

Chapter 29.

THE AWAKENING

I. The Closing of the Gap

T-29.I.1. There is no time, no place, no state where God is absent. 2 **And since God is never absent**, there is nothing to be feared. 3 There is no way in which a gap could be conceived of in the Wholeness that is **God**. 4 The compromise the least and littlest gap would represent in **God's** eternal love is quite impossible. 5 **For a gap in God's love** would mean **God's** Love could harbor just a hint of hate, **God's** gentleness turn sometimes to attack, and **God's** eternal patience sometimes fail. 6 All this do you believe, when you perceive a gap between your brother and yourself. 7 How could you trust **God**, then **if your ego perceives there is a gap in God's love?** 8 **For God** must be deceptive in His Love. 9 Be wary, then; let **God** not come too close, and **the ego tells you to** leave a gap between you and **God's** Love, through which you can escape if there be need for you to flee.

Note # 1: Since God is all there is, God cannot be separate from the Oneness of everything, which we share. The ego would have us believe that we are a body-form, not part of the unlimited Mind of God. Bodies cannot join. When we perceive ourselves to be a separate body, we claim that separation is real and that God must be apart from us. Minds cannot be hurt or attack, but egoic bodies can. The body becomes our safe haven that can be used to keep God's love out. The gap we perceive between our egoic mind and all that is "outside" of us protects us from joining. The ego fears minds joining with another since by minds joining, we would bring the end of our perceived separation and would no longer be special. God's love is perceived by the ego as treacherous since by joining our mind with God's presence our private identity would be lost. This loss of private identity is perceived as a threat to the ego's existence.

T-29.I.2. Here, **in this "protective" gap**, is the fear of God most plainly seen. 2 For love *<is>* treacherous to those who fear, since fear and hate can never be apart. 3 No one who hates but is afraid of love, and therefore must he be afraid of God, **Who is only love**. 4 Certain it is he knows not what love means. 5 He, **who does not know what love means**, fears to love and loves to hate, and so he, **who does not know what love means**, thinks that love is fearful; hate is love. 6 This is the consequence the little gap must bring to those who cherish **the gap**, and think that **this gap between joining** is their salvation and their hope.

Note # 2: God's love demands no sacrifice. The ego does not understand what love is. The ego fears the love of God, because the ego perceives God to be made in the same image of our small "s" self. Coming from lack, we believe both our brother and God will take what little we have. Our body was made to protect our small "s" self from being destroyed by these competing outside forces. This gap that we believe is between us provides an escape route whenever we attack or perceive that we are about to be attacked. This gap is seen as our protective safety net.

T-29.I.3. The fear of God! 2 The greatest obstacle that peace must flow across, **which is the egoic fear of God**, has not yet gone. 3 The rest **of the obstacles to peace** are past, but this one, **the fear of God**, still remains to block your path **to truth**, and make the way to light seem dark and fearful, perilous and bleak. 4 You had decided that your brother is your enemy. 5 **You had decided that your brother could** sometimes be a friend, perhaps,

provided that your separate interests made your friendship possible a little while. 6 But not without a gap perceived between you and **your brother**, lest **your brother** turn again into an enemy. 7 Let **your brother** come close to you, and you jumped back; as you approached, did **your brother** but instantly withdraw. 8 **Between you and your brother**, a cautious friendship, and limited in scope and carefully restricted in amount, became the treaty that you had made with him. 9 Thus you and your brother but shared a qualified entente, in which a clause of separation was a point you both agreed to keep intact. 10 And violating this **clause of separation** was thought to be a breach of treaty not to be allowed.

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Note # 3: Underlying all our special relationships is an unwritten agreement that both parties will remain separate and limited ego-bodies. The egoic special relationship is conditional upon each party getting their needs met. We only give to get. If either party feels they are no longer getting a “good deal” they can terminate the relationship. By seeing each other as a body, joining is impossible and thus, this unwritten agreement to remain separate is maintained. The egoic special relationship is a primary tool that maintains the belief that the separation is real. In the egoic special relationship, we remain not whole and complete. We must look outside ourselves for our happiness.

T-29.I.4. The gap between you and your brother is not one of space between two separate bodies. 2 And this **gap between you and your brother** but seems to be dividing off your separate minds. 3 **The gap between you and your brother** is the symbol of a promise made to meet when you prefer, and separate till you and **your brother** elect to meet again. 4 And then **when you elect to meet again**, your bodies seem to get in touch, and thereby signify a meeting place to join. 5 But always is it possible for you and him to go your separate ways. 6 Conditional upon the "right" to separate will you and **your brother** agree to meet from time to time, and keep apart in intervals of separation, which do protect you from the "sacrifice" of love. 7 The body saves you **from the "sacrifice" of love**, for **by utilizing the “right to separate” the body** gets away from total sacrifice and gives to you the time in which to build again your separate self, which you truly believe diminishes as you and your brother meet.

Note # 4: The ego understands that the joining of minds would lead to the “death” of specialness that it perceives as you. The agreement to the “right to remain separate” is the agreement that we continue to identify ourselves as a body, not as mind. Although minds can join, bodies cannot. By identifying ourselves as a body, the body becomes a limiting factor that prevents the two minds from becoming one. When we perceive ourselves as a body instead of spirit, both time and space are available to prevent the joining of minds that appear to occupy separate bodies.

T-29.I.5. The body could not separate your mind from your brother's unless you wanted **the body** to be a cause of separation and of distance seen between you and him. 2 Thus do you endow **the body** with a power that lies not within itself **but rather belongs to your mind**. 3 And herein lies **the body's** power over you. 4 For now you think that **the body** determines when your brother and you meet, and **you think that the body** limits your ability to make communion with your brother's mind. 5 And now **the body** tells you where to go and how to go there, what is feasible for you to undertake, and what you cannot do. 6 **The body** dictates what **the body's** health can tolerate, and what will tire **the**

body and make **the body** sick. 7 And **the body's** "inherent" weaknesses set up the limitations on what you would do, and keep your purpose limited and weak.

Note # 5: Your mind is the controller of the body. The body is the mind's servant. When we identify ourselves as the body, our mind abdicates its creative powers and gives its authority over to the body. When we accept the belief that we are a body, we must also accept the limitations that arise from the body. The body thus, becomes the symbol of egoic separation and limitation.

T-29.I.6. The body will accommodate to this **transfer of powers from the mind that believes itself to be separate and thus, limited**, if **your mind** would have it so. 2 **The body** will allow but limited indulgences in "love," with intervals of hatred in between. 3 And **the body** will take command of when to "love," and when to shrink more safely into fear. 4 **The body** will be sick because you do not know what loving means. 5 And so you must misuse each circumstance and everyone you meet, and see in them a purpose **that is not in alignment with your own egoic purpose**.

Note # 6: If we choose the thought system of the ego, we will forget that our mind is the power source for all we perceive. By abdicating our power of "sourceness", we identify with and become the "body." The "body-form" now appears to become the response center that interfaces with all the outside forces that control our perceived world. We accept the limitations that come with the body. Our mind is now thought to be the physical organ we call the brain. We no longer perceive ourselves to be unlimited spirit.

T-29.I.7. It is not love that asks a sacrifice. 2 But fear demands the sacrifice of love, for in love's presence fear cannot abide. 3 For hate to be maintained, love must be feared; and only **is love** sometimes present, sometimes **love is** gone. 4 Thus is love seen as treacherous, because **love** seems to come and go uncertainly, and offer no stability to you. 5 You do not see how limited and weak is your allegiance **to love**, and how frequently you have demanded that love go away, and leave you quietly alone in "peace." p607

Note # 7: Love cannot coexist with fear. As we switch back and forth between the thought system of the ego and the Holy Spirit's, we alternate between the emotions of love and fear. Believing that love requires sacrifice, love does appear to be frightening. Our fear of love arises out of our egoic misperception of what love is. Because we were created in God's image, which is love, our underlying belief is that to be happy we need to be loved. This is why the ego must constantly allow us to seek for love. Unfortunately for us, the motto of the ego is "Seek, but do not find." Thus, the ego has the body seeking for love everywhere within the illusion of separation. Within the egoic dream, love is as unstable as the illusion itself. For the ego, love must be earned and sacrifice is required. When the sacrifice becomes too much, we are overcome by fear and we leave the egoic special "love" relationship to preserve our identity. The ego never tells us that we are but a dreamer who has fallen into a deep sleep. We need merely to reawaken to our Big "S" Self and our egoic dream of fear will disappear.

T-29.I.8. The body, innocent of goals, is your excuse for variable **egoic** goals you hold, and force the body to maintain. 2 **Your egoic self does not fear the body's** weakness, but **your ego fears the body's** lack of strength <or> **lack of** weakness. 3 Would you know

that nothing stands between you and your brother? 4 Would you know there is no gap behind which you can hide? 5 There is a shock that comes to those who learn their savior, **who is your brother**, is their enemy no more. 6 There is a wariness that is aroused by learning that the body is not real. 7 And there are overtones of seeming fear around the happy message, "God is Love."

Note # 8: The ego fears that the mind will rediscover that the body is powerless. The body is neither strong nor weak because the body is not real. The body arose only out of the egoic split-minded and is the servant of the mind. If we realized that the dream body is powerless and cannot protect us, we would also realize the insanity of the egoic thought system. We would reclaim our decision-making powers and choose again.

T-29.I.9. Yet all that happens when the gap is gone is peace eternal. 2 Nothing more than **eternal peace**, and nothing less **than eternal peace**. 3 Without the fear of God, what could induce you to abandon **God**? 4 What toys or trinkets in the gap could serve to hold you back an instant from **God's Love**? 5 Would you allow the body to say "no" to Heaven's calling, were you not afraid to find a loss of **the egoic little "s" self** in finding God? 6 Yet can your self be lost by **the truth** being found **of what you really are, your Big "S" Self**?

Note # 9: When we drop our identification with the egoic thought system, we drop the belief that we are the body. We rediscover our true identity. As our Big "S" Self, the Christ, we find that we are the host to God, the Father. The Christ is the abode not only of our true Self, the Sonship, but also the home of the Father and the Holy Spirit. The Christ is the embodiment of the One Self since there is nothing outside the Oneness of Everything. Christ is pure consciousness resting without fear in the reality that love is only real. To give up our nothingness in the illusion of egoic littleness is to give up nothing and gain everything. Only the insane would call this a sacrifice.

II. The Coming of the Guest

T-29.II.1. Why would you not perceive **the truth of your Big "S" Self and that there is no gap in God's Love** as release from suffering **and thus**, to learn that you are free? 2 Why would you not acclaim the truth instead of looking on **the truth** as an enemy? 3 Why does an easy path **of the truth**, so clearly marked **that the path** is impossible to lose the way, seem thorny, rough and far too difficult for you to follow? 4 Is it not because you see **the path of the truth** as the road to hell instead of looking on **the truth about what you are** as a simple way, without a sacrifice or any loss, to find yourself in Heaven and in God? 5 Until you realize you give up nothing **by accepting the truth**, until you understand there is no loss, you will have some regrets about the way that you have chosen **when you follow the path of the truth**. 6 And you will not see the many gains your choice **for the path of the truth** has offered you. 7 Yet though you do not see **the gains from your choice for following the truth, the gains** are there. 8 Their cause, **your acceptance of the truth** has been effected, and **the effects of your acceptance of the truth** must be present where **the cause for truth** has entered in.

Note # 10: Cause and effect go hand in hand. If they are not both present, the cause is not a cause and the effect is not an effect of each other. When we accept the truth of what we are, unlimited spirit, we must also gain the effect of being unlimited spirit. When we drop

our fear of God and what love is, we realize the presence of God within us and the gifts God's presence brings. Cause and effect always appear in unison.

T-29.II.2. You have accepted healing's cause, and so **its effect** must be **that** you are healed. 2 And being healed, the power to heal must also now be **your power**. 3 The miracle is not a separate thing that happens suddenly, as an effect without a cause. 4 Nor is **the miracle**, in itself, a cause. 5 But where **the miracle's** cause is must **the miracle's effect** be. 6 Now is **the miracle** caused, though **the miracle is** not as yet perceived. 7 And **the miracle's** effects are there, though **the miracle's effects are** not yet seen. 8 Look inward now, and you will not behold a reason for regret **that the miracle's effects are not yet seen**, but a cause indeed for glad rejoicing and for hope of peace. p608

Note # 11: If the cause for a miracle happens, the miracle's effect must be present even if the physical senses do not notice any change. When we truly ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, miracles happen. It is important that the requester does not lose faith if the result of the miracle is not apparent to him. In healing, if the healer/conduit loses faith and perceives that the healing has not taken place, the healer now becomes the one that requires a healing. Healing and the miracle take place at the level of mind, not at the illusionary physical level we call the body. The healing may also be apparent on the physical level but this is not required. The miracle's effect is manifested at the level of mind The miracle has been defined as a change in perception. It is merely a shift from the egoic thought system to the Holy Spirit's.

T-29.II.3. It has been hopeless to attempt to find the hope of peace upon a battleground. 2 It has been futile to demand escape from sin and pain of what was made to serve the function of retaining sin and pain, **which is the body and the world of form**. 3 For pain and sin are one illusion, as are hate and fear, attack and guilt but one **illusion**. 4 Where **the illusions** are causeless **the illusions'** effects are gone, and love must come wherever **the illusions** are not. 5 Why are you not rejoicing **when the effects of the illusions are gone?** 6 You are free of pain and sickness, misery and loss, and all effects of hatred and attack. 7 No more is pain your friend and guilt your god, and you should welcome the effects of love.

Note # 12: Cause and effect come in pairs. Fear's effect is hate. Pain is caused by sin. Guilt is the cause and the attack is guilt's effect. Without both cause and effect appearing, we can deduce the absence of the other. There is only fear and love. When fear and fear's effect, which is hate, is not present, love must be there. Fear and love are mutually exclusive.

T-29.II.4. Your Guest, **God, the Father**, *<has>* come. 2 You asked God to come, and **God** came. 3 You did not hear **God** enter, for you did not wholly welcome **God**. 4 And yet **God's** gifts came with **God**. 5 **God** has laid **His gifts** at your feet, and asks you now that you will look on **God's gifts** and take **God's gifts** for your own. 6 **God** needs your help in giving **God's gifts** to all who walk apart, believing they are separate and alone. 7 **Those who believe they are separate and alone** will be healed when you accept your gifts, because **God**, your Guest, will welcome everyone whose feet have touched the holy ground whereon you stand, and where **God's** gifts for **those who believe they are separate and alone** are laid.

Note # 13: When we show a little willingness for the acceptance of the truth, the remembrance of God will start to appear. Our Big “S” Self will start to reawaken. With the remembrance of God, we start to accept our divine inheritance. By accepting the gifts of our inheritance, these gifts are now ours to share with others. Only by sharing do we demonstrate what we have. We cannot give away what we do not possess. The Sonship is the Effect of God. By giving God’s gifts, we demonstrate that we have received God’s gift. We have accepted our divine inheritance that we are perfect, whole and complete. We proclaim that we are guiltless and sinless like Our Creator.

T-29.II.5. You do not see how much you now can give, because of everything you have received. 2 Yet **God** Who entered in but waits for you to come where you invited **God** to be, **which is the Christ consciousness**. 3 There is no other place **than the Christ consciousness** where **God** can find His host, nor where His host, **the Sonship**, can meet with **God**. 4 And nowhere else **God’s** gifts of peace and joy, and all the happiness **God’s** Presence brings, can be obtained. 5 For **peace and joy** are where **God** is Who brought them with Him, that **peace and joy** might be yours. 6 You cannot see your Guest, **God**, but you can see the gifts **God, your Guest, has** brought. 7 And when you look on **God’s gifts of peace and joy**, you will believe **God’s** Presence must be there. 8 For what you now can do could not be done without the love and grace **God’s** Presence holds.

Note # 14: Effects cannot be causeless. If we see the effects of love’s present, which is peace and joy, we can deduce that the cause, which is God, must also be present.

T-29.II.6. Such is the promise of the living God; His Son have life and every living thing be part of **His Son**, and nothing else have life. 2 What **your egoic small “s” selves** have given "life" is not alive, and **the body and the world of form** symbolizes but your wish to be alive apart from life, alive in death, with death perceived as life, and living, death. 3 Confusion follows on confusion here, for on confusion has this world **based on the belief in separation** been based, and there is nothing else **but confusion that this world of form** rests upon. 4 **The world of form’s** basis does not change, although **the world of form** seems to be in constant change. 5 Yet what is that **constant change** except the state confusion really means? 6 Stability to those who are confused is meaningless, and shift and change become the law on which they, who are confused, predicate their lives.

Note # 15: In our confusion of what we are, we made a world based on limitation. An illusion can never be stable because its foundation is based on fallacy. Since we identify ourselves as the dream, instead of the controller of the dream, we have adopted the belief that change is not only possible; it is the only thing that is inevitable. Hence the saying, “Only change is certain.” In the egoic world of perception, everything is the opposite of what it appears to be. Thus, love is hate and false is true.

T-29.II.7. The body does not change. 2 **The body** represents the larger dream that change is possible. p609 3 To change is to attain a state unlike the one in which you found yourself before. 4 There is no change in immortality, and Heaven knows **change** not. 5 Yet here on earth **the body** has a double purpose, for **the body** can be made to teach opposing things. 6 And **the body’s purposes** reflect the teacher who is teaching **about the body**. 7 The body can appear to change with time, with sickness or with health, and with events that

seem to alter **the body**. 8 Yet this **apparent bodily change** but means the mind remains unchanged in **the mind's** belief of what the purpose of the body is.

Note # 16: If we perceive ourselves changing with the body-form, we are still identifying ourselves as the body, not as unlimited spirit or mind. We are following the thought system of the ego which states the purpose of the body is to maintain and prove that the separation is real.

T-29.II.8. Sickness is a demand the body be a thing that **the body** is not. 2 **The body's** nothingness is guarantee that **the body** can <not> be sick. 3 In your demand that **the body** be more than this **nothingness** lies the idea of sickness. 4 For **the belief that the body is real** asks that God be less than all **God** really is. 5 What, then, becomes of you, for it is you of whom the sacrifice **to be less than what you are** is asked? 6 For **God** is told that part of **God** belongs to **God** no longer. 7 **God** must sacrifice your self, and in **God's** sacrifice are you made more and **God** is lessened by the loss of you. 8 And what is gone from **God** becomes your god, protecting you from being part of **God**.

Note # 17: Our split-minded small "s" self demands that we be special. It desires to be something other than the Oneness of God. The split-minded are under the delusion that they have separated from the oneness. Their egoic self denies the truth and hides in the dream world of form. The ego proclaims that we are now a limited ego-body. The ego, the body and the world of form all become idols that keeps us apart from the remembrance of God. All these idols are nothing but illusions that bear false witness against the truth.

T-29.II.9. The body that is asked to be a god will be attacked, because **the body's** nothingness has not been recognized. 2 And so **the body** seems to be a thing with power in itself. 3 As something, **the body** can be perceived and thought to feel and act, and hold you in **the body's** grasp as prisoner to itself. 4 And **the body** can fail to be what you demanded that **the body** be. 5 And you will hate **the body** for **the body's** littleness, unmindful that the failure does not lie in that **the body** is not more than **the body** should be, but only in your failure to perceive that **the body** is nothing. 6 Yet **the body's** nothingness is your salvation, from which you would flee.

Note # 18: We made the body to hide from God yet the body is not real. Our belief or identification that we are the body is the cause of the separation. Love allows all but love cannot change the truth. We can dream that we are not what we are but that does not change what we are. When we forgot to laugh at the idea that we were actually the body, we forgot that we were the dreamer of the dream of separation. In this state of forgetfulness, we became entrapped by our identification with our dream-body. We made the dream appear real to us. Now the nothingness of the dream has become our own "provisional reality" which appears true only within the mind of the dreamer. God and the truth remain unchanged.

T-29.II.10. As "something" is the body asked to be God's enemy, replacing what **God** is with littleness and limit and despair. 2 It is **God's** loss you celebrate when you behold the body as a thing you love, or look upon **the body** as a thing you hate. 3 For if **God** be the sum of everything, then what is not in **God** does not exist, and **God's** completion is **the body's** nothingness. 4 Your savior is not dead, nor does **your savior** dwell in the **body**

that was built as a temple unto death. 5 **Your savior** lives in God, and it is this **living in God** that makes him, **your brother**, savior unto you, and only **his living in God**. 6 **Your savior's** body's nothingness releases **your body** from sickness and from death. 7 For what is **your body** cannot be more or less than what is his **body**. p610

Note # 19: Our salvation lies in the recognition that our brother is not a body, but rather the unlimited spirit of the Living God. By realizing that the body is nothing, we understand that the body cannot be our home. We reawaken to the remembrance of God and what we truly are. We are the effect of God and God is only love.

III. God's Witnesses

T-29.III.1. Condemn your savior-**brother** not because **your brother** thinks he is a body. 2 For beyond **your savior-brother's** dreams is his reality. 3 But **your savior-brother** must learn he is a savior first, before **your savior-brother** can remember what he is, **which is the Effect of the Mind of God**. 4 And **your savior-brother** must save **you**, who would be saved. 5 On saving you depends **your savior-brother's** happiness. 6 For who is savior but the one who gives salvation? 7 Thus **your savior-brother** learns **salvation** must be his to give. 8 Unless **your savior-brother** gives **salvation**, **your savior-brother** will not know he has **salvation**, for giving is the proof of having. 9 Only those who think that God is lessened by their strength could fail to understand **that by giving you prove you have and that** this must be so. 10 For who could give unless he has, and who could lose by giving what must be increased thereby **by his giving?**

Note # 20: We share thoughts, not form. When a thought is shared with another, this thought is strengthened. Sharing an idea diminishes neither party. Form cannot be shared without diminishment. Minds, not bodies, share because minds are joined. By giving we prove we have. The Laws of God state that to give is to receive.

T-29.III.2. Think you the Father lost Himself when **the Father** created you? 2 Was **the Father** made weak because **the Father** shared His Love? 3 Was **the Father** made incomplete by your perfection? 4 Or are you the proof that **the Father** is perfect and complete? 5 Deny **the Father** not His witness, **which is the Sonship**, in the **egoic** dream **the split-minded** Son prefers to **the Sonship's** reality. 6 He must be savior from the **egoic** dream **the split-minded son** made, that **the split-minded son** be free of **the dream**. 7 **Your savior-brother** must see someone else as not a body, one with **your savior-brother** without the wall the world has built to keep apart all living things who know not that they live.

Note # 21: God is love and love is life. We live when we are aware that we are God's Effect and God is cause. When we deny what we are, we deny life. By acknowledging our brother as a spirit, not a body, our minds are joined. When we claim we are a body, we deny that we are God's Effect.

T-29.III.3. Within the dream of bodies and of death is yet one theme of truth; no more, perhaps, than just a tiny spark, a space of light created in the dark, where God still shines **abiding within the Christ consciousness**. 2 You cannot wake yourself. 3 Yet you can let yourself be wakened. 4 You can overlook your brother's dreams. 5 So perfectly can you forgive **your savior-brother** his illusions **your brother** becomes your savior from your

dreams. 6 And as you see **your savior-brother** shining in the space of light where God abides within the darkness, you will see that God Himself is where **your brother-savior's** body is. 7 Before this light the body disappears, as heavy shadows must give way to light. 8 The darkness cannot choose that **the darkness** remain **where there is this light**. 9 The coming of the light means **darkness** is gone. 10 In glory will you see your brother then, and understand what really fills the gap so long perceived as keeping you apart. 11 There, in **the gap's** place, God's witness has set forth the gentle way of kindness to God's Son. 12 Whom you forgive is given power to forgive you your illusions. 13 By your gift of freedom is **freedom** given unto you.

Note # 22: The vision of Christ looks past the illusion of the body and sees the light. The body serves as an egoic cloak to hide the light. Light is also the symbol for understanding that arises from following the thought system of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness lifts the veil or gap that appears to maintain the separation of two minds that were actually joined as one

T-29.III.4. Make way for love, which you did not create, but which you can extend. 2 **To make way for love so that love can be extended** on earth means, **to** forgive your brother, **so** that the darkness may be lifted from your **own** mind. 3 When light has come to **your brother** through your forgiveness, **your brother** will not forget his savior, **which is you, and** leaving **you** unsaved. 4 For it was in your face he saw the light that **your brother** would keep beside him, as **your savior-brother** walks through darkness to the everlasting light **with you**. p611

Note # 23: To give is to receive. By granting your brother his sinlessness, you receive this same gift. We cannot enter the light of truth alone. Truth is total. We cannot choose to deny the Sonship's divine birthright from one brother without denying it to ourselves. By granting our brother his freedom, we become his savior and he becomes our savior. Forgiveness is the cause and salvation is the effect. Without effect there is no cause.

T-29.III.5. How holy are you, that the Son of God can be your savior in the midst of **the egoic** dreams of desolation and disaster. 2 See how eagerly **your savior-brother** comes, and steps aside from heavy shadows that have hidden **your savior-brother**, and shines on you in gratitude and love. 3 **Your savior-brother** is himself, but not himself alone. 4 And as his Father lost not part of **your brother** in your creation, so the light in **your brother** is brighter still because you gave your light to **your brother**, to save **your brother** from the dark. 5 And now the light in you must be as bright as shines in **your brother**. 6 This is the spark that shines within the dream; that you can help **your brother** waken, and be sure **your brother's** waking eyes will rest on you. 7 And in **your brother's** glad salvation you are saved.

Note # 24: When we follow the thought system of the Holy Spirit, we are granted the vision of Christ. We look past the body and see the light of unlimited spirit. We perceive oneness not separation; the whole, not an isolated part. Forgiveness removes the misperceptions of the past and allows us to be in the <now>. Without past judgments, the body, which was made to hide the light of truth, fades away. During the Holy Instant, all judgment is suspended. We remember that we are spirit or mind. As mind, we are joined as one with our brother. By granting our brother his freedom from our own dream's misperception of his function, we receive the same from our brothers.

IV. Dream Roles

T-29.IV.1. Do you believe that truth can be but **in** some illusions? 2 **Illusions** are dreams <because> **illusions** are not true. 3 **All illusion is equal in its** lack of truth **and** becomes the basis for the miracle, which means that you have understood that dreams are dreams; and that escape **from dreams** depends, not on the dream, but only on awaking. 4 Could it be some dreams are kept, and others **dreams** wakened from? 5 The choice is not between which dreams to keep, but only if you want to live in dreams or to awaken from **dreams**. 6 Thus it is the miracle does not select some dreams to leave untouched by **the miracle's** beneficence. 7 You cannot dream some dreams and wake from some **dreams**, for you are either sleeping or awake. 8 And dreaming goes with only one of these.

Note # 25: Miracles call for the awakening from all dreams since an illusion is an illusion. All are equally false and thus, require the same correction, which is the return to truth. We cannot reawaken to the fact that we are the dreamer if we only wish to awaken from dreams that have lost their appeal to our senses. We can only be asleep or awake. There is no middle ground. Keep one illusion and you deny the truth of what you are.

T-29.IV.2. The dreams you think you like would hold you back as much as those **dreams** in which the fear is seen. 2 For every dream is but a dream of fear, no matter what the form **the dream** seems to take. 3 The fear is seen within, without, or both. 4 Or **fear** can be disguised in pleasant form. 5 But never is **fear** absent from the dream, for fear is the material of dreams, from which **dreams** all are made. 6 Their form **the fear takes within a dream** can change, but **the dream** cannot be made of something else **other than fear**. 7 The miracle were treacherous indeed if **the miracle** allowed you still to be afraid because you did not recognize the fear **that was hidden in the dream**. 8 You would not then be willing to awake **from the dream**, for which the miracle prepares the way.

Note # 26: If we do not realize that all egoic dreams are built around fear, we would not desire to awaken from them. We would actually fear the miracle since we would not wish to lose what we perceive as a benefit from the dream. A miracle that would take away our favorite dream would appear to require sacrifice on our part. Sacrifice is always fearful. If we desire to abandon or awaken from the egoic thought system, we must not withhold some illusionary experience from the Holy Spirit. Any part of the dream that we value, we will attempt to withhold from the Holy Spirit. Our withholding is our belief that we have private thoughts. This belief in private thoughts only supports the belief in separation, specialness and littleness. We cannot be “partially awake” and also reclaim our divine birthright.

T-29.IV.3. In simplest form, it can be said attack is a response to function unfulfilled as you perceive the function. 2 **The perceived unfilled function** can be in you or someone else, but where **the unfilled function** is perceived it will be there it is attacked. p612 3 Depression or assault must be the theme of every dream, for **depression or assault** are made of fear. 4 The thin disguise of pleasure and of joy in which **depression or assault** may be wrapped but slightly veils the heavy lump of fear that is **in depression or assault's very core**. 5 And it is this **fear** the miracle perceives, and not the **disguised wrappings of form** in which **the fear** is bound.

Note # 27: The Holy Spirit understands that fear is at the core of all egoic dreams. Thus, to the Holy Spirit, all egoic dreams are based on misperception, which requires correction. To be under the illusion that you, who have been given everything, can be content with limitation is madness. If we believe we are happy, it is only because we have failed to remember the truth of what we are. Underlying the dream of separation is the belief that we are in competition with other ego-bodies. We fear that someone or something will take what little we have. The egoic life we dream is one of struggle, pain and death interspersed with temporary moments of perceived joy. Even during the moments of joy, we fear the loss of joy since we know it is only temporary.

T-29.IV.4. When you are angry, is it not because someone has failed to fill the function you allotted him? 2 And does not **his failure to fill the function you allotted him** become the "reason" your attack **upon him** is justified? 3 The dreams you think you like are those **dreams** in which the functions you have given **the dreams** have been filled; the needs, which you ascribe to you, are met **by the dream**. 4 It does not matter if **the functions you have given the dream** be fulfilled or merely wanted. 5 It is the idea that they, **the functions you have given the dream**, exist from which the fears arise. **The dream's functions attest to your belief that you come from lack and are limited. You need something outside yourself to become perfect, whole and complete.** 6 Dreams are not wanted more or less. 7 **Dreams** are desired or not **desired**. 8 And each **dream** represents some function that you have assigned; some goal which an event, or body, or a thing *<should>* represent, and *<should>* achieve for you. 9 If **the dream** succeeds in **achieving the desired outcome**, you think you like the dream. 10 If **the dream** should fail in **achieving the desired outcome**, you think the dream is sad. 11 But whether **the dream** succeeds or fails is not **the dream's** core, but just the flimsy covering. **At the dreams core is fear.**

Note # 28: Anger is the result of someone or something not fulfilling the role we have given them. Based on our perceived needs, we assign roles to others that they must perform if we are to be happy. When they fail to meet our needs, we believe they have let us down and, therefore, they deserve punishment and attack. We fail to realize that we were the one that assigned their roles to them in the first place. Since we are coming from lack, we believe that we are the body and we have needs that only something outside ourselves can fulfill. Anger is fueled by our belief in lack and limitation. We are angry and attack whenever we perceive that the other actors in our dreams are not meeting our needs.

T-29.IV.5. How happy would your dreams become if you were not the one who gave the "proper" role to every figure which the dream contains. 2 No one can fail but your idea of him **as predetermined by your perceived "proper" role for him**, and there is no betrayal but of this **idea**. 3 The core of dreams the Holy Spirit gives is never one of fear. 4 The coverings **or form of the dream** may not appear to change, but what **the forms** mean has changed because **the forms** cover something else. 5 Perceptions are determined by their purpose, in that **the coverings or form** seem to be what they are for. 6 A shadow figure who attacks becomes a brother giving you a chance to help, if this becomes the function of the dream. 7 And dreams of sadness thus are turned to joy **by the Holy Spirit**.

Note # 29: When we ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the form or event that is taking place does not change. What does change is the interpretation of what the event

means and represents. It is this change in viewpoint or perception that the miracle represents. The Holy Spirit has changed the purpose or goal of the experience from egoic separation and fear, to one of forgiveness and joining. When we change the purpose, the same event is automatically perceived based on the new purpose that we desire. Our perception follows our goals and our goals follow our desire or wants.

T-29.IV.6. What is your brother for? 2 You do not know **what your brother is for**, because your function is obscure to you. 3 Do not ascribe a role to **your brother** that you imagine would bring happiness to you. 4 And do not try to hurt **your brother** when **your brother** fails to take the part that you assigned to him, in what you dream your life was meant to be. 5 **Your brother** asks for help in every dream **your brother** has, and you have help to give **your brother** if you see the function of the dream as **the Holy Spirit** perceives **the dream's** function. **The Holy Spirit** can utilize all dreams as means to serve the function given **the Holy Spirit, which is to return the Sonship to the remembrance of God and the truth.** 6 Because **the Holy Spirit** loves the dreamer, not the dream, each dream becomes an offering of love. 7 For at **the dream's** center is **the Holy Spirit's** Love for you, which lights whatever form **the dream** takes with love. p613

Note # 30: We do not know what we are and, therefore, cannot know what our purpose is. Since we are deluded about our true nature, we are in no position to correctly determine the function of our brother. We need to drop all our past egoic interpretations and judgments and realize we need help from someone who knows the truth. The guidance that we seek must come from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit knows that we are God's Effect. Arising from love, our purpose is the extension of love. The Holy Spirit reinterprets our egoic experiences with correct perception. Our dreams of fear and separation now are reinterpreted as calls for forgiveness, love and joining. The Holy Spirit will never do anything that would increase our fear. Instead, the Holy Spirit gently reawakens the dreamer to the fact that dreams have no effect on reality. God's Son remains sinless and guiltless; perfect, whole and complete. The Sonship remains safe in the Oneness that is the eternal reality of the Mind of God.

V. The Changeless Dwelling Place

T-29.V.1. There is a place in you where this whole **egoic** world has been forgotten; where no memory of sin and of illusion lingers still. 2 There is a place in you, **your Christ consciousness or Big "S" Self**, which time has left, and echoes of eternity are heard. 3 There is a resting place, **the Christ**, so still no sound except a hymn to Heaven rises up to gladden God the Father and the Son. 4 Where Both, **God the Father and the Son**, abide are They remembered, Both. 5 And where They, **God the Father and the Son**, are is Heaven and is peace.

Note # 31: There is only the Oneness of Everything. However, since we are coming from our belief in separation and duality, we must speak as if there are separate parts of this One Self. The Christ is the home of the Father, the Sonship and the Holy Spirit. As such, we could call It a symbol for the holographic Mind of God. The Christ is pure consciousness resting without fear knowing that only love is real. While we are under the illusion of the separation, we perceive our mind to be split into two parts, the egoic consciousness and the Christ consciousness. Where the truth of the Oneness is remembered, Mind is joined and we know the truth of Heaven. The Sonship is all God create, as God created It. The

Sonship is the extension of the Oneness that is the shared Mind of God. The Father is “First Cause” and the Sonship is God’s Effect. Together they complete the whole, are not separate and are indivisible

Note: In this section, “he” will be utilized often. This small lettered “h” “he” will represent the Sonship in various states of mind. It will be part of the Sonship fragmented into separate parts. It could range from a part of the Sonship’s egoic mind that has forgotten what it is to a part of the fragmented split-mind that remembers. I will attempt to use terms that hopefully will help make the passage more easily understood. In truth these terms are symbols for the Sonship that is in varying stages within the dream of separation.

T-29.V.2. Think not that **your egoic, little “s” self**, can change **God the Father and the Son’s** dwelling place. 2 For your Identity abides in **both God, the Father and the Son**, and where They are, forever must you be. 3 The changelessness of Heaven is in you, so deep within that nothing in this **egoic** world but passes by, unnoticed and unseen. 4 The still infinity of endless peace **of Heaven** surrounds you gently in **Heaven’s** soft embrace, so strong and quiet, tranquil in the might of its Creator, nothing can intrude upon the sacred Son of God within.

Note # 32: Even though we perceive ourselves to be caught in the dream of separation, our sleeping mind still rests in the Oneness of the reality of the truth, which is Heaven.

T-29.V.3. Here is the role the Holy Spirit gives to you who wait upon the Son of God. **Your role the Holy Spirit gives you would be to behold the fragmented Sonship wholly** waken and be glad. 2 **The fragmented Sonship that you perceive as a brother** is a part of you and you of him, because **your brother** is his Father's Son, and not for any **egoic** purpose **that your egoic little “s” self** may see in him. 3 Nothing is asked of you but to accept the changeless and eternal that abide in **your brother, which is the Christ**, for your Identity is there. 4 The peace in you can but be found in **your brother’s Big “S” Self**. 5 And every thought of love you offer **your brother** but brings you nearer to your waking to peace eternal and to endless joy.

Note # 33: Our role that is given to us by the Holy Spirit is to reawake our Christ vision. Utilizing true vision, we look past the body of a brother and behold the Christ that is the reality of the fragmented and dreaming Sonship.

T-29.V.4. This sacred Son of God is like yourself, **your Big “S” Self**; the mirror of his Father's Love for you, the soft reminder of his Father's Love by which **the Sonship** was created and which still abides in **your fragmented brother**, as **your Father’s Love** abides in you. 2 Be very still and hear God's Voice in **your brother**, and let **God’s Voice** tell you what **your brother’s** function is. 3 **God's Voice, the Holy Spirit**, was created that you might be whole, for only the complete can be a part of God's completion, which created you.

Note # 34: The Holy Spirit is the Voice for the remembrance of God. The Creator placed the Holy Spirit within us when the mad idea of separation first arose. The Holy Spirit is that part of Mind that bridges the gap between illusion and truth and insures that the split-

minded will reawaken to the truth of its united oneness with the Wholeness that is the Mind of God.

T-29.V.5. There is no gift the Father asks of you but that you see in all creation but the shining glory of **the Father's** gift to you, **which is the extension of God's Love.** 2 Behold **God's Son, God's** perfect gift, in whom his Father shines forever, and to whom is all creation given as **God's Son's** own. 3 Because **God's Son's** has **been given the perfect gift of Oneness** is **this same gift** given you, and where **God's gift** lies in **your brother** behold your peace. 4 The quiet that surrounds you dwells in **your brother** and from this quiet come the happy dreams in which your hands are joined in innocence. 5 These are not hands that grasp in dreams of pain. 6 **The hands of innocence** hold no sword, for they have left their hold on every vain illusion of the world. 7 And being empty **the hands of innocence** receive, instead, a brother's hand in which completion lies. p614

Note # 35: God's gift to the Sonship is that He shared and gave His Will to us. This sharing results in our will being the same as God's Will. God's Will is that all God's Effects, which is the Sonship, remains perfect, whole and complete. God created the Sonship as the Christ. Creation, which is extension, is God's gift to His Son. In creation God, which is all, give Himself to His creation, the Sonship. Thus, the Sonship is part of the Oneness of the whole. The Father is the cause. The Sonship is the Effect of God. Cause and Its Effect, together as One, complete God. For if God had no Effect, would God exist? This completion is the One Self.

T-29.V.6. If you but knew the glorious goal that lies beyond forgiveness, you would not keep hold on any thought, however light the touch of evil on **this thought** may appear to be. 2 For you would understand how great the cost of holding anything God did not give in minds that can direct the hand to bless, and lead God's Son unto his Father's house. 3 Would you not want to be a friend to him, **a brother of the Sonship that was** created by his Father as **his Father's** home? 4 If God esteems **your brother** worthy of **God,** Himself, would you attack **your brother** with the hands of hate? 5 Who would lay bloody hands on Heaven itself, and hope to find **Heaven's** peace? 6 Your brother thinks he holds the hand of death. 7 Believe **your brother's illusion of death** not. 8 But learn, instead, how blessed are you who can release **your brother from his dreams of death,** just by offering him **your forgiveness and your esteem as being worthy to be the Home of God.**

Note # 36: The Sonship is God's home because creation is God's Effect. Cause and effect always come together. When we grant our brother forgiveness from all dreams of separation, we both regain our divine inheritance. If God has determined that the Sonship is perfect, whole and complete, who are we to argue with God? God makes His home in the Christ, which is also the home of the Sonship, the Sonship's creations and the Holy Spirit.

T-29.V.7. A dream is given you in which **your brother** is your savior, not your enemy in hate. 2 A dream is given you in which you have forgiven **your brother** for all **your brother's** dreams of death; a **happy and forgiving** dream of hope you share with **your brother,** instead of dreaming evil separate dreams of hate. 3 Why does it seem so hard to share this **happy and forgiving** dream? 4 Because unless the Holy Spirit gives the dream its function, **the dream** was **egoically** made for hate, and will continue in death's services.

5 Each form **the egoic dream of separation** takes in some way calls for death. 6 And those who serve the lord of death have come to worship in a separated world **of egoic perception and each is armed** with his tiny spear and rusted sword, to keep his ancient promises to die.

Note # 37: All illusions are made from egoic consciousness out of fear. Only the Holy Spirit can change the purpose of the egoic dream of separation into a dream that has a new purpose, which is the return to truth. Change the purpose of the dream and our perception of the dream changes. The form of the dream does not change, but now we hear a cry for love instead of attack. By not participating in our brother's dream of separation, we give no reality to his illusion. His illusion has no effect on our mind and thus, the brother's dream has not been made real within our joint mind. Instead, our brother can choose to adapt our happy dream of forgiveness and joining. We can only experience one dream at a time. How we perceive the dream will be contingent on the purpose we give the experience. Love or fear, the choice is ours.

T-29.V.8. Such is the core of fear in every dream that has been kept apart from use by **the Holy Spirit**, Who sees a different function for an **egoic** dream. 2 When dreams are shared they lose the function of attack and separation, even though it was **originally** for **egoic attack and separation** that every dream was made. 3 Yet nothing in the world of dreams remains without the hope of change and betterment, for here **in dreams** is not where changelessness is found. 4 Let us be glad indeed that this is so **that dreams are changeable**, and seek not the eternal in this **dream world of egoic perception**. 5 Forgiving dreams are means to step aside from dreaming of a world outside yourself. 6 And **forgiving dreams are means to** leading finally beyond all dreams, unto the peace of everlasting life.

Note # 38: The happy and forgiving dream is not the final solution. Even in the happy dream, we have not returned home. We are still in a dream that more closely resembles the truth. But a dream is still a dream and to dream of heaven is not the same as being there. We have reached far up the ladder of truth and have reached the rung of correct perception. Yet perception is not knowledge. The Father, Himself, will take this final step in returning the fragmented Sonship to knowledge and the truth of Heaven. Heaven is not a place, but a state of mind or consciousness.

VI. Forgiveness and the End of Time

T-29.VI.1. How willing are you to forgive your brother? 2 How much do you desire peace instead of endless strife and misery and pain? 3 These questions **about forgiveness and the end of pain** are the same in different form. 4 Forgiveness is your peace, for herein lies the end of separation and the dream of danger and destruction, sin and death; of madness and of murder, grief and loss. p615 5 This is the "sacrifice" salvation asks, and gladly offers peace instead of **suffering, sin and death**.

Note # 39: We have the choice to choose to accept the truth that we are the unlimited spirit of the One Self or to deny the truth and claim we are a limited ego-body: one choice offers peace, the other suffering.

T-29.VI.2. Swear not to die, you holy Son of God! 2 You make a bargain that you cannot keep. 3 The Son of Life cannot be killed. 4 **The Son of Life** is immortal as his

Father. 5 What **the Son of God** is cannot be changed. 6 **The Son of God** is the only thing in all the universe that must be one. 7 What *<seems>* eternal all will have an end. **The eternal that is the One Self will never disappear.** 8 The stars will disappear, and night and day will be no more. 9 All things that come and go, the tides, the seasons and the lives of men; all things that change with time and bloom and fade will not return. 10 Where time has set an end is not where the eternal **of the Oneness** is. 11 God's Son can never change by what men made of **the Sonship**. 12 **God's Son** will be as he was and as **God's Son** is, for time appointed not **the Son of God's** destiny, nor set the hour of **the Son of God's** birth and death. **God's Will established the purpose and reality of God's Son.** 13 Forgiveness will not change **God's Son, who is guiltless. For in reality God's Son is not of time.** 14 Yet time waits upon forgiveness that the things of time may disappear because **the things of time** have no use.

Note # 40: Time is the measure of change. Since God's Son is an extension of the Will of God, the Sonship is eternally perfect and changeless. Only in the illusionary world of perception, born out of our belief that we could not know what we are, is change needed. Time is needed during the dream of separation, since this dream must be corrected or changed so that the split-minded can reawaken to the changeless truth of the One Self. The allowance for change is the purpose of time.

T-29.VI.3. Nothing survives its purpose. 2 If **something** be conceived to die, then die **that something** must unless it does not take this purpose **of death** as **that something's** own **purpose**. 3 Change is the only thing that can be made a blessing here **in the world of perception**, where purpose is not fixed, however changeless **something** appears to be. 4 Think not that you can set a goal unlike God's purpose for you, and establish **that egoic goal** as changeless and eternal. 5 You can give yourself a purpose that you do not have. 6 But you can not remove the power to change your mind, and see another purpose, **the one purpose given by God, which is truly** there.

Note # 41: Because we share God's Will, ultimately, we must freely choose the purpose God has given the Sonship. Our purpose is to be God's Effect. We are the extension of God and thus, our purpose is to extend only love. Being a Oneness of Everything, we cannot be happy with being less than what we are.

T-29.VI.4. Change is the greatest gift God gave to all that you would make eternal, to ensure that only Heaven would not pass away. 2 You were not born to die. 3 You cannot change, because your function has been fixed by God. **Your function is life, which is God's love. We fulfill our function when we extend only love.** 4 All other goals **are egoic and** are set in time and change that time might be preserved, excepting one **goal**. 5 Forgiveness does not aim at keeping time, but **forgiveness aims** at **time's** ending, when **time** has no use. 6 **When all other goal's** purpose ended, **time** is gone. 7 And where **the ego's goals or purpose** once held seeming sway is now restored the function God established for His Son in full awareness. 8 Time can set no end to **the fulfillment of the function God established for His Son.** Nor **can time set an end to the changelessness of the function God established for His Son.** 9 There is no death because the living share the function their Creator gave to **the living**. 10 Life's function cannot be to die. 11 **Life's function** must be life's extension, that **life** be as one forever and forever, without end.

Note # 42: We were created in God's image. As an extension of God, we are co-creators with the Father. Time insures that all our "illusionary miscreations" made from the belief in the separation will be corrected. Creation is extending or sharing the everything that we are. Creation is inclusive. Making comes from limitation and exclusion. Change, which is the function of time, allows for egoic misperceptions to be corrected by the Holy Spirit. Only love is real. All that the Sonship co-creates out of love is preserved in Heaven.

T-29.VI.5. This world of **perception** will bind your feet and tie your hands and kill your body only if you think that **this world of perception** was made to crucify God's Son. 2 For even though **this world of perception** was an **egoic** dream of death, you need not let **this world of perception** stand for **death** to you. p616 3 Let *<this egoic purpose>* be changed by **the Holy Spirit**, and nothing in the world but must be changed as well. 4 For nothing here **in this world of perception** but is defined as what you see **its purpose** for.

Note # 43: In the world of perception, what we experience is determined by what we want. If we change our thought system from the ego's to the Holy Spirit's, the purpose we give the world changes. What we perceive is determined by the goal or purpose we desire. This world of form can witness for either the separation and for union, which is the extension of love.

T-29.VI.6. How lovely is the world whose purpose is forgiveness of God's Son! 2 How free from fear, how filled with blessing and with happiness **is the world whose purpose is forgiveness of God's Son!** 3 And what a joyous thing it is to dwell a little while in such a happy place **as the world whose purpose is forgiveness of God's Son!** 4 Nor can **forgiveness of God's Son** be forgot, in such a world, it *<is>* a little while till timelessness comes quietly to take the place of time.

Note # 44: With forgiveness, we recognize the guiltlessness and sinlessness of God's Son. This is the returning of the Sonship to the remembrance of God. With the return of this remembrance, time, whose function is to allow for change, has fulfilled its role. In eternity, which is changeless, time is without purpose since there is no change to measure. Time is replaced by timelessness. God and the Sonship are changeless and eternal. They are the Oneness of the Mind of God, perfect, whole and complete.

VII. Seek Not Outside Yourself

T-29.VII.1. Seek not outside yourself. 2 For **if you seek outside yourself** you will fail, and you will weep each time an idol falls. 3 Heaven cannot be found where **Heaven** is not, and there can be no peace excepting there **in Heaven**. 4 Each idol that you worship when God calls will never answer in **God's** place. 5 There is no other answer you can substitute **for God's answer**, and find the happiness **God's** answer brings. 6 Seek not outside yourself. 7 For all your pain comes simply from a futile search for what you want, insisting where **what you want** must be found. 8 What if **what you want** is not there **outside of you?** 9 Do you prefer that you be right or happy? 10 Be you glad that you are told where happiness abides, **which is within you**, and seek no longer elsewhere. 11 You will fail **to find the happiness you seek outside yourself**. 12 But **what you want** is given you to know the truth, and not to seek for **what you want** outside yourself.

Note # 45: Being an extension of God, we are the Oneness of Everything. When we believe that there is something outside ourselves, we deny our Oneness with God. God cannot be limited by our denial of the truth. When God created us, He gave us everything because we are the extension of God. Being everything, we cannot be happy with littleness. The ego wants us to be special and different. We can only be different if we are outside the whole. To be outside the Oneness of Everything is impossible. Attempting to look outside of the Oneness can only lead to fear and loneliness. Our happiness can never be founded in the false and changeable.

T-29.VII.2. No one who comes here **to the egoic world of perception**, but must still have hope, some lingering illusion, or some dream that there is something outside of himself that will bring happiness and peace to **himself**. 2 If everything is in him this cannot be so. 3 And therefore by his coming **into the egoic world of perception**, he denies the truth about himself **that he has been given everything**, and seeks for something more than everything, as if a part of **everything** were separated off and found where all the rest of **everything** is not. 4 This **seeking outside himself for something more than everything** is the purpose he bestows upon the body; that **the body** seek for what he lacks, and **the purpose of the body is to** give him what would make himself complete. 5 And thus he, **as the body**, wanders aimlessly about, in search of something that he cannot find, **which is something more than everything. And he continues wandering aimlessly about** believing that he is what he is not, **which is to be limited**.

Note # 46: We wanted to be special. We wanted to experience what it would be like to be separate and different from God. Not believing that we are the oneness of everything, we believe that there is something outside ourselves that could complete us. Unfortunately for us, denial of this truth, leads us on an impossible quest since we truly are already everything. This quest is to make the false, true and the true, false. The only place that this impossible quest could be attempted is in a fantasy world of make-believe. In this fantasy world, the ego tells us to seek, knowing we can never find. Happiness can never be found in the unstable dream world of fantasy. The world of perception was made as a place where the denial of truth would appear to be possible. In the world of perception, the Son of God can claim to be something other than what he was created to be. He can claim to not know his true nature. His denial, however, cannot change the truth.

T-29.VII.3. The lingering illusion **that there was something outside himself, which he lacked**, will impel **his egoic self** to seek out a thousand idols, and to seek beyond **these idols** for a thousand more. 2 And each **idol** will fail him, all excepting one **idol**; for he will die, and **he** does not understand the idol that he seeks *<is>* but his death. 3 **The idol's** form appears to be outside himself. 4 Yet does he seek to kill God's Son within, and prove that he is victor over **God's Son**. p617 5 This **seeking to kill God's Son** is the purpose every idol has, for this the role that is assigned to **the idol**, and this **role of killing God's Son** is the role that cannot be fulfilled.

Note # 47: To kill God's Son requires that the ego prove that we are not as God created us. If we are different, we are no longer the Effect of God and thus, are either self-created or have usurped God's authority and Will. To be something other than as we were created would be to change God. It is impossible that an effect can change its cause. Extension is the creative process. Like begets like. God's greatest gift to the Sonship is that His creation

shares the same will as God, Himself. This sharing of one will allows us to be an extension of our source. God's Will is that we are one with the Mind of God and as such, we remain like God. We remain the Oneness of Everything, always perfect, whole and complete.

T-29.VII.4. Whenever you attempt to reach a goal in which the body's betterment is cast as major beneficiary, you try to bring about your death **as your Big "S" Self, the Christ**. 2 For you believe that you can suffer lack, and lack *<is>* death. 3 To sacrifice is to give up, and thus to be without and to have suffered loss. 4 And by this giving up **of your Big "S" Self** is life renounced. 5 Seek not outside yourself. 6 The search **outside yourself** implies you are not whole within and **that you** fear to look **within** upon **what you believe to be your own internal devastation and lack**. But, **the search outside yourself implies that you** prefer to seek outside yourself for what you are.

Note # 48: Sin is defined as belief in lack. According to the thought system of the ego, we lack something and, therefore, must have sinned. The ego tells us that we are not perfect, not whole and very incomplete. Believing that we are a limited body, we seek to fulfill our need to be made whole by something outside ourselves that would make us complete and happy. We seek an idol to do this. An idol is an egoic wish that has been given form and then perceived as real and seen outside our mind. The idol is any false belief that something outside ourselves can complete us. In this world, we have many idols. Money, power, sex, fame and health are some broader categories of our worldly egoic idols.

T-29.VII.5. Idols must fall *<because>* **idols** have no life, and what is lifeless is a sign of death. 2 You came **here to the egoic world of form and perception** to die, and what would you expect but to perceive the signs of death you seek? 3 No sadness and no suffering proclaim a message other than an idol found that represents a parody of life which, in **the idol's** lifelessness, is really death, conceived as real and given living form. 4 Yet each **idol** must fail and crumble and decay, because a form of death cannot be life, and what is sacrificed cannot be whole.

Note # 49: The egoic thought system represents the opposite of truth. As such, the illusionary world of perception is the dreaming of an alternate reality. God is love and love is life. The ego does not know what love is. The ego mistakes hate for love and death for life. The world of perception was made to be a place to hide from the truth that we are already whole. To the ego, we only give to get. Idols demand that we offer sacrifices to them if we are to be blessed in return. Yet this giving demands loss, which insures we remain incomplete. This embodies the ego's motto of "seek yet, do not find."

T-29.VII.6. All idols of this world were made to keep the truth within from being known to you, and to maintain allegiance to the dream that you must find what is outside yourself to be complete and happy. 2 It is vain to worship idols in the hope of peace. 3 God dwells within **you, the Christ**, and your completion lies in **God**. 4 No idol takes **God's** place. 5 Look not to idols. 6 Do not seek outside yourself.

Note # 50: Our salvation and happiness rest on our acceptance of our divine birthright. God is Cause and we are God's Effect. Cause and Effect are forever joined as one.

T-29.VII.7. Let us forget the purpose of the world the **egoic** past has given **this world of perception**. 2 For otherwise **unless we forget the past**, the future will be like the past, and but a series of depressing dreams, in which all idols fail you, one by one, and you see death and disappointment everywhere.

Note # 51: The ego's focus is on the past in order to avoid the <now>. By utilizing past judgments and misperception, the ego insures that we will constantly replay the past and thus, create the same future. The past is based on the belief that the separation is real. Without the past, we would have no frame of reference upon which to base our judgments. Without judgment, we would be in the <now>. The ego's goal is to insure that we never rediscover our decision-making ability that has always resided within us. Only in the <now> can we decide to choose again.

T-29.VII.8. To change all **these depressing dreams of death and disappointment** and **to** open up a road of hope and of release in what appeared to be an endless circle of despair, you need but to decide you do not know the purpose of the world. 2 You give **this world of perception** goals it does not have, and thus do you decide what **this world** is for. 3 You try to see in **this world** a place of idols found outside yourself, with **these idols having** power to make complete what is within **you** by splitting what you are between the two, **your egoic self and your world of idols**. 4 You choose your dreams, for **your dreams** are what you wish, perceived as if **the dream** had been given you **by something outside your own mind**. 5 Your idols do what you would have **your idols** do, and have the power you ascribe to **your idols**. 6 And you pursue **your idols** vainly in the dream, because you want **your idols'** power as your own **power**.

Note # 52: Idols have no purpose and power of their own. They derive all the power and purpose from a mind that sees himself as limited and lacking something. The split-mind takes a whole and claims that only part of the whole, the little "s" self, belongs to him. The rest of the whole appears to be split-off and separate from the little "s" self. To regain happiness and the peace of God, the Holy Spirit must reawaken the split-minded to the reality that they are the whole and that dreams cannot change their spiritual essence.

T-29.VII.9. Yet where are dreams but in a mind asleep? 2 And can a dream succeed in making real the picture **the dream** projects outside itself? p618 3 Save time, my brother; learn what time is for, **which is the forgiveness of God's Son**. 4 **Save time, my brother;** and speed the end of idols in a world made sad and sick by seeing idols there **in your dreaming mind**. 5 Your holy mind is altar unto God, and where **God** is no idols can abide. 6 The fear of God is but the fear of loss of idols. 7 The fear of God is not the fear of loss of your **true reality, your Big "S" Self**. 8 But **your egoic dream has** made of your reality an idol, which you must protect against the light of truth. 9 And all the world becomes the means by which this idol can be saved **from the light of truth**. 10 Salvation, **the reawakening from the dream to the truth**, thus appears to threaten life and offer death.

Note # 53: Because we have identified ourselves with the dream, we believe we are a limited ego-body. We fail to realize that we are the dreamer and that by reawakening, we can end the dream of separation. When we forgot to laugh at the mad idea that we could be outside the One Self, we made the dream fearful and perceived it as real. Doubt and uncertainty were born and knowledge was lost.

T-29.VII.10. It is not so **that salvation threatens life and offers death.** 2 Salvation seeks to prove there is no death, and only life exists. 3 The sacrifice of death is nothing lost. 4 An idol cannot take the place of God. 5 Let **the Holy Spirit** remind you of **God's** Love for you, and do not seek to drown **the Holy Spirit's** Voice in chants of deep despair to idols of yourself. 6 Seek not outside your Father for your hope. 7 For hope of happiness is *<not>* despair.

Note # 54: Being a Oneness of Everything, we can never be happy in the dream of limitation and littleness. The remembrance of God as our Source is our salvation. By accepting the Atonement for ourselves, we accept the truth of our Oneness in the holographic Mind of God.

VIII. The Anti-Christ

T-29.VIII.1. What is an idol? 2 Do you think you know **what an idol is?** 3 For idols are unrecognized as such, and never seen for what **the idols** really are. 4 **This failure to recognize an idol for what they really are** is the only power that **idols** have. 5 **The idol's** purpose is obscure, and **the idols** are feared and worshipped, both, *<because>* you do not know what **the idols** are for, and why **the idols** have been made. 6 An idol is an image of your brother that you would value more than what **your brother truly** is. 7 Idols are made that **your brother's true value** may be replaced, no matter what **the idol's** form. 8 And it is this **replacement of your brother's true value** that never is perceived and recognized. 9 Be **the idol** a body or a thing, a place, a situation or a circumstance, an object owned or wanted, or a right demanded or achieved, **the idol** is the same **because all idols' purposes are the same, which is the replacement of you and your brother's true value as the One Son of God.**

Note # 55: The idol calls for the devaluing of your brother as our savior. It is our brother that represents the part of our mind that we have projected outside our split-mind. This gives us the illusion in the world of bodies that we are separate from our brother. Through the Holy Spirit's guidance, we rejoin as one mind with our brother and we are made whole again. Our brother, being not of the body, can only be correctly perceived with the vision of Christ. Idols, being nothing, have no power since they exist only within the insane mind of the dreamer.

T-29.VIII.2. Let not **the idol's** form deceive you. 2 Idols are but substitutes for your reality. 3 In some way, you believe **that idols** will complete your little **"s"** self. **Your little "s" self believes that idols are needed** for safety in a world perceived as dangerous, with forces massed against your confidence and peace of mind. 4 **Your little "s" self believes that idols** have the power to supply your lacks, and add the value that you do not have. 5 No one believes in idols who has not enslaved himself to littleness and loss. 6 And **he, who believes in littleness** thus, must seek beyond his little **"s"** self for strength to raise his head, and stand apart from all the misery the world reflects. 7 This is the penalty for looking not within **your mind, which is the Big "S" Self**, for certainty and quiet calm that liberates you from the **egoic** world of perception, and lets you stand apart, in quiet and in peace.

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Note # 56: Our ego perceives us to be limited and imperfect, not whole and complete. We believe there is something outside ourselves that will make us more than the everything that is God's creative gift of extension to His Effect. Idols are made to fill the lack that we perceive within us. Because we deny that we are the Oneness of Everything, we believe there is something more that we can get. We want to have more than the Everything God gave us. Egoically, we want to be a special, unique individual who is separate from God and our brother. Thus, we want to be different from our brother whom the Holy Spirit knows must also be the same Oneness of Everything. Because the One Self is all there is, the Oneness of Everything can be no more or no less. It remains eternally perfect, whole and complete.

T-29.VIII.3. An idol is a false impression, or a false belief; some form of anti-Christ, that constitutes a gap between the Christ and what you see. 2 An idol is a wish, made tangible and given form, and thus **an idol is** perceived as real and seen outside the mind. 3 Yet **an idol** is still a thought, and cannot leave the mind that is **an idol's** source. 4 Nor is **an idol's** form apart from the idea **an idol** represents. 5 All forms of anti-Christ, **which is an idol**, oppose the Christ. 6 And fall before **the Christ's** face like a dark veil that seems to shut you off from **the Christ**, alone in darkness. 7 Yet the light **of the Christ** is there. 8 A cloud does not put out the sun. 9 No more a veil can banish what **the veil** seems to separate, nor darken by one whit the light itself.

Note # 57: Idols can obscure the truth but they cannot change the truth. An idol is something we place between our split mind that hides the truth that we are the shared Oneness of All That Is.

T-29.VIII.4. This world of idols *<is>* a veil across the face of Christ, because **this world's** purpose is to separate your brother from yourself. 2 A dark and fearful purpose **is this desire to separate your brother from yourself**, yet **it is** a thought without the power to change one blade of grass from something living to a sign of death. 3 **The form of this desire to separate your brother from yourself** is nowhere, for its source abides within your **egoic** mind where God abideth not. 4 Where is this place **of egoic separation** where what is everywhere has been excluded and been kept apart? 5 What hand could be held up to block God's way? 6 Whose voice could make demand **that God** enter not? 7 The **idea of a "more-than-everything"**, **which the idol represents**, is not a thing to make you tremble and to quail in fear. **There cannot exist a "more-than-everything."** 8 Christ's enemy is nowhere. 9 A **"more-than-everything"** can take no form in which a **"more-than-everything"** ever will be real.

Note # 58: There can never be a "more-than-everything." It is a contradiction of the definition of the word "everything". The only place that a "more-than-everything" could appear real is within an insane mind that believes such a dream is real.

T-29.VIII.5. What is an idol? 2 Nothing! 3 **An idol** must be believed before **an idol** seems to come to life, and **is** given power **so that the idol** may be feared. 4 **An idol's** life and power are **the believer's gift that the believer gives to the idol**. And this **abdication of power by the believer** is what the miracle restores to what *<has>* life and power worthy of the gift of Heaven and eternal peace. **It is the Christ conscious Son of God that has life and power worthy of the gift of Heaven and eternal peace.** 5 The miracle does not

restore the truth, the light the veil between has not put out. 6 **The miracle** merely lifts the veil, and lets the truth shine unencumbered, being what **the truth** is. 7 **Truth of Christ** does not need belief to be itself, for **truth of Christ** has been created; so **truth** <is.>

Note # 59: We are the perfect, whole and complete extension of the holographic Mind of God. The Oneness remains indivisible. The denial of the truth cannot change the truth. Truth just <is> and there is nothing the ego can do to change the reality of God's Son.

T-29.VIII.6. An idol is established by belief, and when **the belief in the idol** is withdrawn the idol "dies." 2 This **belief in idols** is the anti-Christ; the strange idea there is a power past omnipotence, a place beyond the infinite, a time transcending the eternal. 3 Here **due to the belief that there could be a "more than everything;"** the world of idols has been set up by **this idea. From this idea, the idols are given** this power and place and time **and the world of idols** are given form, and shape the world of **perception** where the impossible has happened. 4 Here **in the idol's world of form and perception,** the deathless come to die, the all-encompassing to suffer loss, the timeless to be made the slaves of time. 5 Here **in the idol's world of form and perception,** does the changeless change; the peace of God, forever given to all living things, give way to chaos. 6 And **here in the idol's world of form and perception,** the Son of God, as perfect, sinless and as loving as his Father, come to hate a little while; to suffer pain and finally to die. p620

Note # 60: In the idol's world of form and perception, we have forgotten to laugh. We have taken the mad idea that there could be something more than a Oneness of Everything and made it appear real. The dreamer has identified with the dream and thus, the dream becomes the provisional reality within the mind of the perceiver-dreamer. We have birthed the belief in separation.

T-29.VIII.7. Where is an idol? 2 Nowhere! **An idol can only appear real in an insane mind, yet in truth the idol remains unreal.** 3 Can there be a gap in what is infinite? **Can there be** a place where time can interrupt eternity? 4 **There can be** a place of darkness set where all is light, a dismal alcove separated off from what is endless. **Such a place** <has> no place to be **and, therefore, is nothing and is not real.** 5 An idol is beyond where God has set all things forever, and has left no room for anything to be except **God's Will.** 6 Nothing and nowhere must an idol be, while God is everything and everywhere.

Note # 61: There is nothing beyond the Oneness of Everything. There is only the indivisible Mind of God that is the "All That Is".

T-29.VIII.8. What purpose has an idol, then? 2 What is **an idol** for? 3 This **question of the idol's purpose** is the only question that has many answers, each depending on the one of whom the question has been asked. 4 The world believes in idols. 5 No one comes to **this world of form and perception** unless he worshipped **idols,** and still attempts to seek for one **idol** that yet might offer him a gift reality does not contain. 6 Each worshipper of idols harbors hope his special deities **or idols** will give him more than **what** other men possess. 7 **In his egoic desire for specialness, an idol** must be more. 8 It does not really matter more of what; more beauty, more intelligence, more wealth, or even more affliction and more pain. 9 But more of something is **what** an idol is for. 10 And when one **idol** fails another takes **the fallen idol's** place, with hope of finding more of something else. 11 Be

not deceived by forms the "something" takes. 12 An idol is a means for getting more. 13 And it is this **impossible getting more than the everything of the Oneness** that is against God's Will.

Note # 62: Because we believe that we are separate, we believe that there is something outside the Oneness that we do not already possess. The idol is birthed from the delusionary belief that something outside the Oneness of Everything exists and that this something can make us special or different from what we are. God has already given everything to His creation. Creation is extension, which is holographic in nature. Each part is indivisible from the whole. If we could divide the indivisible, we would find that each part contains the whole. In the Oneness of Everything that is the One Self of the Mind of God, each part is the whole, and the whole is each part. If there is only the one, there can be no separation or specialness. They are mutually exclusive.

T-29.VIII.9. God has not many Sons, but only **One Son**. 2 Who can have more, and who be given less **if there is only One Son**? 3 In Heaven would the Son of God but laugh, if idols could intrude upon **the Son of God's** peace. 4 It is for him, **the Son of God that** the Holy Spirit speaks, and tells you idols have no purpose here. 5 For more than Heaven can you never have. 6 If Heaven is within, why would you seek for idols that would make of Heaven less, to give you more than God bestowed upon your brother and on you, as one with **God, Himself**? 7 God gave you all there is. 8 And to be sure you could not lose **the all God gave you**, did **God** also give the same **all of everything** to every living thing as well. 9 And thus is every living thing a part of you, as of **God, Himself**. 10 No idol can establish you as more than God. 11 But you will never be content with being less **than God**. p621

Note # 63: This paragraph once again reiterates the truth that there is just the indivisible Mind of God. This is a shared Oneness, holographic in nature. There is no separation. Cause and Effect are simultaneous. You cannot have cause without effect, nor effect without cause. We complete each other and thus, are One Self. I am God and so are you since there is only God.

IX. The Forgiving Dream

T-29.IX.1. The slave of idols is a willing slave. 2 For willing he, **the slave of idols**, must be to let himself bow down in worship to what has no life, and seek for power in the powerless **idol that his mind imagines to be real**. 3 What happened to the holy Son of God that this could be his wish; to let himself fall lower than the stones upon the ground, and look to idols that **are powerless and lifeless to raise him up**? 4 Hear, then, your story in the dream you made, and ask yourself if it be not the truth that you believe that **your story** is not a dream **but has become our reality**.

Note # 64: ACIM is about to explain the story of separation and ask us to realize that the story is only a dream and that we are the dreamer. We have identified so strongly with the dream of separation that we have forgotten what we are. We have forgotten that we are the dreamer.

T-29.IX.2. A dream of judgment came into the mind that God created perfect as Himself. 2 And in that dream **of judgment that came into the egoic mind of the Sonship**

was Heaven changed to hell, and God made enemy unto **God's Son**. 3 How can Gods Son awaken from the dream of **judgment**? 4 It is a dream of judgment. 5 So must he, **who believed himself separate from the Oneness**, judge not, and he will waken. 6 For the dream of **judgment** will seem to last while he is part of **the dream of judgment**. 7 Judge not, for he who judges will have need of idols, which will hold the judgment off from resting on himself, **who has judged**. 8 Nor can he **who has judged** know the **Big "S"** Self he has condemned. 9 Judge not, because you **who judged** make yourself a part of evil dreams, where idols are your "true" identity, and your salvation from the judgment laid in terror and in guilt upon yourself.

Note # 65: Idols are the belief in the false. An idol is a wish, made tangible and given form, which is then perceived as real and seen as outside the mind that is its source. Idols are an image of anything you have made to replace the reality of the Oneness that is the Mind of God. Seeing yourselves as limited, we make idols and endow them with make-believe powers that will protect our little "s" self from the outside world. Thus, we believe idols can make our littleness more bearable. The idol becomes the veil that protects the gap that we perceive between ourselves and others. The idols purpose is to separate you from your brother and hide the truth of the reality of the Oneness. Judgment gave raise to the world of perception. For without that belief that there is something outside the oneness, there can be no judgment. The belief in the separation and judgment go hand in hand.

T-29.IX.3. All figures in the dream of **judgment** are idols, made to save you from the dream. 2 Yet **all figures in the dream** are part of what they have been made to save you *<from>*, **which is your belief in separation and littleness**. 3 Thus does an idol keep the dream alive and terrible, for who could wish for **and idol** unless he were in terror and despair? 4 And **in this dream**, the idol represents **that terror and despair are real**, and so **idol** worship is the worship of despair and terror. And **idol worship is the worship of the dream** from which **terror, despair and idols** come from. **Idol worship makes the dream appear to be real**. 5 Judgment is an injustice to God's Son, and it *<is>* justice that **he** who judges will not escape the penalty he **who judges God's Son** laid upon himself within the dream he **who judges** has made. 6 God knows of justice, not of penalty. 7 But in the dream of judgment you attack and are condemned; and **in the dream of judgment** you wish to be the slave of idols, which are interposed between your judgment and the penalty **your judgment** brings.

Note # 66: To give is to receive. When we judge our brother as anything but the Christ, we condemn ourselves to that same judgment. The idol is seen as something that can deflect this judgment of littleness from ourselves thus, keeping us safe from punishment. Because we fear our own judgments of littleness, we need a protector. Unfortunately, if you believe you need a protector, you confirm that you are vulnerable and have something to fear. This need for in idol establishes an additional fear. What if the idol that you made to protect yourself, turns its power against you? Idols help maintain the underlying terror of the dream of separation, littleness and specialness.

T-29.IX.4. There can be no salvation in the dream as you are dreaming **the dream**. 2 For idols must be part of **the dream**, to save you from what you believe you have accomplished, and have done to make you sinful and put out the light within you. 3 Little

child, the light is there **but you must awake-up**. 4 You do but dream, and idols are the toys you dream you play with. 5 Who has need of toys but children? 6 **Children** pretend **toys** rule the world, and **children** give their toys the power to move about, and talk and think and feel and speak for **the child**. 7 Yet everything **the child's** toys appear to do is in the minds of those who play with **the toys**. 8 But **the children** are eager to forget that **the child** made up the dream in which **the child's** toys are real, nor recognize **the toy's** wishes are **the child's** own **wishes**. p622

Note # 67: Children's toys, like idols, derive all their power from the child's own mind. The child makes the rules that the toys must follow and often will change the rules when the child does not like the outcome. Although the child will tend to disappear within the game, it is always the child who controls both the toys and the game. We, the dreaming child, forgot this is only make-believe. Because of our forgetting the knowledge of what we are, the game now appears to be real and can terrorize the childlike dreamer.

T-29.IX.5. Nightmares are childish dreams. 2 The toys have turned against the child who thought he made **the toys** real. 3 Yet can a dream attack? 4 Or can a toy grow large and dangerous and fierce and wild? 5 This **belief that the toy is real and can attack**, the child **does** believe, because **the child** fears his thoughts and gives **his thoughts** to the toys instead. 6 And **the toys'** reality becomes his own **reality**, because **the toys' thoughts** seem to save him from his **own** thoughts. 7 Yet do **the toy's thoughts** keep **the child's** thoughts alive and real, but **now these thoughts are** seen outside himself, where **these thoughts** can turn against **the child** for his treachery to **these thoughts of judgment**. 8 **The child** thinks he needs **the toys** that he may escape his thoughts, because he thinks the thoughts are real. 9 And so **the child** makes of anything a toy, to make **this child's** world remain outside himself, and play that **the child** is but a part of **this toy world**.

Note # 68: When we identified ourselves as just a player within the game of separation, the game of separation was transformed. Instead of the game being a way to enjoy and experience our Oneness, the game became a matter of life and death. We judged that the unreal could threaten the real. Now, due to our own judgment, we had something to struggle against. The dream of separation was originally just a way to experience the fullness of the Oneness. The problem of sin and guilt arose, not from the dream, but from our taking the dream seriously. We forgot that we were the dreamer. We forgot to laugh at the tiny mad idea of separation from the Oneness that is God's Will.

T-29.IX.6. There is a time when childhood should be passed and gone forever. 2 Seek not to retain the toys of children. 3 Put all **the toys of children** away, for you have need of **the toys** no more. 4 The dream of judgment is a children's game, in which the child becomes the father, powerful, but with the little wisdom of a child. 5 **In the dream of judgment**, what hurts **the egoic little "s" self** is destroyed; what helps **the egoic little "s" self** is blessed. 6 Except **the egoic little "s" self** judges **what is destroyed and what is blessed** as does a child, who does not know what hurts and what will heal. 7 And bad things seem to happen **to the egoic little "s" self**, and he is afraid of all the chaos in a world **the egoic little "s" self** thinks is governed by the laws he made, **which are the laws of chaos**. 8 Yet is the real world unaffected by the **illusionary** world **the egoic little "s" self** thinks is real. 9 Nor have **the real world's** laws, **which are the Laws of God**, been changed because **the egoic little "s" self** does not understand **the Laws of God**.

Note # 69: Dreams have no effect on reality. Since dreams have no effect on reality, they are causeless and cannot result in sin, guilt and fear being made real. Only in the deluded mind of the dreamer does the dream appear to have any effect. Awaken the dreamer and the illusion disappears into the nothingness from which it arose.

T-29.IX.7. The real world still is but a dream. 2 Except the figures have been changed. 3 **The figures in the real world dream** are not seen as idols which betray. 4 **The real world dream** is a dream in which no one is used to substitute for something else, nor interposed between the thoughts the mind conceives and what **the mind** sees. 5 **In the real world dream**, no one is used for something he is not, for childish things **and idols** have all been put away. 6 And what was once a dream of judgment now has changed into a dream where all is joy, because that is the purpose that **the real world dream** has. 7 Only forgiving dreams can enter here, for time is almost over. 8 And the forms that enter in the dream are now perceived as brothers, not in judgment, but in love.

Note # 70: When we ask for guidance, the Holy Spirit will reinterpret our dreams of judgment into dreams of forgiveness. We will start to perceive ourselves as living in the happy dream. The happy dream is more tolerable but it is still a dream that is based on corrected perception. It is still a dream because perception is not knowledge. At the level of true perception, you are aware of all other beings as One with your Big “S” Self. You are still aware of time, space and bodies but recognize that these are only illusionary devices. You are aware that there is nothing outside of your Big “S” Self and that there is nothing outside any Self for there is only the One Self. Everything is experienced and understood in terms of peace, joy and harmony. True perception is the closest you can get to knowledge, which is found in state of timeless Heaven

T-29.IX.8. Forgiving dreams have little need to last. 2 **Forgiving dreams** are not made to separate the mind from what **the mind** thinks. 3 **Forgiving dreams** do not seek to prove the dream is being dreamed by someone else. 4 And in these **forgiving** dreams a melody is heard that everyone remembers, though he has not heard **the melody of Heaven** since before all time began. 5 Forgiveness, once complete, brings timelessness so close the song of Heaven can be heard, not with the ears, but with the holiness that never left the altar **for truth** that abides forever deep within the Son of God. p623 6 And when he hears this song **of Heaven** again, he knows he never heard **the song of Heaven** not. 7 And where is time, when dreams of judgment have been put away?

Note # 71: Judgment is based upon past experiences that we have judged to be outside ourselves. Without the past, we would have to be in the now. In the Holy Instant, all judgments are suspended and we are in the <now>. The dream of judgment birthed a world of time, space and bodies. Without judgment, time, space and bodies become irrelevant. Heaven is the “knowing” and the “being” the Oneness of the Mind of God.

T-29.IX.9. Whenever you feel fear in any form,—and you <are> fearful if you do not feel a deep content, a certainty of help, a calm assurance Heaven goes with you,—be sure you made an idol, and believe **the idol** will betray you. 2 For beneath your hope that **the idol** will save you lie the guilt and pain of self-betrayal and uncertainty, so deep and bitter that the dream of **judgment** cannot conceal completely all your sense of doom. 3 Your

self-betrayal must result in fear, for fear *<is>* judgment, leading surely to the frantic search for idols and for death.

Note # 72: ACIM provides a litmus test to determine if we are coming from fear or love. If we lack or have lost our inner peace, we are in fear. We need to stop thinking what we were thinking and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

T-29.IX.10. Forgiving dreams remind you that you live in safety and have not attacked yourself. 2 So do your childish terrors melt away, and **forgiving** dreams become a sign that you have made a new beginning. **Forgiving dreams become a sign that you have decided not to** try to worship **a different set of** idols and to keep attack. 3 Forgiving dreams are kind to everyone who figures in the dream. 4 And so **forgiving dreams** bring the dreamer full release from dreams of fear. 5 **The dreamer of forgiving dreams** does not fear his **own** judgment for he has judged no one, nor has **he** sought to be released through judgment from what judgment must impose. 6 And all the while **the dreamer of forgiving dreams** is remembering what he forgot, when judgment seemed to be the way to save him from **his own judgment's** penalty. p624

Note # 73: In forgiving dreams we realize that there is nothing to forgive since there are no victims. In forgiving dreams, everything that we thought had occurred to us is understood to be the projection from our own mind. Realizing that we are the dreamer, we know that illusions cannot harm our real Self. We allow and accepted our brother without judgment or attack. The Holy Spirit has brought our awareness back to a level where we now realize that giving is receiving since all minds are joined. The Voice for God is starting to be heard. The remembrance of God is rapidly approaching.