

## Chapter 7.

### THE GIFTS OF THE KINGDOM

#### I. The Last Step

T-7.I.1. The creative power of God and His creations is limitless, but **the creative power of God and His creations** are not in reciprocal relationship. 2 You communicate fully with God, as He does with you. 3 This **communication** is an ongoing process in which you share **with God**, and because you share **this communication**, you are inspired to create like God. 4 Yet in creation you are not in a reciprocal relation to God, since **God** created you but you did not create **God**. 5 I have already told you that only in this respect, **which is that God created you but you did not create God, is your creative power different from God's creative powers**. 6 Even in this world there is a parallel. 7 Parents give birth to children, but children do not give birth to parents. 8 **Children** do, however, give birth to their children, and thus give birth as their parents do.

**Note # 1:** We replicate God in every way except that God as First Cause created us. We are an Effect of God. Being an Effect of God, we do not have any ability to change our parent. We cannot be self-created as the ego claims that we are.

T-7.I.2. If you created God and **God** created you, the Kingdom could not increase through **the Kingdom's own creative thought**. 2 **If the Kingdom could not increase through the Kingdom's own creative thought**, creation would therefore be limited, and you would not be co-creator with God. 3 As God's creative Thought proceeds from **God** to you, so must your creative thought proceed from you to your creations. 4 Only in this way, **if your creative thought proceed from you to your creations**, can all creative power extend outward. 5 God's accomplishments are not your **accomplishments**, but **your accomplishments** are like **God's accomplishments**. 6 **God** created the Sonship and you increase **the Sonship**. 7 You have the power to add to the Kingdom, though not to add to the Creator of the Kingdom. 8 You claim this power **to add to the Kingdom** when you become vigilant only for God and **God's Kingdom**. 9 By accepting this power **to add to the Kingdom** as yours, you have learned to remember what you are.

**Note # 2:** When you are vigilant only for God and His kingdom, which is the third lesson of the Holy Spirit, you are able to create like God. At that moment you are under the guidance of the thought system of the Holy Spirit and are no longer coming from the ego's thought system of lack. You can only create like God when you know that you are God's Son, which is a co-creator with your Father.

T-7.I.3. Your creations belong in you, as you belong in God. 2 You are part of God, as your sons are part of His Sons. 3 To create is to love. 4 Love extends outward simply because **love** cannot be contained. 5 Being limitless **love** does not stop. 6 **Love** creates forever, but **love does not create** in time. 7 God's creations have always been, because **God** has always been. 8 Your creations have always been, because you can create only as God creates. 9 Eternity is yours, because **God** created you eternal.

**Note # 3:** Love does not create in time because time itself is only a learning device that arose from the separation. Due to this fact, time will dissolve or disappear when the Atonement process is completed. If love created in time, love's creations would not be eternal and, therefore, would be limited.

**T-7.I.4.** The ego, on the other hand, always demands reciprocal rights, because **the ego** is competitive rather than loving. 2 **The ego** is always willing to strike a bargain, but **the ego** cannot understand that to be like another means that no bargains are possible. p112  
3 To gain you must give, not bargain. 4 To bargain is to limit giving, and **thus to bargain** is not God's Will. 5 To will with God is to create like **God**. 6 God does not limit **God's** gifts in any way. 7 You *<are>* **God's** gifts, and so your gifts must be like **God's gifts**. 8 Your gifts to the Kingdom must be like **God's** gifts to you.

**Note # 4:** To gain, you must give, not bargain. This statement is a natural result of the first lesson of the Holy Spirit, which is "To Have, Give All to All." When we bargain, we are looking for a "good trade" that will make us feel more complete than before. Yet, since bargaining means giving up something in return, the ego insures that we remain not whole and complete. We now lack what we give up in exchange.

**T-7.I.5.** I gave only love to the Kingdom because I believed that **love** was what I was. 2 What you believe you are determines your gifts, and if God created you by extending Himself as you, you can only extend yourself as **God** did. 3 Only joy increases forever, since joy and eternity are inseparable. 4 God extends outward beyond limits and beyond time, and you who are co-creator with **God** extend **God's** Kingdom forever and beyond limit. 5 Eternity is the indelible stamp of creation. 6 The eternal are in peace and joy forever.

**Note # 5:** We were created to create like our Source. We cannot be happy unless we fulfill this function of extending the Oneness of everything.

**T-7.I.6.** To think like God is to share **God's** certainty of what you are, and to create like **God** is to share the perfect Love **God** shares with you. 2 To **share the perfect Love God shares with you**, the Holy Spirit leads you, that your joy may be complete because the Kingdom of God is whole. 3 I have said that the last step in the reawakening of knowledge is taken by God. 4 **It is true that the last step in the reawakening of knowledge is taken by God**, but **this last step** is hard to explain in words because words are symbols, and nothing that is true need be explained. 5 However, the Holy Spirit has the task of translating the useless into the useful, the meaningless into the meaningful, and the temporary into the timeless. 6 **The Holy Spirit** can therefore tell you something about this last step **in the reawakening process, which is taken by God**.

**Note # 6:** The Holy Spirit takes our misperceptions and reinterprets them through the eyes of love. The Holy Spirit saves what can be transformed by forgiveness and love into something that can be shared throughout the Sonship. He disregards any illusions that are not transformable into love as unworthy of the Son of God.

**T-7.I.7.** God does not take steps, because **God's** accomplishments are not gradual. 2 **God** does not teach, because **God's** creations are changeless. 3 **God** does nothing last, because **God** created first and for always. 4 It must be understood that the word "first" as applied to **God** is not a time concept. 5 **God** is first in the sense that **God** is the First in the Holy Trinity Itself. 6 **God** is the Prime Creator, because **God** created **God's** co-creators. 7

Because **God** did, time applies neither to **God** nor to what **God** created. 8 The "last step" that God will take was therefore true in the beginning, is true now, and will be true forever. 9 What is timeless is always there, because its being is eternally changeless. 10 **What God created** does not change by increase, because **what God created** was forever created to increase. 11 If you perceive **what God created** as not increasing you do not know what **God's creation** is. 12 You also do not know Who created **what God created**. 13 God does not reveal this to you because **what God created** was never hidden. 14 His light was never obscured, because **His light** is His Will to share **His light**. p13 15 How can what is fully shared be withheld and then revealed?

**Note # 7:** God's creative powers follow that lesson of the Holy Spirit, "To Have All, Give All to All." In the creative process God gives all and, therefore, withholds nothing. Since when God creates nothing is withheld, there is nothing that was ever left out that could be revealed at some later time. God is First Cause. As First Cause, what God sourced into being was the ever-expanding changeless Love of God. Being Love, this is all God could extend because you can only give away what you are, have and be. Unconditional Love can only expand and extend outwardly remaining constantly perfect, whole and complete. Time measures change. Unconditional Love is changeless and, therefore, is timeless.

## **II. The Law of the Kingdom**

**T-7.II.1.** To heal is the only kind of thinking in this world that resembles the Thought of God, and because of the elements **to healing and the Thought of God** share, **to heal** can transfer easily to **the Thought of God**. 2 When a brother perceives himself as sick, a **brother** is perceiving himself as not whole, and therefore in need. 3 If you, too, see him **sick and, therefore, in need**, you are seeing **your brother** as if **your brother** were absent from the Kingdom or separated from **the Kingdom**, thus making the Kingdom itself obscure to both you **and your brother**. 4 Sickness and separation are not of God, but the Kingdom is **of God**. 5 If you obscure the Kingdom, you are perceiving what is not of God.

**Note # 8:** When we perceive based on fear, we feel that we must protect and guard others or ourselves from the fear and danger. When fear enters into the picture, we are denying that we are invulnerable spirit and accepting the belief that we are a limited ego-body. This gives the illusion a false power and makes it appear real within our own mind. If you agree that a brother needs to be "fixed", you are confirming his belief that he is not perfect, whole and complete. You are allowing his illusion to become yours. By his sharing and you accepting his idea of sickness, you have strengthened this false idea. When you heal, you deny the false and allow only the truth to shine forth.

**T-7.II.2.** To heal, then, is to correct **the wrong** perception in your brother and yourself by sharing the Holy Spirit with **your brother**. 2 This places you both within the Kingdom, and restores **the Kingdom's** wholeness in your mind. 3 This reflects creation, because **to heal places you both within the Kingdom and, therefore, this** unifies by increasing and integrates by extending. 4 What you project or extend is real for you. 5 **What you project or extend is real for you** is an immutable law of the mind in this world as well as in the Kingdom. 6 However, the content is different in this world, because the thoughts **in this world that the law of mind** governs are very different from the Thoughts in the Kingdom. **The law of mind is that what you project or extend is real for you.** 7 Laws must be adapted to circumstances if they are to maintain order. 8 The outstanding

characteristic of the laws of mind as operate in this world is that by obeying **the laws of mind**, and I assure you that you must obey **the laws of mind**, you can arrive at diametrically opposed results. 9 This **diametrically opposed result** is because the laws have been adapted to the circumstances of this world, in which diametrically opposed outcomes seem possible because you can respond to two conflicting voices.

**Note # 9:** Our provisional reality is a world in which we believe that we are the arbitrator of truth. We believe that we can decide between the true and the false and by choosing the false, make the false real and the true unreal. Only in illusions does this appear possible since the law of mind is that what you project or extend is real for you. Outside the deluded mind of the dreamer, the illusion, which is thought projection, has no power to change the real world, which ACIM calls the Kingdom.

Because you believe that you are separate in your world of provisional reality, there are two voices that you can follow. Each voice supports opposite conclusions. By following the voice for egoic fear, your dream world becomes very scary and real place to you. By following the Holy Spirit's voice, you are called to remember that you are Spirit, a Oneness of God. The ego leads you to a world of limitation, pain, guilt, and fear. The Holy Spirit leads you back to the truth of the Kingdom.

**T-7.II.3.** Outside the Kingdom, the law that prevails inside **the Kingdom** is adapted to "What you project you believe." 2 **"What you project you believe" is the law of mind that prevails outside the Kingdom's.** **"What you project you believe" is this law's adapted teaching form outside the Kingdom**, because outside the Kingdom learning is essential. 3 This **adapted form of the law of mind, which is "What you project you believe"**, implies that you will learn what you are from what you have projected onto others, and therefore believe **the others are what you have projected onto them.** 4 In the Kingdom there is no teaching or learning, because there is no belief. 5 There is only certainty **in the Kingdom.** 6 God and His Sons, in the surety of being, know that what you extend you are. 7 That form of the law is not adapted at all, being the law of creation. 8 God Himself created the law by creating *<by>* **the law of creation, which is "when you create, you extend the totality of what you are and thus, what you extend you are."** 9 And His Sons, who create like Him, follow **the law of creation** gladly, knowing that the increase of the Kingdom depends on **the law of creation**, just as their own creation did **depend on the law of creation.** p114

**Note # 10:** In the Kingdom, there is no teaching or learning, because there is knowledge. Knowledge is truth and therefore just is. In the world of time and perception, knowledge has been lost and has been replaced by perception.

The Law of creation is the total extension of everything that you are. It states that what you extend you are. When God created, nothing was held back. Being All, God gave All. In the world of our provisional reality this law has been modified to fit your viewpoint that you are a limited ego-body. The law is modified to read ' "What you project you believe." This modification is necessary because you cannot create if you believe that you are a limited ego-body. Creation is extension of what you really are, which is an unlimited Son of God. When we are under the guidance of the ego, we believe that we are something we are not. We believe that we are a limited ego-body. Because we project outside ourselves something that we are not, what we perceive back is what we projected out. This reflection, confirms our belief in how we perceive ourselves to be and thus, we conclude

that we are a limited ego-body. If the law of creation, “What you extend you are,” was not modified when applied outside the Kingdom, our belief in separation would force us to become something God did not create, an ego-body. God’s Will would not be honored and we would be changing God, which is the First Cause. It is impossible for an effect to change its cause. Because an effect cannot change its cause, extension belongs in the Kingdom (the Mind of God), and projection is held outside the Kingdom and confined to our imagined dream world of provisional reality, perception, time and space.

**T-7.II.4.** Laws must be communicated if they are to be helpful. 2 In effect, Laws must be translated for those who speak different languages. 3 Nevertheless, a good translator, although he must alter the form of what he translates, **a good translator** never changes the meaning. 4 In fact, **a good translator’s** whole purpose is to change the form so that the original meaning is retained. 5 The Holy Spirit is the Translator of the laws of God to those who do not understand **the laws of God**. 6 You could not **translate the laws of God** yourself because a conflicted mind cannot be faithful to one meaning, and will therefore change the meaning to preserve the form.

**Note # 11:** Only the Holy Spirit knows the big picture and can properly interpret our experiences to align with the truth. The ego, not knowing the truth, cannot uphold to truth. To the ego, the illusion of form is more important than the content, which is the true message.

**T-7.II.5.** The Holy Spirit's purpose in translating is exactly the opposite **of changing the meaning to preserve the form**. 2 **The Holy Spirit** translates only to preserve the original meaning in all respects and in all languages. 3 Therefore, **the Holy Spirit** opposes the idea that differences in form are meaningful, emphasizing always that *<these differences in form do not matter.>* 4 The meaning of **the Holy Spirit’s** message is always the same; only the meaning matters. 5 God's law of creation does not involve the use of truth to convince **God’s** Sons of truth. 6 The extension of truth, which *<is>* the law of the Kingdom, rests only on the knowledge of what truth is. 7 This **knowledge of what truth is**, is your inheritance and requires no learning at all, but when you disinherited yourself you became a learner of necessity.

**Note # 12:** The Holy Spirit resides in and as our Big “S” Self and retains knowledge. We never truly lose our connection to our Source. The Holy Spirit protects and preserves our divine inheritance until our split mind is healed through relearning and acceptance of the truth.

**T-7.II.6.** No one questions the connection of learning and memory. 2 Learning is impossible without memory since **learning** must be consistent to be remembered. 3 That is why the Holy Spirit's teaching is a lesson in remembering. 4 I said before that **the Holy Spirit** teaches remembering and forgetting, but the forgetting is only to make the remembering consistent. 5 You forget in order to remember better. 6 You will not understand **the Holy Spirit’s** translations while you listen to two ways of interpreting **these translations**. 7 Therefore you must forget or relinquish one to understand the other. 8 This **forgetting and relinquishing one thought system’s interpretation to understand the other thought system’s interpretation**, is the only way you can learn consistency, so that you can finally *<be>* consistent.

**Note # 13:** You listen to both the ego's and Holy Spirit's interpretation of what you perceive. Therefore, the Holy Spirit's goal is to help you remember what He teaches and to forget what the ego teaches. Until you follow only the Holy Spirit's teachings, you will be inconsistent.

**T-7.II.7.** What can the perfect consistency of the Kingdom mean to those who are confused? 2 It is apparent that confusion interferes with meaning, and therefore prevents the learner from appreciating **the meaning**. 3 There is no confusion in the Kingdom, because there is only one meaning. 4 This **one** meaning comes from God and *<is>* God. **God is Love**. 5 Because **this one meaning** is also you, you share **this one meaning** and extend **this one meaning** as your Creator did. 6 This **one meaning** needs no translation because **this one meaning** is perfectly understood, but **this one meaning** does need extension because **this one meaning** *<means>* extension. 7 Communication is perfectly direct and perfectly united. p115 8 Communication is totally free, because nothing discordant ever enters. 9 That is why communication is the Kingdom of God. 10 **Communication** belongs to **God** and is therefore like **God**. 11 That is **the Kingdom's** reality, and nothing can assail **the Kingdom's reality**.

**Note # 14:** In the kingdom, which is the Mind of God, there is only being. Knowledge has not been lost and what is true just is. There is only one meaning since there is only undifferentiated Oneness. The Mind is whole and one. God being Love, the one meaning is love. You, being an extension of God, can only be love. Love is extension. Love is universal and needs no translation. Love needs to be shared or extended and this is how we communicate love. Love is life. Love is the reality of the Kingdom. Only love is real since only unconditional love is changeless. Love is all that is; one meaning, one message, one reality.

### **III. The Reality of the Kingdom**

**T-7.III.1.** The Holy Spirit teaches one lesson, and applies **one lesson** to all individuals in all situations. 2 Being conflict-free, **the Holy Spirit** maximizes all efforts and all results. 3 By teaching the power of the Kingdom of God Himself, **the Holy Spirit** teaches you that all power is yours. 4 **The power of the Kingdom of God's** application does not matter. 5 **The power of the Kingdom of God** is always maximal. 6 Your vigilance does not establish **the power of the Kingdom of God** as your **power**, but **your vigilance** does enable you to use **the power of the Kingdom of God** always and in all ways. 7 When I said "I am with you always," I meant it literally. 8 I am not absent to anyone in any situation. 9 Because I am always with you, *<you>* are the way, the truth and the life. 10 You did not make this **power of the power of the Kingdom of God**, any more than I **made this power of the Kingdom of God**. 11 **The power of the Kingdom of God** was created to be shared, and, therefore, **the power of the Kingdom of God** cannot be meaningfully perceived as belonging to anyone at the expense of another. 12 Such a perception makes **the power of the Kingdom of God** meaningless by eliminating or overlooking **the power of the Kingdom of God's** real and only meaning **which is sharing**.

**Note # 15:** Truth is the power of the Kingdom of God. God is love and being love He extended Himself totally to all of Creation. There is no separation; just the extension of the Oneness that is the Mind of God. God shares completely "All That He Is."

**T-7.III.2.** God's meaning waits in the Kingdom, because that is where **God** placed **His meaning**. 2 **God's meaning** does not wait in time. 3 **God's meaning** merely rests in the Kingdom because **God's meaning** belongs **in the Kingdom** there, as you **belong in the Kingdom**. 4 How can you who are God's meaning perceive yourself as absent from **God's meaning and the Kingdom**? 5 You can see yourself as separated from your meaning only by experiencing yourself as unreal. 6 This is why the ego is insane; **the ego** teaches that you are not what you are. 7 **The ego's teaching that you are not what you are**, is so contradictory **the ego's teaching** is clearly impossible. 8 **The ego's teaching that you are not what you are**, is therefore a lesson you cannot really learn, and therefore **you** cannot really teach **the ego's teaching that you are not what you are**. 9 Yet you are always teaching. 10 You must, therefore, be teaching something else, even though the ego does not know what **your teaching** is. 11 **Because you are always teaching even though the ego does not know what your teaching is**, the ego, then, is always being undone, and does suspect your motives **since the ego does not know what you are really teaching**. 12 Your mind cannot be unified in allegiance to the ego, because the mind does not belong to **the ego**. 13 Yet what is "treacherous" to the ego, (**your mind's Big "S" Self**), is faithful to peace. 14 The ego's "enemy", (**your mind's Big "S" Self**), is therefore your friend.

**Note # 16:** God's meaning is you, which is only an extension of God's Love. God is Cause and we are God's Effect. We, or Creation, are the extension of God's Love. God's meaning is not found in your dream world of provisional reality because your dream does not exist in the Mind of God. It is not found in time since both time and space are temporary teaching devices only found in your transitory world of provisional reality. Provisional reality, time and space all are outside the Kingdom and thus, are not part of the Mind of God. They appear to reside only within the imagination of the mind of the dreamer.

You are God's meaning and anytime that you believe yourself to be something that you are not, this something can only exist in your own provisional reality. It cannot exist in the Mind of God, which is changeless and real. Your Real Self never left the Mind of God. Only due to your split-mind's belief in the dream world can you imagine what you are not. Our imagination is the tool that allows us to perceive ourselves as something we are not and yet remain totally safe in the truth of what we are. Our imagination has no ability to change the truth. You are God's Kingdom and God's Kingdom is what you are. There is just a wholeness and oneness in love.

**T-7.III.3.** I said before that the ego's friend, **the body**, is not part of you, because the ego perceives itself at war and therefore in need of allies. 2 You who are not at war must look for brothers and recognize all whom you see as brothers, because only equals are at peace. 3 Because God's equal Sons have everything, **God's equal Sons** cannot compete. p116 4 Yet if **God's equal Sons** perceive any of their brothers as anything other than their perfect equals, the idea of competition has entered **into the minds of God's equal Sons**. 5 Do not underestimate your need to be vigilant *<against>* this idea **that God's equal sons are somehow not equal**, because all your conflicts come from **this idea that God's equal sons are somehow not equal**. 6 **That God's equal sons are somehow not equal** *<is>* the belief that conflicting interests are possible, and therefore you have accepted the impossible **belief that conflicting interests are possible**, as true. 7 Is that different from saying you perceive yourself as unreal?

**Note # 18:** Equality of Son's of God allows for Oneness. Without equality, you would lack something. There would be something outside yourself that you are not. Competition is the natural result of inequality since now there are limited things and, therefore, to get I must take. Due to our belief in lack of equality, we have specialness and differentiation that allow for the concept of winners and loser. Because they are equal, God's Children have everything and they are everything. If we view the split-minded Sonship as a true hologram, we can understand how each part would contain the whole and the whole would be in each part. With the acceptance of the holographic nature of the Mind of God, competition and conflict disappear. Everyone already has "All That Is"

**T-7.III.4.** To be in the Kingdom is merely to focus your full attention on **the Kingdom**. 2 As long as you believe you can attend to what is not true, you are accepting conflict as your choice. 3 Is **your belief that you can attend to what is not true** really a choice? 4 **Your belief that you can attend to what is not true** seems to be a **choice**, but seeming and reality are hardly the same. 5 You who *<are>* the Kingdom are not concerned with seeming. 6 Reality is yours because you are reality. 7 This is how *<having>* and *<being>* are ultimately reconciled, not in the Kingdom, but in your mind. 8 The altar there is the only reality. 9 The altar is perfectly clear in thought, because **the altar** is a reflection of perfect Thought. 10 Your right mind sees only brothers, because **your right mind** sees only in its own light, **which is truth**.

**Note # 19:** The altar is your truth. The altar is your core truth of what you really are. You can temporarily choose to worship or believe that you are something you are not, but you cannot change what God created since you abide in the Mind of God. You can build a temporary altar to egoic idols that represent your belief in the false but you can never destroy God's altar, which is your One Self. Your real altar is your "right mind". Your right mind sees equality in all it perceives. Your right mind's full attention is on the truth of what you really are as Spirit and a Son of God. The Son of God is God's Kingdom. The altar is the reflection of this perfect thought.

**T-7.III.5.** God has lit your mind Himself, and **God** keeps your mind lit by **God's** light because **God's** light is what your mind is. 2 **God keeps your mind lit** is totally beyond question, and when you question **if God keeps your mind lit**, you are answered. 3 The Answer merely undoes the question by establishing the fact that to question reality is to question meaninglessly. 4 **The fact that to question reality is to question meaninglessly** is why the Holy Spirit never questions. 5 **The Holy Spirit's** sole function is to undo the questionable and thus lead to certainty. 6 The certain are perfectly calm, because **the certain** are not in doubt. 7 **The certain** do not raise questions, because nothing questionable enters **the minds of the certain**. 8 This **having no questions** holds **the certain** in perfect serenity **with the truth**, because this is what **the certain** share, knowing what they are.

**Note # 20:** Reality is reality. The truth is reality. To question the truth is useless since questioning the truth cannot change the truth. It can only open the door to your own doubt. The Holy Spirit's purpose is to remove all doubt, which will ultimately lead to certainty. We need to be certain of the truth of what we are. By accepting the Atonement for ourselves, we become certain. What can be more certain than not to have any questions, or doubts, about the truth? Perception leads to doubt since perception is always subject to

interpretation. Knowledge is not perception since knowledge simply knows the true. Knowledge is certain. The Holy Spirit's role is to reawaken your mind to the truth of what you are. You are God's Kingdom for that is what you are. This is God's Will. Only love is real and you are only love.

#### **IV. Healing as the Recognition of Truth**

T-7.IV.1. Truth can only *<be>* recognized and **truth** *<need>* only be recognized. 2 Inspiration is of the Holy Spirit, and certainty is of God according to **God's** laws. 3 Both, **inspiration and certainty**, therefore, come from the same Source, since inspiration comes from the Voice for God and certainty comes from the laws of God. 4 Healing does not come directly from God, **since God the Father**, knows His creations as perfectly whole. 5 Yet healing is still of God, because **healing** proceeds from **God's** Voice and from **God's** laws. 6 **Healing proceeds as the result of God's Voice and God's laws** in a state of mind that does not know **God**. 7 The state **of the split-mind that does not know God and therefore requires healing** is unknown to **God, the Father**, and therefore does not exist, but those who sleep are unaware **that a state of mind that does not know God cannot exist.** p17 8 Because **those who sleep** are unaware, **these split-minds** do not know **themselves as perfect creations of God, the Father., and therefore believe they can be something other than whole and perfect.**

**Note # 21:** When it says that healing does not come from God since God knows his creations as perfect, we are speaking of God the Father. God the Father is the source of all. He is the original, first and primary source of everything. God the Father extended Himself, Who is only Love and only knows His Creations as this truth because that is what God, is. Our misperceptions our not part of the truth and, therefore, are not known by God the Father.

God's Voice is the Holy Spirit's. The Holy Spirit knows the truth like God the Father, but also has the ability to be aware that God's Son has forgotten, or lost, his true nature and has fallen into a "deep sleep". This allows the Holy Spirit to reinterpret the misperception of our ego-based dreams and thus, reawake or heal our dreaming split-mind.

The state of mind that is asleep is under the guidance of the ego's thought system, which believes in separation and individuality. Because they believe in the separation, truth's certainty has given away to perception. The split-minded fails to remember what it is. In contrast, the Father always and only knows His creations as He created them. His creations have never left His Mind. Because the split-minded do not know themselves as perfect creations of God, the Father, they believe they can be something other than love. The Holy Spirit utilizes the truth and God's Laws to teach the sleeping mind to heal its belief system and thus, return itself to whole-mindedness.

T-7.IV.2. The Holy Spirit must work *<through>* you to teach you **the Holy Spirit** is *<in>* you. 2 **Teaching you that the Holy Spirit is *<in>* you**, is an intermediary step toward the knowledge that you are in God because you are part of **God** 3 The miracles the Holy Spirit inspires can have no order of difficulty, because every part of creation is of one order. **This one order is the Oneness of Everything that is God.** 4 **That every part of creation is of one order** is God's Will and your **will**. 5 The laws of God establish **that every part of creation is of one order**, and the Holy Spirit reminds you **that every part of creation is of one order**. 6 When you heal, you are remembering the laws of God and forgetting the laws of the ego. 7 I said before that forgetting is merely a way of

remembering better. 8 **Forgetting** is therefore not the opposite of remembering when **forgetting** is properly perceived. 9 Perceived improperly **forgetting** induces a perception of conflict with something else, as all incorrect perception does **induce a perception of conflict with something else**. 10 Properly perceived **forgetting** can be used as a way out of conflict, as all proper perception can **be used as a way out of conflict**.

**Note # 21:** The Holy Spirit guides you to forget the thought system of the ego. Once forgotten, the Voice for God, the Holy Spirit, remains unchallenged. There are no longer two thought systems to conflict with each other. When we forget our egoic misperception, we are only left with correct perception.

**T-7.IV.3.** The ego does not want to teach everyone all **the ego** has learned, because **to teach everyone all the ego has learned** would defeat **the ego's** purpose. 2 Therefore **the ego** does not really learn at all. 3 The Holy Spirit teaches you to use what the ego has made, **and** to teach the opposite of what the ego has "learned." 4 The kind of learning is as irrelevant as is the particular ability that was applied to the learning. 5 All you need do is make the effort to learn, for the Holy Spirit has a unified goal for the effort. 6 If different abilities are applied long enough to one goal, the abilities themselves become unified. 7 **The abilities themselves become unified** because **the different abilities** are channelized in one direction, or in one way. 8 Ultimately, then, **the different abilities that are channelized in one direction**, all contribute to one result, and by so doing, **the different abilities'** similarity rather than **the different abilities'** differences **are** emphasized.

**Note # 22:** The Holy Spirit reinterprets based of the truth and the Laws of God what the ego's thought system has misperceived. The Holy Spirit knows that you and your brother are One Self, which is the Big "S" Self, but the Holy Spirit is also aware of your dream world in which you believe you have lost your birthright as a Child of God. The one goal of the Holy Spirit is to reawaken you to your spiritual magnificence. If allowed, the Holy Spirit will take all egoic misperceptions and convert them into witnesses for the reuniting and healing of the Sonship.

**T-7.IV.4.** All abilities should therefore be given over to the Holy Spirit, Who understands how to use them properly. 2 **The Holy Spirit** uses **all abilities** only for healing, because **the Holy Spirit** knows you only as whole. 3 By healing you learn of wholeness, and by learning of wholeness you learn to remember God. 4 You have forgotten **God**, but the Holy Spirit understands that your forgetting must be translated into a way of remembering.

**Note # 23:** The Holy Spirit takes everything that the ego claims will prove that the separation was real and translates them into correct perception that then witnesses only for the truth that only love is real. This is the call for the remembrance of God.

**T-7.IV.5.** The ego's goal is as unified as the Holy Spirit's, and it is because of this that **the ego's and Holy Spirit's** goals can never be reconciled in any way or to any extent. 2 The ego always seeks to divide and separate. 3 The Holy Spirit always seeks to unify and heal. 4 As you heal you are healed, because the Holy Spirit sees no order of difficulty in healing. 5 Healing is the way to undo the belief in differences, being the only way of

perceiving the Sonship as one. p118 6 This perception **that there is no differences in the Sonship** is therefore in accord with the laws of God, even in a state of mind that is out of accord with **God's Mind**. 7 The strength of right perception is so great that **right perception** brings the mind into accord with **God's Mind**, because **right perception** serves **God's Voice, which is the Holy Spirit**, which is in all of you.

**Note # 24:** The only way to perceive the Sonship as one is to remove all misperceptions in your mind's that God's Sons are not equal. Equality results on Oneness. Right perception brings the split-mind into proper alignment with your Big "S" Self's state of awareness. Your Big "S" Self is the home of the Holy Spirit and right perception.

**T-7.IV.6.** To think you can oppose the Will of God is a real delusion. 2 The ego believes that **the ego can oppose the Will of God**, and that **the ego** can offer you **the ego's own "will"** as a gift. 3 *<You do not want the ego's own "will" as a gift.>* 4 **The ego's own "will"** is not a gift. 5 **The ego's own "will"** is nothing at all. 6 God has given you a gift, **which is the shared Will of God**, that you both *<have>* and *<are.>* 7 When you do not use **the gift of God's Will**, you forget that you have **the gift of God's Will**. 8 By not remembering **the gift of God's Will**, you do not know what you are. 9 Healing, then, is a way of approaching knowledge by thinking in accordance with the laws of God, and recognizing **the laws of God's** universality. 10 Without this recognition of **the universality of God's laws**, you have made the laws of **God** meaningless to you. 11 Yet the laws of **God** are not meaningless, since all meaning is contained by **the laws of God** and in **the laws of God**.

**Note # 25:** God's laws apply in all situations. Even in the dream world of perception and separation, God's Laws apply. The dreamer is not aware that they apply and thus, is under the delusion that his dream has actually changed God's Will. Yet once reawakened, the dreamer discovers that the illusion had no effect on the reality that is the Mind of God. God's laws have maintained the Oneness of the Truth that only love is real.

**T-7.IV.7.** Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven, because that is where the laws of God operate truly, and **the laws of God** can operate only truly because **the laws of God** are the laws of truth. 2 But seek only **the laws of God**, because you can find nothing else. 3 There *<is>* nothing else. 4 God is All in all in a very literal sense. 5 All being is in **God** Who is all Being. 6 You are therefore in **God** since your being is **God's Being**. 7 Healing is a way of forgetting the sense of danger the ego has induced in you, by not recognizing **the ego's** existence in your brother. 8 This strengthens the Holy Spirit in both **you and your brother**, because **by not recognizing the ego's existence in your brother, this** is a refusal to acknowledge fear. 9 Love needs only this invitation, **which is your refusal to acknowledge fear**. 10 **Love** comes freely to all the Sonship, **love** being what the Sonship is. 11 By your awakening to **love**, you are merely forgetting what you are not. 12 This **forgetting what you are not** enables you to remember what you are.

**Note # 26:** The ego's goal is to divide and separate. The Holy Spirit's goal is to unify and heal. As you heal, you are healed. Healing is the undoing of the belief in differences that arose as a result of your belief in the separation. Difference is the lure of the egoic thought system since differences allow us to claim that we are special. It is this desire to be special that keeps us under the influence of the egoic thought system. Undoing the belief of

specialness and differences within the Sonship allows you to perceive yourself and your brother as one with a common goal. Right perception has the power to heal the “sick or split-minded” and bring them back into accord with their Big “S” Self and the Will of God. When we heal, we align with God and our Big “S” Self. We realize the truth that love is all there is and we are that One.

## V. Healing and the Changelessness of Mind

**T-7.V.1.** The body is nothing more than a framework for developing abilities, which is quite apart from what **developing abilities** are used for. 2 *<What developing abilities are used for,>* is a decision. 3 The effects of the ego's decision in this matter of **what developing abilities are used for** are so apparent that **what developing abilities are used for** need no elaboration, but the Holy Spirit's decision to use the body only for communication has such a direct connection with healing that **the Holy Spirit's decision to use the body only for communication** does need clarification. 4 The unhealed healer obviously does not understand his own vocation. p1 19

**Note #27:** The ego uses our developed abilities for the purpose of demonstrating that you are indeed special and different from your brother. This specialness verifies your individuality and, therefore, your belief in the separation is increased. The ego's purpose is always to try to confirm the impossible. The ego claims that you have the option and ability to decide not to do God's Will. It attempts to show that you somehow self-created yourself. To the ego, the body and our abilities are used for attacking other parts of the unified Sonship, which is an attack upon your Big “S” Self's reality.

**T-7.V.2.** Only minds communicate. 2 Since the ego cannot obliterate the impulse to communicate because **to communicate** is also the impulse to create, **the ego** can only teach you that the body can both communicate and create, and therefore **the body** does not need the mind. 3 The ego thus tries to teach you that the body can act like the mind, and **that the body** is therefore self-sufficient. 4 Yet we have learned that behavior is not the level for either teaching or learning, since you can act in accordance with what **your Big “S” Self** does not believe. 5 To **act in accordance with what your Big “S” Self does not believe**, however, will weaken you as a teacher and a learner because, as has been repeatedly emphasized, you teach what you *<do>* believe. 6 An inconsistent lesson will be poorly taught and poorly learned. 7 If you teach both sickness *<and>* healing, you are both a poor teacher and a poor learner.

**Note # 28:** Since only mind can communicate and to communicate is to create, the ego attempts to confuse the mind into thinking that the mind is really part of the body. When the mind comes under the guidance of the ego's thought system, the mind confuses itself with the body. The “split mind” sees itself as limited and separated just like the body. In this state of limitation and fear, the mind can only make (miscreate) and misperceive. In order to correct this state, we need to control our fear and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**Note # 29:** The split mind teaches both sickness and healing due to its confusion about what you are. The ego tells you that you are a body. Yet your Big “S” Self and Holy Spirit know the truth that you are spirit. If you perceive yourself as a body, you will act

accordingly. You will use the body for attack and thus, your behavior will support the idea of separation. Are you God's Son, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit's thought system? Or, are you an ego-body, under the guidance of the ego's thought system?

**T-7.V.3.** Healing is the one ability everyone can develop and **one's ability to heal** must develop if he, **the healer**, is to be healed. 2 Healing is the Holy Spirit's form of communication in this world, and the only **form of communication that the Holy Spirit** accepts. 3 **The Holy Spirit** recognizes no other **form of communication**, because **the Holy Spirit** does not accept the ego's confusion of mind and body. 4 Minds can communicate, but **minds** cannot hurt. 5 The body in the service of the ego can hurt other bodies, but this **ability of the body to hurt other bodies** cannot occur unless the body has already been confused with the mind. 6 This situation, too, **confusing the body with the mind**, can be used either for healing or for magic, but you must remember that magic always involves the belief that healing is harmful. 7 This belief **of confusing the body with the mind and therefore believing that the body has the some powers and abilities of the minds'** is **the ego's** totally insane premise, and so **the ego** proceeds accordingly.

**Note # 30:** The goal of the ego's thought system is to make the mind believe that it is something that it is not. When you identify your mind as the body, your mind has forgotten what you are. You have forgotten that all seeming separate parts are all one and equal. Spirit cannot be divided or made limited.

**T-7.V.4.** Healing only strengthens. 2 Magic always tries to weaken. 3 Healing perceives nothing in the healer that everyone else does not share with **the healer**. 4 Magic always sees something "special" in the healer, which **the healer** believes **the healer** can offer as a gift to someone who does not have **the gift of something "special" that the healer possesses**. 5 **The healer** may believe that the **gift of the something "special" that the healer possesses** comes from God to **the healer**, but it is quite evident that **the healer** does not understand God if **the healer** thinks **the healer** has something that others lack.

**Note # 31:** In order to heal, the healer must see the equality and truth in all. The healer must see his brother's High Self and teach his brother this truth that all brothers are equal Children of God. If the healer believes that he has special gifts to give, he does not come from equality but rather from belief in lack and specialness. Magic always involves the belief in specialness and means someone must lack what the "healer" has.

**T-7.V.5.** The Holy Spirit does not work by chance, and healing that is of **the Holy Spirit** <always> works. 2 Unless the healer always heals by **the Holy Spirit**, the results will vary. 3 Yet healing itself is consistent, since only consistency is conflict-free, and only the conflict-free are whole. 4 By accepting exceptions and acknowledging that **the healer** can sometimes heal and sometimes not, the healer is obviously accepting inconsistency. 5 **The healer** is therefore in conflict, and **the healer** is teaching conflict. 6 Can anything of God not be for all and for always? 7 Love is incapable of any exceptions. 8 Only if there is fear does the idea of exceptions seem to be meaningful. 9 Exceptions are fearful because **any exceptions** are made by fear. p120 10 The "fearful healer" is a contradiction in terms, and **the "fearful healer"** is therefore a concept that only a conflicted mind could possibly perceive as meaningful.

**Note # 32:** The "fearful healer" does not see the Oneness of everything, in everything. He still perceives the separation to be real and thus, correction of sickness or belief in split-mindedness requires a force outside the mind of the sick person. Healing always takes place within the mind of the "sick" person. It is the "sick" person's correction of their own error in thinking that takes place. The healer merely helps them see the light of truth within themselves.

**T-7.V.6.** Fear does not gladden. 2 Healing does **gladden**. 3 Fear always makes exceptions. 4 Healing never **makes exceptions**. 5 Fear produces dissociation, because **fear** induces separation. 6 Healing always produces harmony, because **healing** proceeds from integration. 7 **Healing** is predictable because **healing** can be counted on. 8 Everything that is of God can be counted on, because everything of God is wholly real. 9 Healing can be counted on because **healing** is inspired by God's Voice, **which is the Voice of the Holy Spirit**, and is in accord with **God's** laws. 10 Yet if healing is consistent, **healing** cannot be inconsistently understood. 11 Understanding means consistency because God means consistency. 12 Since **consistency** is **God's** meaning, **consistency** is also **your meaning**. 13 Your meaning cannot be out of accord with **God's meaning**, because your whole meaning and your only meaning comes from **God's meaning** and is like **God's meaning**. 14 God cannot be out of accord with Himself, and you cannot be out of accord with **God**. 15 You cannot separate your Self from your Creator, Who created you by sharing His Being with you.

**Note # 33:** Your true reality is that you are part of the indivisible Oneness with God, your Creator. There is no other option but wholeness in the Mind of God, which is changeless and eternal. Only in your dreams can you be something you are not. Sickness is the illusion that you be something you are not. There is no order of difficulty in miracles. All illusions simply fade away before the healing light of truth.

**T-7.V.7.** The unhealed healer wants gratitude from his brothers, but **the unhealed healer** is not grateful to **his brothers**. 2 **The unhealed healer is not grateful to his brothers** because **the unhealed healer** thinks **the unhealed healer** is giving something to **his brothers**, and **that the unhealed healer** is not receiving something equally desirable in return **from his brothers**. 3 **The unhealed healer's** teaching is limited because **the unhealed healer** is learning so little. 4 **The unhealed healer's** healing lesson is limited by **the unhealed healer's** own ingratitude, which is a lesson in sickness. 5 True learning is constant, and so vital in **true learning's** power for change that a Son of God can recognize his power **as a Son of God** in one instant and change the world in the next **instant**. 6 **This recognizing his power as a Son of God in one instant and change the world in the next instant is possible** because, by changing his mind, **a Son of God** has changed the most powerful device, **which is his mind**, that was ever given **a Son of God** for change. 7 This **changing of a Son of God's mind**, in no way contradicts the changelessness of mind as God created **the Son's mind**, but you think that you have changed **the Son's mind** as long as you learn through the ego. 8 This **learning through the ego** places you in a position of needing to learn a lesson that seems contradictory;—you must learn to change your mind about your mind. 9 Only by this can you learn that **the Son's mind** *<is>* changeless.

**Note # 34:** The lesson that seems contradictory is that by "changing" your egoic mind, you can prove that your Big "S" Self's mind cannot change. What you are to change is your

mistaken belief that you can actually change your mind because you believe that you are separate from the Mind of God. It is this belief in your separateness that you are asked to change. Your true state of mind, your Big “S” Self “s mind, is one with the Mind of God. Your Big “S” Self remains changeless as God created it.

**T-7.V.8.** When you heal, that is exactly what you *<are>* learning. 2 You are recognizing the changeless mind in your brother by realizing that **your brother** could not have changed his mind. 3 **By recognizing the changeless mind in your brother**, that is how you perceive the Holy Spirit in **your brother**. 4 It, **the changeless mind in your brother**, is only the Holy Spirit in **your brother** that never changes His Mind. (**Your brother’s High-Self or High-Mind**) 5 **Your brother** himself may think he can **change his mind**, or **your brother** would not perceive himself as sick. 6 **Your brother** therefore does not know what his **Big “S” Self** is. 7 If you see only the changeless in **your brother** you have not really changed **your brother**. p121 8 By changing your mind about **your belief about your brother’s changeless mind** *<for>* **your brother**, you help **your brother** undo the change his ego thinks **his ego** has made in him.

**Note # 35:** Healing restores your mind to its state of oneness, which is the Mind of God. You remember what you really are and what your brother really is. You realize that your mind and your brother’s mind are changeless. You see Mind as the One Self as God created it.

In healing, you, the healer, are not concerned with changing your brother, for your brother’s Big “S” Self is as changeless as your mind since both are from the Mind of God. You are changing your belief that your brother’s mind could be something that it is not and thus, truly be split-minded. You are recognizing that your brother’s mind cannot change. The ego cannot change your brother’s Big “S” Self because the ego has no power over the mind. The only power that the ego appears to possess comes only from the deluded mind’s choice to follow the thought system of the ego. This is a decision in your brother’s mind, not by his ego. He has erred as to which thought system his mind has temporarily chosen to listen to. Healing is your brother’s choice to follow the thought system of the Holy Spirit and correct this illusion of split-mindedness.

**T-7.V.9.** As you can hear two voices, so you can see in two ways. 2 One way, **the way of the ego’s thought system**, shows you an image, or an idol that you may worship out of fear, but will never love. 3 The other, **the way of the Holy Spirit’s thought system**, shows you only truth, which you will love because you will understand **truth**. 4 Understanding is appreciation, because **what you understand** you can identify with, and by making **what you understand** part of you, you have accepted **what you understand** with love. 5 That, **truth, understanding, appreciation, and love**, is how God Himself created you; in understanding, in appreciation and in love. 6 The ego is totally unable to understand this **creative process of extension**, because **the ego** does not understand what **the ego** makes, **the ego** does not appreciate **what the ego makes** and **the ego** does not love **what the ego makes**. 7 **The ego** incorporates to take away. 8 **The ego** literally believes that every time **the ego** deprives someone of something, **the ego** has increased. 9 I have spoken often of the increase of the Kingdom by your creations, which can only be created as you were. 10 The whole glory and perfect joy that *<is>* the Kingdom lies in you to give. 11 Do you not want to give **the whole glory and perfect joy that** *<is>* **the Kingdom?**

**Note # 36:** The ego's thought system is based on getting by taking away. The ego believes that life is a "zero-sum" game. If I'm to win, someone must lose. This is not creation, but rather making through projection. It is based on the egoic belief of exclusion and that "to have" is "to get." This is not how God created His Son. Therefore, God's Son can only create like his Father, which is by extending unconditional Love. To have all, give all to all, which is the first lesson of the Holy Spirit. This is the basis for creation.

**T-7.V.10.** You cannot forget the Father because I am with you, and I cannot forget **the Father**. 2 To forget me is to forget yourself and **the Father**, Who created you. 3 Our brothers are forgetful. 4 **Because our brothers are forgetful**, that is why **our brothers** need your remembrance of me and of **the Father**, Who created me. 5 Through **your remembrance of me and of the Father, Who created me**, you can change **our brothers'** minds about themselves, as I can change your **mind about yourselves**. 6 Your mind is so powerful a light that you can look into their **mind** and enlighten **their mind**, as I can enlighten **your mind**. 7 I do not want to share my body in communion because **to share my body** is to share nothing. 8 Would I try to share an illusion, **which would be that I am an ego-body**, with the most holy children of a most holy Father? 9 Yet I do want to share my mind with you because we are of one Mind, and that Mind is ours. 10 See only this **one** Mind everywhere, because only this is everywhere and in everything. 11 **Mind** is everything because **Mind** encompasses all things within itself. 12 Blessed are you who perceive only **the Mind, which encompasses all things within itself**, because you perceive only what is true.

**Note # 37:** You are Mind or Spirit. You are not an ego-body. This is truth. You are not an individual; you are the Oneness of Mind. Jesus tells us that he will always share this remembrance of God with us so that we can share it with another. Due to the holographic nature of Mind, all must have access to the truth of this Oneness. By sharing and holding this truth with and for another, a brother can end their own denial of this truth. They can accept the Atonement for themselves and be healed.

**T-7.V.11.** Come therefore unto me, and learn of the truth in you. 2 The mind we share is shared by all our brothers, and as we see **all our brothers truly as the One Self, all our brothers** will be healed. 3 Let your mind shine with **my mind** upon **all our brothers'** minds, and by our gratitude to **all our brothers** make **all our brothers** aware of the light in **all our brothers**. 4 This light will shine back upon you and on the whole Sonship, because this **light** is your proper gift to God. 5 **God** will accept **this light** and give **this light** to the Sonship, because **the sharing of this light** is acceptable to **God** and therefore to **God's** Sons. 6 **The sharing of this light** is true communion with the Holy Spirit, Who sees the altar of God in everyone, and by **the Holy Spirit** bringing **the sharing of this light** to your appreciation, **the Holy Spirit** calls upon you to love God and **God's** creation. p122 7 You can appreciate the Sonship only as one. 8 **The appreciate of the Sonship only as one** is part of the law of creation, and therefore governs all thought.

**Note # 38:** The law of creation is the law of Oneness as demonstrated in the first lesson of the Holy Spirit, which is, "To have all, give all to all." It is the extension of the Oneness. Nothing is held back and nothing is excluded. Unconditional love is just continually expanded and extended out to all.

## VI. From Vigilance to Peace

**T-7.VI.1.** Although you can love the Sonship only as one, you can perceive **the Sonship** as fragmented. 2 It is impossible, however, to see something in part of **the Sonship** that you will not attribute to all of **the Sonship**. 3 That is why attack is never discrete, and why **attack** must be relinquished entirely. 4 If **attack** is not relinquished entirely **attack** is not relinquished at all. 5 Fear and love make or create, depending on whether the ego or the Holy Spirit begets or inspires **the creation**, but **fear or love** <will> return to the mind of the thinker and **fear or love** will affect **the mind of the thinker's** total perception. 6 That fear or love will affect the mind of the thinker's total perception includes his concept of God, of **God's** creations and of his own **creations**. 7 **The thinker** will not appreciate any of **his concepts of God, of God's creations and of his own creations** if he regards Them, **God, God's creations and the thinker's own creations**, fearfully **through the eyes of the ego**. 8 He will appreciate all of Them, **which is the thinker's concept of God, of God's creations and of his own creations**, if he regards **God, God's creations and the thinker's own creations** with **the love of the Holy Spirit**.

**Note # 39:** The ego's thought system is based on fear and, therefore, can only make since the ego comes from the fear-based belief in lack. The Holy Spirit's thought system is based on love and, therefore, creates since it comes from love and extends what it truly is which is love. Due to the Oneness, to attack any part of the Sonship is an attack on the whole. Thoughts never leave the mind of the thinker. They may be shared or projected outside oneself but they always maintain their roots in the soil of the mind that birthed the thought.

**T-7.VI.2.** The mind that accepts attack cannot love. 2 That is because **the mind that accepts attack** believes **attack** can destroy love, and therefore does not understand what love is. 3 If **the mind that accepts attack** does not understand what love is, **the mind that accepts attack** cannot perceive itself as loving. 4 **The mind that cannot perceive itself as loving**, loses the awareness of being, induces feelings of unreality and results in utter confusion. 5 Your thinking has done this **loses of the awareness of being, which induces feelings of unreality that results in utter confusion**, because of **the mind's** power, but your thinking can also save you from this **loses of the awareness of being, which induces feelings of unreality that results in utter confusion**, because **the mind's** power is not of your making. 6 Your ability to direct your thinking as you choose is part of **the mind's** power. 7 If you do not believe you can **direct your thinking** you have denied the power of your thought, and thus rendered **the power of your thought** powerless in your belief.

**Note # 40:** The power of the mind lays in your belief in your ability or inability to direct your thinking. It is a question of first reclaiming your mind's decision-making ability and than next determining which thought system your decision-maker is going to value. If you deny that you can direct your thinking, you deny that you are the decision-maker and, therefore, render the mind powerless. The mind is never powerless since God has given you free will to choose. Yet, you can choose to believe that you are the powerless victim of outside forces and thus, deny and rob your decision-maker of its power. It is your thought that the mind is powerless that makes your decision-maker appear impotent. Thus, thoughts are things. It is your decision to be powerless that has become your provisional reality.

**T-7.VI.3.** The ingeniousness of the ego to preserve itself is enormous, but **the preservation of the ego** stems from the very power of the mind **that** the ego denies, **which**

is your mind's ability to direct your thinking. 2 This means that the ego attacks what is serving it, **which is your mind's ability to direct your thinking. This attack by the ego** must result in extreme anxiety. 3 **Due to the extreme anxiety that results from the ego's attack on your mind's ability to direct your thinking**, the ego never recognizes what **the ego** is doing. 4 **The ego** is perfectly logical but clearly insane. 5 The ego draws upon the one source, **which is your mind's ability to direct your thinking**, that is totally inimical, **(hostile or unfriendly) to the ego's existence <for> the ego's existence**. 6 Fearful of perceiving the power of this source, **which is your mind's ability to be the decision-maker, the ego** is forced to depreciate **your mind's ability to be the decision-maker**. 7 **Your mind's ability to be the decision-maker** threatens **the ego's** own existence. **This threat is** a state which **the ego** finds intolerable. 8 Remaining logical but still insane, the ego resolves this completely insane dilemma in a completely insane way. 9 **The ego** does not perceive **< the ego's >** existence as threatened by projecting the threat onto **<you, your decision-maker>** and perceiving your being as nonexistent. p123 10 This **projecting the threat onto <you> and perceiving your being as nonexistent** ensures **the ego's** continuance if you side with **the ego**, by guaranteeing that you, **your decision-maker**, will not know your own safety.

**Note # 41:** The ego's goal is to attack your mind's ability to be the decision-maker. If the ego can aid the mind in forgetting that the mind's decision-maker controls the power to either make or create, the ego will insure its existence. If you forget that you are the decision-maker, you have lost your ability to reject the thought system of the ego since you no longer remember that you are spirit. You have abdicated your free will and your right to choose again. You believe yourself to be a victim of outside forces that are beyond your control. You disavow your divine birthright to be the cause of all you choose to call into your awareness. Believing you are powerless to choose again, you remain stuck under the control of the tyrannical thought system of the ego.

**T-7.VI.4.** The ego cannot afford to know anything. 2 Knowledge is total, and the ego does not believe in totality. 3 This unbelief, **and the rejection of knowledge which leads to birth of perception, is the ego's** origin, and while the ego does not love you **the ego <is> faithful to the ego's** own antecedents, **which are anything logically preceding from the ego's thought system**, begetting **out of fear** as **the ego** was begotten. 4 Mind always produces as it was produced. 5 Produced by fear, the ego reproduces fear. 6 **This fact that the ego was produced out of fear and the ego reproduces out of fear, is the ego's** allegiance, and this allegiance **to fear** makes **the ego** treacherous to love because you **<are> love**. 7 Love is your power, which the ego must deny. 8 **The ego** must also deny everything this power **of love** gives you **<because> this power of love** gives you everything. 9 No one who has everything wants the ego. 10 Its own maker, **your mind**, then, does not want **the ego**. 11 Rejection is therefore the only decision the ego could possibly encounter, if the mind that made **the ego** knew itself. 12 And if **the mind that made the ego** recognized any part of the Sonship, **the mind that made the ego <would>** know itself.

**Note # 42:** The ego was bom when knowledge was lost and perception replaced it. Perception requires separation and individuality, since it needs something "out there" to observe. The ego's thought system is based to perception and projection. Under the fear based guidance of the ego, the mind "makes" through perception rather than extending with

love and knowledge. What the ego perceives is what will be produced and experienced. Perception proceeds from our thoughts and our thoughts are what we choose to value.

**T-7.VI.5.** The ego therefore opposes all appreciation, all recognition, all sane perception and all knowledge. 2 **The ego perceives all appreciation, all recognition, all sane perception and all knowledge as a total threat** because **the ego** senses that all commitments the mind makes are total. 3 **The ego** forced, therefore, to detach itself from you, is willing to attach itself to anything else. 4 But there *<is>* nothing else **for the ego to attach itself to**. 5 The mind can, however, make up illusions, and if **the mind** does **make up illusions, the mind** will believe in **the illusions**, because that is how **the mind** made **the illusions**.

**Note # 43:** What you project you believe. The creative power of the mind allows us to “make” out of fear and exclusion. Making is not real except within imagination of the deluded mind of the dreamer. If we want to believe that we are separate, we can make a body to “prove” this illusion to be “true.” Our projections become our provisional reality, which can imprison our mind in self-imposed temporary insanity.

**T-7.VI.6.** The Holy Spirit undoes illusions without attacking **the illusions**, because **the Holy Spirit** cannot perceive **the illusions** at all. 2 **The illusions** therefore do not exist for **the Holy Spirit**. 3 **The Holy Spirit** resolves the apparent conflict **the illusions** engender by perceiving conflict as meaningless. 4 I have said before that the Holy Spirit perceives the conflict exactly as **the conflict** is, and **the conflict** *<is>* meaningless. 5 The Holy Spirit does not want you to understand conflict; **the Holy Spirit** wants you to realize that, because conflict is meaningless, **conflict** is not understandable. 6 As I have already said, understanding brings appreciation and appreciation brings love. 7 Nothing else can be understood, because nothing else is real and therefore nothing else has meaning.

**Note # 44:** The Holy Spirit does not attack the illusion since such an attack would appear to make the fantasy real and thus, fearful to the dreamer. Rather than increase fear, the Holy Spirit merely recognizes that only truth is real and with that, the memory of the dream seemly fades from the dreamers mind. Being not real, the dream of making slips back into the nothingness from which it arose.

**T-7.VI.7.** If you will keep in mind what the Holy Spirit offers you, you cannot be vigilant for anything *<but>* God and His Kingdom. 2 The only reason you may find this **fact that the apparent conflict that an illusions engender is meaningless because the illusion is not real**, hard to accept is because you may still think there is something else. 3 Belief does not require vigilance unless **belief** is conflicted. 4 If **belief** is **conflicted**, there are conflicting components within **the belief** that have led to a state of war, and vigilance has therefore become essential. 5 Vigilance has no place in peace. 6 **Vigilance** is necessary against beliefs that are not true, and **vigilance** would never have been called upon by the Holy Spirit if you had not believed the untrue. p124 7 When you believe something, you have made **what you believe** true for you. 8 When you believe what God does not know, your thought seems to contradict **God’s thought system**, and this makes it appear as if you are attacking **God**.

**Note # 45:** Because we value our egoic specialness, we find it hard to relinquish all the values of the egoic thought system. If we knew the truth that we already have everything because we are unlimited spirit, we would not be conflicted. It is our conflicted belief as to whom we are that we must guard against. The split-minded, appear to have two allegiances. The ego values separation and specialness. The Big “S” Self knows that we are the shared Oneness of Everything. The Holy Spirit calls for the remembrance of God and the return to whole-mindedness. The Holy Spirit asks us to be vigilant only for God.

**T-7.VI.8.** I have repeatedly emphasized that the ego does believe **that the ego** can attack God, and tries to persuade you that you have done this **attack on God**. 2 If the mind cannot attack, the ego proceeds perfectly logically to the belief that you must be a body **rather than mind which, as spirit is incapable of attack**. 3 By not seeing you as you are, **which is mind or spirit, the ego** can see itself as **the ego** wants to be. 4 Aware of **the ego’s** weakness the ego wants your allegiance, but not as you really are. 5 The ego therefore wants to engage your mind in **the ego’s** own delusional **thought** system, because otherwise the light of your understanding would dispel **the ego**. 6 **The ego** wants no part of truth, because the ego itself is not true. 7 If truth is total, the untrue cannot exist. 8 Commitment to either **truth or untruth** must be total. **Truth or untruth** cannot coexist in your mind without splitting **your mind**. 9 If **truth or untruth** cannot coexist in peace, and if you want peace, you must give up the idea of conflict entirely and for all time. 10 This requires vigilance only as long as you do not recognize what is true. 11 While you believe that **the** two totally contradictory thought systems **of the ego and the Holy Spirit** share truth, your need for vigilance is apparent.

**Note # 46:** The ego wants your allegiance to the idea that you are a body, not unlimited spirit or mind. As long as we believe that an illusion of the false is a viable choice, we need to be vigilant only for the truth. All fear-based thoughts must be abandoned. With the abandonment of the egoic thought system, all blocks to love are removed.

**T-7.VI.9.** Your mind is dividing **your mind’s** allegiance between two kingdoms, and you are totally committed to neither **kingdom**. 2 Your identification with the Kingdom is totally beyond question except by you, when you are thinking insanely. 3 What you are is not established by your perception, and **what you are** is not influenced by **your perception** at all. 4 Perceived problems in identification at any level are not problems of fact. 5 **Perceived problems in identification** are problems of understanding, since **the presence of perceived problems in identification** implies a belief that what you are is up to you to decide. 6 The ego believes **that what you are is up to you to decide** totally, **and the ego is** fully committed to **the belief that what you are is up to you to decide**. 7 **The belief that what you are is up to you to decide** is not true. 8 The ego therefore is totally committed to untruth, perceiving in total contradiction to the Holy Spirit and to the knowledge of God.

**Note # 47:** This belief that it is up to you to decide what you are is the foundation of the ego’s thought system. This erroneous belief insures your claim to the “reality” of the separation and your individuality. The ego tells us that we are the arbitrators of truth and that truth is conditional and changeable. Truth just is. Our denial of the truth cannot change the truth. Only the insane would believe that they control what is the truth.

**T-7.VI.10.** You can be perceived with meaning only by the Holy Spirit because your being <is> the knowledge of God. 2 Any belief you accept apart from this will obscure God's Voice in you, and will therefore obscure God to you. 3 Unless you perceive **God's** creation truly you cannot know the Creator, since God and **God's** creation are not separate. 4 The Oneness of the Creator and the creation is your wholeness, your sanity and your limitless power. 5 This limitless power is God's gift to you, because **this limitless power** is what you are. 6 If you dissociate your mind from **this limitless power which is what you are** you are perceiving the most powerful force in the universe as if **this limitless power** were weak, because you do not believe you are part of **this limitless power which is your Oneness with the Creator.** p125

**Note # 48:** Your power to create is the same as God, Your Father's. It is the same power due to your shared Oneness. When God creates, He extends everything that God is to His creations. Only your belief that you can be something other than as God created you, limits your ability to create like the Father. "To have all, give all to all." The ego does not believe this first lesson of the Holy Spirit. Instead, the ego prefers to claim that what you choose to believe will change the truth. The ego claims that you have a will that can oppose and overrule God's Will.

**T-7.VI.11.** Perceived without your part in **the Oneness**, God's creation is seen as weak, and those who see themselves as weakened do attack. 2 The attack must be blind, however, because there is nothing to attack. 3 Therefore they, **who see themselves as outside the Oneness**, make up images, perceive **these made up images** as unworthy and attack **these made up images** for their unworthiness. 4 That is all the world of the ego is. It is a projection of made up images. 5 The world of the ego is nothing. 6 **The world of the ego** has no meaning. 7 **The world of the ego** does not exist. 8 Do not try to understand **the world of the ego** because, if you do **try to understand the world of the ego**, you are believing that **the world of the ego** can be understood and **the world of the ego** is therefore capable of being appreciated and loved. 9 That **if the world of the ego is capable of being appreciated and loved, then this** would justify **the world of the ego's** existence, which cannot be justified. 10 You cannot make the **world of the ego, which is** meaningless, meaningful. 11 This **attempt to make the world of the ego meaningful** can only be an insane attempt.

**Note # 49:** Do not value the world of the ego. It is an illusion based on fantasy and is not real. There can be no value in possessing what does not exist. What does not exist is nothing. When we attempt to give the egoic illusion of specialness and separation any value, we are empowering the illusion and making it appear real.

**T-7.VI.12.** Allowing insanity to enter your mind means that you have not judged sanity as wholly desirable. 2 If you want something else you will make something else, but because it is something else, it will attack your thought system and divide your allegiance. 3 You cannot create in this divided state **of the split-mind**, and you must be vigilant against this divided state because only peace can be extended. 4 Your divided mind is blocking the extension of the Kingdom, and **the Kingdom's** extension is your joy. 5 If you do not extend the Kingdom, you are not thinking with your Creator and creating as **your Creator** created.

**Note # 50:** Since you are the Oneness of “All That Is”, there is nothing more to want. This truth is your reality. To want something other than the truth that you are the Oneness of “All That Is” only leaves the option of pretending that you are an illusion of limitation. This leads us into an egoic, made-up world of illusion that becomes our own “provisional reality” in which we claim to be the arbitrator for truth. This dream world is the ego’s battleground for its perceived attack against God and Truth. The ego attacks our Big “S” Self’s certainty on what it is. The ego attempts to usurp your Big “S” Self control over your mind’s decision- making ability. This leaves your mind in a powerless state of self-delusion.

**T-7.VI.13.** In this depressing state the Holy Spirit reminds you gently that you are sad because you are not fulfilling your function as co-creator with God, and **because you are not fulfilling your function as co-creator with God, you** are therefore depriving yourself of joy. 2 **To deprive yourself of joy** is not God's choice but your **choice**. 3 If your mind could be out of accord with God's, you would be willing without meaning. 4 Yet because God's Will is unchangeable, no conflict of will is possible. 5 That **God's Will is unchangeable and that no conflict of will is possible** is the Holy Spirit's perfectly consistent teaching. 6 Creation, not separation, is your will *<because>* **creation, not separation** is God's **Will**, and nothing that opposes **God's Will** means anything at all. 7 Being a perfect accomplishment, the Sonship can only accomplish perfectly, extending the joy in which **the Sonship** was created, and identifying itself, **the Sonship**, with both **the Sonship's** Creator and **the Sonship's** creations, knowing They are One. p126

**Note # 51:** If you are sad, you are not fulfilling your function as co-creator with God, your Father. God wills that His Child be happy. Being a Oneness of Everything, we cannot be happy pretending we are limited and frightened. We can only be happy when we are extending love for this is our co-creative nature and purpose. To be love, we must teach only love.

## **VII. The Totality of the Kingdom**

**T-7.VII.1.** Whenever you deny a blessing to a brother *<you in the world of the ego>* will feel deprived, because denial is as total as love. 2 It is as impossible to deny part of the Sonship as it is to love part **of the Sonship**. 3 Nor is it possible to love **the Sonship** totally at times. 4 You cannot be totally committed sometimes. 5 Denial has no power in itself, but you can give **denial** the power of your mind, whose power, **(your mind's power)**, is without limit. 6 If you use **the power of your mind** to deny reality, reality is gone for you. 7 *<Reality>* cannot be partly appreciated. 8 Because *<Reality>* cannot be partly appreciated, that is why denying any part of **<Reality>** means you have lost the awareness of all of **<Reality>**. 9 Yet denial is a defense, and so **denial** is as capable of being used positively as well as negatively. 10 **Denial** used negatively will be destructive, because **denial** will be used for attack. 11 But in the service of the Holy Spirit, **denial** can help you recognize part of reality, and thus appreciate all of **reality**. 12 Mind is too powerful to be subject to exclusion. 13 You will never be able to exclude yourself from your thoughts.

**Note #52:** You are the product of your thoughts. You are mind and the world you perceive is produced by your thoughts. Thoughts never leave the mind of the thinker. Denial of the false is a proper use of denial, but to use it to reject the truth is an improper use of denial. You cannot be partially committed to the truth sometimes. It is an all or

nothing decision. To value the false sometimes is not to be committed to the obtainment of the truth. Whatever you value you will attract into your awareness and experience.

**T-7.VII.2.** When a brother acts insanely, **a brother** is offering you an opportunity to bless **your brother**. 2 **Your brother's** need is your **need**. 3 You need the blessing you can offer **your brother**. 4 There is no way for you to have **the blessing you can offer your brother** except by giving **the blessing to your brother**. 5 **What you give is what you receive**. This is the law of God, and the Law of God has no exceptions. **Thus, to receive a blessing, you must give a blessing**, 6 What you deny you lack, not because **what you deny** is lacking, but because you have denied it in another and are therefore not aware of **what you deny to another** in yourself. 7 Every response you make is determined by what you think you are, and what you want to be *<is>* what you think you are. 8 What you want to be, then, must determine every response you make.

**Note # 44:** Thoughts are things. This, coupled with the law of God that states what you give, you receive, results in what you perceive yourself to be. Thus, if you are confused as to what you truly are and believe that you are a product of lack; you project this same lack out from our own mind into your world. What you want to be is thus, what you think you are. The goal of this course is not you change the world, but rather change your think about the world. Your response to anything is predicated on what you think you are. What you think you are, you become due to the power of your mind and this Law of God. "What you give, you receive.

**T-7.VII.3.** You do not need God's blessing because **God's blessing** you have forever, but you do need your **blessing**. 2 The ego's picture of you is deprived, unloving and vulnerable. 3 You cannot love **the ego's picture of you**. 4 Yet you can very easily escape from this image **that you are deprived, unloving and vulnerable** by leaving **the ego's picture of you** behind. 5 You are not there **in the ego's image of you**, and **the ego's image of you**, is not you. 6 Do not see this picture, **the ego's image of you**, in anyone, or you have accepted **the ego's picture of you**, *<as>* you. 7 All illusions about the Sonship are dispelled together **as all illusions about the Sonship** were made together. 8 Teach no one that he is what you would not want to be. 9 Your brother is the mirror in which you see the image of yourself as long as perception lasts. 10 And perception will last until the Sonship knows itself as whole. 11 You made perception and **perception** must last as long as you want **perception to last**.

**Note # 45:** Your brother is the mirror of how you see yourself. See your brother as limited in any way, and you place that same limitation on yourself. The Sonship is not complete until all that has been created, including you, are seen by you as whole, perfect and complete.

To deny the ego's false image of you is an example of the proper use of denial. In this case, you are simply denying the false which leaves you only with the truth.

**T-7.VII.4.** Illusions are investments. 2 **Illusions** will last as long as you value **illusions**. 3 Values are relative, but **values** are powerful because **values** are mental judgments. 4 The only way to dispel illusions is to withdraw all investment from **illusions**, and **illusions** will have no life for you because you will have put **illusions** out of your mind. p127 5 While you include **illusions** in **your mind**, you are giving life to **illusions**. 6

Except **since an illusion is nothing**, there is nothing there **in an illusion** to receive your gift of life and thus, make it real.

**Note # 46:** There is nothing to receive the illusion since illusions have no reality in truth. Illusions only exist in your dream world of provisional reality. You cannot give life to an illusion since an illusion by definition does not exist. What you value, you include in our thoughts. The powers of our thoughts make the illusion appear real within your dreamer's mind. When the dreamer ceases to value the unreal, the illusion will disappear from his mind.

**T-7.VII.5.** The gift of life is yours to give, because **the gift of life** was given you. 2 You are unaware of your gift of life because you do not give **the gift of life**. 3 You cannot make nothing, **which is your illusions birthed from limitation and fear** live, since nothing, **your illusions**, cannot be enlivened. 4 Therefore, you are not extending the gift of life, you both *<have>* and *<are,>* and so you do not know your being. 5 All confusion comes from not extending life, because **not extending life** is not the Will of your Creator. 6 You can do nothing apart from **your Creator**, and you *<do>* do nothing apart from **your Creator**. 7 Keep **your Creator's way, which is extending the gift of life**, to remember yourself, and teach **your Creator's way, which is extending the gift of life**, lest you forget yourself. 8 Give only honor to the Sons of the living God, and count yourself among **the Sons of the living God** gladly.

**Note # 47:** Love is life. Being created by love, you are love and must extend love. This extension is in compliance with the God's Law that to give is to receive. You cannot give life to an illusion. An illusion is basically everything that is not a Oneness of love because that is how the Father created you. To create is to extend. Since you are wholly love, you must extent love's wholeness to create. Since you see yourself as incomplete and as a separate individual, you can only project the false. Coming from fear and lack, these projected illusions have no reality in Truth and lack love and thus, life.

**T-7.VII.6.** Only honor is a fitting gift for those whom God Himself created worthy of honor, and whom **God** honors. 2 Give **those whom God Himself created** the appreciation God accords **those whom God Himself created** always, because they, are **God's** beloved Sons in whom **God** is well pleased. 3 You cannot be apart from **those whom God Himself created and honor**, because you are not apart from **God**. 4 **You** rest in **God's** Love and protect your rest by loving. 5 But love everything **God** created, of which you are a part, or you cannot learn of **God's** peace and accept **God's** gift for yourself and as yourself. 6 You cannot know your own perfection until you have honored all those who were created **perfect** like you.

**Note # 48:** To reawaken to what you are, you must once again remember what you are. Since what you give, you receive; you must see the Oneness in all that God created in order to rediscover your own Oneness. If you cannot love yourself, you cannot love your brother.

**T-7.VII.7.** One child of God is the only teacher sufficiently worthy to teach another **child of God**. 2 One Teacher, **the Holy Spirit**, is in all minds and **the Holy Spirit** teaches the same lesson to all. 3 **The Holy Spirit** always teaches you the inestimable worth of every Son of God, teaching **you the inestimable worth of every Son of God**, with infinite

patience born of the infinite Love for which **the Holy Spirit** speaks. 4 Every attack is a call for **the Holy Spirit's** patience, since **the Holy Spirit's** patience can translate attack into blessing. 5 Those who attack do not know they, **who choose to attack** are blessed. 6 **Those who choose to attack**, attack because they believe they are deprived. 7 Give, therefore, of your abundance, and teach your brothers, **who choose to attack** their **abundance**. 8 Do not share **your brothers'** illusions of scarcity, or you will perceive yourself as lacking.

**Note # 49:** We are all teachers. We teach what we value. We can choose to teach what our Big "S" Self values or, what our little "s" self values. Our Big "S" Self values the truth of the Holy Spirit's thought system. If this is what you value, you will deny your brother's false image of himself as a body and see him only as unlimited spirit. The vision you give your brother will be the same vision you receive and hold for yourselves.

**T-7.VII.8.** Attack could never promote attack unless you perceived **attack** as a means of depriving you of something you want. 2 Yet you cannot lose anything unless you do not value it, **the thing you cannot lose**, and therefore do not want it. 3 This **not valuing it** makes you feel deprived of it, **the thing you cannot lose**, and by projecting your own rejection you then believe that others are taking it, **the thing you cannot lose**, from you. 4 You must be fearful if you believe that your brother is attacking you to tear the Kingdom of Heaven from you. 5 This **fear that your brother is attacking you to tear the Kingdom of Heaven from you** is the ultimate basis for all the ego's projection. p128

**Note # 50:** Fear destroys your sense of Oneness. To be fearful you must believe that there is something outside of you of which to be afraid. Since your egoic self claims you are not everything, you must lack what it perceives as outside of you. And what you perceive as separate from you can attempt to take what you have and also resist giving you what they possess. Thus, attack becomes the natural result of the ego's thought system. Yet, because you are unlimited spirit, you cannot truly lack for anything. Our Big "S" Self values the truth and thus, we can never lose our divine birthright. When we value egoic littleness, we deny our spiritual being. Not valuing our spirit, we believe our divine birthright has been lost. It has not been lost. Rather, by our denial, we have chosen not to assess it.

**T-7.VII.9.** Being the part of your mind that does not believe it is responsible for itself, **(the part of mind under the guidance of the ego)**, and being without allegiance to God, the ego is incapable of trust. 2 **By the ego** projecting its insane belief that you have been treacherous to your Creator, **the ego** believes that your brothers, who are as incapable of **being treacherous to your Creator** as you are, **are treacherous. Your ego believes that your brothers** are out to take God from you. 3 Whenever a brother attacks another, that *<is>* what he believes. **(That you are out to take God from him, your brother.)** 4 Projection always sees your wishes **as another brother's wishes**. 5 If you choose to separate yourself from God, that is what you will think others are doing to you. **(Separating you from God)**

**Note # 51:** The egoic mind claims that you are not responsible for what you experience. It claims that you are an innocent victim of outside forces that are beyond your control. The ego utilizes projection as the tool to convince you that this is so. Projection takes your own thoughts and transfers or projects these same thought upon another. We then claim that the originator of our thought was the other person. This allows us to shift the blame and guilt

from our own mind to another. Thus, when we attack another, the ego claims that we are merely defending ourselves from our brother's original attack.

**T-7.VII.10.** You *<are>* the Will of God. 2 Do not accept anything else as your will, or you are denying what you are, **which is the Will of God**. 3 Deny this, **that you *<are>* the Will of God**, and you will attack, believing you have been attacked. 4 But see the Love of God in you, and you will see **the Love of God** everywhere because **the Love of God *<is>* everywhere**. 5 See **God's** abundance in everyone, and you will know that you are in **God** with everyone. 6 **Everyone is** a part of you, as you are part of God. 7 You are as lonely without understanding this, **that everyone is a part of you, as you are part of God**, as God Himself is lonely when **God's** Sons do not know **God**. 8 The peace of God is understanding this, **that everyone is a part of you, as you are part of God**. 9 There is only one way out of the world's thinking, just as there was only one way into **the world's thinking**. 10 Understand totally by understanding totality.

**Note # 52:** Understand totality rests on the understanding that you are not an individual but a Oneness. Each indivisible part is a hologram of the totality. A true hologram contains the whole. If you cut a true hologram apart, as soon as you shine a laser beam through any part, you see the entire whole. We are a hologram of God; just as our brother is a hologram of God and us. There can be no separation but only equality within that One Self. We are all the Oneness of that One Self. Cause and Its Effect are inseparable.

**T-7.VII.11.** Perceive any part of the ego's thought system as wholly insane, wholly delusional and wholly undesirable, and you have correctly evaluated all of **the ego's thought system**. 2 This correction to **perceive any part of the ego's thought system as wholly insane** enables you to perceive any part of creation as wholly real, wholly perfect and wholly desirable. 3 **By wanting only to perceive any part of creation as wholly real, wholly perfect and wholly desirable**, you will *<have>* this only and giving this only, **(the perception of creation as wholly real, perfect and desirable)**, you will *<be>* only this, **which is the wholly real, perfect and desirable**. 4 The gifts you offer to the ego are always experienced as sacrifices, but the gifts you offer to the Kingdom are gifts to you. 5 **The gifts you offer to the Kingdom** will always be treasured by God because **the gifts you offer to the Kingdom** belong to **God's** beloved Sons, who belong to **God**. 6 All power and glory are yours because the Kingdom is **God's**.

**Note # 53:** By perceiving the ego's thought system as insane, you have made the choice to follow the thought system of the Holy Spirit. This change in your thought system's allegiance opens the door to reawakening the memory of what you really are. What you value, you call into your awareness and this becomes your experience.

Egoic giving is always perceived to be a sacrifice because the ego believes that "having" and "being" are not the same. To the ego, to have you must possess and to give you must lose what you originally possessed. Form cannot be shared since someone must be made to sacrifice what he or she had. To the ego, all are separate from each other and thus, to give and to receive are mutually exclusive.

## **VIII. The Unbelievable Belief**

**T-7.VIII.1.** We have said that without projection there can be no anger, but it is also true that without extension there can be no love. 2 These, **(without projection there can**

**be no anger, and without extension there can be no love**), reflect a fundamental law of the mind, and therefore one that always operates. 3 **This fundamental law of the mind** is the law by which you create and were created. 4 **This fundamental law of the mind** is the law that unifies the Kingdom, and keeps **the Kingdom** in the Mind of God. 5 To the ego, **this fundamental law of the mind** is perceived as a means of getting rid of something **the ego** does not want. p129 6 To the Holy Spirit, **this fundamental law of the mind** is the fundamental law of sharing, by which you give what you value in order to keep **what you value** in your mind. 7 To the Holy Spirit **this fundamental law of the mind, which is the law of sharing**, is **also** the law of extension. 8 To the ego **this fundamental law of the mind has been modified to become the law of projection, which** is the law of deprivation. 9 **This fundamental law of the mind** therefore produces abundance or scarcity, depending on how you choose to apply **this fundamental law of the mind**. 10 This choice **of how you choose to apply this law** is up to you, but it is not up to you to decide whether or not you will utilize **this fundamental law of the mind**. 11 Every mind must project or extend, because that is how **every mind** lives, and every mind is life.

**Note # 54:** This fundamental law of the mind is the law of sharing, which is also called the law of extension. This fundamental law of the mind states that mind must project or extend, because that is how mind lives, and every mind is life. The name that the law of sharing goes by may vary depending on what thought system your mind is following at any moment. Whether the mind is following the fearful ego or the loving Holy Spirit the results are the same, “what you share is returned onto you.” This is why it is called the law of sharing. This law of the mind works automatically. It is not something one can elect not to participate in. It is a mandatory requirement of life, which is what mind is. Mind expands, extends and creates.

When the mind believes in lack, the law of sharing becomes the law of deprivation since the split-mind is driven by fear and anger. The egoic mind uses projection as a means to attack. Projection is a tool to exclude some aspect of Creation from wholeness. Projection, which is based on lack, will result in anger and fear since that is what you are attempting to share. You are sharing your belief in lack which is the opposite of how God creates. When the ego “shares” and projects its own lack, fear, anger, sin, and guilt, the power of the mind has been utilized to “make” rather than “create.” “Making” is not real since it is not love-based and thus not shared with the Mind of God. Since the split mind is creating unlike God, the law of sharing has been egoically modified to make and imagine the false and could be more accurately called the law of deprivation.

The Holy Spirit’s the law of sharing is the law of extension or creation since the Holy Spirit operates under the principle “that to be all, give all to all.” Thus, the law of creation comes from love. In the sharing of love, cause and effect become so intertwined that they become the inseparably joined. You cannot have one without the other and thus, they become one. We share what we give to others and this is what we become.

**T-7.VIII.2.** The ego's use of projection must be fully understood before the inevitable association between projection and anger can be finally undone. 2 The ego always tries to preserve conflict. 3 **The ego** is very ingenious in devising ways that seem to diminish conflict, because **the ego** does not want you to find conflict so intolerable that you will insist on giving **conflict** up. 4 The ego therefore tries to persuade you that < **the ego** > can free you of conflict, lest you give the ego up and free yourself **of conflict**. 5 Using **the ego’s** own warped version of the laws of God, (**the law of deprivation**), the ego utilizes

the power of the mind only to defeat the mind's real purpose, **which is to create like the Father, which is the law of extension.** 6 **The ego** projects conflict from your mind to other minds, in an attempt to persuade you that you have gotten rid of the problem of **conflict.**

**Note # 55:** The ego attempts to get rid of what it does not want by projecting that item onto someone else. The “Law of Deprivation”, which is the fundamental law of the egoic mind, returns the thoughts that you projected out to another back upon yourself. It appears that you have gotten ride of the problem, but the problem will return to you, its source, since the Law of Sharing/ Extension/ Deprivation must work. Therefore, what you give, which is conflict, is what you get. The law of sharing states that thoughts never leave the mind of the thinker. What you project, you get to keep.

**T-7.VIII.3.** There are two major errors involved in this, **the ego’s attempt to get rid of conflict by projecting the problem of the conflict onto others.** 2 First, strictly speaking, conflict cannot be projected because **conflict** cannot be shared. 3 Any attempt to keep part of **conflict** and get rid of another part of **conflict** does not really mean anything. 4 Remember that a conflicted teacher is a poor teacher and a poor learner. 5 **A conflicted teacher’s** lessons are confused, and **the lessons** transfer value is limited by **the conflicted teacher’s** confusion. 6 The second error is the idea that you can get rid of something you do not want by giving **what you do not want** away. 7 Giving **what you do not want** away is how you *<keep>* **what you do not want.** 8 The belief that by seeing **what you do not want** outside you, **you** have excluded **what you do not want** away from within **you** is a complete distortion of the power of extension. 9 **This complete distortion of the power of extension** is why those who project are vigilant for their own safety. 10 **Those who project** are afraid that their projections will return and hurt **them who were the original source of the projection.** 11 Believing they, (**those who project**), have blotted their projections from their own minds, **those who project** also believe their projections are trying to creep back **into their mind.** 12 Since the projections have not left their minds, **those who project** are forced to engage in constant activity in order not to recognize this **projection has returned into their own mind, which was the source of the initial projection.**

**Note # 56:** Since to give is to receive, a thought can never leave its source. Thoughts that are shared or projected always remain with the thinker.

**T-7.VIII.4.** You cannot perpetuate an illusion about another without perpetuating an **illusion** about yourself. 2 There is no way out of this **perpetuating cycle of the illusion about yourself** because it is impossible to fragment the mind. 3 To fragment is to break into pieces, and mind cannot attack or be attacked. 4 The belief that **the mind can attack or be attacked** is an error the ego always makes. **The belief that the mind can attack or be attacked** underlies **the ego’s** whole use of projection. p130 5 **The ego** does not understand what mind is, and therefore **the ego** does not understand what *<you>* are. 6 Yet **the ego’s** existence is dependent on your mind, because the ego is your **mind’s** belief. 7 The ego is a confusion in identification. 8 **Since the ego** never had a consistent model, **the ego** never developed consistently. 9 **The ego** is the product of the misapplication of the laws of God by distorted minds that are misusing their **mind’s** power.

**Note # 57:** The illusion about your self-identity arose due to the distorted, or split-mind's belief in the separation. The belief in separation, or individuality, resulted from your belief in lack. Perception leads to projection and judgment, which perpetuates the belief in separation. The Law of Sharing or Extension is misapplied since you do not remember what you are. Rather than extending the everything that you are, you have chosen to project a fear-based image of lack. The ego arose out of the error that what you are could be something other than the Will of God. Projection perpetuates this error.

**T-7.VIII.5.** *<Do not be afraid of the ego.>* 2 **The ego** depends on your mind, and as you made **the ego** by believing in **the ego**, so you can dispel **the ego** by withdrawing **your mind's** belief from **the ego**. 3 Do not project the responsibility for your belief in **the ego** onto anyone else, or you will preserve the belief **in the ego existence**. 4 When you are willing to accept sole responsibility for the ego's existence you will have laid aside all anger and all attack, because **all anger and all attack** come from an attempt to project responsibility **onto others**, for your own errors. 5 But having accepted the errors as yours, do not keep **the errors**. 6 Give **the errors** over quickly to the Holy Spirit to be undone completely, so that all **these errors'** effects will vanish from your mind and from the Sonship as a whole.

**Note # 58:** You must be willing to accept responsibility for your own sourceness before you can correct your own mind's error. If you claim that the source of the error is outside you, you lack the power to change your creation. Only Cause can stop its own effect. Once you realize you are responsible for an error, give the error over to the Holy Spirit's thought system so that the Holy Spirit can remove or reinterpret the error correctly. When you are under the influence of the thought system of the ego, your mind is split. Being split-minded, it is impossible to correct the error without help. The Holy Spirit, Who knows who you really are, will have no problem correcting the error since the Holy Spirit has knowledge of the truth that you are spirit. As God's Beloved Son you remain perfect, whole and complete.

In this world of perception, we often claim that how we define ourselves is based on other people's opinions of what we are. We claim that outside forces make us what we are. We must understand that we are the master's of our mind and take personal responsibility for how we define ourselves. Just because the "outside" world tells us that we are limited-ego-bodies does not make it true. We need to understand that our beliefs and thoughts determine our private provisional reality. Each can freely choose what thought system they will follow. You are the decision-maker of your own consciousness. We can pretend to project this responsibility upon another yet, this denial cannot change the fact that it is our own mind's free will that decides what we choose to value.

**T-7.VIII.6.** The Holy Spirit will teach you to perceive beyond your belief, because truth is beyond belief and **the Holy Spirit's** perception is true. 2 The ego can be completely forgotten at any time, because **the ego** is a totally incredible belief, and no one can keep a belief he has judged to be unbelievable. 3 The more you learn about the ego, the more you realize that **the ego** cannot be believed. 4 The incredible cannot be understood because **the incredible** is unbelievable. 5 The meaninglessness of perception based on the unbelievable is apparent, but **the meaninglessness of perception based on the unbelievable** may not be recognized as being beyond belief, because it, **the meaninglessness of perception based on the unbelievable**, is made *<by>* belief.

**Note # 59:** Because you have free will, you have the option to dream up any illusion that you want to believe to be true in your provisional reality. This, your dream, of course, does nothing to change reality, which is the Will of God, but it does become “real” for you, the perceiver. Free will does not mean that you can establish the curriculum. God’s curriculum that was established at the moment of the separation is the path to your remembering who you are. God’s curriculum will reestablish your knowledge that you are a Oneness with God. Free will means only that you can elect what you want to take of God’s curriculum at any given time. The Holy Spirit is your true teacher in this classroom of your dream world of provisional reality. The ego that knows nothing can teach nothing.

**T-7.VIII.7.** The whole purpose of this course is to teach you that the ego is unbelievable and will forever be unbelievable. 2 You who made the ego by believing the unbelievable cannot make this judgment **that the ego is unbelievable** alone. 3 By accepting the Atonement for yourself, you are deciding against the belief that you can be alone, thus dispelling the idea of separation and affirming your true identification with the whole Kingdom as literally part of you. 4 This identification **that the whole Kingdom as literally part of you** is as beyond doubt as it is beyond belief. 5 Your wholeness has no limits because being is infinity. p131

**Note # 60:** God’s curriculum is the Atonement process. The Atonement states that everything the egoic thought system claims to be true is actually false. Only through the acceptance of the Atonement for yourself is your return to Oneness guaranteed. By the Atonement, the “split-mind” is healed and you reclaim your birthright in the shared Mind of God. The fact that the whole Kingdom is literally part of you is as beyond doubt as it is beyond belief because it is true. Truth is certain and is not contingent upon your belief. We can deny this truth but our denial cannot affect or change this true. The truth of the Oneness just is.

## **IX. The Extension of the Kingdom**

**T-7.IX.1.** Only you can limit your creative power, but God wills to release **your creative power**. 2 **God** no more wills you to deprive yourself of your creations than **God** wills to deprive Himself of **His creations**. 3 Do not withhold your gifts to the Sonship, or you withhold yourself from God! 4 Selfishness is of the ego, but Self-fullness is of spirit because that is how God created **spirit**. 5 The Holy Spirit is in the part of the mind that lies between the ego and the spirit. **The Holy Spirit** mediating between **the ego and the spirit** always in favor of the spirit. 6 To the ego this is partiality, and **the ego** responds as if **the ego** were being sided against **by the Holy Spirit**. 7 To spirit this is truth, because **spirit** knows **spirit’s** fullness and cannot conceive of any part from which **spirit** is excluded

**Note # 61:** Selfishness is ego based. Selfishness is the egoic attempt to be excluded from the Oneness. The selfish ones claim that they are not whole and have needs. The selfish believe they must get and keep something from outside themselves that they perceive they lack. Self-fullness is based in spirit. Since it is complete and whole, Self-fullness includes, extends and shares. Self-fullness is part of the natural expansion of the Sonship. Your reality is that you are spirit and not an ego-body. The Holy Spirit has the ability to know both the truth that you are spirit and also to understand the activities of the part of your mind that is under the guidance of the ego. Since the Holy Spirit knows who you are, It

always reinterprets the activities of the lower self, which follows the ego's thought system, in favor of the thought system of the Holy Spirit which speaks for truth.

**NOTE:** When the course uses the term, spirit it also means your High Self or the Christ conscious part of your mind. Before the separation, there was only the wholeness of Spirit.

**T-7.IX.2.** Spirit knows that the awareness of all its brothers is included in **spirit's own awareness**, as **awareness** is included in God. 2 The power of the whole Sonship and of **the Sonship's** Creator is therefore spirit's own fullness, rendering **spirit's** creations equally whole and equal in perfection. 3 The ego cannot prevail against a totality that includes God, and any totality *<must>* include God. 4 Everything **God** created is given all **God's** power, because **everything God created** is part of **God** and shares **God's** Being with **God**. 5 Creating is the opposite of loss, as blessing is the opposite of sacrifice. 6 Being *<must>* be extended. 7 **Extension** is how **being** retains the knowledge of itself. 8 Spirit yearns to share its being as spirit's Creator, **God the Father**, did. 9 Created by sharing, **spirit's** will is to create. 10 **Spirit** does not wish to contain God, but **Spirit** wills to extend **God's** Being.

**Note # 62:** To contain would be to limit. God cannot be limited and, therefore, spirit, which is the Son of God, wills to extend God's Being by extending itself like the Father. Extension or creation is how being retains the knowledge of itself. When the Sonship refused to co-create with God, it lost the knowledge of itself. Losing knowledge of what it was, the Sonship moved into the illusionary world of perception, projection and making. The egoic little "s" self was born.

**T-7.IX.3.** The extension of God's Being is spirit's only function. 2 **Spirit's** fullness cannot be contained, any more than can the fullness of **spirit's** Creator. 3 Fullness is extension. 4 The ego's whole thought system blocks extension, and thus **the ego's whole thought system** blocks your only function, which is **extension or creation**. 5 **The ego's whole thought system** therefore blocks your joy, so that you perceive yourself as unfulfilled. 6 Unless you create you *<are>* unfulfilled, but God does not know unfulfillment and therefore you must create. 7 You may not know your own creations, but this can no more interfere with **your own creations'** reality than your unawareness of your spirit can interfere with **spirit's** being.

**Note # 63:** You must create like the Father since that is how you were created. This is God's Will. While under the influence of the ego's thought system, our mind is "asleep" and, therefore, is not aware of truth and reality. When our awareness is placed in the world of perception, time and space, our true mind is safe and asleep in heaven. In our imagination, our split-mind plays the game of "What am I?" known as the separation. This dream state however, cannot change the Will of God. God continues to know His Son as a creator or extender of God's Own Being.

**T-7.IX.4.** The Kingdom is forever extending because **the Kingdom** is in the Mind of God. 2 You do not know your joy because you do not know your own Self-fullness. 3 Exclude any part of the Kingdom from yourself and you are not whole. 4 A split mind cannot perceive its **split mind's** fullness, and needs the miracle of the mind's wholeness to dawn upon **the split mind** and heal **the split mind**. 5 This reawakens the wholeness in **the**

**split mind**, and restores **the split mind** to the Kingdom because of **the split mind's** acceptance of wholeness. p132 6 The full appreciation of the mind's Self-fullness makes selfishness impossible and extension inevitable. 7 **Since Self-fullness makes selfishness impossible and extension inevitable, this** is why there is perfect peace in the Kingdom. 8 Spirit is fulfilling **spirit's** function, and only complete fulfillment is peace.

**Note # 64:** The extension of the Kingdom, which is the Mind of God, is inevitable since this is God's Will. Nothing can stop this as we cannot oppose God's Will that we share. Only in the illusions of the ego's insane thought system can God's Will be opposed. Our true Big "S" Self has never left the peace of God because it is impossible for us not to do God's Will. Pretending has no impact on Heaven.

**T-7.IX.5.** Your creations are protected for you because the Holy Spirit, Who is in your mind, knows of **your creations** and can bring **your creations** into your awareness whenever you will let **the Holy Spirit**. 2 **Your creations** are there **in your mind** as part of your own being, because your fulfillment includes **your creations**. 3 The creations of every Son of God are your **creations**, since every creation belongs to everyone, being created for the Sonship as a whole.

**Note # 65:** The reality of the Sonship, which is all that God created, is that the Sonship remains a oneness or wholeness as God created it. As such, the Sonship never experienced the separation and is still whole. However, the split-minded are currently failing to recognize this fact. As part of the whole, everything in the Sonship belongs to everyone. There is only equality in the Sonship as each indivisible part is a hologram of the whole. The Sonship, like God, its Creator, is a Oneness of "All That Is."

**T-7.IX.6.** You have not failed to increase the inheritance of the Sons of God, and thus have not failed to secure **the inheritance of the Sons of God** for yourself. 2 Since it was the Will of God to give you **this inheritance**, God gave **this inheritance** forever. 3 Since **the inheritance of the Sons of God** was **God's Will** that you have **this inheritance** forever, **God** gave you the means for keeping **the inheritance**. 4 *<And you have done so and have this inheritance forever. >* 5 Disobeying God's Will is meaningful only to the insane. 6 In truth **disobeying God's Will** is impossible. 7 Your Self-fullness is as boundless as God's. 8 Like **God's, Your Inheritance** extends forever and in perfect peace. 9 **Like God's, Your Inheritance's** radiance is so intense that **Your Inheritance** creates in perfect joy, and only the whole can be born of **Your Inheritance's** Wholeness.

**Note # 66:** It is God's Will that His Son's create like Him. This is our divine birthright that cannot be lost. Our function, as God's Son, is to create or extend our "Beingness" to our creations. Thus, we extend God's Kingdom. Our inheritance, being of God and from God, cannot be lost. In our insanity, we can temporarily forget where we put our inheritance, but paradise cannot be lost.

**T-7.IX.7.** Be confident that you have never lost your Identity and the extensions which maintain **your Identity** in wholeness and peace. 2 Miracles are an expression of this confidence **that you have never lost your Identity**. 3 **Miracles** are reflections of both your proper identification with your brothers, and of your awareness that your identification is maintained by extension. 4 The miracle is a lesson in total perception. 5 By

including any part of totality in the lesson, you have included the whole **of totality in the lesson.**

**Note # 67:** Our true reality is that we are a Oneness. Whenever we share or extend, we experience or know our One Self as this Oneness. The lesson of the Holy Spirit is, “To have, give all to all.” Having and being are the same in the “eyes” of the Holy Spirit, Who keeps us in communication within the Mind of God.

## **X. The Confusion of Pain and Joy**

**T-7.X.1.** The Kingdom is the result of premises, just as this world is **the result of premises.** 2 You may have carried the ego's reasoning to **the ego's** logical conclusion, which is total confusion about everything. 3 If you really **saw that the ego's logical conclusion of its' reasoning is total confusion about everything,** you could not want **this result.** 4 The only reason you could possibly want any part of **the ego's thought system, which results in total confusion about everything,** is because you do not see the whole of **the ego's thought system.** 5 You are willing to look at the ego's premises, but not at **the ego's premises'** logical outcome. 6 Is it not possible that you have done the same thing with the premises of God? (**Not looked at their logical outcome**) 7 Your creations are the logical outcome of **God's** premises. 8 **God's** thinking has established **your creations as the logical outcome of God's premises** for you. 9 **Your creations** are exactly where **your creations** belong. 10 **Your creations** belong in your mind as part of your identification with **God's Mind,** but your state of mind and your recognition of what is in **your mind** depend on what you believe about your mind. p133 11 Whatever these beliefs may be, **these beliefs** are the premises that will determine what you accept into your mind.

**Note # 68:** As decision-maker, your mind must decide what thought system it will follow. It must choose between either the ego's or the Holy Spirit's thought system. Based on this decision, the results will be the logical outcome as determined by the basic premise of either lack or abundance, fear or love, separation or oneness.

**T-7.X.2.** It is surely clear that you can both accept into your mind what is not there, and deny what is **there in your mind.** 2 Yet the function God Himself gave your mind through His **Mind** you may deny, but you cannot prevent **the function God Himself gave your mind.** 3 **The function God Himself gave your mind** is the logical outcome of what you are, **which is a Son of God.** 4 The ability to see a logical outcome depends on the willingness to see **the logical outcome,** but **the logical outcome's** truth has nothing to do with your willingness **to see the logical outcome.** 5 Truth is God's Will. 6 Share **God's** Will and you share what **God** knows. 7 Deny **God's** Will as your **will,** and you are denying **God's Kingdom <and> denying your own kingdom, which is the same as God's Kingdom.**

**Note # 69:** God's Will is truth and thus, changeless. You can deny or not accept God's Will only in your dream world of provisional reality. Ultimately, we all must reawaken to what we are and follow God's Will. This Will is the same and only will we have since we live in the Mind of God. Our dream world must give way to God's Kingdom, which is Truth. Truth is not based on your perception but on the Knowledge of God. Although we can deny the truth, our denial does not change the truth.

**T-7.X.3.** The Holy Spirit will direct you only so as to avoid pain. 2 Surely no one would object to this goal if he recognized **that the Holy Spirit's goal is to avoid pain.** 3 The problem is not whether what the Holy Spirit says is true, but whether you want to listen to what **the Holy Spirit** says. 4 You no more recognize what is painful than you know what is joyful, and are, in fact, very apt to confuse **pain with joy.** 5 The Holy Spirit's main function is to teach you to tell **pain and joy** apart. 6 What is joyful to you is painful to the ego, and as long as you are in doubt about what you are, you will be confused about joy and pain. 7 This confusion **about joy and pain** is the cause of the whole idea of sacrifice. 8 Obey the Holy Spirit, and you will be giving up the ego. 9 But **if you obey the Holy Spirit,** you will be sacrificing nothing. 10 On the contrary, **if you obey the Holy Spirit,** you will be gaining everything. 11 If you believed **that by obeying the Holy Spirit, you would be gaining everything,** there would be no conflict.

**Note # 70:** Conflict is the result of not following your purpose. You cannot know your purpose if you do not know that you are spirit. The Holy Spirit's thought system reminds you of what you are. You remember that you are spirit and, therefore, a Oneness. The outcome is the logical result of what thought system you choose to belief in. Spirit is everything and illusions are nothing. To give up nothing for everything cannot be a sacrifice.

**T-7.X.4.** That is why you need to demonstrate the obvious to yourself. 2**The obvious, which is doing God's Will,** is not obvious to you. 3 You believe that doing the opposite of God's Will can be better for you. 4 You also believe that it is possible to *<do>* the opposite of God's Will. 5 Therefore, you believe that an impossible choice **of doing the opposite of God's Will** is open to you, and **this choice is** one which is both fearful and desirable. 6 Yet God wills. 7 **God** does not wish. 8 Your will is as powerful as **God's Will** because **your will <is> God's Will.** 9 The ego's wishes do not mean anything, because the ego wishes for the impossible, **which is not doing God's Will.** 10 You can wish for the impossible, but you can will only with God. 11 This is the ego's weakness and your strength.

**Note # 71:** Since ego is not mind, ego has no will of its own. The ego can only wish and the split-minded can only imagine that the false is possible. The ego must rely on your mind to utilize your mind's will on behalf of the ego's goals. The ego can only wish for your mind's decision to choose to make rather than create. Your strength is that you are mind and, therefore, you are the decision-maker. Your mind has the power to will. Will, not wishes, become reality. Wishes, like the false, belong to the realm of fantasy.

**T-7.X.5.** The Holy Spirit always sides with you and with your strength, **which is the will you share with God's Will.** 2 As long as you avoid **the Holy Spirit's** guidance in any way, you want to be weak. 3 Yet weakness is frightening. 4 What else, then, can this decision **to avoid the Holy Spirit guidance in any way,** mean except that you want to be fearful? 5 The Holy Spirit never asks for sacrifice, but the ego always does **asks for sacrifice.** 6 When you are confused about this distinction in motivation, **this confusion** can only be due to projection. p134 7 Projection is a confusion in motivation, and given this confusion **in motivation,** trust becomes impossible. 8 No one gladly obeys a guide he does not trust, but this does not mean that the guide is untrustworthy. 9 In this case, it always means that the follower is **untrustworthy.** 10 However, this **untrustworthiness of the**

**follower**, too, is merely a matter of **the follower's** own belief. 11 Believing that **the follower** can betray, **the follower** believes that everything can betray him. 12 Yet this is only because **the follower** has elected to follow **the false guidance of the ego**. 13 Unable to follow **the ego's** guidance without fear, **the follower** associates fear with guidance, and refuses to follow any guidance at all. 14 If the result of this decision is confusion, this is hardly surprising.

**Note # 72:** Confusion and conflict results from the belief in two opposing thought systems. Projection is the result of the ego's thought system, which always arises as some form of attack. Attack demonstrates your fear that confirms your separateness. Trust is impossible when you come from fear. Lacking trust, one is fearful of placing their trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Your Big "S" Self always trusts the Holy Spirit, but your little "s" self believes it has two possible choices to choose from. This egoic belief that you can pick the false leads to confusion, conflict and fear.

**T-7.X.6.** The Holy Spirit is perfectly trustworthy, as you are **perfectly trustworthy**. 2 God Himself trusts you, and therefore your trustworthiness is beyond question. 3 **Your trustworthiness** will always remain beyond question, however much you may question **your trustworthiness**. 4 I said before that you are the Will of God. 5 **God's Will** is not an idle wish, and your identification with **God's Will** is not optional, since **God's Will** is what you are. 6 Sharing **God's Will** with me is not really open to choice, though **sharing God's Will with me** may seem to be **open to choice**. 7 The whole separation lies in this error **that we have a choice to share or follow God's Will**. 8 The only way out of the error **that we have a choice to share or follow God's Will** is to decide that you do not have to decide anything. 9 Everything has been given you by God's decision. 10 That **everything has been given you by God's decision** is **God's Will**, and you cannot undo **God's Will which gave you everything**.

**Note # 73:** The "authority problem" is based on the erroneous belief that we have a choice to do or not do God's Will. This "mad idea" is the cause of the separation and the belief in individuality rather than Oneness. It claims that we are self-created and are the arbitrators of truth. We have no choice to make these decisions since truth has already been established for us in the Mind of God, and God's Will is changeless.

**T-7.X.7.** Even the relinquishment of your false decision-making prerogative, which the ego guards so jealously, is not accomplished by your wish. 2 **The relinquishment of your false decision-making prerogative** was accomplished for you by the Will of God, Who has not left you comfortless. 3 **God's Voice, which is the Holy Spirit**, will teach you how to distinguish between pain and joy, and **the Holy Spirit** will lead you out of the confusion you have made. 4 There is no confusion in the mind of a Son of God, whose will must be the Will of the Father, because the Father's Will *<is>* His Son **'s will**.

**Note # 74:** When this "mad idea" that we had decision-making prerogative in regards to the choice to follow God's Will, God placed within our split mind the Voice for God, which is the Holy Spirit. Since creation is extension, our true will and God's will must be One. This idea that we could oppose God's Will is at the heart of the "Authority Problem" which forms the basis for the ego's thought system. By placing our mind under the

guidance of the Holy Spirit, we remember the truth and are gently reawakened into God's Kingdom, which is our home and divine inheritance.

**T-7.X.8.** Miracles are in accord with the Will of God. **God's Will** you do not know because you are confused about what *<you>* will. 2 This means that you are confused about what you are. 3 If you are God's Will and do not accept **God's Will**, you are denying joy. 4 The miracle is therefore a lesson in what joy is. 5 Being a lesson in sharing, **the miracle** is a lesson in love, which *<is>* joy. 6 Every miracle is thus a lesson in truth, and by offering truth you are learning the difference between pain and joy. p135

**Note # 75:** God's will is that we be happy. A miracle is a change in perception or thinking from the ego's thought system to the Holy Spirit's thought system. The ego's thought system is based on individual competition and brings pain. The miracle shifts misperception to correct perception. It recalls your oneness with another and your common purpose. This sharing and joining in mind results in joy.

## **XI. The State of Grace**

**T-7.XI.1.** The Holy Spirit will always guide you truly, because your joy is **the Holy Spirit's joy**. 2 This **joy is the Holy Spirit's Will** for everyone because **the Holy Spirit** speaks for the Kingdom of God, which *<is>* joy. 3 Following **the Holy Spirit** is therefore the easiest thing in the world, and the only thing that is easy, because **following the Holy Spirit** is not of the world. 4 **Following the Holy Spirit** is therefore natural. 5 The world goes against your nature, being out of accord with God's laws. 6 The world perceives orders of difficulty in everything. 7 **This perception of orders of difficulty in everything in this world** is because the ego perceives nothing as wholly desirable. 8 By demonstrating to yourself there is no order of difficulty in miracles, you will convince yourself that, in your natural state, there is no difficulty at all *<because>* **your natural state** is a state of grace.

**Note # 76:** We are a spiritual essence dreaming that we are having an earthly experience. Our natural state is unlimited spirit. To pretend that we are a limited ego-body is unnatural since it is foreign to our "beingness". It is easy to be yourself. It is difficult to be something you are not. Conflict is the result of lack of certainty. When we deny our spiritual essences, we become conflicted and slip into fear. Any time we are not in a joyous and peaceful state, we have slipped into egoic fear-based thinking.

**T-7.XI.2.** Grace is the natural state of every Son of God. 2 When a **Son of God** is not in a state of grace, a **Son of God** is out of his natural environment and does not function well. 3 Everything a **Son of God** does becomes a strain, because a **Son of God** was not created for the environment that a **Son of God** has made, **which is the illusionary world of the egoic perception, time and space**. 4 A **Son of God** therefore cannot adapt to **the illusionary world of the ego**, nor can a **Son of God** adapt **the illusionary world of the ego to his nature state as a Son of God**. 5 There is no point in trying. 6 A Son of God is happy only when a **Son of God**, knows he, **as a Son of God**, is with God. 7 **Being with God** is the only environment in which a **Son of God** will not experience strain, because **being with God** is where a **Son of God** belongs. 8 **Being with God** is also the only environment that is worthy of a **Son of God**, because a **Son of God's** own worth is beyond anything a **Son of God** can make.

**Note # 77:** Grace is the natural state of the Son of God. Grace maintains the realization that our being rests with God. As Son's of God, we are one with our Father. God's Son can only be happy when he is joined with His Father. In the egoic world made from our fears and limitations, we are out of our natural element. Our Big "S" Self is spirit and part of the holographic Mind of God. Being in extension of God, we can only be love. Love, not fear, is the only reality worthy of a Son of God.

**T-7.XI.3.** Consider the kingdom you have made and judge **the worth of this illusionary world of the ego** fairly. 2 Is **this illusionary world of the ego** worthy to be a home for a child of God? 3 Does **this illusionary world of the ego** protect a **child of God's** peace and shine love upon a **child of God**? 4 Does **this illusionary world of the ego** keep a **child of God's** heart untouched by fear, and allow a **child of God** to give always, without any sense of loss? 5 Does **this illusionary world of the ego** teach a **child of God** that this giving is his joy, and that God Himself thanks a **child of God** for the **child of God's** giving? 6 That is the only environment in which you can be happy. 7 You cannot make an **environment in which you can be happy**, any more than you can make yourself. 8 An **environment in which you can be happy** has been created for you, as you were created for **God's environment in which you can be happy**. 9 God watches over His children and denies them nothing. 10 Yet when a **child of God** deny **God**, a **child of God** do not know **that God watches over His children and denies His children nothing**, because a **child of God** deny themselves everything. 11 You who could give the Love of God to everything you see and touch and remember are literally denying Heaven to yourself.

**Note # 78:** God's gives everything to His creations. God denies them nothing. God's children can refuse to accept this knowledge of what they really are and thus, perceive they have "fallen from grace". This false perception needs to be corrected within the deluded mind. Yet, the true nature of how and what God created remains unchanged. Only in your ego's dream world of provisional reality can you deny yourself heaven, which is the Kingdom.

**T-7.XI.4.** I call upon you to remember that I have chosen you to teach the Kingdom <to> the Kingdom. 2 There are no exceptions to this lesson **for you to teach the Kingdom <to> the Kingdom**, because the lack of exceptions <is> the lesson. 3 Every Son who returns to the Kingdom with this lesson **that you must teach the Kingdom <to> the Kingdom with no exceptions**, in his heart has healed the Sonship and given thanks to God. 4 Everyone who learns this lesson **that you must teach the Kingdom <to> the Kingdom with no exceptions** has become the perfect teacher, because he has learned it of the Holy Spirit. p136

**Note # 79:** We cannot exclude any of God's creations from the truth of the Kingdom. There can be no exception since all God's creations are equally blessed with the same divine birthright and inheritance. God gives only equally since God gives everything to everything. Extension of the hologram is the creative process of the Mind of God.

**T-7.XI.5.** When a mind has only light, a **mind** knows only light. 2 A **mind's** own radiance shines all around **itself**, and extends out into the darkness of other minds,

transforming **other minds** into majesty. 3 The Majesty of God is there **in other minds**, for you to recognize and appreciate and know. 4 Recognizing the Majesty of God as your brother is to accept your own inheritance. 5 God gives only equally. 6 If you recognize **God's gift and know the Majesty of God is** in anyone, you have acknowledged what **God** has given you. 7 Nothing is so easy to recognize as truth. 8 This **truth of what God has given you, your inheritance**, is the recognition that is immediate, clear and natural. 9 You have trained yourself not to recognize **your inheritance that God's Majesty is you** and this has been very difficult for you.

**Note # 80:** Because we have free will, we can dream or forget that we are Son's of God. As such, we can deny our inheritance, but we cannot lose it. It cannot be lost because God has given us this inheritance and God's Will is changeless. Since give is receiving, when we choose to see only the Big "S" Self in our brother, we realize that same Big "S" Self in ourselves.

**T-7.XI.6.** Out of your natural environment, **which is the illusionary world of the ego**, you may well ask, "What is truth?" since truth is the environment by which and for which you were created. 2 You do not know yourself, because you do not know your Creator. 3 You do not know your creations because you do not know your brothers, who created **your creations** with you. 4 I have already said that only the whole Sonship is worthy to be co-creator with God, because only the whole Sonship can create like **the Father**. 5 Whenever you heal a brother by recognizing his worth, you are acknowledging a **brother's** power to create and **your power to create**. 6 **A brother** cannot have lost what you recognize, and you must have the glory you see in **your brother**. 7 **A brother** is a co-creator with God with you. 8 Deny a **brother's** creative power, and you are denying your **creative power and the creative power** of God Who created you.

**Note # 81:** To create like the Father, the Sonship must see itself as whole to be whole. Only the Oneness of the Sonship can create like the Father. If we attempt to exclude any part of the Sonship from sharing in our creation, we are engaged in making, not creating. Only a Oneness can extend the One Self that is the holographic Mind of God.

**T-7.XI.7.** You cannot deny part of truth. 2 You do not know your creations because you do not know their creator, **which is the whole Sonship**. 3 You do not know yourself because you do not know **your creations**. 4 Your creations cannot establish your reality, any more than you can establish God's **reality**. 5 But you can *<know>* both **your creations and your true reality**. 6 Being is known by sharing. 7 Because God shared His Being with you, you can know **God**. 8 But you must also know all **God** created, to know what **all God created** have shared. 9 Without your Father you will not know your fatherhood. 10 The Kingdom of God includes all His Sons and **all His Sons'** children, who are as like the Sons as **all His Sons' children** are like the Father. 11 Know, then, the Sons of God, and you will know all creation. p137

**Note # 82:** All God's creation is a Oneness. This is why there is equality in the Kingdom. All creations, being an extension of everything that created them, are an indivisible part of the wholeness of everything. Each part is a holographic oneness of the whole, for each part is one with the Mind of God.

Only the whole Sonship is worthy to be co-creator with God, because only the whole Sonship can create like God. Deny your brother's creative power and you have denied your own creative power. Being is known by sharing. Since we are spirit, the only way to know our true Self is to <be>. True creation, or extension, is <Being>. Spirit feels, experiences and just is. The egoic mind thinks, compares, divides and then judges. Creation and making involve two different mindsets.