for illusion. Instead of the Sonship being the truth of unlimited spirit, we were "adjusted" and became a limited ego-body. We identified ourselves as being a body and the ego. Wherever we adjusted the truth to fit our new egoic perception, we accepted the belief that God's Son had become a sinner. When knowledge was replaced with doubt, stability and the eternal gave way or was adjusted to accommodate change and time.

T-20.III.4. A simple question yet remains, and needs an answer. 2 Do you like what you have made?—a world of murder and attack, through which you thread your timid way through constant dangers, alone and frightened, hoping at most that death will wait a little longer before **death** overtakes you and you disappear. 3 <You made this **world of perception** up.> 4 **This world of your perception** is a picture of what you think you are; of how you see yourself. 5 A murderer <is> frightened, and those who kill fear death. 6 All these are but the fearful thoughts of those who would adjust themselves to a world made fearful by their adjustments. 7 And **the frightened** look out in sorrow from what is sad within, and see the sadness there **in the outside world**. p429

Note # 19: Once we doubt that we were created perfect, whole and complete, the ego takes over to adjust the truth into a world of illusion. The world of egoic perception supports the belief that we are imperfect, not whole and incomplete. The world becomes the home of sin, guilt and fear. The dreamer then becomes identified as part of the dream. We become sinful, guilty and full of fear. We are no longer capable of distinguishing the true from the false. We abdicate the creative power of the mind to create through extension. Under to ego's thought system, this creative power is adjusted to make, rather than create. Making comes from the belief in limitation. Creation, being everything, gives everything. Making involves projection. When we use projection, we attempt to get rid of something undesirable that is within our mind. We project the undesired idea outside our mind upon something we perceive to be outside ourselves. We than can blame the outside world as the cause of the problem. Since thoughts never leave their source, projection always leaves the mind unaware that it was the source of problem. Projection helps keep our splitmind in victim consciousness.

T-20.III.5. Have you not wondered what the world is really like; how **the real world** would look through happy eyes? 2 The world you see is but a judgment on yourself. 3 **The world you see** is not there at all. 4 Yet judgment lays a sentence on **the world you see**, justifies **the sentence** and makes **the sentence** real. 5 Such is the world you see; a judgment on yourself, and made by you. 6 This sickly picture of yourself is carefully preserved by the ego, whose image **that sickly picture of yourself** is and which **the ego** loves, and **the ego** placed **that sickly picture of yourself** outside you in the world. 7 And to this world must you adjust as long as you believe this **sickly picture of yourself** is outside **your mind**, and has you at its mercy. 8 This world <is> merciless, and were **this world** outside you, you should indeed be fearful. 9 Yet it was you who made **this merciless world**, and now if mercilessness seems to look back at you, **mercilessness** can be corrected.

Note # 20: When we recover our true nature, we rediscover that our mind, not some outside source, is the cause of all we perceive. When we realize that our thoughts are the cause, we can choose to correct them. When we reclaim our decision-making abilities, we move the mind from victim consciousness to responsibility consciousness. We, being the source, can respond and change our thinking to achieve different results. We realize that our thoughts become the things we choose to perceive. We reclaim our divine birthright. We become co-creators with God.

T-20.III.6. Who in a holy relationship can long remain unholy? 2 The world the holy see is one with them, just as the world the ego looks upon is like itself. 3 The world the holy see is beautiful because **the holy** see their innocence in **the world they see**. 4 **The holy do** not tell **the world** what it was; **the holy do** not make adjustments to fit their orders. 5 **The holy** gently questioned **the world they see** and whispered, "What are you?" 6 And **the Holy Spirit**, Who watches over all perception answered. 7 Take not the judgment of the world as answer to the question, "What am I?" 8 The world believes in sin, but the belief that made **the world in sin** as you see **the world** is not outside you.

Note # 21: We are the source of all that we perceive. This is why ACIM states that our goal should not be to change the world, but rather to change how we perceive the world. Our perception makes our private world of provisional reality. Be changing our viewpoint, the world aligns with our new perception

T-20.III.7. Seek not to make the Son of God adjust to his **egoic** insanity. 2 There is a stranger in him, **the ego**, who wandered carelessly into the home of truth and who will wander off. 3 **The ego** came without a purpose, but **the ego** will not remain before the shining light the Holy Spirit offered, and you, **the Christ**, accepted. 4 For there **in the Christ**, the **egoic** stranger is made homeless and *<you, the Christ>* are welcome. 5 Ask not this transient stranger, **the ego**, "What am I?" 6 **The ego** is the only thing in all the universe that does not know. 7 Yet it is **the ego** you ask, and it is to **the ego's** answer that you would adjust. 8 This one wild thought, **the ego**, fierce in its arrogance, and yet so tiny and so meaningless **the ego** slips unnoticed through the universe of truth, becomes your guide. 9 To **the ego** you turn to ask the meaning of the universe. 10 And of the one blind thing in all the seeing universe of truth you ask, "How shall I look upon the Son of God?"

Note # 22: We have asked the insane ego to tell us the truth about ourselves. This is similar to asking a blind man to drive a sighted and skilled driver up Pike's Peak. We have asked the ignorant, yet arrogant ego, which does not know the truth, to tell us the truth about ourselves. We need to ask the Holy Spirit for His correct perception of all things that we perceive in our mind. Only the Holy Spirit, Who knows the truth, can judge correctly.

T-20.III.8. Does one ask judgment of what is totally bereft of judgment, **the insane ego**? 2 And if you have, would you believe the answer **of the insane**, and adjust to **the answer from the insane** as if it were the truth? 3 The world you look on is the answer that **the insane ego** gave you, and you have given **the insane ego** power to adjust the world to make **the insane ego's** answer true. 4 You asked this puff of madness **of the insane ego** for the meaning of your unholy relationship, and adjusted **your meaning of your unholy relationships** according to **the ego's** insane answer. p430 5 How happy did **the adjustment to the ego's answer for the relationship** make you? 6 Did you meet your brother with joy to bless the Son of God, and give **your brother** thanks for all the happiness that **your brother** held out to you? 7 Did you recognize your brother as the eternal gift of God to you? 8 Did you see the holiness that shone in both you and your brother, to bless the other? 9 That **blessing to each other** is the purpose of your holy relationship. 10 Ask not the means of its attainment of the one thing that still would have **the relationship** be unholy, **the ego**. 11 Give **the insane ego** no power to adjust the means and end.

Note # 23: Jesus asks us not to seek the ego's thought system for guidance. It is insane. The ego is powerless to affect anything. The only power the ego has is the power we choose to give it. Give it no power and the ego is powerless. Do not ask the ego what the purpose of a relationship is. The ego's answer will always be to take a natural holy relationship, which is based on love and joined, and make it into an unholy special relationship based on limitation and lack. Ask only the Holy Spirit to be your guide.

T-20.III.9. Prisoners bound with heavy chains for years, starved and emaciated, weak and exhausted, and with eyes so long cast down in darkness they remember not the light, do not leap up in joy the instant they are made free. 2 It takes a while for **long abused prisoners** to understand what freedom is. 3 You groped but feebly in the dust and found your brother's hand, uncertain whether to let **your brother's hand** go or to take hold on life so long forgotten. 4 Strengthen your hold and raise your eyes unto your strong companion, in whom the meaning of your freedom lies. 5 **Your brother** seemed to be crucified beside you. 6 And yet **your brother's** holiness remained untouched and perfect, and with **your brother** beside you, you shall this day enter with **your brother** to Paradise, and know the peace of God.

Note # 24: We cannot return to the truth alone. We need our brother and our brother needs us. In this world of perception it is impossible for us to have a holy relationship by ourselves. The Holy Spirit can reinterpret every unholy special relationship and convert them into holy ones. By this conversion to correct perception by the Holy Spirit, we recover our union with our brother. By entering into this now holy relationship with our brother, we join in the Holy Spirit's purpose for all relationships, which is the reawakening God's sleeping Son to His spiritual magnificence.

T-20.III.10. Such is my will for you and your brother **to know the peace of God**, and for each of you for one another and for himself. 2 Here **in Paradise of the peace of God**, there is only holiness and joining without limit. 3 For what is Heaven but union, direct and perfect, and without the veil of fear upon it? 4 Here **in Heaven**, are we one, looking with perfect gentleness upon each other and on ourselves. 5 Here **in the peace of God**, all thoughts of any separation between us become impossible. 6 You who were a prisoner in separation are now made free in Paradise. 7 And here, **in Heaven**, would I unite with you, my friend, my brother and my Self.

Note # 25: When we freely choose to drop all belief in the egoic thought system and accept the Atonement for ourselves, our brother and we will be returned of the peace of God, which is Heaven. We reclaim our inheritance of the One Self together.

T-20.III.11. Your gift unto your brother has given me the certainty our union will be soon. 2 Share, then, this faith **in your union with your brother** with me, and know that **this faith** is justified. 3 There is no fear in perfect love *<because>* **perfect love** knows no sin, and **perfect love** must look on others as on itself. 4 Looking with charity within, what can **perfect love** fear without? 5 The innocent see safety, and the pure in heart see God within His Son, and look unto the Son to lead **the pure in heart** to the Father. 6 And where else would they, **the pure in heart**, go but where they will to be? 7 You and your brother now will lead the other to the Father as surely as God created His Son holy, and kept him

so. 8 In your brother is the light of God's eternal promise of your immortality. 9 See **your brother** as sinless, and there can <be> no fear in you. p431

Note # 26: We have the power of God within us. By seeing our brother as sinless, we confirm that we are sinless. For to give is to receive and you cannot give what you do not possess. We are joined in the One Self that is the shared Mind of God.

IV. Entering the Ark

T-20.IV.1. Nothing can hurt you unless you give **something** the power to do so. 2 Yet <you> give power as the laws of this **egoic** world interpret giving; as you give you lose. 3 It is not up to you to give power at all. 4 Power is of God, given by **God** and reawakened by the Holy Spirit, Who knows that as you give you gain. 5 **The Holy Spirit** gives no power to sin, and therefore **sin** has **no power**; nor **any power** to **sin's** results as this world sees them,—sickness and death and misery and pain. 6 These things have not occurred because the Holy Spirit sees **the results of sin** not, and gives no power to their seeming source **which is the ego**. 7 Thus would **the Holy Spirit** keep you free of **the results of sin, which are sickness, death, misery and pain**. 8 Being without illusion of what you are, the Holy Spirit merely gives everything to God, Who has already given and received all that is true. 9 The **untruth of sin and sin's results, our Father and the Holy Spirit** has neither received nor given **and thus, it is not real**.

Note # 27: The ego has no power unless the decision-maker within our mind chooses to give power to the ego. If that is the case, the decision-maker now believes it has lost whatever power it has given to the ego since under the thought system of the ego, to give is to lose. We claim that we have lost our decision-maker and now being powerless, allow ourselves to fall into victim consciousness. The Holy Spirit knows that the Law of God says “to give is to receive.” Therefore, you can never lose your power to something outside of you. You can choose to not use your power, but you cannot lose it. Our power comes from God. It was given to the Sonship at creation and is eternally ours. Within the Mind of God, what is true cannot be changed or threatened. Since God does not will His Son to be powerless, this egoic belief of the loss of the Son's creative power to be source cannot be real. This apparent transfer of the Sonship's power of creation to the ego never has happened in the shared Mind of God. This adjustment to make the Son of God powerless is just another egoic trick, which like all egoic “sins” is only an illusion of an insane mind.

T-20.IV.2. Sin has no place in Heaven, where **sin's** results are alien and can no more enter than can their **illusionary** source. 2 And therein lies your need to see your brother sinless. 3 In **your brother** <is> Heaven. 4 See sin in **your brother** instead, and Heaven is lost to you. 5 But see **your brother** as he is, and what is yours shines from **your brother** to you. 6 Your savior, **your brother**, gives you only love, but what you would receive of **your brother** is up to you. 7 It lies in **your brother** to overlook all your mistakes, and therein lies **your brother's** own salvation. 8 And so it is with **your salvation**. 9 Salvation is a lesson in giving, as the Holy Spirit interprets **giving, which is to give is to receive**. 10 **Salvation** is the reawakening of the laws of God in minds that have established other laws, **the egoic laws of chaos**, and given **these egoic laws** power to enforce what God created not.

Note # 28: Our denial of truth does not change the truth. When the Sonship denies its power to be the co-creative source for the extension of creation, this does not change the truth that we still possess this power. Every part of the fragmented Sonship maintains this power. Since to give is to receive, any part of the Sonship has the power to reawaken a brother to the truth. Salvation is defined as the reawakening of the Laws of God in minds that have established other laws, the egoic laws of chaos. We have freely chosen to give these egoic laws power to enforce what God did not create, which is only the fantasy of separation. God's Law is that "to give is to receive". The fourth law of chaos, on which the egoic thought system rests says, "to give is to lose." The ego believes in a zero-sum game. If someone is to win, the other must lose. Win-win solutions are not possible according to the ego.

T-20.IV.3. Your insane laws were made to guarantee that you would make mistakes, and give **your insane laws** power over you by accepting **your insane laws'** results as your just due. 2 What could this **granting your power to insane laws** be but madness? 3 And is it this **madness of granting power to insane laws** that you would see within your **brother who is your savior from your own insanity**? 4 **Your brother** is as free from this **insanity** as you are, and in the freedom that you see in **your brother** you see your own **freedom**. 5 For this **freedom** you share **with your brother**. 6 What God has given follows **God's laws**, and **God's** alone. 7 Nor is it possible for those who follow **God's Laws** to suffer the results of any other source, **like the ego's laws of chaos**.

Note # 29: Within each of us, in the Christ consciousness part of our mind, we know the truth and follow only the Laws of God. The Holy Spirit will reawaken our split-mind to the Voice of Christ.

See **Chapter # 2. Section I. Lines #9 to #12** for the four beliefs that led to the origins of the separation. These beliefs form the basis for the egoic thought system and led to the egoic making of the world of time and perception through the use of projection.

T-20.IV.4. Those who choose freedom will experience only **freedom's** results. 2 **For those who choose freedom**, their power is of God, and they will give **power** only to what God has given, to share with them. 3 Nothing but this can touch **those who choose freedom**, for they see only this, sharing their power according to the Will of God. 4 And thus their freedom is established and maintained. 5 **Their freedom** is upheld through all temptation to imprison and to be imprisoned. 6 It is of them who learned of freedom that you should ask what freedom is. p432 7 Ask not the sparrow how the eagle soars, for those with little wings have not accepted for themselves the power to share with you.

Note # 30: Ask only the brother that sees himself as a Big "S" Self, about freedom and truth. The brother who believes that he is a limited ego-body sees only littleness. God will not let His Son, the Christ know littleness, only truth.

T-20.IV.5. The sinless give as **the sinless** received. 2 See, then, the power of sinlessness within your brother, and share with **your brother** the power of the release from sin you offered **your brother**. 3 To each **brother** who walks this earth in seeming solitude is a savior given, whose special function here is to release him, and so to free himself **by being the savior for another**. 4 In the world of separation each is appointed separately, though they are all the same. 5 Yet those who know that they are all the same need not

salvation. 6 And each one finds his savior when he is ready to look upon the face of Christ, and see **God's Son, the Christ**, sinless.

Note # 31: We cannot possess salvation unless we give salvation away to another. By giving we prove we have. We cannot enter the Kingdom alone.

T-20.IV.6. The plan is not of **your ego**, nor need you be concerned with anything except the part that has been given you to learn. **The plan is God's plan for salvation, which is the return of the Sonship to knowledge.** 2 For the **Holy Spirit**, Who knows the rest will see to **God's plan for salvation** without your **egoic** help. 3 But think not that the **Holy Spirit** does not need your **Big "S" Self's** part to help the **Holy Spirit** with the rest of **God's plan**. 4 For in your **Big "S" Self's** part lies all of **God's plan for salvation**, without which is no part of **God's plan for salvation** complete, nor is the whole completed without your **Big "S" Self's** part. 5 The ark of peace is entered two by two, yet the beginning of another world goes with them. 6 Each holy relationship must enter here **into the ark of peace**, to learn the **relationship's** special function in the Holy Spirit's plan, now that **each holy relationship** shares the **Holy Spirit's** purpose. 7 And as this purpose is fulfilled, a new world rises in which sin can enter not, and where the Son of God can enter without fear and where **your brother** rests a while, to forget imprisonment and to remember freedom. 8 How can **your brother** enter, to rest and to remember, without you? 9 Except you be there, **your brother** is not complete. 10 And it is his completion that **your brother** remembers there.

Note # 32: All of the Sonship must do their part in God's plan for salvation. Each relationship made holy becomes a rejoining of the apparent fragmented Sonship. We need only do our part since only the Holy Spirit understands the intricacies of the entire plan for the Sonship's return to knowledge. We do not have to tell the Holy Spirit how to accomplish the balance of the plan. When we think we have a better idea to bring about salvation, which is our insane ego talking. We need only to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

T-20.IV.7. This **part in the salvation of a brother** is the purpose given you. 2 Think not that your forgiveness of your brother serves but you two alone. 3 For the whole new world rests in the hands of every two who enter here **into the ark of peace** to rest. 4 And as **you and your saved brother** rest, the face of Christ shines on them and they **both** remember the laws of God, forgetting all the rest and yearning only to have **God's** laws perfectly fulfilled in them and all their brothers. 5 Think you when this has been achieved that you will rest without **all the Sonship**? 6 You could no more leave one of **your brothers** outside than I could leave you, and forget part of myself.

Note # 33: Although a holy relationship is among two, the entire Sonship benefits due to the interconnectedness of the universal mind. When we experience a holy relationship, all the Oneness shares this experience since it is real. As there is no separation, there are no private thoughts.

T-20.IV.8. You may wonder how you can be at peace when, while you are in time, there is so much that must be done before the way to peace is open. 2 Perhaps this seems impossible to you **to be at peace while in time**. 3 But ask yourself if it is possible that God

would have a plan for your salvation that does not work. 4 Once you accept **God's** plan as the one function that you would fulfill, there will be nothing else the Holy Spirit will not arrange for you without your effort. p433 5 **The Holy Spirit** will go before you making straight your path, and leaving in your way no stones to trip on, and no obstacles to bar your way. 6 Nothing you need will be denied you. 7 Not one seeming difficulty but will melt away before you reach **that seeming difficulty**. 8 You need take thought for nothing, careless of everything except the only purpose that you would fulfill, **which is your role in God's plan**. 9 As **your role in God's plan** was given you, so will **your role in God's plan's** fulfillment be. 10 God's guarantee will hold against all obstacles, for **God's guarantee** rests on certainty and not contingency. 11 **God's guarantee** rests on <you.> 12 And what can be more certain than a Son of God?

Note # 34: We need only be vigilant for God. We only need to align our purpose with the Holy Spirit's purpose. The Holy Spirit will show us the way that we are to fulfill our role in God's plan for the salvation of the Sonship. We need do only our small part. The Holy Spirit will insure that the rest of the plan is completed. The completion of God's plan is guaranteed because it is God's unchangeable Will.

V. Heralds of Eternity

T-20.V.1. In this world, God's Son comes closest to himself, **the Christ**, in a holy relationship. 2 There **in a holy relationship** he begins to find the certainty his Father has in **His Son**. 3 And there **in a holy relationship God's Son** finds his function of restoring his Father's laws to what was held outside **his Father's laws, which is the egoic world of perception's special relationships**, and finding what was lost. 4 Only in time can anything be lost, and never lost forever. 5 So do the parts of God's Son gradually join in time, and with each joining is the end of time brought nearer. 6 Each miracle of joining is a mighty herald of eternity. 7 No one who has a single purpose, unified and sure, can be afraid. 8 No one who shares his purpose with **a brother** can <not> be one with **his brother**.

Note # 35: When we share the same purpose, we come into alignment with each other. Having one purpose we become joined in one mind. Until we are willing to share the Holy Spirit's purpose with all, time will still be required. Time measures our changing perception. As our purpose changes, our perception must realign with our new goal.

T-20.V.2. Each herald of eternity, **the joining of two brothers in a single purpose**, sings of the end of sin and fear. 2 Each **joining of two brothers in a single purpose of the holy relationship** speaks in time of what is far beyond **time**. 3 Two voices raised together call to the hearts of everyone, to let them beat as one. 4 And in that single heartbeat is the unity of love proclaimed and given welcome. 5 Peace to your holy relationship, which has the power to hold the unity of the Son of God together. 6 You give to your brother for everyone, and in your gift is everyone made glad. 7 Forget not **the Holy Spirit**, Who has given you the gifts you give, and through your not forgetting this, will you remember **the Father**, Who gave the gifts to **the Holy Spirit** to give to you.

Note # 36: With each joining in a holy relationship, a part of the Sonship is healed. This healing is shared with the entire Sonship. Each joining brings the return to knowledge closer. This return to truth will mark the end of the need for time, which is the measure of change.

T-20.V.3. It is impossible to overestimate your brother's value. 2 Only the ego does this, but all it means is that **the ego** wants the other for itself, and therefore values a **brother** too little. 3 What is inestimable, **your brother**, clearly cannot be evaluated. 4 Do you recognize the fear that rises from the meaningless attempt to judge what lies so far beyond your judgment you cannot even see it? 5 Judge not what is invisible to you or you will never see **your brother's true value, which is invisible to the eyes**, but wait in patience for its coming. p434 6 It will be given you to see your brother's worth when all you want for **your brother** is peace. 7 And what you want for **your brother** you will receive.

Note # 37: The ego values the body and the small "s" self. The ego places no value on your brother's Big "S" Self for that part's existence is denied by the ego. We cannot physically see the value of a brother in God's plan for salvation because the body has no value. The only value of the body is what our mind gives it. Only through the Vision of Christ can we look past the world of form to know the true content that is our essence. Since the Law of God states that each part is equal to the whole, each part contains the whole. Each part is indivisible from the whole. The ego attempts to take the indivisible and fragment the whole into parts. This is impossible.

T-20.V.4. How can you estimate the worth of a **brother** who offers peace to you? 2 What would you want except a **brother's offering of peace**? 3 **Your brother's** worth has been established by his Father, and you will recognize a **brother's worth** as you receive his Father's gift of **peace through a brother**. 4 What is in a **brother** will shine so brightly in your grateful vision that you will merely love **your brother** and be glad. 5 You will not think to judge **your brother**, for who would see the face of Christ and yet insist that judgment still has meaning? 6 For this insistence **that judgment has meaning** is of those who do not see **with the Vision of Christ**. 7 Vision or judgment is your choice, but never both of these **at one time**.

Note # 38: Seeing and vision are two different experiences. They are mutually exclusive in any moment in time. They represent the two thought systems and what each values. The ego sees form as of primary importance. To the ego form is what matters. The content is of no value, as the ego cannot see past the form. Vision is a function of the Holy Spirit's thought system. Vision looks for content. The form that the experience manifests through is of no consequence. To the ego, form is seen as attack or something to attack. To the Holy Spirit, vision understands the underlying content and interprets this same event as either love or a cry for love. Love does not judge. It only asks what would love have me do now. The ego is the embodiment of judgment, not love.

T-20.V.5. Your brother's body is as little use to you as **the body is of little use to your brother**. 2 When **the body** is used only as the Holy Spirit teaches, **the body** has no function. 3 For minds need not the body to communicate. 4 The sight that sees the body has no use which serves the purpose of a holy relationship. 5 And while you look upon your brother thus, **as the body**, the means and end have not been brought in line. 6 Why should it take so many holy instants to let this be accomplished, when one **holy instant** would do **to bring the means and end into alignment**? 7 There *<is>* but one **holy instant**. 8 The

little breath of eternity that runs through time like golden light is all the same; nothing before **eternity**, nothing afterwards.

Note # 39: In eternity time has no purpose since there is no change to measure. As long as we perceive ourselves as a body, time has a function. While under the influence of the egoic thought system and perception's illusionary dream, the Holy Spirit utilizes love as the creative process in which time is used to awaken the sleeping mind to its Christ consciousness. The Christ, which is the extension of the Creator, is the only reality in the Mind of God.

T-20.V.6. You look upon each holy instant as a different point in time. 2 **Each holy instant** never changes. 3 All that **each holy instant** ever held or will ever hold is here right now. 4 The past takes nothing from **a holy instant**, and the future will add no more. 5 Here, then, is everything. 6 Here **in each holy instant** is the loveliness of your relationship, with means and end in perfect harmony already. 7 Here is the perfect faith that you will one day offer to your brother **who** already offered you **perfect faith**; and here the limitless forgiveness you will give **your brother, who** already **has** given **forgiveness**, the face of Christ you yet will look upon already seen.

Note # 40: In the holy instant all judgments are dropped. Without the past, only the <now> is present. Vision can replace seeing. Vision focuses on the content of the <now> experience. The content is the joining of two into the knowing of the Oneness. Seeing always involves judgment since the physical eyes are utilized only to confirm egoic prejudgments that have been projected into our world of provisional reality. With the Vision of Christ, the Holy Spirit guides us to look past the body and see only the Christ in our brother.

T-20.V.7. Can you evaluate **your brother**, the giver of a gift of **limitless forgiveness** like this? 2 Would you exchange this gift of **limitless forgiveness** for any other? 3 This gift of **your brother's limitless forgiveness** returns the laws of God to your remembrance. 4 And merely by remembering **the laws of God**, the **egoic** laws that held you prisoner to pain and death must be forgotten. 5 This **remembering the laws of God** is no gift your brother's body offers you. 6 The veil of **the body** that hides the gift hides **your brother's Big "S" Self** as well. 7 **Your brother's Big "S" Self** <is> the gift, and yet **your brother** knows it not. 8 No more do you **know that your brother's Big "S" Self** <is> the gift. 9 And yet, have faith that He, **the Holy Spirit that resides in the Christ consciousness**, Who sees the gift in you and your brother will offer and receive **the gift of faith and limitless forgiveness** for you both. 10 And through **the Holy Spirit's** vision will you see **the gift of the Big "S" Self**, and through **the Holy Spirit's** understanding recognize **the gift of faith and limitless forgiveness** and love **the gift of faith and forgiveness** as your own. p435

Note # 41: The Holy Spirit utilizes the tools of forgiveness and love to unblock the vision of Christ within us. Forgiveness and joining are the result of a holy relationship. In order to relearn the oneness of the Sonship, we need a relationship with another. Since to give is to receive, we need another to share in the joining experience of the holy relationship.

T-20.V.8. Be comforted, and feel the Holy Spirit watching over you in love and perfect confidence in what **the Holy Spirit** sees. 2 **The Holy Spirit** knows the Son of God,

and **the Holy Spirit** shares his Father's certainty the universe rests in his **split-minded son's** gentle hands in safety and in peace. 3 Let us consider now what **the split-minded son** must learn, to share his Father's confidence in him, **who momentarily perceives himself as split-minded**. 4 What is **the truth about the split-minded son** that the Creator of the universe should offer **the universe** to him, **split-minded son**, and know **the universe** rests in safety? 5 He, **who is split-minded**, looks upon himself not as his Father knows him. **The Father knows only the Christ as His Son**. 6 And yet it is impossible the confidence of God should be misplaced.

Note # 42: Because we have placed our consciousness within the egoic dream of separation, we have forgotten what we are. We have denied our spiritual essence and mistakenly believe ourselves to be a limited ego-body. This is not what we are. The Father only knows His Child as perfect, whole and complete. The Creator has placed this knowing within our Christ consciousness. The Holy Spirit has been given the task of awakening God's sleeping Son to his Christ consciousness. Since this is the Will of God, the results are guaranteed. If we realized that our will is God's Will, we would fear nothing. The journey of the separation was over as soon as it began. We need to freely choose the Atonement for ourselves and the return of the Sonship to knowledge is certain.

VI. The Temple of the Holy Spirit

T-20.VI.1. The meaning of the Son of God lies solely in his relationship with his Creator. 2 If **the meaning of the Son of God lies outside his relationship with his Creator**, if it were elsewhere, **the Son's meaning** would rest on contingency, but there *<is>* nothing else **outside his relationship with the Creator**. 3 And this **relationship with His Creator** is wholly loving and forever. 4 Yet has the Son of God invented an unholy relationship between **his ego self** and his Father. 5 His real relationship **with his Creator** is one of perfect union and unbroken continuity. 6 The **egoic relationship with God**, he made is partial, self-centered, broken into fragments and full of fear. 7 The one created by his Father is wholly Self-encompassing and Self-extending. 8 The one he made **with the egoic thought system** is wholly self-destructive and self-limiting.

Note # 43: We have forgotten our true relationship with our Creator and substituted or adjusted the "truth" to fit our egoic belief that the separation is real. Any egocentric relationship rests on our belief in lack, sin, guilt and fear. Our relationship with our Father rests on eternal, changeless, unconditional love and union of the One Self.

Our egoic self is our own creation. As such, it could be compared to our child. In this case, we have chosen not to share the Oneness that we truly are with our child. We have refused to see our egoic self like our Father, perfect, whole and complete. We have judged our child as lacking. Until we extend our own divine birthright to our creations, we are denying our own fatherhood and not co-creating with our Father. By seeing our egoic self and our own provisional reality as perfect, whole and complete, we co-create with God and are the embodiment of love. Love allows all because love is all and thus, transcends all.

T-20.VI.2. Nothing can show the contrast better than the experience of both a holy and an unholy relationship. 2 The **holy relationship** is based on love, and rests on it serene and undisturbed. 3 The body does not intrude upon **the holy relationship**. 4 Any relationship in which the body enters is based not on love, but on idolatry. 5 Love wishes to be known, completely understood and shared. 6 **Love** has no secrets; nothing that **loves** would keep

apart and hide. 7 **Love** walks in sunlight, open-eyed and calm, in smiling welcome and in sincerity so simple and so obvious **love** cannot be misunderstood.

Note # 44: The holy relationship is based on the thought system of the Holy Spirit, which is the voice for love.

T-20.VI.3. But idols do not share. 2 Idols accept, but never make return. 3 **Idols** can be loved, but cannot love. 4 **Idols** do not understand what they are offered, and any relationship in which **idols** enter has lost **the relationship's** meaning. 5 The love of **idols** has made love meaningless. 6 **Idols** live in secrecy, hating the sunlight and happy in the body's darkness, where **idols** can hide and keep their secrets hidden along with **themselves**. 7 And **idols** have no relationships, for no one else is welcome there. 8 **Idols** smile on no one, and those who smile on **idols** do not see.

Note # 45: The thought system is full of false beliefs that we attempt to make true. Egoic idols are anything we worship that would replace the truth. Normally an idol of the ego is something that we seek in a vain attempt to make us "happy" within the egoic thought system. This often would be wealth, power, health, sex or the need to be right. Ultimately all idyllic thoughts rest on the idea that we are a separate body. We worship the body and seek earthly egoic "happiness in bodily limitations". The body is nothing but it can be used as a communication device with the mind. A body does not have a real relationship with anyone.

T-20.VI.4. Love has no darkened temples where mysteries are kept obscure and hidden from the sun. p436 2 **Love** does not seek for power, but **love does seek** for relationships. 3 The body is the ego's chosen weapon for seeking power <through> relationships. 4 And **the ego's** relationships must be unholy, for what **the ego's relationships** are **the ego** does not even see. 5 **The ego** wants **the unholy relationship** solely for the offerings on which **the ego's** idols thrive. 6 The rest of **the relationship the ego** merely throws away, for all that **the rest of the relationship** could offer is seen as valueless. 7 Homeless, the ego seeks as many bodies as **the ego** can collect to place **the ego's** idols in, and so establish **the bodies** as temples to **the ego**, itself.

Note # 46: The ego believes in lack and, therefore, seeks from another to obtain what it perceives it is lacking in itself. Since the ego only desires to obtain what it believes it lacks, its relationships are not based on love but rather on seeking and then taking. These relationships are not seen as among equals. Bartering and sacrifice are often involved as the ego always comes from the emotion of fear based on limitation. The ego gives only to get. Egoic relationships are a one-way street. The ego quickly moves to attack whenever the relationship is not giving the ego what it wants and claims it needs.

T-20.VI.5. The Holy Spirit's temple is not a body, but a relationship. 2 The body is an isolated speck of darkness; a hidden secret room, a tiny spot of senseless mystery, a meaningless enclosure carefully protected, yet hiding nothing. 3 Here **in the body**, the unholy relationship escapes reality, and seeks for crumbs to keep itself alive. 4 Here **the ego's unholy relationships** would drag its brothers, holding **its brothers** here in **the ego's bodily** idolatry. 5 Here **in the body**, **the ego** is "safe," for here love cannot enter. 6 The Holy Spirit does not build His temples where love can never be. 7 Would **the Holy Spirit**,

Who sees the face of Christ choose as His home the only place in all the universe where **the face of Christ** can not be seen, **which is the body**?

Note # 47: The ego wants us to accept the body as our home. An unholy relationship is the ego's special relationship. Its purpose is to get something the ego perceives that it lacks. It is based on the egoic belief that the body needs something to make it whole. Its goal is the continuous brainwashing of the split-minded into the belief that we are the body and the body is the home of our limited mind. The ego wants us to believe that the mind is not unlimited spirit but rather the gray matter we call the brain. If the brain is the mind, we are a body. If we are the body, we are a guilty sinner, who must die and be punished. Being a body, we have much to fear.

Line # 1 states, "The Holy Spirit's temple is not a body, but a relationship." This means that the relationship's loving thoughts and ideas are the home of Spirit. Spirit is boundless, timeless and is shared. The holy relationship is the meeting of minds to extend love. The home of the Holy Spirit cannot be found in the illusion of time and space

T-20.VI.6. You cannot make the body the Holy Spirit's temple, and **the body** will never be the seat of love. 2 **The body** is the home of the idolater, and of love's condemnation. 3 For here **in the body** is love made fearful and hope abandoned. 4 Even the idols that are worshipped here are shrouded in mystery, and kept apart from those who worship them. 5 **The body** is the temple dedicated to no relationships and no return. 6 Here **in the body** is the "mystery" of separation perceived in awe and held in reverence. 7 What God would have *<not>* be, **something other than what God created**, is here **in the body and** kept "safe" from **God**. 8 But what you do not realize is what you fear within your brother, and would not see in **your brother**, is what makes God seem fearful to you, and kept unknown.

Note # 48: God is unconditional Love. The ego fears God's unconditional love because if we accept this Love of God, the ego claims we will lose ourselves by joining into the Oneness that is the Mind of God. We will no longer be separate and no longer special.

God knows you to be as He created you. The Sonship is perfect, whole and complete. The ego would have you believe that you are imperfect, not whole and very incomplete. The body was "made" by the ego to prove that the separation was real; that there is another will other than God's Will. The body is the symbol for the separation and the sin, guilt and fear that the fragmented Sonship holds within their insane mind. It is with the body that our mind identifies itself. It is the body that is the temple for the ego. Relationships are made unholy by accepting the purpose of the ego's thought system, which has as its goal to keep us in victim consciousness. If we are a body, we lack the decision-making power to choose a different thought system. We remain trapped within the dream world of form, which was birthed by the belief in separation. By seeing our brother as the body, we fail to lift the veil that hides his Big "S" Self.

T-20.VI.7. Idolaters will always be afraid of love, for nothing so severely threatens **the idolaters of the egoic thought system** as love's approach. 2 Let love draw near **the idolaters** and overlook the body, as **love** will surely do, and **the idolaters of the egoic thought system will** retreat in fear, feeling the seeming firm foundation of their temple begin to shake and loosen. 3 Brother, you tremble with **the idolaters of the egoic thought system**. 4 Yet what you fear, **which is love**, is but the herald of escape. 5 This place of

darkness, **the body**, is not your home. 6 Your temple, **your relationship with God**, is not threatened. 7 You are an idolater no longer. 8 The Holy Spirit's purpose lies safe in your relationship, and not your body. 9 You have escaped the body. 10 Where you are the body cannot enter, for the Holy Spirit has set His temple there **where you are, which is your Christ consciousness**.

Note # 49: The Holy Spirit knows both the truth about what you are and how you have misperceived that truth. By replacing fear with love and forgiveness, the Holy Spirit can convert a special relationship from an unholy relationship to a holy one. This conversion is a miracle. It shifts your perception from the egoic thought system to the Holy Spirit's. The temple home is not a place but a state of mind. Out true home is our holy relationship with God.

T-20.VI.8. There is no order in relationships. 2 **Relationships** either are or **are not**. 3 An unholy relationship is no relationship. p437 4 **An unholy relationship** is a state of isolation, which seems to be what it is not. 5 **An unholy relationship** is no more than that. 6 The instant that the mad idea of making your relationship with God unholy seemed to be possible, all your relationships were made meaningless. 7 In that unholy instant of **attempting to make your relationship with God seem unholy**, time was born, and bodies made to house the mad idea of **your attempting to make your relationship with God seem unholy** and give **this mad idea** the illusion of reality. 8 And so **the illusion of an unholy relationship with God** seemed to have a home **in the body** that held together for a little while in time, and vanished. 9 For what could house this mad idea against reality but for an instant?

Note # 50: This world of perception was made by the egoic belief that we could be something other than as God created us. We claimed we had a will that was different from our Father. In that claim, we denied our true holy relationship with God and adjusted it into an unholy illusion of separation and fear. The body is the illusionary hiding place of that part of the fragmented mind of the Sonship. It is the home of the desire to be special or have a different relationship with God. It is the desire not to be part of the Oneness that is the shared Mind of God. God, our Source, does not Will to have a different relationship with His Cause. The Sonship, God's Effect cannot change its Cause, which is God's Love.

T-20.VI.9. Idols must disappear, and leave no trace behind their going. 2 The unholy instant of their seeming power is frail as is a snowflake, but without **the snowflake's** loveliness. 3 Is **the unholy instant of the mad idea that your relationship with God could be unholy** the substitute you want for the eternal blessing of the holy instant and its unlimited beneficence? 4 Is the malevolence of the unholy relationship, so seeming powerful and so bitterly misunderstood and so invested in a false attraction your preference to the holy instant, which offers you peace and understanding? 5 Then lay aside the body and quietly transcend **the body and unholy relationship**, rising to welcome what you really want, **which is our holy relationship with God**. 6 And from **the Holy Spirit's** holy temple, look you not back on what you have awakened from. 7 For no illusions can attract the mind that has transcended **the illusion**, and left **the illusion of the unholy relationship with God** far behind.

Note # 51: Transcend the thought system of the ego by choosing to follow the thought system of the Holy Spirit. Your desire for littleness, will give way to the truth of your Big “S” Self, the Christ. The Holy Spirit’s temple to truth resides in you, the Christ. Illusions disappear when seen in the light of the Christ. Our holy relationship with God is to be a co-creator with our Father. This is the extension of the perfect, whole and complete Mind of God.

T-20.VI.10. The holy relationship reflects the true relationship the Son of God has with his Father in reality. 2 The Holy Spirit rests within **the holy relationship** in the certainty **that the true relationship the Son of God has with his Father in reality** will endure forever. 3 **The holy relationship’s** firm foundation is eternally upheld by truth, and love shines on **the holy relationship** with the gentle smile and tender blessing **love and truth** offers to its own. 4 Here the unholy instant is exchanged in gladness for the holy one of safe return. 5 Here is the way to true relationships held gently open, through which you and your brother walk together, leaving the body thankfully behind and resting in the Everlasting Arms. 6 Love's Arms are open to receive you, and give you peace forever.

Note # 52: The return of the Sonship to its sanity is certain. God has never acknowledged the Sonship’s illusion of an unholy relationship as the Father’s reality and, therefore, the separation has no reality in Heaven. God’s one and only judgment is that His Creation, the Sonship, is the extension of Himself, eternally perfect, whole and complete. This is the Will of God.

T-20.VI.11. The body is the ego's idol; the belief in sin made flesh and then projected outward. 2 This **egoic belief in sin** produces what seems to be a wall of flesh around the mind, keeping **the mind** prisoner in a tiny spot of space and time, beholden unto death, and given but an instant in which to sigh and grieve and die in honor of its master, **the ego’s belief in sin.** 3 And this unholy instant **in which the belief in sin was projected outward in the form of the body** seems to be life; an instant of despair, a tiny island of dry sand, bereft of water and set uncertainly upon oblivion. 4 Here **in this projected body-form** does the Son of God stop briefly by, to offer his devotion to death's idols and then pass on. 5 And here **in the world made flesh,** he is more dead than living. 6 Yet it is also here **in the world of flash born of perception,** he makes his choice again between idolatry and love. p438 7 Here **in the world of flesh born of perception,** it is given him to choose to spend this instant paying tribute to the body, or let himself be given freedom from **the body.** 8 Here **in the world of flesh born of perception,** he can accept the holy instant, offered him to replace the unholy one he chose before. 9 And here **in the world of flesh born of perception** can he learn relationships are his salvation, and not his doom.

Note # 53: The ego “made” this world to be a place God’s love could not enter. The Holy Spirit takes this egoic world, which was born to prove the reality of the separation, and undoes the entire thought system of the ego. By utilizing the tools of forgiveness and love, the Holy Spirit transforms all unholy relationship into holy ones. This is done in an instant by the miracle. The miracle is a change in perception. We choose for the Holy Spirit and the voice for love. The illusionary world of flesh born of perception has become the “battleground” between the two thought systems of fear and love.

T-20.VI.12. You who are learning to **make the choice between egoic idolatry and love** may still be fearful, but you are not immobilized. 2 The holy instant is of greater value now to you than its unholy seeming counterpart, and you have learned you really want but one, **which is the holy relationship**. 3 This is no time for sadness. 4 Perhaps confusion, but hardly discouragement. 5 You have a *<real>* relationship, and **this real relationship** has meaning. 6 A *<real>* **relationship** is as like your real relationship with God as equal things are like unto each other. 7 Idolatry is past and meaningless. 8 Perhaps you fear your brother a little yet; perhaps a shadow of the fear of God remains with you. 9 Yet what is that **shadow of fear** to those who have been given one true relationship beyond the body? 10 Can they **who have been given one true relationship beyond the body** be long held back from looking on the face of Christ? 11 And can they **who have been given one true relationship beyond the body** long withhold the memory of their **holy** relationship with their Father from themselves, and keep remembrance of His Love apart from their awareness?

Note # 54: Once we start to reclaim our decision-making ability, we can choose again. Each time we choose for the Holy Spirit, Its voice for love reawakens the sleeping Christ within. The pull of love becomes stronger than of fear of illusion. The miracle transforms fear to love and results in a growing sense of inner peace. The desire for this inner peace will lead us back to truth and the Peace of God.

VII. The Consistency of Means and End

T-20.VII.1. We have said much about discrepancies of means and end, and how **means and ends** must be brought in line before your holy relationship can bring you only joy. 2 But we have also said the means to meet the Holy Spirit's goal will come from the same Source, **God's love for His Son**, as does **the Holy Spirit's purpose come from the Father**. 3 Being so simple and direct, this course has nothing in it that is not consistent. 4 The seeming inconsistencies, or parts you find more difficult than **other parts**, are merely indications of areas where means and end are still discrepant. 5 And this **discrepancy between means and ends** produces great discomfort. 6 This **discomfort produced by the discrepancy between means and ends** need not be. 7 This course requires almost nothing of you. 8 It is impossible to imagine one **course** that asks so little, or **one course that** could offer more.

Note # 55: The course is simple because all it asks is that we accept the truth and give up illusions. It does not require us to change our true essence, but rather to remove the veils we have placed to hide our true reality, which is only love. If there is discomfort, it is due to the fact that we still value some parts of the egoic thought system. It may be that we claim to want only love, but we demand that "love" be a certain "special" way. We believe that we have a better plan for salvation than God's plan. This is the ego talking, not the Holy Spirit. It is our need to be right rather than be happy. The need to save or to change someone is part of the ego's plan to make the separation appear real.

T-20.VII.2. The period of discomfort that follows the sudden change in a relationship from sin to holiness may now be almost over. 2 To the extent you still experience **this period of discomfort that follows the sudden change in a relationship from sin to holiness**, you are refusing to leave the means to **the Holy Spirit**, Who changed the purpose of the relationship. 3 You recognize you want the **Holy Spirit's** goal. 4 Are you not also

willing to accept the means **to the Holy Spirit's goal**? 5 If you are not **willing to accept the means to the Holy Spirit's goal**, let us admit that <you> are inconsistent. 6 A purpose is attained by means, and if you want a purpose you must be willing to want the means as well. p439 7 How can one be sincere and say, "I want this above all else, and yet I do not want to learn the means to get it?"

Note # 56: We must not impose our own judgments on what are appropriate means to achieve the goals of the Holy Spirit. If we accept that our goal is the reawakening of the Sonship, we need to accept the experience, the means that appear in our life. We cannot pick and choose when we will be a conduit for love and forgiveness and when we will withhold it. It is not our decision as to what form the means must appear under. It is not our decision to offer forgiveness to one person but not to another. The illusion that we are a body is always the same. The form may differ, but the content is always the same. The content is always asking, "Will I teach fear or love?" We are not the arbitrators of God's Plan for Salvation. Every moment is the perfect moment for us to choose for love and to teach only love. All moments should be given to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If the goal is the healing of our split-mind, no moments should be given over to the plan of the egoic thought system.

T-20.VII.3. To obtain the goal the Holy Spirit indeed asks little. 2 **The Holy Spirit** asks no more to give the means as well **as the goal**. 3 The means are second to the goal. 4 And when you hesitate, it is because the purpose, **which is the goal**, frightens you, and not the means. 5 Remember this, **you are never frightened by the means but rather only frightened by the goal, if you forget this** you will make the error of believing the means are difficult. 6 Yet how can **means** be difficult if **means** are merely given you? 7 **Means** guarantee the goal, and **means** are perfectly in line with **the goal**. 8 Before we look at **means** a little closer, remember that if you think **means** are impossible, your wanting of the purpose has been shaken. 9 For if a goal is possible to reach, the means to do so must be possible as well.

Note # 57: We are always at the perfect place and moment in time. We are each on the journey of God's plan for His Child reawakening to knowledge and truth. To the traveler, it may appear that we may be going backwards, yet every step is needed to arrive at the goal. If the goal is to climb a mountain, we may traverse a series of switchback trails. It may appear that we are actually losing altitude along the trip. Yet, each step was ultimately in line with the goal of climbing the mountain. Without the last step, we would not be able to make the next step. ACIM warns the student not to judge his journey or his path with another. Each person is on his or her own perfect path. The Holy Spirit knows all paths will eventually lead to the top of the mountain. Only the ego needs to tell someone else that his or her path is wrong and that only the ego's path is the correct one.

T-20.VII.4. It <is> impossible to see your brother as sinless and yet to look upon **your brother** as a body. 2 Is **seeing your brother as sinless** not perfectly consistent with the goal of holiness? 3 For holiness is merely the result of letting the effects of sin be lifted, so what was always true is recognized. 4 To see a sinless body is impossible, for holiness is positive and the body is merely neutral. 5 **The body** is not sinful, but neither is **the body** sinless. 6 As nothing, which **the body** is, the body cannot meaningfully be invested with attributes of Christ or of the ego. 7 Either **the attributing to the body attributes that**

could only belong to the Christ or the ego must be an error, for both would place the attributes where they cannot be, **which is the body**. 8 And both **errors** must be undone for purposes of truth.

Note # 58: We are mind. We are not the body. The body is only a neutral communication device. It only follows what the mind would have it do. To place any other value on the body is to give the body powers that it does not possess. The mind, not the body, is the place where correction of “stinking thinking” must occur.

T-20.VII.5. The body *<is>* the means by which the ego tries to make the unholy relationship seem real. 2 The unholy instant *<is>* the time of bodies. 3 But the **ego’s** *<purpose>* here **in the world of flesh born of perception** is sin. 4 **Sin** cannot be attained but in illusion, and so the illusion of a brother as a body is quite in keeping with the purpose of unholiness, **which is sin**. 5 Because of this consistency **of egoic thinking**, the means, **which claim we are a body**, remain unquestioned while the end, **which is that we are sinners**, is cherished. 6 Seeing adapts to wish, for sight is always secondary to desire. 7 And if you see the body, you have chosen judgment and not vision. 8 For vision, like relationships, has no order **of difficulties**. 9 You either see or not.

Note # 59: The sin that the ego would have us make is arrogance. Being a body proves that we have usurp the power of God. We claim that we are little and not made in God’s image. The limitations we place upon the Big “S” Self are egoic arrogance. It claims you could be other than as God created you. This “sin” can only be illusionary.

Seeing utilizes projection. Projection allows us to see only what we want to see. What we want to see is the confirmation of our prejudged thoughts that we have projected into the universe. The physical senses are thought confirming devices. The eyes only verify our prejudged images. Vision, on the other hand, looks pass all judgments and observe only content. Is the content an expression of love or a cry for love? Vision bypasses form and observes truth. Seeing and vision are mutually exclusive.

T-20.VII.6. Who sees a brother's body has laid a judgment on him, and sees him not. 2 He, **who sees a brother's body**, does not really see **a brother** as sinful; he, **who sees a brother's body**, does not see **a brother** at all. 3 In the darkness of sin **a brother’s Big “S” Self** is invisible. 4 **A brother** can but be imagined in the darkness, and it is here **in the darkness** that the illusions you hold about **your “sinful” brother** are not held up to **your brother’s** reality, **which is the Christ**. 5 Here are illusions and reality kept separated. 6 Here are illusions never brought to truth, and always hidden from **truth**. 7 And here, in darkness, is your brother's reality **of unlimited Christ consciousness** imagined as a body, in unholy relationships with other bodies, serving the cause of sin an instant before he dies. p440

Note # 60: When we see a brother or ourselves as a body, we accept all the limitation that comes with that body form. We become a limited, separate ego-body in competition with other ego-bodies. To this illusionary body, the ego now has attached the illusion of sin. This illusionary veil of form now blocks the reality of unlimited spirit. True vision is blocked by what we call physical sight. The egoic physical senses were only made to allow us to function in the world of illusion as if the dream was real. The physical sense’s purpose is to deceive. They place value only on the worthless and see nothing of true value.

T-20.VII.7. There is indeed a difference between this vain imagining and vision. 2 The difference lies not in them, but in their purpose **of imagining and vision**. 3 Both **imagining and vision** are but means, each one appropriate to the end for which **imagining or vision** is employed. 4 Neither **imagining nor vision** can serve the purpose of the other, for each one is a *<choice>* of purpose, employed on its behalf. 5 Either **imagining or vision** is meaningless without the end for which **imagining or vision** was intended, nor is **imagining or vision** valued as a separate thing apart from the intention. 6 The means seem real because the goal is valued. 7 And judgment has no value unless the goal is sin.

Note # 61: The means always serves the purpose of the goal. The ego's goal is the confirmation that the separation was real. The image of you being a body is the means that "verify" that we are sinners and thus, separate from God. The goal of the Holy Spirit's thought system is to bring the Son of God back to the truth of whole-mindedness. Vision is utilized to look past the illusion that the physical body is the home of our essence. Instead, vision focuses on the reality of our Christ consciousness. The shared goal of both the Holy Spirit and the Christ is to reawaken the sleeping mind to the truth of the shared Oneness. Vision is the means utilized to achieve this goal of rejoining in the knowledge that we are that One Self.

T-20.VII.8. The body cannot be looked upon except through **egoic** judgment. 2 To see the body is the sign that you lack vision, and have denied the means the Holy Spirit offers you to serve **the Holy Spirit's** purpose. 3 How can a holy relationship achieve its **holy** purpose, **which is the return to truth**, through the means of sin? 4 Judgment you taught yourself; vision is learned from **the Holy Spirit**, Who would undo your **egoic teaching of judgment and sin**. 5 **The Holy Spirit's** vision cannot see the body because **the Holy Spirit** cannot look on sin. 6 And thus **the Holy Spirit's vision** leads you to reality. 7 Your holy brother, sight of whom is your release, is no illusion. **Your holy brother is the Christ**. 8 Attempt to see **your holy brother** not in darkness, for your imaginings about **your holy brother as being a body** will seem real there **in the darkness**. 9 You closed your **Christ's** eyes, to shut **your holy brother** out **from the truth of what he really is, the Christ**. 10 **The denial of truth** was your purpose, and while **the denial of truth's** purpose seems to have a meaning, the means for its attainment, **which is the belief that we are the body**, will be evaluated as worth the seeing, and so you will not see **with the Vision of Christ**.

Note # 62: As long as we value being special, we will value the belief that we are a separate ego-body. This desire for the separation will result in our mind choosing to continue to make an imaginary world of flesh that bears false witness to the reality of the illusion. Being a body is the means to make this illusion appear real. Seeing with the physical eyes is the means to confirm our desire for specialness. Sin, which is born from arrogance, can attach itself only to the body. In the insane mind of the dreamer, God's perfect Son now takes on the illusionary appearance of a fearful guilty sinful body.

T-20.VII.9. Your question should not be, "How can I see my brother without the body?" 2 Ask only, "Do I really wish to see him sinless?" 3 And as you ask **yourself "Do I really wish to see him sinless?"** forget not that his sinlessness is *<your>* escape from fear. 4 Salvation is the Holy Spirit's goal. 5 The means is vision. 6 For what the **egoic** seeing looks

upon *<is>* **really** sinless. 7 No one who loves can judge, and what he **who loves and does not judge** sees, is free of condemnation. 8 And what he **who loves and does not judge** sees is **the truth**. He, **who loves and does not judge**, did not make **the truth**. For **the truth** was given him to see **with the eyes of Christ**, as was the vision that made his seeing possible.

Note # 63: In physical sight, we see the images that are the representations of the ego's prejudged thought projections. Thus, seeing is not unbiased observation. We are seeing only the images that the ego made. When the ego makes, it comes from the belief in limitation. Vision observes the truth of reality. Reality was created out of the extension of everything. Creation gives everything because it is everything. Creation is the truth of the Mind of God. In the world of perception, the Holy Spirit transforms the illusionary imagined forms that the ego has made and reinterprets these forms in light of the truth of what we truly are. Thus, the same event can and will be interpreted differently based on the goal or purpose that we assign it. If we wish to confirm our separateness, we will utilize egoic sight and see a body. If our goal is the return to truth and the reclaiming of our divine birthright, we will utilize the vision of the Holy Spirit's thought system and look upon the Christ in our brother. The call or desire for truth requires vision. The desire for illusion requires egoic seeing.

VIII. The Vision of Sinlessness

T-20.VIII.1. Vision will come to you at first in glimpses, but **the glimpses of vision** will be enough to show you what is given you who see your brother sinless. 2 Truth is restored to you through your desire **for vision**, as **truth** was lost to you through your desire for something else, **the seeing of the false**. 3 Open the holy place that you closed off by valuing the "something else **instead of truth**" and what was never lost, **the truth**, will quietly return. 4 **Truth** has been saved for you. p441 5 Vision would not be necessary had judgment not been made. 6 Desire now **judgment's** whole undoing, and **judgment's undoing** is done for you.

Note # 64: What we desire, we create or make. Thoughts become what we perceive and draw into our awareness. God has given us the power of creation. Our mind was designed to be a co-creating machine. Creation extends or shares everything with its creation out of love. Coming from love its creations are real. Making comes from fear and limitation that is based on our belief in our unholy relationship with our Creator. Coming from lack and fear, we choose not to co-create with God. We make only illusionary dreams that are not shared with the Mind of God. Creation requires sharing. When anyone creates, they share everything because they are everything. There is only the extension of the One Self.

T-20.VIII.2. Do you not want to know your own Identity? 2 Would you not happily exchange your doubts for certainty **about what you are**? 3 Would you not willingly be free of misery, and learn again of joy? 4 Your holy relationship offers all this to you. **The holy relationship provides you your identity, certainty and joy**. 5 As **the holy relationship** was given you, so will be **the holy relationship's** effects. 6 And as **the relationship's** holy purpose was not made by you **but rather by the Holy Spirit**, the means by which **the holy relationship's** happy end is yours is also not **made by** you. 7 Rejoice in what is yours but for the asking, and think not that you need make either means or end **to experience this holy relationship** 8 **All the means and the ends of the holy**

relationship is given you who would but see your brother sinless. 9 All this is given, waiting on your desire but to receive **the holy relationship**. 10 Vision is freely given to those who ask to see.

Note # 65: What we desire, we receive. Ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance and it will be given. But when we ask, we must be willing to accept the ends or goal, through the means that the Holy Spirit provides. We cannot ask to be free from guilt, and yet, also require that our brother remain guilty. This request lacks internal consistency with the truth. Such a request can only be incorrectly "answered" by the insane logic of the ego within the equally insane illusion. Only the ego claims that the truth is false and the false is true. Only the ego dares to claim that truth can be true on some days and false on others. Only the insane believe that they are the arbitrators of truth.

T-20.VIII.3. Your brother's sinlessness is given you in shining light, to look on with the Holy Spirit's vision and to rejoice in **your brother's sinlessness** along with **the Holy Spirit**. 2 For peace will come to all who ask for **vision** with real desire and sincerity of purpose, shared with the Holy Spirit and at one with **the Holy Spirit** on what salvation is. 3 Be willing, then, to see your brother sinless, that Christ may rise before your vision and give you joy. 4 And place no value on your brother's body, which holds **your brother** to illusions of what he is. 5 It is **your brother's** desire to see his sinlessness, as it is your **desire to see sinlessness**. 6 And bless the Son of God in your relationship, nor see in **your brother** what **your ego** has made of **your brother, which is sinfulness**.

Note # 66: Vision aligns with truth. Vision looks past egoic judgments and limitation and observes how the experience can be brought to bear witness for the truth. Thus, vision serves the thought system of the Holy Spirit by lifting us gently out from egoic consciousness. Christ Vision is similar to the Vision of the Holy Spirit.

T-20.VIII.4. The Holy Spirit guarantees that what God willed and gave you shall be yours. **Thus, God guarantees your perfect holiness and wholeness.** 2 This **return to your true Identity** is your purpose now, and the vision that makes **the return to truth** yours is ready to be given. 3 You have the vision that enables you to see the body not. **This is your Christ vision.** 4 And as you look upon your brother **through the vision of Christ**, you will see an altar to your Father, holy as Heaven, glowing with radiant purity and sparkling with the shining lilies **of innocence and forgiveness that you laid upon God's altar.** 5 What can you value more than this, **the truth of the Christ?** 6 Why do you think the body is a better home, a safer shelter for God's Son? 7 Why would you rather look on **the body** than on the truth? 8 How can the engine of destruction, **the egoic body**, be preferred, and chosen to replace the holy home the Holy Spirit offers, where **the Holy Spirit and the Father** will dwell with you, **which is the Christ?**

Note # 67: The true home of the Father, the Holy Spirit and us, the Sonship, is the Christ. This is the One Self. We remain the extension of the Oneness of the Mind of God. God is Cause, we are God's Effect and together we are that indivisible One Self. The ego would delude us into the belief that this Oneness has been split apart and that the now sinful son makes his home in the illusionary world of bodies.

T-20.VIII.5. The body is the sign of weakness, vulnerability and loss of power. 2 Can such a savior **as the body** help you? 3 Would you turn in your distress and need for help unto the helpless **body**? 4 Is the pitifully little **body** the perfect choice to call upon for strength? 5 Judgment will seem to make your savior, **your brother**, weak. 6 Yet it is *<you>* who need **your brother's** strength. 7 There is no problem, no event or situation, no perplexity that vision will not solve. 8 All is redeemed when looked upon with vision. 9 For this **vision** is not *<your>* sight, and brings with it the laws beloved of **the Holy Spirit**, Whose sight **this vision** is.p443

Note # 68: The body's eyes and physical senses deceive. They only confirm prejudged egoic images. Only Christ Vision looks past form to content. Without egoic judgment, the vision of Christ that the Holy Spirit shares with our Big "S" Self corrects our egoic misperceptions and returns us to correct perception. We can "see" the sinless Christ in our brother and thus, reawaken the Christ in us.

T-20.VIII.6. Everything looked upon with vision falls gently into place, according to the laws of **God** brought to it by **the Holy Spirit's** calm and certain sight. 2 The end for everything **the Holy Spirit** looks upon is always sure. 3 For **the end** will meet **the Holy Spirit's** purpose, seen in unadjusted form and suited perfectly to meet **the Holy Spirit's purpose**. 4 Destructiveness becomes benign, and sin is turned to blessing under **the Holy Spirit's** gentle gaze. 5 What can the body's eyes perceive, with power to correct? 6 **The body's** eyes adjust to sin, unable to overlook **sin** in any form and seeing **sin** everywhere, in everything. 7 Look through **the body's** eyes, and everything will stand condemned before you. 8 **Look through the body's eyes and** all that could save you, you will never see. 9 **Look through the body's eyes and** your holy relationship, the source of your salvation, will be deprived of meaning, and **your holy relationship's** most holy purpose bereft of means for **your holy relationship's** accomplishment.

Note # 69: The eyes of the body are the tools of the egoic thought system. They are used to "prove" that you are a limited ego-body in competition with other limited ego-bodies. They can only deceive. It is foolish to believe that the eyes for illusion will tell the truth. For eyes, like the body, are powerless. They can only do the bidding of their master, the egoic mind. When we ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we go outside the illusion and utilize the vision of Christ to look upon the truth that there is only a Oneness. The illusion is brought into alignment with the Holy Spirit's goal to return the Sonship to the truth. The illusion of separation is nothing but a bad dream that fades before the vision of the truth.

T-20.VIII.7. Judgment is but a toy, a whim, the senseless means to play the idle game of death in your imagination. 2 But vision sets all things right, bringing **all things** gently within the kindly sway of Heaven's laws. 3 What if you recognized this world of **flesh born from egoic perception** is an hallucination? 4 What if you really understood you made **this world of flesh born from egoic perception** up? 5 What if you realized that those who seem to walk about in **this world of egoic perception**, to sin and die, attack and murder and destroy themselves, are wholly unreal? 6 Could you have faith in what you see, if you accepted this **was a hallucination**? 7 And would you see **the hallucination of this world of flesh born from egoic perception**?

Note # 70: ACIM asks the question, if you knew you were dreaming, would you mistake the dream for reality? Would you deny the truth so that you could pretend you actually lived in the dream? Would you attempt to choose to never reawaken to the truth that you are the Christ?

T-20.VIII.8. Hallucinations disappear when **hallucinations** are recognized for what they are. 2 This **recognition that hallucinations are not real** is the healing and the remedy. 3 Believe them not and **hallucinations are gone**. 4 And all you need to do is recognize that **<your egoic little “s” self>** did this. **You are the dreamer**. 5 Once you accept this simple fact **that you are the dreamer** and take unto yourself, **your Big “S” Self**, the power you gave **the dream**, you are released from **the hallucinations**. 6 One thing is sure; hallucinations serve a purpose, and when that purpose is no longer held **hallucinations** disappear. 7 Therefore, the question never is whether you want **hallucinations**, but always, do you want the purpose that **hallucinations** serve? 8 This world seems to hold out many purposes, each different and with different values. 9 Yet **the worlds of hallucinations’ purposes are all the same. The purpose of all hallucinations is the denial of the truth.** 10 Again there is no order; only a seeming hierarchy of values.

Note # 71: This entire world of perception was made to bear false witness to the reality of the separation. Although the correction of one illusion may appear to be more difficult than another, the solution is always the same. Look with Christ vision and the false illusion that was hiding reality fades away before the light of truth.

T-20.VIII.9. Only two purposes are possible. 2 And one **purpose** is sin **and** the other **purpose is holiness**. 3 Nothing is in between **sin and holiness**, and which **purpose** you choose determines what you see. 4 For what you see is merely how you elect to meet your goal’s **purpose**. 5 Hallucinations serve to meet the goal of madness. 6 **Hallucinations** are the means by which the outside world, projected from within, adjusts to sin and seems to witness to **the hallucinations’** reality. 7 It still is true that nothing is without. p443 8 Yet upon nothing are all projections made. 9 For it is the projection that gives the "nothing" all the meaning that **the projected hallucination** holds.

Note # 72: Although hallucinations have no reality, it is our mind that gives them life. By believing in a hallucination, we make it seem real to us. It is our mind that makes our dream world of provisional reality so real to us that it becomes our prison. It is the dreamer who alone can unlock the prison doors he created. Our mind becomes our own jailer in our imagined prison of limitation and separation.

T-20.VIII.10. What has no meaning cannot be perceived. 2 And meaning always looks within **your mind** to find itself, and *<then>* looks out. 3 All meaning that you give the world outside must thus reflect the sight you saw within **your mind**; or better, if you saw at all or merely judged against. **This “sight” will be based on your mind’s purpose.** 4 Vision is the means by which the Holy Spirit translates your nightmares into happy dreams; your wild hallucinations that show you all the fearful outcomes of imagined sin into the calm and reassuring sights with which **the Holy Spirit** would replace **the nightmares with happy dreams**. 5 These gentle sights and sounds are looked on happily, and heard with joy. 6 **The happy dreams are the Holy Spirit’s** substitutes for all the terrifying sights and screaming sounds the ego's purpose brought to your horrified awareness. 7 **The happy**

dreams step away from sin, reminding you that it is not reality which frightens you, and that the errors, which you **egoically** made, can be corrected.

Note # 73: The Holy Spirit corrects our egoic misperception into correct perception. This realigns the experience to the Holy Spirit's purpose, which is the Sonship's return to right-mindedness. The Holy Spirit tells us that God's Son cannot sin. Sin is impossible within the Mind of God. What we perceive as sin is only a mistake that needs correction. No punishment is required for we are sinless and guiltless. We need only choose again.

T-20.VIII.11. When you have looked on what seemed terrifying, and seen it change to sights of loveliness and peace; when you have looked on scenes of violence and death, and watched them change to quiet views of gardens under open skies, with clear, life-giving water running happily beside them in dancing brooks that never waste away; who need persuade you to accept the gift of vision? 2 And after vision, who is there who could refuse what must come after **vision**? 3 Think but an instant just on this; you can behold the holiness God gave His Son. 4 And never need you think that there is something else for you to see **but the holiness God gave His Son.** p444

Note # 74: The happy dream will draw us ever closer to the truth. When we have exchanged the egoic thought system for the Holy Spirit's, we will no longer desire the specialness of separation. We will only want to see God's Creation as God created It, perfect, whole and complete. God, the Father, will take the final step in the return of the Sonship from the world of perception back to the knowledge of Heaven.