

Chapter 30. THE NEW BEGINNING

Introduction

T-30.in.1. The new beginning, **which is our desire for the forgiving dreams of love**, now becomes the focus of the curriculum. 2 The goal is clear **that you do not want the dreams of judgment**, but now you need specific methods for attaining **the forgiving dream**. 3 The speed by which **the new beginning** can be reached depends on this one thing alone; your willingness to practice every step. 4 Each **step towards the decision for loving and forgiving dreams of the new beginning** will help a little, every time **each step** is attempted. 5 And together will these steps lead you from dreams of judgment to forgiving dreams and out of pain and fear. 6 **The steps** are not new to you, but **the steps** are more ideas than rules of thought to you as yet. 7 So now we need to practice **the steps** awhile, until **the steps** are the rules by which you live. 8 We seek to make **the steps for choosing dreams of forgiveness** habits now, so you will have **the steps for choosing dreams of forgiveness** ready for whatever need.

Note # 1: ACIM is now about to provide the steps for choosing dreams of forgiveness over dreams of judgment. ACIM points out that the choice is ours to make and that we are finally ready to reclaim from the ego our decision-making ability. We can now decide if we will choose to teach love or fear. It is our decision.

I. Rules for Decision

T-30.I.1. Decisions are continuous. 2 You do not always know when you are making **decisions**. 3 But with a little practice with the **decisions** you recognize, a set **of steps** begins to form which sees you through the rest **of your decisions**. 4 It is not wise to let yourself become preoccupied with every step you take **in the decision making process**. 5 The proper set **of steps**, adopted consciously each time you wake, will put you well ahead. 6 And if you find resistance strong and dedication weak, you are not ready **to follow the steps to choose for forgiving dreams**. 7 *<Do not fight yourself.>* 8 But think about the kind of day you want, and tell yourself there is a way in which this very day can happen just like that. 9 Then try again to have the day you want.

Note # 2: Our day is the choice between the decision for love or fear, judgment or forgiveness, the thought system of the ego or the Holy Spirit. What type of day do we wish to call into our experience?

T-30.I.2. (1) The outlook starts with this:

2 Today I will make no decisions by myself.

3 This means that you are choosing not to be the judge of what to do. 4 But it must also mean you will not judge the situations where you will be called upon to make response. 5 For if you judge **the situations where you will be called upon to make response**, you have set the rules for how you should react to **the situations**. 6 And then another answer, cannot but produce confusion and uncertainty and fear. p625

Note # 3: If we have already predetermined what the correct response is based on our past egoic judgments, we will become confused and conflicted when we hear a different answer

coming from the Holy Spirit. This confusion and conflict would increase fear which the Holy Spirit is pledged not to do.

T-30.I.3. This **decision to first egoically decide by yourself** is your major problem now. 2 You still make up your mind, and *<then>* decide to ask what you should do. 3 And what you hear may not resolve the problem as you saw first **how the problem should be egoically resolved**. 4 This **second answer** leads to fear, because **this second answer** contradicts what you perceive and so you feel attacked. 5 And therefore angry. 6 There are rules by which this **feeling of confusion and attack** will not happen. 7 But **this feeling of confusion and attack** does occur at first, while you are learning how to hear **the Voice for the Holy Spirit and the forgiving dream**.

Note # 4: If we have already predetermined the answer that we want, anytime we hear a different answer, we will feel attacked and fearful. Now, we must decide if we would rather be right or happy. The ego will insist that we need to declare ourselves right even if we are wrong. Our happiness will be sacrificed and fear and attack will be our natural egoic response.

T-30.I.4. (2) Throughout the day, at any time you think of it and have a quiet moment for reflection, tell yourself again the kind of day you want; the **kind of feelings** you would have, the **kind of things** you want to happen to you, and the things you would experience, and say:

*2 If I make no decisions by myself, this is the **kind of day** that will be given me.*

3 These two procedures, **decide not to make decisions by yourself and reminding yourself of the kind of day you want, when** practiced well, will serve to let you be directed without fear, for opposition will not first arise and then become a problem in itself.

Note # 5: By doing these first steps, we have laid the foundation for a day in which we will choose to experience only forgiveness and love.

T-30.I.5. But there will still be times when you have judged already. 2 Now the answer, **which is different from your previous judgment**, will provoke attack, unless you quickly straighten out your mind to want an answer that will work. 3 Be certain this **previous choice to decide by yourself** has happened if you feel yourself unwilling to sit by and ask to have the answer given you. 4 This means you have decided by yourself, and can not see the question. 5 Now you need a quick restorative before you ask again.

Note # 6: If we have not been restored to of a sense of inner peace, we can rest assured we have chosen not to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We need to stop thinking what our ego was thinking, breath and ask again. Anytime we are not at inner peace, we are coming out of fear and judgment. This is the litmus test for the thought system of the Holy Spirit.

T-30.I.6. (3) Remember once again the day you want, and recognize that something has occurred that is not part of **the day you want**. 2 Then realize that you have asked a question by yourself, and must have set an answer in your **egoic** terms. 3 Then say:

4 *I have no question. 5 I forgot what to decide.*

6 This cancels out the **egoic** terms that you have set, and lets the answer show you what the question must have really been.

Note # 7: This step cancels out our previous predetermine judgment and allows us to be open to making a different choice.

T-30.I.7. Try to observe this rule **for cancellation of past egoic judgments** without delay, despite your opposition. 2 For you have already gotten angry. 3 And your fear of being answered in a different way from what your version of the question asks will gain momentum, until you believe the day you want is one in which you get *<your egoic>* answer to *<your egoic >* question. 4 And you will not get **your egoic answer from the Holy Spirit**, for **your egoic answer** would destroy the day by robbing you of what you really want, **which is a day of love and forgiveness.** p626 5 This can be very hard to realize, when once you have decided by yourself the rules that promise you a happy day. 6 Yet this **egoic decision that claims your happiness lies in past egoic judgments** still can be undone, by simple methods that you can accept.

Note # 8: Since the ego believes that you are limited, it also believes that the world is a zero-sum game. To have, you must take. Happiness lies in your ability to defend your separation from your brother and maintain whatever you have taken from him. If we decide by ourselves, our little “s” self will come out of fear and will decide that our happiness lies in attack. The day we choose will be a day of judgment, hate and fear. Our ego will fight to be right and claim that happiness must be sacrificed.

T-30.I.8. (4) If you are so unwilling to receive **guidance from the Holy Spirit** that you cannot even let your **egoic** question go, you can begin to change your mind with this:

2 *At least I can decide I do not like what I feel now.*

3 This much, **that you do not like what you feel**, is obvious, and paves the way for the next easy step.

Note # 9: Our egoic decision to be right will not result in happiness. We will not feel inner peace. Would you rather be right or happy?

T-30.I.9. (5) Having decided that you do not like the way you feel, what could be easier than to continue with:

2 *And so I hope I have been wrong.*

3 This **hope that you have been wrong** works against the sense of opposition, and reminds you that help is not being thrust upon you but is something that you want and that you need, because you do not like the way you feel. 4 This tiny opening will be enough to let you go ahead with just a few more steps you need to let yourself be helped **by the Holy Spirit.**

Note # 10: The Holy Spirit will not force His thought system upon us. We must be ready to freely accept His advice.

T-30.I.10. Now you have reached the turning point, because it has occurred to you that you will gain if what you have **egoically** decided is not so. 2 Until this point is reached, you will believe your happiness depends on being **egoically** right. 3 But this much reason have you now attained; you would be better off if you were wrong.

Note #11: The pain and suffering you feel, when you follow the ego's insistence on being right, does not make sense to you now. You recognize that you would be better off if you were wrong than egoically right. You realize that you have sacrificed your happiness. There must be a better way. You are ready to make the choice to choose again and abandon the thought system of the ego.

T-30.I.11. (6) This tiny grain of wisdom **that you would be better off if you were wrong** will suffice to take you further. 2 You are not coerced, but merely hope to get a thing you want. 3 And you can say in perfect honesty:

4 I want another way to look at this.

5 Now you have changed your mind about the day, and have remembered what you really want, **which is the forgiving dream based on love**. 6 **This day's** purpose has no longer been obscured by the insane belief you want **this day** for the goal of being right when you are wrong. 7 Thus is the readiness for asking brought to your awareness, for you cannot be in conflict when you ask for what you want, and see that it is this for which you ask.

Note # 12: By changing the purpose of our day, what we choose to perceive will automatically change to realign with our day's current goal. We now realize that it is in our own best interests to seek the guidance of a new advisor, which is the Holy Spirit.

T-30.I.12. (7) This final step **in the decision making process for a new beginning** is but acknowledgment of lack of opposition to be helped. 2 It is a statement of an open mind, not certain yet, but willing to be shown: p627

3 Perhaps there is another way to look at this.

*4 What can I lose by asking **for the guidance of the Holy Spirit?***

5 Thus you now can ask a question that makes sense, and so the answer will make sense as well. 6 Nor will you fight against **the Holy Spirit's answer**, for you see that it is you who will be helped by **the Holy Spirit's answer**.

Note # 13: We have now realized that if we ask an egoic question, we will inevitably get our predetermined egoic answer. We are now willing to be still, silence the ego and listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We now are ready to ask the question, "What would love have me do? We are now open to fully and freely accept the Holy Spirit's answer.

T-30.I.13. It must be clear that it is easier to have a happy day if you prevent unhappiness from entering at all **into your day**. 2 But this **preventing of unhappiness from entering into your day** takes practice in the rules that will protect you from the ravages of fear. 3 When this **protection against fear** has been achieved, the sorry dream of judgment has forever been undone. 4 But meanwhile, you have need for practicing the rules for **fear's** undoing. 5 Let us, then, consider once again the very first of the decisions which are offered here. **This was, "Today I will make no decisions by myself."**

Note # 14: ACIM will now explain the logic and value of the first step in the decision for dreams of forgiveness.

T-30.I.14. We said you can begin a happy day with the determination not to make decisions by yourself. 2 This seems to be a real decision in itself. 3 And yet, you *<cannot>* make decisions by yourself. 4 The only question really is with what you choose to make **the decision with**. 5 That is really all. 6 The first rule, **which is not to make decisions by yourself**, then, is not coercion, but a simple statement of a simple fact. 7 You will not make decisions by yourself whatever you decide. 8 For **decisions** are made with idols or with God. 9 And you ask help of anti-Christ **idols** or Christ, and which you choose will join with you and tell you what to do.

Note # 15: We never make a decision by ourselves. We are constantly choosing what thought system we will follow. Any decision is a joint decision with either our ego or the Christ. The Holy Spirit is the voice for both the Christ and the Voice for God, Our Creator. The ego's idols are all false beliefs rooted in fear.

T-30.I.15. Your day is not at random. 2 **Your day** is set by what you choose to live **your day** with, and how the friend whose counsel you have sought perceives your happiness. 3 You always ask advice before you can decide on anything. 4 Let this be understood **that you always ask advice before you can decide on anything**, and you can see there cannot be coercion here **in your decision**, nor grounds for opposition that you may be free. 5 There is no freedom from what must occur. 6 And if you think there is **freedom from what must occur**, you must be wrong.

Note # 16: What must occur is the natural outcome by who you seek council from. If you side with the egoic idols, the effect must be one that supports fear, limitation and littleness. If you side with the Holy Spirit, the effect must be love and forgiveness. Cause and effect are intertwined and cannot be separated. The world of time is a world of choice. Our thoughts are things. They will manifest and determine what kind of experience we will choose to have each day. We need to choose wisely. ACIM points out that the only judgment we are capable of making is that we are incapable of judging anything correctly. We need the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Ultimately, since we share God's Will, we will freely choose to be only love. Time will give way to eternal timelessness.

T-30.I.16. The second rule as well is but a fact. **The second rule is, "If I make no decisions by myself, this is the kind of day that will be given me."** 2 For you and your adviser must agree on what you want before **what you want** can occur. 3 It is but this agreement that permits all things to happen. 4 Nothing can be caused without some form of union, be **the union** with a dream of judgment or the Voice for God. 5 Decisions cause

results <because> **decisions** are not made in isolation. 6 **Decisions** are made by you and your adviser, for yourself and for the world as well. 7 The day you want you offer to the world, for **the day** will be what you have asked for, and **the day you have asked for** will reinforce the rule of your adviser in the world. 8 Whose kingdom is the world for you today? 9 What kind of day will you decide to have?

Note # 17: Whatever we desire will manifest in our world of perception. Perception follows our desires, thoughts and beliefs. Whatever thought system we feed, that thought system's rule will be strengthened. It is our decision-maker, who asks for council. Wherever two are joined there is power. The split-mind will obey our decision-maker and project out the desired effect. Our provisional reality will witness for either separation or Oneness. We will experience either the dream of judgment or forgiveness, but not both. They are mutually exclusive.

T-30.I.17. It needs but two who would have happiness this day to promise **happiness** to all the world. p628 2 It needs but two to understand that **each** cannot decide alone, to guarantee the joy **the two** asked for will be wholly shared. 3 For **the two** have understood the basic law that makes decision powerful. And that **the basis law that to give is to receive** gives **decisions** all effects that **decisions** will ever have. 4 **A decision** needs but two **so that each can give and receive**. 5 These two are joined before there can be a decision. 6 Let this **fact that decisions need two** be the one reminder that you keep in mind, and you will have the day you want, and give **the day you want** to the world by having **the day you want** yourself. 7 Your judgment has been lifted from the world by your decision for a happy day. 8 And as you have received, so must you give.

Note # 18: The basic law of God is that to give is to receive. We cannot give what we do not have and we cannot have unless we give. There are no victims. What we choose to experience is our own free choice. Love is only a decision away. Would I rather claim falsely that I am right, or would I rather be happy? Do I want to judge or forgive? When we realize that what I give to my brother, I will also receive, the decision is made easier.

II. Freedom of Will

T-30.II.1. Do you not understand that to oppose the Holy Spirit is to fight <yourself?> 2 **The Holy Spirit** tells you but your will; **the Holy Spirit** speaks for you. 3 In **the Holy Spirit's** Divinity is but your own **divinity**. 4 And all **the Holy Spirit** knows is but your knowledge, **which He has** saved for you that you may do your will through **the Holy Spirit**. 5 God <asks> you do your will. 6 **God** joins with <you.> 7 **God** did not set **God's** Kingdom up alone. 8 And Heaven itself but represents your **true** will, where everything created is for you. 9 No spark of life but was created with your glad consent, as you would have **the spark of life** be. 10 And not one Thought that God has ever had but waited for your blessing to be born. 11 God is no enemy to you. 12 **God** asks no more than that **God** hear you call Him "Friend."

Note # 19: The Holy Spirit preserves the truth about ourselves so that we can remember the truth whenever we decide to accept our will. Our will is the same as our Creator's Will. We are the thought of God. As God's Effect, the Sonship shares in the co-creation process with God, His Cause. Cause and Effect are interconnected and you cannot have one without the other. We, being God's Effect, complete God. Each spark of life has been co-

created and agreed upon by the shared Mind of God. Love is life and we, being life, must express and extend what we are. By extending what we are, the Mind of God knows Itself because It is Itself. By the extension of life or love, we are being God. By co-creating with God, our Cause, we are going about “GODING”. For “GODING” is being Love or Life. God created me, His thought, to be a conduit for love. In time, love is the creative process in which time is utilized to reawaken sleeping minds to their own magnificence as the Christ. The Christ is the Oneness, which is the extension of God.

T-30.II.2. How wonderful it is to do your will! 2 For **to do your will** is freedom. 3 There is nothing else that ever should be called by freedom's name. 4 Unless you do your will you are not free. 5 And would God leave His Son without what **God's Son** has chosen for himself? 6 God but ensured that you would never lose your will when **God** gave you **God's perfect Answer, which is that you do your will**. 7 Hear **God's perfect Answer** now, that you may be reminded of **God's** Love and learn your will. 8 God would not have His Son made prisoner to what **God's Son** does not want. 9 **God** joins with you in willing you be free. 10 And to oppose **God** is to make a choice against yourself, and choose that you be bound.

Note # 20: To do our will is to do God's Will. If we are an extension of God, we are part of the shared Oneness of the Mind of God. Being given everything, we cannot be happy by pretending to be something that we are not. We are not littleness. In order to be happy, we need to “BE” ourselves. Being ourselves means that we co-create like our Source. We extend Love and thus, we complete Our Creator. The cycle of giving and receiving is complete.

T-30.II.3. Look once again upon your enemy, **which is anything or anyone**, you chose to hate instead of love. 2 For thus was hatred born into the world, and thus the rule of fear established **there in this world**. 3 Now hear God speak to you, through **the Holy Spirit**, Who is **God's** Voice and **your voice** as well. **The Holy Spirit** is reminding you that it is not your will to hate and be a prisoner to fear, a slave to death, a little creature with a little life. 4 Your will is boundless; it is not your will that **your will** be bound. p629 5 What lies in you has joined with God Himself in all creation's birth. 6 Remember **God** Who has created you, and through your will **God** created everything. 7 Not one created thing but gives you thanks, for it is by your will that **each created thing** was born. 8 No light of Heaven shines except for you, for **each light** was set in Heaven by your will.

Note # 21: We are co-creators with God. We, the united Sonship, are God's Effect. In order for God's Son to experience Himself, the Sonship had to “BE” Itself. Yet, it is difficult to know white without black, night without day. Egoically, we, the collective Sonship, chose to perceive what it would be like to be other than God in order to better understand, know, and be the Love of God. Being a Oneness, it is difficult to fully understand what we are without something outside the Oneness for comparison. Egoically we chose to perceive that there was something outside ourselves. To do this, we needed the illusion of duality. The illusion of separation was never a problem. It was only when the Sonship forgot the difference between the illusion and reality that fear was believed to be real. Even the illusion of fear is not a problem. It is our belief that an illusion can effect or change the truth that is the problem. When the Sonship decided that fear needed to be opposed, our identification with the illusion resulted in the belief that fear was real.

It is only when we believe in opposites that can we experience conflict. This is what we chose to do within our deluded split mind when we claimed we could deny our divine inheritance as God's Son. There now appeared to be something that was outside the Oneness. As a result in both the belief in separation and the "authority problem," time, space, form and individuality all appeared within the illusion of duality. Duality is the imaged fragmentation of the Oneness of All That Is. Duality claims that there is some will outside of the Mind of the Oneness of Everything. Duality requires both an observer and something to observe. With duality, perception replaces knowledge. Now within the illusion of duality there was something that could threaten the One Self. For an insane moment, the invulnerable believed that it could be harmed. Thus, we experienced the thought of limitation that now appeared to be made real due to our own erroneous belief. The split-minded birthed sin, guilt and fear. These three kissing cousins are the opposite of truth's trinity of sinlessness, guiltlessness and love. By allowing the illusion that opposites exist, the split-minded must relearn its true reality as God's Son. Within the illusionary dream of separation, we can safely pretend we are something we are not. Through this pretending, we rediscover our only true desire is to be vigilant only for God. We now can "BE LOVE IN FORM" and thus, we can experience and know what we are. We have safely played at being something other than what we are so that we can experience the joy of rediscovering that we are the Will of God.

We are God expressing Herself as God, perfect, whole and complete. The dream of separation was not a sin. Instead, the dream of separation became a learning device to rediscover our ability to co-create with God. We do this when we realize and know that only God Is. The ego's illusion of separation has been corrected by the Father's answer of the Atonement. The "Sonship's grand plan for egoic separation" has been transformed by the Holy Spirit into the Sonship's rediscovery of Itself. By our being co-creator, God is complete. Like has begotten Like. Cause and Effect cannot be separated. Ultimately, Cause and Effect are so intertwined that they are One. The Sonship, like God, is only Love. Love allows all and Love transcends all, for Love is all there is. Love extends what It Is. There is only the One Self and Love is that One. God, and only God, just Is.

T-30.II.4. What cause have you for anger in a world that merely waits your blessing to be free? 2 If you be prisoner, then God Himself could not be free. 3 For what is done to him, **the Sonship**, whom God so loves is done to God Himself. 4 Think not **God** wills to bind you. **For God** has made you co-creator of the universe along with **Himself**. 5 **God** would but keep your will forever and forever limitless. 6 This world awaits the freedom you will give when you have recognized that you are free. 7 But you will not forgive the world until you have forgiven **God**, Who gave your will to you. 8 For it is by your will the world is given freedom. 9 Nor can you be free apart from **God** Whose holy Will you share.

Note # 22: We share the Will of God and, ultimately, we can only do God's Will. God's Will is changeless. Yet, within the illusion of time, change appears to be possible. It is in time that we will freely choose to only witness for the truth. We reclaim our divine birthright and only want the Oneness of God. We freely choose to come home to the reality that our will and God's Will are one. The world of time was made by the Sonship to play the game of "keep away from God." When we get tired of playing this game, we will freely choose to reawaken to the truth of the Oneness. And by playing this game, the Sonship will relearn what It is.

T-30.II.5. God turns to you to ask the world be saved, for by your own salvation is **the world** healed. 2 And no one walks upon the earth but must depend on your decision, that **each brother** learn death has no power over him, because **each brother** shares your freedom as **each brother** shares your will. 3 It <is> your will to heal **each brother**, and because you have decided with **each brother to heal**, **each brother** is healed. 4 And now is God forgiven, for you chose to look upon your brother as a friend.

Note # 23: Until we forgive all figures in the dream of separation, we cannot be free. To withhold forgiveness from any figure in the illusion is to deny the Oneness of God. We cannot claim to be God's friend if we are not a friend to all our brothers, for God and the entire Sonship are the One Self.

III. Beyond All Idols

T-30.III.1. Idols are quite specific. 2 But your will is universal, being limitless. 3 And so **your will** has no form, nor is **your will** content for **your will's** expression **to be** in the terms of form, **like a body**. 4 Idols are limits. 5 **Idols** are the belief that there are forms that will bring happiness, and that, by limiting, is all attained. 6 It is as if you said, "I have no need of everything. 7 This little thing I want, and **this little thing** will be as everything to me." 8 And this **little thing** must fail to satisfy, because it is your will that everything be yours. 9 Decide for idols and you ask for loss. 10 Decide for truth and everything is yours.

Note # 24: Being created as everything, we cannot be content with less. Idols arise from false beliefs that we are incomplete and that some outside form, the idol, can make us whole. Our choice for idols confirms our belief in our "littleness." The body was made to bear witness to limitation. Form cannot be shared and, therefore, always limits.

T-30.III.2. It is not form you seek. 2 What form can be a substitute for God the Father's Love? 3 What form can take the place of all the love in the Divinity of God the Son? 4 What idol can make two of what is one? 5 And can the limitless be limited? 6 You do not want an idol. p630 7 It is not your will to have one **idol**. 8 **An idol** will not bestow on you the gift you seek, **which is completeness**. 9 When you decide upon the form of what you want, you lose the understanding of **the form's** purpose. 10 So you see your will within the idol, thus reducing **your will** to a specific form. 11 Yet this **idol's specific form** could never be your will, because what shares in all creation cannot be content with small ideas and little things, **which the idol represents**.

Note # 25: God's Will is that we be happy. We can only be happy by being the everything that we are.

T-30.III.3. Behind the search for every idol lies the yearning for completion. 2 Wholeness has no form because **wholeness** is unlimited. 3 To seek a special person or a thing to add to you to make yourself complete, can only mean that you believe some form is missing. 4 And by finding this **missing form**, you will achieve completion in a form you like. 5 This **completion of yourself by acquiring the missing part** is the purpose of an idol; You will not look beyond **the idol**. **You will not look** to the **idol's** source **or cause**, **which is** the belief that you are incomplete. 6 Only if you had sinned could this **belief that you are incomplete** be so. 7 For sin is the idea you are alone and separated off from what is whole. 8 And thus, **the idea you are alone and separated off from what is whole and**

that you have sinned would be necessary for the search for wholeness to be made beyond the boundaries of limits on yourself.

Note # 26: If there is only a Oneness, it is impossible not to be whole. Only by claiming that we are incomplete could there be something outside ourselves that could make us whole.

T-30.III.4. It never is the idol that you want. 2 But what you think **the idol** offers you, **which is your completion, is what you want. It is your completion** you want indeed and have the right to ask for. 3 Nor could it be possible **that your completion,** be denied. 4 Your will to be complete is but God's Will, and **your completion** is given you by being **God's Will.** 5 God knows not form. 6 **God** cannot answer you in terms of **forms that have** no meaning. 7 And your will could not be satisfied with empty forms, made but to fill a gap that is not there. 8 It is not this **form that** you want. 9 Creation gives no separate person and no separate thing the power to complete the Son of God. 10 What idol can be called upon to give the Son of God what he already has, **which is completion and wholeness?**

Note # 27: Being created complete by God, we cannot be anything less. We are unlimited spirit. Spirit cannot be trapped by form. We can deny that we are unlimited spirit but we cannot change our unlimited reality. Nothing can be granted that is more than the everything that we are. Being already perfect, whole and complete, what could an illusionary idol of nothingness give us that we could want or truly value?

T-30.III.5. Completion is the *<function>* of God's Son. 2 **God's Son** has no need to seek for **completion** at all. 3 Beyond all idols stands **the Son of God's** holy will to be but what **God's Son** is. 4 For more than whole is meaningless. 5 If there were change in **God's Son,** if he could be reduced to any form and limited to what is not in him, **God's Son** would not be as God created him. 6 What idol can **God's Son** need to be himself? 7 For can **God's Son** give a part of **himself** away? 8 What is not whole cannot make whole. 9 But what is really asked for cannot be denied **by God's Will.** 10 Your will *<is>* granted **because it is God's Will.** 11 **Your will <is> granted** not in any form that would content you not, but in the whole completely lovely Thought God holds of you.

Note # 28: God is cause and we are God's Effect. Thus, we complete God. Our function is the completion of the Will of God. The effect of Love can only be the extension of love. We complete God by being the whole and the holy loving thought that God knows His Son to be. We are perfect, whole and complete because this is how God thought His Son to be. We are an Effect of the Mind of God and an effect cannot change its Cause. The effect's true core must remain as it was conceived by the mind that created it. Only the Mind that created the thought could hold the power to change the thought. A thought never leaves its source and the thought of God is eternal and changeless. In the holographic Mind of God, we cannot be anything other than perfect, whole and complete. We can deny the truth, but we cannot change the truth.

T-30.III.6. Nothing that God knows not, exists. 2 And what **God** knows exists forever, changelessly. 3 For thoughts endure as long as does the mind that thought of **the thought.** 4 And in the Mind of God there is no ending, nor a time in which **God's** Thoughts were absent or could suffer change. p631 5 Thoughts are not born and cannot die. 6 **Thoughts**

share the attributes of their creator, nor have **thoughts** a separate life apart from **their creator**. 7 The thoughts you think are in your mind, as you are in the **Mind of God**, which thought of you. 8 And so there are no separate parts in what exists within God's **holographic Mind**. 9 **God's Mind** is forever One, eternally united and at peace.

Note # 29: There is no reality outside the Mind of God since God's thought is the Oneness. Nothing can be outside God's Will since nothing is outside this Oneness. We are the whole completely, lovely Thought that God holds of us. The Sonship is God's eternal Effect. Like a hologram, each seemingly separate part contains the whole. Our thoughts are like the laser beam that activates the holographic image. If our thoughts are fear based, we will place our awareness upon the dream of separation. If our thoughts are loving and forgiving, the happy dream will be what we choose to perceive.

T-30.III.7. Thoughts seem to come and go. 2 Yet all this **coming and going of a thought** means is that you are sometimes aware of **the thought**, and sometimes not **aware of the thought**. 3 An unremembered thought is born again to you when **the unremembered thought** returns to your awareness. 4 Yet **the unremembered thought** did not die when you forgot it. 5 **The unremembered thought** was always there, but you were unaware of it. 6 The Thought God holds of you is perfectly unchanged by your forgetting. 7 **The Thought God holds of you** will always be exactly as it was before the time when you forgot, and **the Thought God holds of you** will be just the same when you remember. 8 And **the Thought God holds of you** is the same within the interval when you forgot.

Note # 30: The Thought God holds of you remain changeless and eternal. During the illusion of separation, we have forgotten the Thought God holds of us. Thus, we are freely choosing to deny the truth. Yet, our denial cannot change the truth. We still remain perfect, whole and complete throughout each phase of our denial of our true reality as God's Effect. Upon our reawakening to truth, the once split-minded will again become aware of the Thought God holds of His Son. During the dream of the separation, the Christ remains fully aware of our true reality and the Holy Spirit guides us back to the rediscovery of our true nature.

T-30.III.8. The Thoughts of God are far beyond all change, and shine forever. 2 **The Thoughts of God** await not birth. 3 **The Thoughts of God** wait for welcome and remembering. 4 The Thought God holds of you is like a star, unchangeable in an eternal sky. 5 So high in Heaven is **the star** set that those outside of Heaven know not **the star** is there. 6 Yet still and white and lovely will **the star** shine through all eternity. 7 There was no time **when the Thought God holds of you** was not there; no instant when **this star's** light grew dimmer or less perfect ever was.

Note # 31: The Thought God holds of us shines forth whether we are aware of it are not. Its light is unaffected by our awareness of its presence. This light's presence remains eternal for God's Thought cannot die, change or be extinguished.

T-30.III.9. Who knows the Father knows this light, for **the Father** is the eternal sky that holds **this star** safe, forever lifted up and anchored sure. 2 **This light's** perfect purity does not depend on whether **this star** is seen on earth or not. 3 The sky embraces **this star**

and softly holds **this light** in its perfect place, which is as far from earth as earth from Heaven. 4 It is not the distance nor the time that keeps this star invisible to earth. 5 But those who seek for idols cannot know the star is there.

Note # 32: If one refuses to look in the right direction, one will not see a star. Our egoic thought system tells us to look everywhere outside ourselves for some light that would make us complete. Yet, such a light cannot be found. We were never incomplete. Only the Holy Spirit knows that the correct direct to look is within. We need to ask the advice of the Holy Spirit Who knows where we hid the truth. The truth is the Thought God holds of the Sonship. God knows His Creation to be perfect, whole and complete.

T-30.III.10. Beyond all idols is the Thought God holds of you. 2 **The Thought God holds of you is** completely unaffected by the turmoil and the terror of the world, the dreams of birth and death that here are dreamed, the myriad of forms that fear can take; quite undisturbed, the Thought God holds of you remains exactly as it always was. 3 **The Thought God holds of you is** surrounded by a stillness so complete no sound of battle comes remotely near. **The Thought God holds of you** rests in certainty and perfect peace. 4 Here **in perfect certainty and peace** is your one reality kept safe, completely unaware of all the world that worships idols, and that knows not God. 5 In perfect sureness of **this Thought's** changelessness and of its rest in its eternal home, the Thought God holds of you has never left the Mind of its Creator Whom **this Thought** knows, as its Creator knows that **this Thought** is there **within the Creator's Mind.** p633

Note # 33: We are a thought of God. Since thoughts never leave their source, nothing can be outside the Mind of God. The Oneness remains perfect, whole and complete.

T-30.III.11. Where could the Thought God holds of you exist but where you are? 2 Is your reality a thing apart from you, and **is your reality** in a world which your reality knows nothing of? 3 Outside you there is no eternal sky, no changeless star and no reality. 4 The mind of Heaven's Son in Heaven is, for there the Mind of Father and of Son joined in creation which can have no end. 5 You have not two realities, but one. 6 Nor can you be aware of more than one. 7 An idol <or> the Thought God holds of you is your reality. 8 Forget not, then, that idols must keep hidden what you are, not from the Mind of God, but from your own **true reality, the Christ.** 9 The star shines still; the sky has never changed. 10 But you, the holy Son of God Himself, are unaware of your reality.

Note # 34: There is only truth. In Heaven, there is no choice for there is only truth. The false does not exist in Heaven. Yet, in the world of time, there appears to be a choice between the true and the false. The split-minded made the choice to follow the thought system of egoic separation. Believing they lack, the split-minded seek outside themselves for something that will make them whole. The split-minded cannot serve two masters. Our provisional reality will be based on whichever thought system to which we give our allegiance. In the world of perception, both thought systems produce something less than reality. The ego produces dreams of judgment. The Holy Spirit produces dreams of forgiveness. Both dreams are really birthed out of our own mind's desire and thoughts. Whichever thought system our mind chooses to feed will determine how the dream is interpreted or perceived. Fear and love are mutually exclusive.

IV. The Truth behind Illusions

T-30.IV.1. You will attack what does not satisfy, and thus you will not see you made **what does not satisfy** up. 2 You always fight illusions. 3 For the truth **that is hidden** behind **the illusion** is so lovely and so still in loving gentleness, were you aware of **the truth**, you would forget defensiveness entirely, and rush to **truth's** embrace. 4 The truth could never be attacked. 5 And this **fact that the truth could never be attacked**, you knew when you made idols. 6 **Idols** were made that this **fact that the truth could never be attacked** might be forgotten. 7 You attack but false ideas, and never truthful **ideas**. 8 All idols are the false ideas you made to fill the gap you think arose between yourself and what is true. 9 And you attack **the idols of your false ideas** for the things you think **the idols** represent. 10 What lies beyond **the idols of your false ideas, which is the truth**, cannot be attacked.

Note # 35: Truth does not attack and cannot be attacked since truth is invulnerable. Nothing can change the truth. Truth does not defend. Truth just is. We attack our idols when they fail to provide us with what we perceive to be our ever-changing needs. Coming from the false belief of lack, the egoic thought system is as unstable as is its foundation. We give our idols a purpose that they cannot fulfill. We ask the idols to give us more than the everything that we already are. When the idol fails to achieve this impossible goal that we gave it, the idol is attacked and overthrown. Our ego than tells us to choose another idol and thereby, maintain our belief in the dream of separation.

T-30.IV.2. The wearying, dissatisfying **egoic gods or idols** you made are blown-up children's toys. 2 A child is frightened when a wooden head springs up as a closed box is opened suddenly, or when a soft and silent woolly bear begins to squeak as **the child** takes hold of **the stuffed bear**. 3 The rules **the child** made for boxes and for bears have failed **the child**, and have broken **the child's** "control" of what surrounds **the child**. 4 And **the child** is afraid, because **the child** thought the rules protected him. 5 Now must **the child** learn the boxes and the bears did not deceive him, broke no rules, nor mean **the child's** world is made chaotic and unsafe. 6 **The child** was mistaken. 7 **The child** misunderstood what made him safe, and thought that **what made the child safe** had left.

Note # 36: The child has substituted his rules for the rules of reality. In the world of time, the ego tells us that we can substitute the false for the true. Our substitution does not prevent the truth from governing over the false. False rules are unstable and can be overruled by other false rules whenever we choose. This constant changing and overriding of rules can be very frightening indeed. The laws of chaos govern the egoic thought system. The first law of chaos is that truth is different for everyone. Based of this law alone, we can understand why egoic dreams of judgment would be frightening. The Holy Spirit's thought system follows the Laws of God. A fundamental Law of God is that creation is extension and that to give is to receive. These are the Laws of Truth. Whenever the laws of God confront the laws of chaos, the false disappear. Our safety lies with the truth of the Thought God holds about His creation. God knows His Child as perfect, whole and complete. We eternally remain safe within the Mind of God.

T-30.IV.3. The gap that is not there is filled with toys in countless forms. 2 And each **toy or idol** seems to break the rules you set for **the idol to fill this nonexistence gap**. 3 **The idol** never was the thing you thought. p633 4 **The idol** must appear to break your rules

for safety, since the rules were wrong. 5 But <you> are not endangered **by the idol or by the idol's apparent breaking of your incorrect rules for safety and enjoyment.** 6 You can laugh at popping heads and squeaking toys, as does the child who learns **the toys** are no threat to him. 7 Yet while **the child** likes to play with **the toys**, **the child** still perceives **the toys** as obeying rules **the child** made for his enjoyment. 8 So there still are rules that **the toys** can seem to break and frighten **the child.** 9 Yet <is> **the child** at the mercy of his toys? 10 And <can> **the toys** represent a threat to **the child?**

Note # 37: We cannot be hurt by illusions. Because we believe that we are the body, we believe that we can be hurt. Spirit, the Thought God holds of us, cannot be hurt. The laws of chaos are false and have no power over the Thought God holds of us. Only within our egoic thought system can fear appear to be real. Fear has been defined as false evidence appearing real. Our safety is found by following the thought system of the Holy Spirit. By doing this, we will accept the Atonement for ourselves and reclaim our divine birthright.

T-30.IV.4. Reality observes the laws of God, and not the rules you set. 2 It is **God's** laws that guarantee your safety. 3 All illusions that you believe about yourself obey no laws. 4 **All illusions that you believe about yourself** seem to dance a little while, according to the rules you set for them. 5 But then **all illusions that you believe about yourself** fall and cannot rise again. 6 **These idols** are but toys, my child, so do not grieve for **the idols of illusions that you believe about yourself.** 7 **The idol's** dancing never brought you joy. 8 But neither were **idols** things to frighten you, nor **were idols made to** make you safe if **the idol** obeyed your rules. 9 **Idols, which are all illusions that you believe about yourself,** must be neither cherished nor attacked, but merely looked upon as children's toys without a single meaning of their own. 10 See **meaning** in one **idol** and you will see **meaning** in all **idols.** 11 See **no meaning** in **idols** and **idols** will touch you not.

Note # 38: Idols, like all illusions that you believe about yourself, have no power of their own. The only power that they have is what we choose to give them. It is our split-mind that made-up the illusion and it is our mind that controls the illusion. All illusions that you believe about yourself disappear when brought before the thought system of the Holy Spirit. Truth dissipates the false. Yet, in the world of time, the Holy Spirit waits for God's Son to ask for His guidance. The Holy Spirit will not force the truth upon us since truth never defends or attacks. Truth just abides in Itself.

T-30.IV.5. Appearances deceive <because> **appearances** are appearances and not reality. 2 Dwell not on **appearances** in any form. 3 **Appearances or form** but obscure reality, and **appearances** bring fear <because> **appearances** hide the truth. 4 Do not attack what you have made to let you be deceived, **which is appearances or form,** for thus you prove that you have been deceived. 5 Attack has power to make illusions real. 6 Yet what **attack** makes is nothing **since it is but an illusion.** 7 Who could be made fearful by a power that can have no real effects at all? 8 What could **attack** be but an illusion, making things appear like to itself? 9 Look calmly at **fear's** toys, and understand that **fear's toys** are idols which but dance to vain desires. 10 Give **fear's illusionary toys** not your worship, for **fear's toys** are not there. 11 Yet this **fact that fear's illusionary toys are not there** is equally forgotten in attack. 12 God's Son needs no defense against his dreams. 13 **The idols of God's Son** do not threaten **God's Son** at all. 14 **The Son of God's** one

mistake is that he thinks **the idols of his dream are real**. 15 What can the power of illusions do?

Note # 39: Because appearance and form were made to hide the truth, we believe and thus, perceive our illusionary dream of separation to be real. When we chose to identify our existence as being a body-mind, instead of unlimited spirit, our identification with form made the dream appear real. The dream's "reality" is only held within the mind of the dreamer. Awaken the dreamer and the dream's appearance fades into the nothingness from which it arose. Illusion can neither protect nor harm your real Self.

T-30.IV.6. Appearances can but deceive the mind that wants to be deceived. 2 And you can make a simple choice that will forever place you far beyond deception. 3 You need not concern yourself with how this **ability to place yourself far beyond deception** will be done, for this you cannot understand. **All you need do is make the simple choice to ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.** 4 But you will understand that mighty changes have been quickly brought about, when you decide one very simple thing; you do not want whatever you believe an idol gives. 5 For thus the Son of God declares that he is free of idols. 6 And thus *<is>* **God's Son** free. p634

Note # 40: Eventually, we will grow tired of the game of separation and the belief in sin, guilt and fear that the illusion engenders. We will seek a different solution to relieve our pain and suffering. We will ask to be shown another way. When we ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance, the egoic thought will be willingly abandoned for the correct perception of our new Guide. When we "see" with the Vision of Christ, we will be free. Dreams of judgment will now become dreams of forgiveness. When we judge, we value. We will refuse to give over to the Holy Spirit any idols that we still value. Any valuing of worthless idols will keep us bound within our egoic prison of misperception.

T-30.IV.7. Salvation is a paradox indeed! 2 What could **salvation** be except a happy dream? 3 **Salvation** asks you but that you forgive all things that no one ever did. **Salvation asks you** to overlook what is not there. And **salvation asks you** not to look upon the unreal as reality. 4 You are but asked to let your will be done, and seek no longer for the things you do not want. 5 And you are asked to let yourself be free of all the dreams of what you never were, and seek no more to substitute the strength of idle wishes for the Will of God.

Note # 41: Salvation asks that we be vigilant only for the truth. When we no longer value any potential "gifts" from the idols for the separation, the false will fade before the light of truth about God's Son. We will no longer seek to find a substitute for God's Love. Note the similarity between how ACIM defines salvation and the term forgiveness. The definition is the same in that it is the rejection of the false for the truth. Thus, we forgive all things that we believe were done to us that never really happened. Salvation's forgiveness is for all illusions. The term forgiveness would be applied to a specific illusion that you hold against something. Since there is only the One Self, true forgiveness and salvation are synonymous and interchangeable.

T-30.IV.8. Here does the dream of separation start to fade and disappear. 2 For here the gap that is not there begins to be perceived without the toys of terror that you made **to fill this imagined gap**. 3 No more than this is asked **of you than to abandon our idols and**

end your seeking to find a substitute for God's Will. 4 Be glad indeed salvation asks so little, not so much. 5 **Salvation** asks for nothing in reality **since the separation is not real and thus, is nothing.** 6 And even in illusions **salvation** but asks forgiveness be the substitute for fear. 7 **This substitution of forgiveness for fear** is the only rule for happy dreams. 8 The gap is emptied of the toys of fear, and then **the gap of separation's** unreality is plain. 9 Dreams are for nothing. 10 And the Son of God can have no need of **the nothingness of dreams.** 11 **Dreams** offer him no single thing that **the Son of God** could ever want. 12 **The Son of God** is delivered from illusions by his will, and but restored to what he is. 13 What could God's plan for **His Son's** salvation be, except a means to give **His Son to God, Himself?**

Note # 42: Salvation is the return of the Sonship to the truth. Salvation asks that we realize that nothing real can be threatened and that nothing unreal exists. Salvation asks that we abandon the impossible dream that we be given more than everything. Being created as everything how could we be given more? We are the Oneness of the Mind of God and share God's Will. The Sonship is the Effect of God. The effect cannot be separate from its source. God's Plan for Salvation is that His Effect be returned to the truth of what the Sonship is. By accepting our divine birthright, we complete God.

V. The Only Purpose

T-30.V.1. The real world is the state of mind in which the only purpose of the world is seen to be forgiveness. 2 Fear is not **the real world's** goal, for the escape from guilt becomes **the real world's** aim. 3 **In the state of mind, which is the real world,** the value of forgiveness is perceived and takes the place of idols, which are sought no longer, for **the idols'** "gifts" are not held dear. 4 **In the state of mind, which is the real world,** no rules are idly set, and no demands are made of anyone or anything to twist and fit into the dream of fear. 5 Instead, **in the state of mind, which is the real world,** there is a wish to understand all things created as they really are. 6 And **in the state of mind, which is the real world,** it is recognized that all things must be first forgiven, and *<then>* understood.

Note # 43: The real world is not a place but a state of mind. Forgiveness, not fear, is valued. Dreams of forgiveness, not dreams of judgment, are what we perceive. The real world is still a dream in which the happy dream has been substituted for the dream of separation. This state of mind is not heaven since perception, not knowledge, is utilized. But misperception has now been replaced with the correct perception of the Holy Spirit's thought system.

T-30.V.2. Here, **in the world of egoic perception,** it is thought that understanding is acquired by attack. **Judgmental dreams rule egoic perception.** 2 There, **in the state of mind, which is the real world,** it is clear that by attack is understanding lost. 3 **In the state of mind, which is the real world,** the folly of pursuing guilt as goal is fully recognized. 4 And **in the state of mind, which is the real world,** idols are not wanted there, for guilt is understood as the sole cause of pain in any form. 5 No one is tempted by **guilt's** vain appeal, for suffering and death have been perceived as things not wanted and not striven for. 6 **In the state of mind, which is the real world,** the possibility of freedom has been grasped and welcomed, and the means by which **freedom** can be gained can now be understood. p635 7 **In the state of mind, which is the real world,** the world becomes a place of hope, because **the world's** only purpose is to be a place where hope of happiness

can be fulfilled. 8 And no one stands outside this hope **that happiness can be fulfilled**, because the world has been united in belief the purpose of the world is one which all must share, if hope be more than just a dream.

Note # 44: In the state of mind, which is the real world, thoughts are shared. We realize that there are no private thoughts. Because we have changed the purpose of the dream of not knowing what we are from one of egoic judgment to the forgiving dream, forgiveness has replaced fear. By changing our purpose, we have automatically changed our perception of the dream, itself. Instead of the dream's goal being guilt, the purpose is now the removal of guilt through forgiveness. The happy dream more clearly mirrors the truth of Heaven. We have joined with our brother in the common purpose of the removal of all guilt by replacing guilt with the desire for only truth.

T-30.V.3. Not yet is Heaven quite remembered, for the purpose of forgiveness still remains. 2 Yet **in the state of mind, which is the real world**, everyone is certain he will go beyond forgiveness, and he but remains until **forgiveness** is made perfect in himself. 3 He has no wish for anything but this **perfection of forgiveness in himself**. 4 And **in the state of mind, which is the real world**, fear has dropped away, because he is united in his purpose with himself, **which is to forgive himself and thus, reawaken to the truth**. 5 There is a hope of happiness in him so sure and constant he can barely stay and wait a little longer, with his feet still touching earth. 6 Yet is he glad to wait till every hand is joined, and every heart made ready to arise and go with him. 7 For thus is he made ready for the step in which is all forgiveness left behind.

Note # 45: In the state of mind called Heaven, co-creation is our purpose. In the state of mind, which is the real world, forgiveness is our purpose. In the real world, we still perceive. To see something outside ourselves still implies that all the Sonship has not come to the realization that there is no separation and that only the One Self exists. We have not yet remembered the whole truth about our Oneness with our Source. We still perceive a small gap between the Oneness of the holographic Mind of God and ourselves.

T-30.V.4. The final step is God's, because it is but God Who could create a perfect Son and share His Fatherhood with him. 2 No one outside of Heaven knows how **God shared His Fatherhood with His perfect Son** for understanding this is Heaven itself. 3 Even the real world has a purpose still beneath creation and eternity. 4 But **in the state of mind, which is the real world**, fear is gone because **the real world's** purpose is forgiveness, not idolatry. 5 And so is Heaven's Son prepared to be himself, and to remember that the Son of God knows everything his Father understands, and understands **everything** perfectly with **His Father**.

Note # 46: Prior to accepting the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our egoic function was judgment. Judgment insured that the illusion of separation continued to appear real and that guilt was maintained. When we follow the Holy Spirit, our function within the illusion of duality is forgiveness. Forgiveness is the tool that the Holy Spirit utilizes to remove all guilt from our minds. True forgiveness removes duality and corrects what had been misperceived as separate and real. In the state of mind that is Heaven, our function becomes co-creation with our Father. The Father takes the final step in the process of the return of our minds from perception to knowledge. Knowledge is the remembering that the

Son of God knows everything his Father understands, and understands everything perfectly with His Father. Knowledge is the remembering that there is only the shared One Self of the Mind of God and we are “That One”. We have returned to the knowledge that there is only the Oneness of the One Self. The illusion of duality has disappeared into the nothingness from which it arose.

T-30.V.5. The real world still falls short of this **remembering that the Son of God knows everything his Father understands, and understands everything perfectly with His Father**, for this **sharing God’s Fatherhood with His Son** is God's Own purpose; only **God’s purpose**, and yet completely shared and perfectly fulfilled. 2 The real world is a state in which the mind has learned how easily do idols go when **idols** are still perceived but wanted not. 3 How willingly the mind can let **idols** go when **the mind** has understood that idols are nothing and nowhere, and are purposeless. 4 For only then can guilt and sin be seen without a purpose, and as meaningless.

Note # 47: As long as we perceive ourselves as less than whole, idols will be valued. Idols are needed to save someone who believes in sin and guilt. Sin is the belief that we lack something and are not whole. The goal of the idol is to save us from our perceived lack and make us complete. When we realize that we already are the wholeness of everything, we will realize that idols cannot grant the impossible. We cannot be more than the everything that we are. Since we are whole, God’s Son must be sinless and guiltless. Without the belief in lack, idols no longer serve any purpose. Since idols produce no effect, the forgiving mind can easily dismiss the idol as the nothing that it is.

T-30.V.6. Thus is the real world's purpose, **which is to utilize forgiveness to prepare God’s Son to be his Big “S” Self**, gently brought into awareness, to replace the **egoic** goal of sin and guilt. 2 And all that stood between your image of yourself and what you are, forgiveness washes joyfully away. 3 Yet God need not create His Son again, that what is his son’s **divine inheritance** be given back to **God’s Son**. 4 The gap between your brother and yourself was never there. 5 And what the Son of God knew in creation he must know again.

Note # 48: We never lost our divine nature as unlimited spirit. We just forgot where we had put it. Forgiveness removes the guilt that was hiding our true nature. What God created remains eternal and changeless. We only need to drop the game of fear, lack and separation and simply remember the truth of what we are. We are God’s beloved Child with Whom He is well pleased. We are as God Thought Us to be, perfect, whole and complete.

T-30.V.7. When brothers join in **the purpose of forgiveness** in the world of fear, they stand already at the edge of the real world. 2 Perhaps **the joined brothers** still look back, and think they see an idol that they want. 3 Yet has **the joined brothers’** path been surely set away from idols toward reality. p636 4 For when **brothers** joined their hands it was Christ's hand they took, and they will look on **the face of Christ** Whose hand they hold. 5 The face of Christ is looked upon before the Father is remembered. 6 For **the Father** must be unremembered till His Son has reached beyond forgiveness to the Love of God. 7 Yet is the Love of Christ accepted first. 8 And then will come the knowledge **the Christ and the Father** are One.

Note # 49: We cannot love God and yet not love our brother. The Father and Son are One. God, as Cause, and We, as God's Effect, are intertwined as the One Self. The love of the Christ in our brother and ourselves must come first before we can truly say we love God. We cannot reject our brother's Oneness without losing our own. Since God loves our brother, to fail to see the Face of Christ in our brother is to attack God.

T-30.V.8. How light and easy is the step across the narrow boundaries of the world of fear when you have recognized **the Christ in your brother**, Whose hand you hold! 2 Within your hand is everything you need to walk with perfect confidence away from fear forever, and to go straight on, and quickly reach the gate of Heaven itself. 3 For **the Christ** Whose hand you hold was waiting but for you to join Him, **the Christ**. 4 Now that you have come, would **the Christ** delay in showing you the way that **the Christ that is your brother** must walk with you? 5 His blessing lies on you as surely as His Father's Love rests upon **the Christ that is your brother**. 6 **Your brother's** gratitude to you is past your understanding, for you have enabled **the Christ that is your brother** to rise from chains and go with you, together, to His Father's house.

Note # 50: Forgiveness looks past form to the Christ within all that share the Mind of God. When we forgive, we utilize the vision of Christ to acknowledge the truth that spirit cannot be harmed and that shared thoughts unite and join minds that once appeared to be separate. To give is to receive and we cannot give what we do not have. By releasing our brother from the belief in sin and guilt, we free ourselves. When we release our brother from illusions, we are acknowledging that although mind has creative power and is free to either create or project any experience that it would like, an illusion can never change in mind's true reality. Mind, being the perfect extension of God, must continue as God created It, perfect, whole and complete.

T-30.V.9. An ancient hate is passing from the world. 2 And with **an ancient hate's passing** goes all hatred and all fear **from the world**. 3 Look back no longer, for what lies ahead is all you ever wanted in your heart. 4 Give up the world! 5 But **when you give up the world it is** not to sacrifice. 6 You never wanted **this world of form, perception, separation and limitation**. 7 What happiness have you sought here **in the world of time and space** that did not bring you pain? 8 What moment of content has not been bought at fearful price in coins of suffering? 9 Joy has no cost. 10 **Joy** is your sacred right, and what you pay for **joy** is not happiness. **Joy is happiness and love and God's Love is free**. 11 Be speeded on your way by honesty, and let not your experiences here **in the world of time and space** deceive in retrospect. 12 **Your experiences here in the world of egoic perception** were not free from bitter cost and joyless consequence.

Note # 51: God's love is freely given and cannot be earned. By the same token, God's Love cannot be lost. We wanted to have a special love that could make as more than the everything God created us to be. The world of egoic perception has been based on the motto, "Seek but do not find." In the world of form, it is impossible for a part to be made whole without a sacrifice. Yet, to sacrifice requires you remain incomplete. Form must be limited. Bodily joy and happiness is fleeting and always comes at a price. The price that the ego demands for our egoic desire to be right even when we are wrong is our happiness. The ego wants us to cling to the past memories of fleeting images of egoic joy in exchange for the eternal peace of God. The price is too high. God's love is perfect freedom and is freely

given. This freedom demands no sacrifice, cost or exclusive membership. God, being All, extends Himself fully to all.

T-30.V.10. Do not look back **at past egoic memories** except in honesty. 2 And when an idol tempts you, think of this:

*3 There never was a time an idol brought you anything except the "gift" of guilt. 4 Not one idyllic gift was bought except at cost of pain, nor was **the pain** ever paid by you alone.*

5 Be merciful unto your brother, then. 6 And do not choose an idol thoughtlessly, remembering that **your brother** will pay the cost as well as you. 7 For **your brother** will be delayed when you look back to **past egoic memories without honesty**, and you will not perceive **the Christ in your brother** Whose loving hand you hold. 8 Look forward **toward the truth of Heaven**, then; in confidence walk with a happy heart that beats in hope and does not pound in fear. p637

Note # 52: ACIM advises us to not look back to the past. The past is full of egoic judgments based upon misperception. Images of the past are twice removed from the now. The ego wants as to recall the past so that we can relive the past again in the future. The past keeps us out of the <now>. Only in the <now> can we decide to choose the thought system of the Holy Spirit.

T-30.V.11. The Will of God forever lies in those whose hands are joined. 2 Until **two brother's hands are joined**, each brother thought **the Christ, Who is their brother** was their enemy. 3 But when **two brothers** joined and shared a purpose of **forgiveness**, they were free to learn their will is one. 4 And thus the Will of God must reach to their awareness. 5 Nor can **brothers who are joined** forget for long that **this joint shared will with God's Will** is but their own will.

Note # 53: When brothers' share in the same purpose, minds are joined. In the forgiving dream, forgiveness, union and joining are the goals. In the judgmental dream, judgment, separation and the maintenance of guilt are the goals. Forgiveness removes the blockages of sin, guilt and fear from our minds. When these blocks have been removed, we realize that we remain sinless and guiltless and are not the body. The ego's voice for fear has been removed. We are now open to hearing the Voice for God and the Oneness of the Sonship's joint Will.

VI. The Justification for Forgiveness

T-30.VI.1. Anger is <never> justified. 2 Attack has <no> foundation. 3 It is here **in the realization that anger is never justified and attack has no foundation** that escape from fear begins, and will be made complete. 4 Here **in this realization that anger is never justified and attack has no foundation** is the real world given in exchange for dreams of terror. 5 For it is on this **realization that anger is never justified and attack has no foundation** that forgiveness rests, and is but natural. 6 You are not asked to offer pardon where attack is due, and **where attack** would be justified. 7 For that would mean that you forgive a sin by overlooking what is really there. 8 This **forgiving of a sin that is really there** is not pardon. 9 For **forgiving of a sin that is real** would assume that, by responding

in a way which is not justified, your pardon will become the answer to attack that has been made. 10 And thus is pardon inappropriate, by being granted where **pardon** is not due.

Note # 54: Pardon should be granted only if the perceived wrongdoing did not take place. If the wrongdoing did take place, punishment, not pardon, is warranted. If we were to forgive when we were truly wronged, we would be required to sacrifice our own rights and thus, reward the wrongdoer. If sin is real, the sinner should be punished.

T-30.VI.2. Pardon is *<always>* justified. 2 **Pardon** has a sure foundation. 3 **In pardon**, you do not forgive the unforgivable, nor overlook a real attack that calls for punishment. 4 Salvation does not lie in being asked to make unnatural responses which are inappropriate to what is real. 5 Instead, **salvation** merely asks that you respond appropriately to what is not real by not perceiving what has not occurred. 6 If pardon were unjustified, you would be asked to sacrifice your rights when you return forgiveness for attack. 7 But you are merely asked to see forgiveness as the natural reaction to distress that rests on error, and thus calls for help. 8 Forgiveness is the only sane response. 9 **Forgiveness** *<keeps>* your rights from being sacrificed.

Note # 55: Sin is different than a mistake. A mistake requires correction, not punishment. If we believe ourselves to be a physical body, we believe that we can be attacked or hurt. In the world of form, attack and wrongdoing appear to be both possible and real. Yet, if we are unlimited, invulnerable spirit, how can we be hurt? We are not held accountable for dreams because they are illusions that have no effect on reality. The world of form is merely a playschool where God's Son came to remember and rediscover what he is. In this playschool where we appear to have in physical body, we may become frightened but we cannot be hurt. Mistakes during the learning process can occur, but sin is impossible. Mistakes are errors that call for help, not punishment.

T-30.VI.3. This understanding **that pardon is *<always>* justified while attack never is justified** is the only change that lets the real world rise to take the place of dreams of terror. 2 Fear cannot arise unless attack is justified, and if **attack** had a real foundation pardon would have none. 3 The real world is achieved when you perceive the basis of forgiveness is quite real and fully justified. 4 While you regard **pardon or forgiveness** as a gift unwarranted, **pardon** must uphold the guilt you would "forgive." 5 Unjustified forgiveness is attack. 6 And **unjustified forgiveness** is all the world can ever give. 7 **Unjustified forgiveness** pardons "sinners" sometimes, but remains aware that they have sinned. 8 And so **these supposed "sinners"** do not merit the forgiveness that **pardon** gives.

Note # 56: If we grant forgiveness but still hold the person as a wrongdoer within our mind, we have not granted true forgiveness. Instead, we have branded that person with a scarlet letter that tells the world this person is an imperfect sinner. This type of forgiveness is like an I.O.U. that we hold against the person and intend to collect upon at some future date. Pardon or forgiveness is easy to grant when we realize that any "given mistake" has no impact on what we are. We remain invulnerable and unlimited spirit. Pardon is easily granted since we understand that where there is no harm, there can be no foul play.

T-30.VI.4. **Unjustified forgiveness** is the false forgiveness which the world employs to keep the sense of sin alive. p638 2 And recognizing God is just, it seems impossible **to the ego that only understands the idea of false forgiveness that God's** pardon could be real. 3 Thus is the fear of God the sure result of seeing pardon as unmerited. **The ego tells us God still believes us to be sinners.** 4 No one who sees himself as guilty can avoid the fear of God. 5 But he is saved from this dilemma **of seeing himself as guilty of sin** if he can forgive. 6 The mind must think of its Creator as **the mind** looks upon itself. 7 If you can see your brother merits pardon, you have learned forgiveness is your right as much as **your brother's right.** 8 Nor will you think that God intends for you a fearful judgment that your brother does not merit. 9 For it is the truth that you can merit neither more nor less than **your brother.**

Note # 57: If we realize that our brother could not harm us, we realize that we also could not harm our Creator. If error has no effect, it cannot be a sin. True sin must have an effect that harms or changes reality. Pardon is justified since any error is only a mistake that we understand and interpret as a cry for love. Thus, only love is the proper response to the mistake and love is not something that we need to fear. The fear of God is now seen as unwarranted.

T-30.VI.5. Forgiveness recognized as merited will heal. 2 **Forgiveness when recognized as merited** gives the miracle its strength to overlook illusions. 3 **Through the miracle's ability to overlook illusions** you learn that you must be forgiven too. 4 There can be no appearance that can not be overlooked. 5 For if there were **some form or appearances of illusions that could not be overlooked,** it would be necessary first there be some sin that stands beyond forgiveness. 6 There would be an error **called sin that stands beyond forgiveness** that is more than a mistake; a special form of error, **called sin,** that remains unchangeable, eternal, and beyond correction or escape. 7 There would be one mistake **called sin that stands beyond forgiveness** that had the power to undo creation, and to make a world that could replace **creation** and destroy the Will of God. 8 Only if **this special error that could replace creation and destroy God's Will** were possible could there be some appearances that could withstand the miracle, and not be healed by **the miracle.**

Note # 58: We are the Effect of God. An effect cannot change its cause. God remains changeless and thus, His Will is changeless. As God's Effect, we can forget the truth and pretend to play the game of separation. Yet, this childhood game of limitation and duality has no power to change the truth. We remain God's perfect child, part of the Oneness that is the Mind of God.

T-30.VI.6. There is no surer proof idolatry is what you wish than a belief there are some forms of sickness and of joylessness forgiveness cannot heal. 2 This **belief that there are some forms of sickness that forgiveness cannot heal** means that you prefer to keep some idols, and are not prepared, as yet, to let all idols go. 3 And thus you think that some appearances are real and not appearances at all. 4 Be not deceived about the meaning of a fixed belief that some appearances are harder to look past than others **appearances** are. 5 **Your belief in degrees of difficulty among illusion's appearances** always means you think forgiveness must be limited. 6 And **your belief in degrees of difficulty** means you

have set a goal of partial pardon and a limited escape from guilt for you. 7 What can this be except a false forgiveness of yourself, and everyone who seems apart from you?

Note # 59: There is no order of difficulty among illusions. The false is always false no matter what form its appearance may take. An illusion is an illusion. All dreams only require that the dreamer wake up. If some parts of the dream of separation seem harder to correct, it is because we still value what that idol can offer our egoic mind. It is our refusal to give up an egoic experience that we still value to the Holy Spirit's guidance that prevents the miracle from being brought into our awareness. Our failing to ask for help prevents the Holy Spirit from performing Its function of reinterpretation of misperception and thus, ultimately forgiveness. If given over to the Holy Spirit, the false always must disappear before the truth.

T-30.VI.7. It must be true the miracle can heal all forms of sickness, or **the miracle** cannot heal. 2 **The miracle's** purpose cannot be to judge which forms are real, and which appearances are true. 3 If one appearance must remain apart from healing, one illusion must be part of truth. 4 And **if one illusion must be part of truth**, you could not escape all guilt, but only some of **the parts of guilt**. 5 You must forgive God's Son entirely. 6 Or **if you refuse to forgive the entire Sonship**, you will keep an image of yourself that is not whole, and **you** will remain afraid to look within **your Christ mind** and find escape from every idol there. 7 Salvation rests on faith there cannot be some forms of guilt that you cannot forgive. p639 8 And so there cannot be appearances that have replaced the truth about God's Son.

Note # 60: We cannot keep some idols for ourselves since this means that we still cling to our desire to be special and outside the Will of God. Only if we see our brother as unlimited and perfect, can we see ourselves as the Christ.

T-30.VI.8. Look on your brother with the willingness to see **your brother** as the Christ that he is. 2 And do not keep a part of him outside your willingness that **your brother** be healed. 3 To heal is to make whole. 4 And what is whole can have no missing parts that have been kept outside **the whole**. 5 Forgiveness rests on recognizing **the unity of the whole**, and being glad there cannot be some forms of sickness which the miracle must lack the power to heal.

Note # 61: Someone cannot be a little pregnant. You are either pregnant or not pregnant. There is no in-between. Healing is all or nothing. Healing takes place at the level of mind, not at the illusionary body level. Appearances are made to deceive. Do not place your faith in appearance or you will wrongly judge the miracle's effectiveness.

T-30.VI.9. God's Son is perfect, or he cannot be God's Son. 2 Nor will you know him **as the Christ**, if you think he does not merit the escape from guilt in all **guilt's** consequences and **guilt's** forms. 3 There is no way to think of **your brother** but this, if you would know the truth about yourself.

*4 I thank You, Father, for Your perfect Son, and in **my brother's** glory as **the Christ** will I see my own **glory as the Christ**.*

5 Here is the joyful statement that there are no forms of evil that can overcome the Will of God. **This statement is** the glad acknowledgment that guilt has not succeeded by your wish to make illusions real. 6 And what is this except a simple statement of the truth?

Note # 62: Since it is God's Will that His Son be like Himself, perfect, whole and complete, who are we to argue with Our Creator. To argue with God is the height of egoic arrogance.

T-30.VI.10. Look on your brother with this **statement's** hope in you, and you will understand **your brother** could not make an error that could change the truth in him **as the Christ**. 2 It is not difficult to overlook mistakes that have been given no effects. 3 But what you see as having power to make an idol of the Son of God you will not pardon. 4 For **if you refuse to overlook mistakes that have no effect, your brother** has become to you a graven image and a sign of death. 5 Is this **sign of death the idols represents** your savior? 6 Is his Father wrong about His Son? 7 Or have you been deceived in **your interpretation of your brother** who has been given you to heal, for your salvation and deliverance?

Note # 63: To give is to receive and we cannot give what we do not have. Our beliefs about how we perceive ourselves to be will determine what we believe we can give. If we see our brother as a body, we will not be able to look beyond the body's appearance and behold the face of Christ. Our beliefs control our perception. Change our beliefs to the truth that we are unlimited spirit and we will be able to behold the Christ. Our beliefs about what we are determine our goal or purpose. Based upon our purpose, our perception then follows.

VII. The New Interpretation

T-30.VII.1. Would God have left the meaning of the world to your interpretation? 2 If He had **left the meaning of the world to your interpretation, the world** *<has>* no meaning. 3 For it cannot be that meaning changes constantly, and yet is true. 4 The Holy Spirit looks upon the world as with one purpose, changelessly established. 5 And no situation can affect **the world's** aim, but must be in accord with **the one purpose that the Holy Spirit has given the world**. 6 For only if **the world's** aim could change with every situation could each **situation** be open to interpretation which is different every time you think of **each situation**. 7 You add an element into the script you write for every minute in the day, and all that happens now means something else. p640 8 You take away another element, and every meaning shifts accordingly.

Note # 64: Stability in our perception depends on having a single purpose for all our experiences. The Holy Spirit has established a single purpose for all situations in this world. Each experience is to be a tool to teach forgiveness and love. The Holy Spirit's goal is the reawakening of all sleeping minds to the truth. If we exclusively adopt the goal that we are here to teach only love, there is no conflict within our world. All events are perceived as either love or a cry for love. Our function becomes forgiving our brother by granting our brother his freedom. By doing this, we receive our own. By having the single purpose of forgiveness and love, decision-making is simplified. We need only ask the Holy Spirit the one question, "What would love have me do?" This single purpose gives instant stability to our perceived world. Correct perception replaces egoic misperception.

T-30.VII.2. What do your scripts reflect except your plans for what the day *<should>* be? 2 And thus you judge disaster and success, advance, retreat, and gain and loss **based on our own changeable scripts**. 3 These judgments all are made according to the roles the script assigns. 4 The fact **the scripts** have no meaning in themselves is demonstrated by the ease with which these labels change with other judgments, made on different aspects of experience. 5 And then, in looking back **at the experience**, you think you see another meaning in what went before. 6 What have you really done, except to show there was no meaning there **since meaning is changeless if it is real**? 7 But you assigned a meaning in the light of goals that change, **and this results in** every meaning shifting as **the goal** changes.

Note # 65: As we change our goal, how we perceive the same event will also change. Our interpretation of the event will change in order to realign with the new goal. This leads to instability and instability leads to fear. If the situations meaning is constantly changing, any interpretation that we give it is meaningless for truth is stable and does not change. If we adopt the Holy Spirit's single purpose, judgment and conflict disappear. With this single purpose, stability is reestablished within our healed mind.

T-30.VII.3. Only a constant purpose can endow events with stable meaning. 2 But a **constant purpose** must accord *<one>* meaning to all **events**. 3 If **events** are given different meanings, it must be that **events** reflect but different purposes. 4 And this **instability** is all the meaning that **the event can** have. 5 Can this be meaning? 6 Can confusion be what meaning means? 7 Perception cannot be in constant flux, and make allowance for stability of meaning anywhere. 8 Fear is a judgment never justified. 9 **Fear's** presence has no meaning but to show you wrote a fearful script, and are afraid accordingly. 10 But not because the thing you fear has fearful meaning in itself **but rather that you have written a fearful script**.

Note # 66: Our mind calls into our awareness every event that we perceive. We are our own scriptwriter in this play we call our earthly experience and life. We determine what, when, where and how, our life will unfold. Since we believe that we are separate and incomplete, we will write scripts that confirm this. Our goal will be to look outside to find what will make us whole. We will write scripts with assorted adventures that have various goals. If our goal is to prove that we are unworthy of love, that is the movie we will write, direct and star in. If we decide the goal is to be wealthy, we will modify the script and change the movie reel we choose to project from the movie projector of our own mind. If we give all our scripts over to the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit will be able to edit the film so that the movie is utilized to teach only love and forgiveness. Instead of dreams of judgment, these same movies will be seen as forgiving dreams.

T-30.VII.4. A common purpose is the only means whereby perception can be stabilized, and one interpretation given to the world and all experiences here **in this world**. 2 In this shared purpose is one judgment shared by everyone and everything you see. 3 You do not have to judge, for you have learned one meaning has been given everything, and you are glad to see **that one meaning** everywhere. 4 **That one meaning** cannot change *<because>* you would perceive **that one meaning** everywhere, unchanged by circumstance. 5 And so you offer **that one meaning** to all events, and let **all events** offer you stability.

Note # 67: If our goal is to teach only love, we must be only love. The Holy Spirit will interpret all situations as either love or a cry for love. The proper response to any cry for love is the granting of love and forgiveness. All events now call for the same response since all events are utilized to teach the goal of being only love. Having one goal and one meaning removes the instability in our lives. The changeability of past egoic goals always results in conflict and fear.

T-30.VII.5. Escape from judgment simply lies in this; all things have but one purpose, which you share with all the world. 2 And nothing in the world can be opposed to **that one-shared purpose**, for **that one-shared purpose** belongs to everything, as **that one-shared purpose** belongs to you. 3 In single purpose is the end of all ideas of sacrifice. **Sacrifice** must assume a different purpose for the one who gains and **a different purpose for the one** who loses. 4 There could be no thought of sacrifice apart from this idea of **different purposes**. 5 And it is this idea of different goals that makes perception shift and meaning change. 6 In one united goal does this **shifting of perception and meaning** become impossible, for your agreement makes interpretation stabilize and last. p641

Note # 68: If we share a common goal with the entire world, no one will be excluded from the goal. There will be only one meaning given to each event. When we ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance, our shared goal will be to teach only love. Forgiving dreams will be what we choose to project from our minds. Egoic misperception will now become the correct perception of the Holy Spirit.

T-30.VII.6. How can communication really be established while the symbols that are used mean different things? 2 The Holy Spirit's goal gives one interpretation, meaningful to you and to your brother. 3 Thus can you communicate with **your brother**, and **your brother** with you. 4 **By communicating** in symbols that you both can understand the sacrifice of meaning is undone. 5 All sacrifice entails the loss of your ability to see relationships among events. 6 And **events** looked at separately have no meaning. 7 For there is no light by which **the event looked at separately** can be seen and understood. 8 **Events that are looked at separately** have no purpose. 9 And what **events that are looked upon as separate** are for, cannot be seen. 10 In any thought of loss there is no meaning. 11 No one has agreed with you on what **the event that was looked as separate** means. 12 **The event that was looked as separate** is a part of a distorted script, which cannot be interpreted with meaning. 13 **The event that was looked as separate** must be forever unintelligible. 14 This is not communication. 15 Your dark dreams are but the senseless, isolated scripts you write in sleep. 16 Look not to separate dreams for meaning. 17 Only dreams of pardon can be shared. 18 **Dreams of pardon** mean the same to both of you.

Note # 69: In the dream of judgment, each party has written a script on how the event is to play out. Each party has predetermined the role the other person must play in the scriptwriter's dream to fulfill the scriptwriter's incompleteness. The role we assign to the other party is our own goal. This goal is not shared with the other party for the other party has also written their own script. Each party has their own secret agenda, which they have written. Each party has assigned secret roles for the other party to play in their own dream of judgment. Since each party has different private goals, each party sees the events meaning differently and each act is isolated from the interplay of all relationships to the

whole. Only the Holy Spirit knows how each event fits into the big picture. Because of this fact, we should always trust the judgment of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will take dreams of judgment and convert them into dreams of forgiveness.

T-30.VII.7. Do not interpret out of solitude, for what you **egoically** see means nothing. 2 **What you egoically see** will shift in what it stands for, and you will believe the world is an uncertain place, in which you walk in danger and uncertainty. 3 It is but your interpretations which are lacking in stability, for **your egoic interpretations** are not in line with what you really are. 4 **When your interpretations are not in line with what you really are** this is a state so seemingly unsafe that fear must rise. 5 **My brother**, do not continue thus **in this state of fear that arose from your egoic interpretations not being in line with what you really are.** 6 We have one Interpreter, **Who is the Holy Spirit.** 7 And through **the Holy Spirit's** use of symbols are we joined, so that **the symbols** mean the same to all of us. 8 Our common language lets us speak to all our brothers, and to understand with **all our brothers** forgiveness has been given to us all, and thus, we can communicate again.

Note # 70: To communicate, we must have a common language. By having only one shared purpose, which is the teaching of love and forgiveness, we can now communicate with our brother. We have one goal and all events are given one meaning, which is shared by all. Thus, minds that once appeared separate now join in their one shared purpose. This one purpose is the reawakening of the Sonship to the truth of what we are.

VIII. Changeless Reality

T-30.VIII.1. Appearances deceive, but can be changed. 2 Reality is changeless. 3 **Reality** does not deceive at all, and if you fail to see beyond appearances you *<are>* deceived. 4 For everything you **egoically** see will change, and yet you thought **what you saw** real before, and now you think **what you see** real again. 5 Reality is thus reduced to form, and **form is** capable of change. 6 Reality is changeless. 7 It is this **changelessness** that makes **reality** real, and keeps **reality** separate from all appearances. 8 **Reality** must transcend all form to be itself. 9 **Reality** cannot change.

Note # 71: Only the changeless is real. Form is constantly changing. The vision of Christ allows us to look past form to content.

T-30.VIII.2. The miracle is **the** means to demonstrate that all appearances can change because **appearances** *<are>* appearances, and **appearances** cannot have the changelessness reality entails. p642 2 The miracle attests salvation from appearances by showing **appearances** can change. 3 Your brother has a changelessness in him beyond appearance and deception, both. 4 **Your brother's changelessness** is obscured by **the** changing views of **your brother** that you perceive as **your brother's** reality. 5 The happy dream about **your brother** takes the form of the appearance of **your brother's** perfect health, his perfect freedom from all forms of lack, and **your brother's** safety from disaster of all kinds. 6 The miracle is proof **your brother** is not bound by loss or suffering in any form, because **your perception of the appearance of loss or suffering in any form** can so easily be changed. 7 This demonstrates that **your perception of appearance in any form** was never real, and could not stem from **your brother's** reality. 8 For **your brother's reality** is changeless, and **appearance** has no effects that anything in Heaven or on earth

could ever alter. 9 But appearances are shown to be unreal <because> **appearances** change.

Note # 72: Appearances are based on our perception yet, our perception changes based on the purpose we give to the event. Appearances are form, not content. Reality is truth and truth just is. Knowledge, not perception, is changeless. In the miracle, the Holy Spirit transforms our egoic misperception into correct perception. This is accomplished by changing the experience's function to realign with truth. Miracles occur in the mind. Miracles do not have to modify physical form. Instead, miracles correct the mind's misperceptions. Our misperceptions are a result of our egoic desire to maintain a goal that is different from the one, common shared goal of the Holy Spirit and the Christ. This common goal is the return to truth and to the remembrance of God.

T-30.VIII.3. What is temptation but a wish to make illusions real? 2 **Temptation** does not seem to be the wish that no reality be so. 3 Yet **temptation** is an assertion that some forms of idols have a powerful appeal that makes **some forms of idols** harder to resist than those **idols** you would not want to have **as part of your perceived** reality. 4 Temptation, then, is nothing more than this; a prayer the miracle touch not some dreams, but keep **some dreams'** unreality obscure and give to **these illusions that we wish to keep a false** reality instead. 5 And Heaven gives no answer to **this kind of** prayer, nor can a miracle be given you to heal appearances you do not like. 6 Your **egoic little "s" self** has established limits. 7 What you ask, **which is limitation**, <is> given you, but **it is not given to you** of God Who knows no limits. 8 You have limited yourself.

Note # 73: Within the dream of separation and limitation, we are free to make-up whatever rules we wish to experience. We are free to call anything into our field of awareness that we would like. We are even allowed to pretend that we are something other than part of the unlimited Mind of God. When we choose to play the game of egoic littleness, we get to perceive limitation. This limitation is not real but will appear to bind us as long as we choose to follow the thought system of the ego. We are equally free to reawaken from our game of littleness whenever we choose.

T-30.VIII.4. Reality is changeless. 2 Miracles but show what you have interposed between reality and your awareness is unreal, and does not interfere **with reality** at all. 3 The cost of the belief there must be some appearances beyond the hope of change is that the miracle cannot come forth from you consistently. 4 For you have asked **the miracle** be withheld from power to heal all dreams. 5 There is no miracle you cannot have when you desire healing. 6 But there is no miracle that can be given you unless you want **healing**. 7 Choose what you would heal, and **the Holy Spirit**, Who gives all miracles, has not been given freedom to bestow **God's** gifts upon God's Son. 8 When **the egoic self** is tempted, **the egoic self** denies reality. 9 And **the egoic self** becomes the willing slave of what he chose instead, **which is limitation**.

Note # 74: Temptation is our wish to withhold some experience from the guidance of the Holy Spirit. When we attempt to pick and choose which illusions we want to keep, the Holy Spirit is unable to answer our prayer in the form of a miracle. We are not the arbitrators of truth. Egoic prayers that attempt to restrict the possible solution that our ego will accept cannot be answered. For the miracle to occur, we must surrender all egoic

thinking about the event and allow the Holy Spirit to change our misperceptions into correct perception. Since the Holy Spirit has changed the purpose, the resulting perception must also change.

T-30.VIII.5. *<Because>* reality is changeless is a miracle already there to heal all things that change. **The miracle is able to modify the appearance in things that change** and offer them to you to see in happy form, devoid of fear. 2 **The miracle's modification of the appearance of experience** will be given you to look upon your brother thus **in a happy form, devoid of fear.** 3 But **the miracle's modification in appearance to the happy form cannot be given** while you would have it **appear** otherwise in some respects. p643 4 For this **egoic limitation on the acceptable form for the answer** but means you would not have **your brother** healed and whole. 5 The Christ in **your brother** is perfect. 6 Is it this, **the Christ in your brother that** you would look upon? 7 Then let there be no dreams about **your brother** that you would prefer to seeing this, **the Christ in your brother.** 8 And you will see the Christ in **your brother** because you let **the Christ in your brother** come to you. 9 And when **the Christ in your brother** has appeared to you, you will be certain you are like **the Christ**, for **the Christ** is the changeless in your brother and **the Christ is the changeless** in you.

Note # 75: If we do not place limits upon the Holy Spirit, we will look with the vision of Christ. The miracle allows us to see past the body-form and observe the Christ, which is the true spiritual essence of all creation that comprises the equality of the One Self.

T-30.VIII.6. This **changeless Christ** will you look upon when you decide there is not one appearance you would hold in place of what your brother really is. 2 Let no temptation to prefer a dream allow uncertainty to enter here. 3 Be not made guilty and afraid when you are tempted by a dream of what **your brother** is. 4 But do not give **a dream** power to replace the changeless **Christ in your brother** in your sight of him. 5 There is no false appearance but will fade, if you request a miracle instead. 6 There is no pain from which **your brother** is not free, if you would have **your brother** be but what he is, **which is the Christ.** 7 Why should you fear to see the Christ in **your brother**? 8 You but behold yourself in what you see. 9 As **your brother** is healed are you made free of guilt, for **your brother's** appearance is your own **appearance** to you. p644

Note # 76: Appearance will give way to the truth when we ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance. The miracle cuts through the veil of form that hides the essence of the Christ from our vision. When we allow our brothers to be free from all the illusions that we have placed upon them, we will receive that same freeing gift.