

## Chapter 9.

### THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE ATONEMENT

#### I. The Acceptance of Reality

**T-9.I.1.** Fear of the Will of God is one of the strangest beliefs the human mind has ever made. 2 **Fear of the Will of God** could not possibly have occurred unless the mind were already profoundly split, making it possible for **the split minded** to be afraid of what **the Will of God and the mind** really is. 3 Reality cannot "threaten" anything except illusions, since reality can only uphold truth. 4 The very fact that the Will of God, which is what you are, is perceived as fearful, demonstrates that you *<are>* afraid of what you are. 5 It is not, then, the Will of God of which you are afraid, but **your will**.

**Note # 1:** Because we perceive ourselves to be separate from God, we believe that we can oppose God's Will. If we understood that we are God's Will, there would be nothing to oppose. The truth of love just is. Love is not fearful. It is our denial of the fact that we are only the expression of God's Love that is the source of our fear. We then project our misperception of what we are upon God. Our misperception of ourselves as a fearful being leads to our mind's egoic projection that God is something to fear. Instead of God being only Love, the split-minded make up an egoic god of fear. Being split-minded, we are afraid of what we perceive our own "egoic" will to represent. We believe that we are something other than love. Our perceived provisional reality now becomes a frightening place.

**T-9.I.2.** Your will is not the ego's **will**, and that is why the ego is against you. 2 What seems to be the fear of God is really the fear of your own **egoic provisional** reality. 3 It is impossible to learn anything consistently in a state of panic. 4 If the purpose of this course is to help you remember what you are, and if you believe that what you are is fearful, then it must follow that you will not learn this course **because you believe that what you are is fearful**. 5 Yet the reason for the course is that you do not know what you are.

**Note # 2:** The ego's thought system is based on fear. If we adopt the viewpoint of our egoic mind, we can only learn what is false. The opposite of love is fear and this is only what the ego would teach us. Only by seeking a different teacher will we find a spokesman for love and truth.

**T-9.I.3.** If you do not know what your reality is, why would you be so sure that **your reality** is fearful? 2 The association of truth and fear, which would be highly artificial at most, is particularly inappropriate in the minds of those who do not know what truth is. 3 All this **association of truth with egoic fear** could mean is that you are arbitrarily associating something beyond your awareness, **which is truth**, with something you do not want, **which is fear**. 4 **Because you are arbitrarily associating truth with egoic fear, which is something you do not want**, it is evident, then, that you are judging something of which you are totally unaware of **which is truth**. 5 You have set up this strange situation of **judging something of which you are totally unaware of, which is the truth**, so that it is impossible to escape from **this strange situation** without a Guide, **the Holy Spirit**, Who *<does>* know what your reality is. 6 The purpose of this Guide, **the Holy Spirit**, is merely to remind you of what you want. 7 **The Holy Spirit** is not attempting to force an alien will

upon you. 8 **The Holy Spirit** is merely making every possible effort, within the limits you impose on **the Holy Spirit**, to re-establish your own will in your awareness.

**Note # 3:** You believe that you are something you are not and are fearful. Therefore, it is impossible for you to self-correct because you are coming from a false belief that you are limited ego body. Since you believe that you are a limited ego body, you can never “find” yourself. Claiming that you are the frail body, you will never look past the bodily shroud to rediscover your inner Big “S” Self, which is the unlimited spirit that you are. You will search every other place within your dream world of provisional reality for something that can bring you happiness and wholeness. Since you have forgotten what you really are, you have forgotten that you already are what you seek. Only the Holy Spirit, Who knows your true reality and also is aware of your dream state, can guide you back home and awaken you to the remembrance that you are the Shared Mind of God.

**T-9.I.4.** You have imprisoned your will beyond your own awareness, where **your will** remains, but **where your true will** cannot help you. 2 When I said that the Holy Spirit's function is to sort out the true from the false in your mind, I meant that **the Holy Spirit** has the power to look into what you have hidden and recognize the Will of God there **in what you have hidden**. p160 3 **The Holy Spirit's** recognition of this **true Will** can make **this true Will** real to you because **the Holy Spirit** is in your mind, and therefore **the Holy Spirit** is your reality. 4 If, then, **the Holy Spirit's** perception of your mind brings **your mind's** reality to you, **the Holy Spirit** *<is>* helping you to remember what you are. 5 The only source of fear in this process of **helping you to remember what you are** is what you think you will lose. 6 Yet it is only what the Holy Spirit sees, **which is your true Big “S” Self** that you can possibly have because **this true Will** is **what you are**

**Note # 4:** The Holy Spirit knows the truth and, therefore, guides you back to the truth that you are God's Son and as such, you cannot be a limited ego body. Outside your mind's delusionary dream world, you can only be as God created you.

**T-9.I.5.** I have emphasized many times that the Holy Spirit will never call upon you to sacrifice anything. 2 But if you ask the sacrifice of reality of yourself, the Holy Spirit must remind you that **this self-imposed sacrifice of the reality about yourself** is not God's Will because **this self-imposed sacrifice of the reality about yourself** is not **your true Will**. 3 There is no difference between your will and God's **Will**. 4 If you did not have a split mind, you would recognize that willing is salvation because **willing** is communication.

**Note # 5:** Perceiving ourselves to be split-minded, we believe that we have a will that could be different from our Source. This error is based on your ego's misinterpretation of what creation is. God's Creation is the extension of God, Herself. To have a will other than God's would be to claim that we are self-created, which has already been defined as the “authority problem.” God is Cause and we are Her Effect. We cannot be self-created.

**T-9.I.6.** It is impossible to communicate in alien tongues. 2 You and your Creator can communicate through creation, because **creation** and only **creation** is Your joint Will **and thus, your true reality**. 3 A divided mind cannot communicate, because **a divided mind** speaks for different things to the same mind. 4 **Since a divided mind speaks for**

**different things to the same mind, the divided mind** loses the ability to communicate simply because confused communication does not mean anything. 5 A message cannot be communicated unless **a message** makes sense. 6 How sensible can your messages be, when you ask for what you do not want? 7 Yet as long as you are afraid of your will, **asking for what you do not want** is precisely what you are asking for.

**Note # 6:** The Holy Spirit follows your true Will, which is the Will of God. The Holy Spirit does not follow or attack the false egoic will that you have dreamed up in your illusionary world of provisional reality. To do so would only increase your fear by making the false appear real. The Holy Spirit's goal is to release you from your self-imposed fear about your true will. You fear the false and illusionary will of your ego. Only by awakening to the truth can you rediscover your true will is one with the Will of God. God wills only that you be happy. You cannot be happy when you fail to co-create with God. Creation is communication.

**T-9.I.7.** You may insist that the Holy Spirit does not answer you, but it might be wiser to consider the kind of questioner you are. 2 You do not ask only for what you want. 3 **You do not ask only for what you want** because you are afraid you might receive **only what you want**, and you would **receive only what you want from the Holy Spirit who knows your true Will**. 4 That is why you persist in asking the teacher, **the ego**, who could not possibly give you what you want **since the ego does not know your true Will**. 5 Of **the ego** you can never learn what it is **that you really want**, and **not to be able to get what you really want from the ego** gives you the illusion of safety. 6 Yet you cannot be safe *<from>* truth, but **you can only be safe <in>** truth. 7 Reality is the only safety. 8 Your will is your salvation because **your true Will** is the same as God's **Will**. 9 The separation is nothing more than the belief that **your will** is different **from God's Will**.

**Note # 7:** Because you believe you are an ego-body, you desire to believe that you are separate. We want to be special and different from how God created us. By refusing to choose the Holy Spirit as your guide, you never are reminded what you really are, which is a Oneness of "All That Is". Instead, you take the ego as your guide. The ego cannot tell you what you are because the ego does not know. The ego can teach the false and claim that you have a special, separate and autonomous will that is different from God's Will.

**T-9.I.8.** No right mind can believe that its will is stronger than God's **Will**. 2 If, then, a mind believes that its will is different from **God's Will**, **the "non right-minded"** can only decide either that there is no God or that God's Will is fearful. 3 The former, **that there is no God**, accounts for the atheist and the latter, **that God's Will is fearful**, **accounts** for the martyr, who believes that God demands sacrifices. 4 Either of these insane decisions, **that there is no God or that God's Will is fearful**, will induce panic, because the atheist believes he is alone, and the martyr believes that God is crucifying him. 5 Yet no one really wants either abandonment or retaliation, even though many may seek both **abandonment and retaliation**. p161 6 Can you ask the Holy Spirit for "gifts" such as **abandonment or retaliation** and actually expect to receive them? (**Abandonment or retaliation**) 7 **The Holy Spirit** cannot give you something you do not want **with your true Will**. 8 When you ask the Universal Giver, **the Holy Spirit**, for what you do not want, you are asking for what cannot be given because **what you do not want** was never created.

9 **What you do not want** was never created, because **what you do not want** was never your will for <you.>

**Note # 8:** God's Will, of which you are an extension, only created joy and love, because that is what God willed for His Son. God never created anything that was harmful. To do so in a Oneness of Everything would mean God would have to will that He harm Himself. This would be insanity. Therefore, there can be nothing harmful within the Will of God.

**T-9.I.9.** Ultimately everyone must remember the Will of God, because ultimately everyone must recognize himself, **which is the Will of God.** . 2 This recognition of **yourself** is the recognition that **your** will and God's **Will** are one. 3 In the presence of truth, there are no unbelievers and no sacrifices. 4 In the security of reality, fear is totally meaningless. 5 To deny what is can only <seem> to be fearful. 6 Fear cannot be real without a cause, and God is the only Cause. 7 God is Love and you do want **God.** 8 This, **Love** <is> your will. 9 Ask for this, **God's Love,** and you will be answered, because you will be asking only for what belongs to you, **which is God's Love, your inheritance.**

**Note # 9:** Like the prodigal son, God insures that you will never lose your inheritance. You can forget what you are, but you can never lose what you are. Our reawakening is assured because it is God's Will that His Son be joyous and loved.

**T-9.I.10.** When you ask the Holy Spirit for what would hurt you **the Holy Spirit** cannot answer because nothing can hurt you, and so you are asking for nothing. 2 Any wish that stems from the ego is a wish for nothing, and to ask for **a wish that stems from the ego** is not a request. 3 A **wish that stems from the ego** is merely a denial in the form of a request. 4 The Holy Spirit is not concerned with form, being aware only of meaning. 5 The ego cannot ask the Holy Spirit for anything, because there is complete communication failure between **the ego and the Holy Spirit.** 6 Yet <you> can ask for everything of **the Holy Spirit,** because your requests to **be everything** are real, being of your right mind. 7 Would the Holy Spirit deny the Will of God? 8 And could **the Holy Spirit** fail to recognize **the Will of God** in **God's Son?**

**Note # 10:** The Holy Spirit hears only requests from the true "High-Self". To respond to the request from the insane egoic thought system would only increase fear and thus, "confirm" the split-minded's belief in the separation. This cannot be the Will of God and thus, it cannot be your true will. Requests for littleness and limitation are only the insane requests of the ego. Egoic requests are asking for the denial of the truth. The ego always requests that the false be made true. This is impossible.

**T-9.I.11.** You do not recognize the enormous waste of energy you expend in denying truth. 2 What would you say of someone who persists in attempting the impossible, believing that to achieve **the impossible** is to succeed? 3 The belief that you must have the impossible in order to be happy is totally at variance with the principle of creation. 4 God could not will that happiness depended on what you could never have. 5 The fact that God is Love does not require belief, but **the fact that God is Love** does require acceptance. 6 It is indeed possible for you to deny facts, although it is impossible for you to change **facts.** 7 If you hold your hands over your eyes, you will not see because you are interfering with the laws of seeing. 8 If you deny love, you will not know **love** because your cooperation is the

law of **love's** being. 9 You cannot change laws you did not make, and the laws of happiness were created for you, not by you. p162

**Note # 11:** God's love allows you total freedom. It flows constantly to and through you. Due to free will, we can pretend that we are not the recipients of God's love. Yet, our denial of the truth cannot change the truth.

**T-9.I.12.** Any attempt to deny what *<is>* must be fearful, and if the attempt is strong **this denial of what *<is>*** will induce panic. 2 Willing against reality, though impossible, can be made into a very persistent goal even though you, **your Big "S" Self**, do not want **to will against reality**. 3 But consider the result of this strange decision of **willing against what you really want**. 4 You are devoting your mind to what you do not want. 5 How real can this devotion be? 6 If you do not want it, it was never created. 7 If it were never created, it is nothing. 8 Can you really devote yourself to nothing?

**Note # 12:** Willing against what you really want is an insane wish of a split-mind under the influence of the ego's guidance. Since the mind is split, the mind does not know what it really is. Not knowing what it really is, the split-minded cannot know what it really wants. The split-minded refuse to listen to the request of their Big "S" Self. The Holy Spirit does not respond to the ego, since both are not on the same level of communication. One only hears the voice for truth. The ego only asks for the false.

**T-9.I.13.** God in **God's** devotion to you created you devoted to everything, and gave you what you are devoted *<to>*, **which is everything**. 2 Otherwise **without being given everything**, you would not have been created perfect. 3 Reality is everything, and you have everything because you are real. 4 You cannot make the unreal because the absence of reality is fearful, and fear cannot be created. 5 As long as you believe that fear is possible, you will not create. 6 Opposing orders of reality, **which are fear and love**, make reality meaningless, and reality *<is>* meaning.

**Note # 13:** Being everything, what is there to fear? Love is the only reality and Love is everything. As long as you believe that you are not everything, you cannot create because your beliefs are artificially limiting your creative ability. You cannot limit the Power of God, which is your inheritance, but you can fail to acknowledge that this power exists in you. Argue for your limitations and they will be yours. This limitation, however, only exist in your world of provisional reality. Your creative power can be denied, but they cannot be lost.

**T-9.I.14.** Remember, then, that God's Will is already possible, and nothing else will ever be. 2 **That God's Will is already possible and nothing else will ever be**, is the simple acceptance of reality, because only **this fact that God's Will is already possible, and nothing else will ever be**, is real. 3 You cannot distort reality and know what **reality** is. 4 And if you do distort reality you will experience anxiety, depression and ultimately panic, because you are trying to make yourself unreal. 5 When you feel these things, **anxiety, depression and ultimately panic**, do not try to look beyond yourself for truth, for truth can only be within you. 6 Say, therefore:

*7 Christ is in me, and where **Christ** is God must be, for Christ is part of **God**.*

**Note # 14:** Do not go beyond yourself for truth because there is nothing that could be beyond you. Beyond yourself can only “exist” in an egoic dream world of your own provisional reality. Truth can only be found to the thought system of the Holy Spirit. Since the ego’s thought system is based on the insane and false belief that you can oppose the Will of God, you should not seek answers from the ego for it does not know who you are.

## II. The Answer to Prayer

T-9.II.1. Everyone who ever tried to use prayer to ask for something has experienced what appears to be failure. 2 This **experience of what appears to be failure in prayer** is not only true in connection with specific things that might be harmful, but also in connection with requests that are strictly in line with this course. 3 The latter **requests that are strictly in line with this course**, in particular might be incorrectly interpreted as “proof” that the course does not mean what **the course** says. 4 You must remember, however, that the course states, and repeatedly, that **the course’s** purpose is the escape from fear.

**Note # 15:** The Holy Spirit cannot answer your legitimate request affirmatively, if the answer would result in an increase in your fear. To do so, would only make your belief in the separation appear more real to your already deluded mind. This would be counter productive and against the Holy Spirit’s function and purpose.

T-9.II.2. Let us suppose, then, that what you ask of the Holy Spirit is what you really want, but you are still afraid of **what you ask of the Holy Spirit**. 2 Should this be the case **that you are still afraid of what you ask of the Holy Spirit**, your attainment of **what you ask of the Holy Spirit which if received would still frighten you**, would no longer *<be>* what you want. p163 3 **Because this would no longer <be> what you want, this** is why certain specific forms of healing are not achieved, even when the state of healing is **achieved**. 4 An individual may ask for physical healing because **the individual** is fearful of bodily harm. 5 At the same time, if **the individual** were healed physically, the threat to **the individual’s** thought system might be considerably more fearful to **the individual** than **the sickness’** physical expression. 6 In this case **the individual** is not really asking for release from fear, but for the removal of a symptom that **the individual** himself selected. 7 This request **for the removal of a symptom that the individual himself selected** is, therefore, not a **request** for healing at all.

**Note # 16:** All prayer is answered. Yet, because the Holy Spirit will not do anything that might increase your fear, the answer may not be recognized. Any increase in your level of fear would reinforce the belief in separation Prayer is a request for healing which is a request for a release of fear. This is in alignment with the goal of the Holy Spirit. Since sickness’ source is the mind’s misperception of what you are, the Holy Spirit must heal at the problem’s source, which is at the level of the mind. The symptom may appear at the physical level of the body, yet, it is the mind, not the body where the healing must take place. The body is part of your dream world of provisional reality. The Holy Spirit will answer all requests but you may choose not to listen or recognize the answer. If the mind is healed, the imagined symptom in the body may or may not appear to change. Yet, when healed, the whole mind will recognize that you are not the body.

**T-9.II.3.** The Bible emphasizes that all prayer is answered, and this is indeed true **that all prayer is answered.** 2 The very fact that the Holy Spirit has been asked for anything will ensure a response. 3 Yet it is equally certain that no response given by **the Holy Spirit** will ever be one that would increase fear. 4 It is possible that **the Holy Spirit's** answer will not be heard. 5 It is impossible, however, that **the answer of the Holy Spirit** will be lost. 6 There are many answers you have already received but have not yet heard. 7 I assure you that **the answers of the Holy Spirit** are waiting for you.

**Note # 17:** The Holy Spirit answers all requests, but you may choose not to listen or recognize the answer. If this is the case, the answer will not be wasted. It will be preserved for you until your free will chooses to listen and accept the answer.

**T-9.II.4.** If you would know your prayers are answered, never doubt a Son of God. 2 Do not question a **Son of God** and do not confound a **Son of God**, for your faith in a **Son of God** is your faith in yourself. 3 If you would know God and **God's** Answer, believe in me whose faith in you cannot be shaken. 4 Can you ask of the Holy Spirit truly, and doubt your brother? 5 Believe **your brother's** words are true because of the truth that is in **your brother.** 6 You will unite with the truth in **your brother,** and **your brother's** words will *<be>* true. 7 As you hear **your brother** you will hear me. 8 Listening to truth is the only way you can hear **truth** now, and finally know **truth.**

**Note # 18:** We must look beyond our brother's body to the truth of his Big "S" Self. We must perceive our brother's actions as only communicating love or a cry for love. This is how we listen only for truth. The proper response to a brother's cry for love is to respond with love, not attack.

**T-9.II.5.** The message your brother gives you is up to you. 2 What does **your brother** say to you? 3 What would you have **your brother** say? 4 Your decision about **your brother** determines the message you receive. 5 Remember that the Holy Spirit is in **your brother,** and **the Holy Spirit's** Voice speaks to you through **your brother.** 6 What can so holy a brother tell you except truth? 7 But are you listening to **the truth that your holy brother tells you?** 8 Your brother may not know who he is, but there is a light in **your brother's** mind that does know **the truth.** 9 This light can shine into **your mind,** giving truth to **your brother's** words and making you able to hear **your brother's words** 10 **Your brother's** words are the Holy Spirit's answer to you. 11 Is your faith in **your brother** strong enough to let you hear **the Holy Spirit's answer to you?**

**Note # 19:** Your brother's Big "S" Self lies hidden by his bodily form. If you quiet your egoic mind and stop and listen, the Holy Spirit will speak the truth about your brother's Big "S" Self and your Big "S" Self will respond with love and forgiveness. You will join together for your common holiness is one.

**T-9.II.6.** You can no more pray for yourself alone than you can find joy for yourself alone. 2 Prayer is the restatement of inclusion, directed by the Holy Spirit under the laws of God. 3 Salvation is of your brother. 4 The Holy Spirit extends from your mind to **your brother's mind,** and answers *<you.>* 5 You cannot hear the Voice for God, **the Holy Spirit,** in yourself alone, because you are not alone. p164 6 And **the Holy Spirit's** answer is only for what you are. 7 You will not know the trust I have in you unless you extend **the**

**trust I have in you.** 8 You will not trust the guidance of the Holy Spirit, or believe that **the guidance of the Holy Spirit** is for you unless you hear **the guidance of the Holy Spirit** in others. 9 **The guidance of the Holy Spirit** must be for your brother <because> **the guidance of the Holy Spirit** is for you. 10 Would God have created a Voice **of the Holy Spirit** for you alone? 11 Could you hear **the Holy Spirit's** answer except as **the Holy Spirit** answers all of God's Sons? 12 Hear of your brother what you would have me hear of you, for you would not want me to be deceived.

**Note # 20:** Since prayer is inclusive, you cannot pray alone. Prayer is answered through your brothers for the removal of fear is shared by all. The guidance of the Holy Spirit has universal application since we are all Son's of God. Although denied by the egoic mind, we remain connected with our brother in the holographic web of God's Mind. Healing is the coming together of those who once perceived themselves as separate. The Laws of God state that "To give is to receive." for we are all joined as One.

**T-9.II.7.** I love you for the truth in you, as God does. 2 Your deceptions may deceive you, but **your deceptions** cannot deceive me. 3 I knowing what you are, I cannot doubt you. 4 I hear only the Holy Spirit in you **and the Holy Spirit** speaks to me through you. 5 If you would hear me, hear my brothers in whom God's Voice speaks. 6 The answer to all prayers lies in **our brothers**. 7 You will be answered **by God's Voice** as you hear the answer in everyone. 8 Do not listen to anything else or you will not hear truly.

**Note # 21:** The answer comes from the thought system of the Holy Spirit's eyes of love. Do not listen to the thought system of the ego. The ego's goal is to deceive and keep you from reclaiming your power to choose again.

**T-9.II.8.** Believe in your brothers because I believe in you, and you will learn that my belief in you is justified. 2 Believe in me <by> believing in **your brothers**, for the sake of what God gave **your brothers**. 3 **Your brothers** will answer you if you learn to ask only truth of **your brothers**. 4 Do not ask for blessings without blessing **your brothers**, for only in this way **of blessing your brothers first**, can you learn how blessed you are. 5 By following this way **of blessing your brothers first**, you are seeking the truth in you. 6 **Blessing your brothers first** is not going beyond yourself but toward yourself. 7 Hear only God's Answer in His Sons, and you are answered.

**Note # 22:** What we perceive ourselves to be, we extend or project upon another. Loving thoughts are extended, shared and strengthened. Fear-based thoughts make by excluding and separating. They are not shared. How we perceive another is how we view ourselves. We only give what we believe we have and by giving we prove we have it. We can either teach love or fear but not both.

**T-9.II.9.** To disbelieve is to side against, or to attack. 2 To believe is to accept, and to side with. 3 To believe is not to be credulous, but to accept and appreciate. 4 What you do not believe you do not appreciate, and you cannot be grateful for what you do not value. 5 There is a price you will pay for judgment, because judgment is the setting of a price. 6 And as you set **the price** you will pay **the price**.



**Note # 23:** Since giving is receiving, any judgments you rendered will be return upon yourself. Condemn your brother and you condemn yourself. Thoughts never leave their source. What we value, we will perceive to be our experience.

**T-9.II.10.** If paying is equated with getting, you will set the price low but demand a high return. 2 You will have forgotten, however, that to price is to value, so that your return is in proportion to your judgment of worth. 3 If paying is associated with giving **paying** cannot be perceived as loss, and the reciprocal relationship of giving and receiving will be recognized. 4 **If paying is associated with giving**, the price will then be set high, because of the value of the return. 5 The price for getting is to lose sight of value, making it inevitable that you will not value what you receive. 6 Valuing **the item a** little, you will not appreciate **the item** and you will not want **the item**.

**Note # 24:** The judgment that you place on the item will set the price for the item. If you believe paying is getting, you are following the belief system of the ego, which believes in limitation and, therefore, always seeks a “bargain”. To the ego, having is getting. You only give to get more of something you perceive you lack and need. You will want to pay little but want to receive a lot. The ego always wants a “good trade”. If you believe paying is sharing or giving, you are under the thought system of the Holy Spirit which knows “to have all, give all to all”. You will be willing to pay a high price because it will be shared or returned to you. This is why creation is the giving of all you are to everything. Be giving all, you demonstrate that you really are all. Having and being are the same under the thought system of the Holy Spirit.

**T-9.II.11.** Never forget, then, that you set the value on what you receive, and price **the value on what you receive** by what you give **for the item**. p165 2 To believe that it is possible to get much for little is to believe that you can bargain with God. 3 God's laws are always fair and perfectly consistent. 4 By giving you receive. 5 But to receive is to accept, not to get. 6 It is impossible not to have, but it is possible not to know you have. 7 The recognition of having is the willingness for giving, and only by this willingness **for giving** can you recognize what you have. 8 What you give is therefore the value you put on what you have, being the exact measure of the value you put upon **what you have**. 9 And **the value you put on what you have**, in turn, is the measure of how much you want **what you have**.

**Note # 25:** You can only give what you have. Being only one, we can never lose what we have by giving it to the Oneness that is ourselves. By sharing thoughts, ideas are extended and strengthened. It is thought's experience that is shared. The body form cannot be shared; only the holographic Mind of God can be shared.

**T-9.II.12.** You can ask of the Holy Spirit, then, only by giving to **the Holy Spirit**, and you can give to **the Holy Spirit** only where you recognize **the Holy Spirit**. 2 If you recognize **the Holy Spirit** in everyone, consider how much you will be asking of **the Holy Spirit**, and how much you will receive **from the Holy Spirit**. 3 **The Holy Spirit** will deny you nothing because you have denied **the Holy Spirit** nothing, and so you can share everything **with the Holy Spirit**. 4 **By denying nothing to the Holy Spirit**, this is the way, and the only way to have **the Holy Spirit's** answer, because **the Holy Spirit's** answer is all you can ask for and **all you can** want. 5 Say, then, to everyone:

6 *Because I will to know myself, I see you as God's Son and my brother.*

**Note # 26:** The price is set by what we give. The Law of Love states that by giving, you receive. Receiving is accepting, not getting. The recognition of having is based on our willingness to give. The first lesson of the Holy Spirit is to have all, give all to all. We cannot love God if we do not love our brothers and ourselves. All three are One. If we refuse to give all our misperceptions over to the Holy Spirit's thought system, we are attempting to exclude some part from the Oneness. This cannot be love. To withhold love from any part is to withhold love from God, every brother and ourselves. All share equally because all are connected as One. Our denial cannot change the reality of our One Self, but denial does prevent us from remembering and recognizing our spiritual magnificence as "That One".

### III. The Correction of Error

**T-9.III.1.** The alertness of the ego to the errors of other egos is not the kind of vigilance the Holy Spirit would have you maintain. 2 Egos are critical in terms of the kind of "sense" **the ego's** stand for. 3 Egos understand this kind of sense **that alerts the ego to the errors of other egos**, because **finding errors in others** is sensible to **the ego**. 4 To the Holy Spirit **finding errors in others** makes no sense at all.

**Note # 27:** To the Holy Spirit, any judgment is self-judgment. Why would a Oneness want to condemn itself? To the ego, judging another proves that you are separate and special. Thus, the ego perceives itself to be one big judging machine. The ego places its need to be right above your need to be happy.

**T-9.III.2.** To the ego, **finding errors in others** is kind and right and good to point out errors and "correct" **these errors in others**. 2 **Finding errors in others** makes perfect sense to the ego, which is unaware of what errors are and what correction is. 3 Errors are of the ego, and correction of errors lies in the relinquishment of the ego. 4 When you correct a brother, you are telling **a brother** that **the brother** is wrong. 5 **A brother** may be making no sense at the time, and it is certain that, if **a brother** is speaking from the ego, **the brother** will not be making sense. 6 But your task is still to tell **a brother** he is right. 7 You do not tell **a brother** this verbally, if **a brother** is speaking foolishly. 8 **A brother** needs correction at another level, because **the brother's** error is at another level. 9 **The brother** is still right, because **the brother** is a Son of God. 10 **A brother's** ego is always wrong, no matter what **a brother's ego** says or what **a brother's ego** does. p166

**Note # 28:** Our ego always wants to be right and goes to great lengths to maintain that it judged correctly even when it is wrong. The ego wants to fix others since this confirms its correctness and specialness. The Holy Spirit knows that the ego knows nothing and, therefore, cannot judge correctly. This is why the Holy Spirit looks past the form and focuses on content. The Holy Spirit sees the Big "S" Self in all because the Love of Christ is all that we are. Everything is judged by this simple test, "What would love have me do?" This is the only criterion that the Holy Spirit used to respond to a brother's cry for love. This is the only criterion that our Big "S" Self knows is not insane.

**T-9.III.3.** If you point out the errors of your brother's ego you must be seeing through **your ego**, because the Holy Spirit does not perceive **your brother's** errors. 2 This **seeing of the errors of your brother's ego through your egoic mind** <must> be true, since there is no communication between the ego and the Holy Spirit. 3 The ego makes no sense, and the Holy Spirit does not attempt to understand anything that arises from **the ego since the ego makes no sense**. 4 Since **the Holy Spirit** does not understand **the ego, the Holy Spirit** does not judge **the ego**, knowing that nothing the ego makes means anything.

**Note # 29:** The ego is on the level of illusion. Egoic illusions have no impact on the Mind of God. Because of this, any perceived error that the ego observes are ignored and dismissed as meaningless. The Holy Spirit does not attack them since to do so would be giving the dream a false sense of reality. Instead of judging the illusion, the Holy Spirit dismisses the non-reality of the dream itself. This dismissal paves the way for the light of truth to resurface.

**T-9.III.4.** When you react at all to errors, you are not listening to the Holy Spirit. 2 **The Holy Spirit** has merely disregarded **all errors**, and if you attend to **errors** you are not hearing **the Holy Spirit**. 3 If you do not hear **the Holy Spirit**, you are listening to your ego and making as little sense as the brother whose errors you perceive. 4 This **listening to your ego and making your brother wrong for errors you perceive in your brother** cannot be correction. 5 Yet **listening to your ego and making your brother wrong for errors you perceive in your brother** is more than merely a lack of correction for **your brother**. 6 **This listening to your ego and making your brother wrong for errors you perceive in your brother** is the giving up of correction in yourself.

**Note # 30:** The ego relies on what it wants to perceive and makes judgments based on its false past perception and beliefs. Since the ego does not know what you are, all it "sees" are misperceptions. The split-minded, under the guidance of the ego, projects upon others, its own fear-based thoughts that it believes about itself but wishes to deny. It then judges the object of its projection based on what the ego has rejected in itself. The ego, not knowing what you are, always judges incorrectly. Since ideas cannot leave their source, this projection of limitation toward others, always returns to the mind of the sender. Thus, when you see your brother as less than a Son of God, you also deny the divinity of your Big "S" Self.

**T-9.III.5.** When a brother behaves insanely, you can heal **a brother** only by perceiving the sanity in **this brother**. 2 If you perceive **a brother's** errors and accept **a brother's errors**, you are accepting **your errors**. 3 If you want to give **your errors** over to the Holy Spirit, you must do this **by giving your brother's errors over to the Holy Spirit**. 4 Unless this **giving your brother's errors over to the Holy Spirit to free yourself of your errors** becomes the one way in which you handle all errors, you cannot understand how all errors are undone. 5 How is this **giving your brother's errors over to the Holy Spirit to free yourself of your errors** different from telling you that what you teach you learn? 6 Your brother is as right as you are, and if you think **your brother** is wrong you are condemning yourself.

**Note # 31:** Since to give is to receive, whenever we see a brother as something other than perfect, whole and complete, we lay that same judgment upon ourselves. Because you are a

Oneness, you must turn all misperception and egoic judgments over to the Holy Spirit. You cannot hate a little and be only Love. Any remnant of fear resists and blocks the flow of love.

**T-9.III.6.** <You> cannot correct yourself. 2 Is it possible, then, for you to correct another? 3 Yet you can see **your brother** truly, because it is possible for you to see yourself truly. 4 It is not up to you to change your brother, but merely to accept **your brother as your brother** is. 5 **Your brother's** errors do not come from the truth that is in **your brother's Big "S" Self,** and only this truth, is your **truth.** 6 **Your brother's egoic** errors cannot change this **truth of your brother's Big "S" Self** and **these errors** can have no effect at all on the truth in you **that you also are unlimited spirit.** 7 To perceive errors in anyone, and to react to **the perceived errors in anyone** as if **perceived errors in anyone** were real, is to make **perceived errors in anyone** real to you. 8 You will not escape paying the price for **making the perceived errors in anyone real to you,** not because you are being punished for **making the perceived errors real to you,** but because you are following the wrong guide, **the ego,** and will therefore lose your way.

**Note # 32:** When you believe yourself to be a limited ego-body, you are under the guidance of the ego and, therefore, are unable to self-correct. The insane cannot correct themselves since they do not realize that both they and their egoic guide are equally insane. Only by choosing a new guide, the Holy Spirit, will you be able to once again remember what you and your brother really are. The Holy Spirit reinterprets your misperceptions of yourself and your brother by acknowledging the fact that nothing from the ego belief system has any impact on the reality of God's Kingdom. The only "reality" of egoic errors lies in the dreamer's false world of provisional reality. Since you are the dreamer, you have the power to reawaken from your dream whenever you choose to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**T-9.III.7.** Your brother's errors are not of him, any more than yours are of you. 2 Accept **your brother's** errors as real, and you have attacked yourself. 3 If you would find your way and keep **your way,** see only truth beside you for you walk together **with your brother.** 4 The Holy Spirit in you forgives all things in you and in your brother. 5 **Your brother's** errors are forgiven with your **errors.** 6 Atonement is no more separate than love. 7 Atonement cannot be separate because **Atonement** comes from love. p167 8 Any attempt you make to correct a brother means that you believe correction by you is possible, and this can only be the arrogance of the ego. 9 Correction is of God, Who does not know of arrogance.

**Note # 33:** The ego will attempt to tell you that you can fix or save another person with your own egoic plan for salvation. Anytime you need to fix another, you are confirming our ego's belief that you are a separate ego-body. You are claiming that your brother is not as God created him. You have judged your brother to be a child of a "lesser god." This is making your brother's error in thinking real and making his error your own. The Atonement is the acceptance of the fact that God's Creations can only be perfect as God created them. Thus, your brother, like yourself remains sinless and guiltless. God's correction is the Atonement. It says that what is true is true and can never be threatened or changed.

**T-9.III.8.** The Holy Spirit forgives everything because God created everything. 2 Do not undertake **the Holy Spirit's function to forgive**, or you will forget your **function, which is to create like God, the Father**. 3 Accept only the function of healing in time, because **the function of healing** is what time is for. 4 God gave you the function to create in eternity. 5 You do not need to learn **to forgive**, but you do need to learn to want **to forgive**. 6 For that **you should forgive is what** all learning was made for. 7 **The function of healing in time** is the Holy Spirit's use of an ability that you do not need, but that you made. 8 Give **the function of healing to the Holy Spirit!** 9 You do not understand how to use **the function of healing**. 10 **The Holy Spirit** will teach you how to see yourself without condemnation, by learning how to look on everything without **condemnation**. 11 Condemnation will then not be real to you, and all your errors will be forgiven.

**Note # 34:** Because of your belief in the separation, you perceive yourself and others as sick and in need of healing. This "sickness" is found only in your split-mind's provisional reality, which is the unreal world of perception, time and space. Since the separation never really occurred in the Mind of God, time was "created" so that the Holy Spirit could heal your belief in split-mindedness. Time and space is where the dream world of your provisional reality occurs. Time is relevant here since change is possible in dreams. The Holy Spirit will teach the split-minded to stop denying their true One Self. The Holy Spirit uses time to teach you that the world of perception is only a dream and, therefore, nothing that is perceived in this dream can affect the changeless Mind of God. Thus, there is nothing in this fantasy that could require forgiveness. Illusions can have no affect on the real world, which is the Kingdom or Heaven. Self-condemnation is unnecessary since this world of perception was made in error. God did not create this world. Instead we **made** this world in error. Error needs correction, not judgment and condemnation. Give all your perception to the Holy Spirit so that He can correct them. Once healed, you can freely choose to reclaim your oneness with God's Will and you can fulfill your function to co-create in eternity as God's Child.

#### **IV. The Holy Spirit's Plan of Forgiveness**

**T-9.IV.1.** Atonement is for all, because **Atonement** is the way to undo the belief that anything is for you alone. 2 To forgive is to overlook. 3 Look, then, beyond error and do not let your perception rest upon **perceived error**, for you will believe what your perception holds. 4 Accept as true only what your brother is, **(his Big "S" Self)** if you would know yourself. 5 Perceive what **your brother** is not **(his little "s" self)** and you cannot know what you are, because you see **your brother** falsely. 6 Remember always that your Identity **as the Son of God** is shared, and that Its sharing is **the Son of God's** reality.

**Note # 35:** You will identify with what you value. What you perceive follows your purpose. Value oneness and you will perceive the Christ in all. Value the specialness of littleness and you will perceive everything limited, different and separate. The Atonement asks you to look beyond all past egoic misperception and accept the truth of your divine birthright.

**T-9.IV.2.** You have a part to play in the Atonement, but the plan of the Atonement is beyond you. 2 You do not understand how to overlook errors, or you would not make **errors**. 3 It would merely be further error to believe either that you do not make **perceived errors**, or that you can correct **perceived errors** without **the Holy Spirit's** Guide to

correction. 4 And if you do not follow **the Holy Spirit's** Guide your errors will not be corrected. 5 The plan **of the Atonement** is not yours because of your limited ideas about what you are. 6 This sense of limitation is where all errors arise. 7 The way to **undo all errors**, therefore, is not *<of>* you but *<for>* you.

**Note # 36:** The plan for the Sonship's return to knowledge comes from God, the Father. The Holy Spirit is given to be our Guide to follow in the implementation of God's Plan of the Atonement. Being unaware of what we are and falsely believing that we are a limited body, how can we expect our little "s" self to lead us back safely to knowledge. Our ego is the part of our mind that claims it does not know what we are. Only the foolish would expect the ignorant or insane to develop a plan for would return the split-minded to the sanity of whole mindedness.

**T-9.IV.3.** The Atonement is a lesson in sharing, which is given you because *<you have forgotten how to share.>* 2 The Holy Spirit merely reminds you of the natural use of your abilities. 3 **The Holy Spirit merely reminds you** by reinterpreting the ability to attack into the ability to share. **The Holy Spirit** translates what you have made into what God created. 4 If you would accomplish this **reinterpreting of what you have made into what God created** through **the Holy Spirit**, you cannot look on your abilities through the eyes of the ego, or you will judge **your abilities** as *<the ego>* does. p168 5 All **your abilities'** harmfulness lies in the ego's judgment. 6 All **your abilities** helpfulness lies in the judgment of the Holy Spirit.

**Note # 37:** The Holy Spirit reinterprets your attack thoughts and converts them into lessons of sharing and forgiveness. This reinterpretation results in a new vision that is based on sharing. Since sharing is creating or extending, this new vision aligns more closely to the reality of Heaven. You learn this new vision by sharing forgiveness with your brother. This new vision is the correct perception ~~that~~ comes from forgiveness and love. Forgiveness is overlooking that we originally perceived as an error and remembering the true nature of everything. Content, not form, represents the true nature or essence of something.

**T-9.IV.4.** The ego, too, has a plan of forgiveness because you are asking for **a plan of forgiveness**, though not of the right teacher, **which is the Holy Spirit**. 2 The ego's plan **of forgiveness**, of course, makes no sense and will not work. 3 By following **the ego's** plan you will merely place yourself in an impossible situation, to which the ego always leads you. 4 The ego's plan is to have you see error clearly first, and then overlook **the error**. 5 Yet how can you overlook what you have made real, **which was the perceived the error?** 6 By seeing **the error** clearly, you have made **the error** real and *<cannot>* overlook **the error**. 7 This **inability of your mind to overlook an error you have made real** is where the ego is forced to appeal to "mysteries," insisting that you must accept the meaningless, **which is your perceived or imagined error**, to save yourself. 8 Many have tried to do this, **accept the meaningless error as real and then overlook the error** in my name, forgetting that my words make perfect sense because **my words** come from God. 9 **My words** are as sensible now as **my words** ever were, because **my words** speak of ideas that are eternal.

**Note # 38:** The ego's plan of forgiveness is to first make an error in our perception real and then to ask you to overlook the error. This is something that our mind finds impossible to do.

**Example:** You perceive that your brother has wronged or harmed you. Since you are unlimited spirit and not a body, you cannot be harmed. Yet, your ego has already convinced you that you are a body and, therefore, vulnerable to harm. Because of this untrue belief that you are body, your mind makes the body sick and it suffers pain. Sickness and hurt now become your provisional reality. The ego then asks you to forgive the wrongdoer, who you perceive to be your brother. Your mind is unable to "forgive and forget" since the mind has already made the sickness and pain the mind's imagined reality. It has made the illusion of the body real. Your ego next tells the mind that your brother had unjustly wronged you and then asks that you to give up your rights of retribution. Giving up this right to revenge requires sacrifice. This sacrifice means that you must admit to inequality between your brother and yourself. This inequality proves you are separate, limited and very vulnerable. Egoic forgiveness thus, teaches the lesson that the separation is real. Egoic forgiveness teaches that you and your brother are not equal or do not share one mind.

The Holy Spirit takes this same misperception and takes you back to the original point that the error in perception occurred. This is your belief that you are a body. The Holy Spirit then tells you that since you are not a body, you could not be hurt. Since it could never have happened, this perceived hurt is easy to overlook, forget and forgive since it was not real. No sacrifice is required since the Holy Spirit is merely asking you to accept the truth that you are spirit and a part of the shared Sonship.

**T-9.IV.5.** Forgiveness that is learned of me, **who represents the Holy Spirit**, does not use fear to undo fear. 2 Nor does **forgiveness that is learned of me** make real the unreal and then destroy **the unreal**. 3 Forgiveness through the Holy Spirit lies simply in looking beyond error from the beginning, and thus keeping **the error** unreal for you. 4 Do not let any belief in **the error's** realness enter your mind, or you will also believe that you must undo what you have made in order to be forgiven. 5 What has no effect does not exist, and to the Holy Spirit the effects of error are nonexistent. 6 By steadily and consistently cancelling out all **the error's** effects, everywhere and in all respects, **the Holy Spirit** teaches that the ego does not exist and proves **that the ego does not exist**.

**Note # 39:** The Holy Spirit does not lift an illusion up to the status of reality. The Holy Spirit does not raise the misperception that you are the body to the level of the truth. By maintaining that the perceived error has no effect on the truth and thus, is not real, the Holy Spirit merely allows the error to dissipate. Now there is no error to forgive. To "forgive and forget" the nothingness of the once perceived error is now easily accomplished.

**T-9.IV.6.** Follow the Holy Spirit's teaching in forgiveness, then, because forgiveness is **the Holy Spirit's** function and **the Holy Spirit** knows how to fulfill **the Holy Spirit's function** perfectly. 2 That is what I meant when I said that miracles are natural, and when **miracles** do not occur something has gone wrong. 3 Miracles are merely the sign of your willingness to follow the Holy Spirit's plan of salvation, recognizing that you do not understand what **the Holy Spirit's plan of salvation** is. 4 **The Holy Spirit's** work is not your function, and unless you accept **that the Holy Spirit's work is not your function**, you cannot learn what your function is, **which is to co-create in eternity**.

**Note # 40:** Miracles are natural because they are the return to right-mindedness. This is the natural thought process of your Big “S” Self. This is how the One Self of the Mind of God operates. Your Big “S” Self knows the truth that only love is real and that love is sharing and the extension of the Oneness.

**T-9.IV.7.** The confusion of functions is so typical of the ego that you should be quite familiar with **the confusion of functions by the ego** by now. 2 The ego believes that all functions belong to **the ego**, even though **the ego** has no idea what **your function truly is**. 3 This **belief that all functions belong to the ego, even though the ego has no idea what your function truly is**, is more than mere confusion. 4 **This belief that all functions belong to the ego, even though the ego has no idea what your function truly is**, is a particularly dangerous combination of grandiosity and confusion that makes the ego likely to attack anyone and anything for no reason at all. 5 **Being confused, the ego is likely to attack anyone and anything for no reason and** this is exactly what the ego does. p169 6 **The ego** is unpredictable in **the ego’s** responses, because **the ego** has no idea of what **the ego** perceives.

**Note # 41:** The ego believes that one of its functions is to save you and your brother from what the ego perceives as your combined errors, sins and mistakes. The ego claims that it has a plan to make you happy. The ego equates happiness with being right even if it is wrong. The ego believes its plan is always right and sets about the task of correcting, changing, fixing and if necessary, killing anyone or anything that would get in its way. Since the ego claims to be right, attacking anything that opposes its “rightness” is justified. The need to be right and attack are inseparable. Since the ego has no real plan that can make you happy; the ego is unpredictable as its plan shifts with each new failed attempt at happiness. Attack becomes the ego’s best defense of its “rightness”.

**T-9.IV.8.** If you have no idea what is happening, how appropriately can you expect to react? 2 You might ask yourself regardless of how you may account for the reaction, whether **the ego** unpredictability places the ego in a sound position as your guide. 3 Let me repeat that the ego's qualifications as a guide are singularly unfortunate, and that **the ego** is a remarkably poor choice as a teacher of salvation. 4 Anyone who elects a totally insane guide **like the ego** must be totally insane himself. 5 Nor is it true that you do not realize the guide is insane. 6 You realize **the ego is an insane guide**, because I realize **the ego is an insane guide**, and you have judged **the ego** by the same standard I have **the ego**.

**Note # 42:** Only the insane would trust their return to sanity by following the advice of the equally insane ego. Jesus recognized this fact that the egoic thought system is insane. We too have that same decision-maker inside our mind and thus, can also decide with Jesus to choose again.

**T-9.IV.9.** The ego literally lives on borrowed time, and **the ego’s** days are numbered. 2 Do not fear the Last Judgment, but welcome **the Last Judgment** and do not wait, for the ego's time is "borrowed" from your eternity. 3 **The Last Judgment** is the Second Coming that was made for you as the First was created. 4 The Second Coming is merely the return of sense. 5 Can this, **the return of sense**, possibly be fearful?



**Note # 43:** The First Coming was the creation of the Sonship by God. The Second Coming is the return to Oneness of the Sonship with the Father. It is the remembrance of what you are and thus, the return to knowledge. Whole-mindedness is your reality. This return to the One Self is the truth that is, always was, and always will be, for it is eternal.

**T-9.IV.10.** What can be fearful but fantasy, and who turns to fantasy unless he despairs of finding satisfaction in reality? 2 Yet it is certain that you will never find satisfaction in fantasy, so that your only hope is to change your mind about reality. 3 Only if the decision that reality is fearful is wrong can God be right. 4 And I assure you that God <is> right. 5 Be glad, then, that you have been wrong **to believe that reality was fearful**, but this was only because you did not know who you were. 6 Had you known **who you were**, you could no more have been wrong than God can **be wrong**.

**Note # 44:** God preserves the Truth for all of His Creations. We have been given free will and thus, we can deny the truth but our denial cannot change the Truth. Eventually, we will freely realize that there is just the One Self, and we are that One.

**T-9.IV.11.** The impossible can happen only in fantasy. 2 When you search for reality in fantasies you will not find **reality in fantasy**. 3 The symbols of fantasy are of the ego, and of these **symbols of egoic fantasy**, you will find many. 4 But do not look for meaning in **the ego's symbols of fantasy**. 5 **The symbols of egoic fantasy** have no more meaning than the fantasies into which **the symbols** are woven. 6 Fairy tales can be pleasant or fearful, but no one calls **the fairy tales** true. 7 Children may believe **the fairy tales**, and so, for a while, the tales are true for **the children who believe in the fairy tale**. 8 Yet when reality dawns, the fantasies are gone. 9 Reality has not gone in the meanwhile. 10 The Second Coming is the awareness of reality. **The Second Coming is not the return of reality**.

**Note # 45:** Fantasies do not change reality; they merely hide reality for a brief moment before the fantasy disappears and reality reappears from behind fantasy's veil. The Bible states that a deep sleep fell upon Adam, but it never states that Adam awoke. The second coming is when "Adam", the Son of God, awakens from this deep sleep. This is the Sonship's awakening from the world of perception into the reality of the Kingdom, which is Heaven.

**T-9.IV.12.** Behold, my child, reality is here. 2 **Reality** belongs to you and me and God, and **reality** is perfectly satisfying to all of Us. 3 Only this awareness **that reality is perfectly satisfying to all of Us** heals, because this awareness **that reality is perfectly satisfying to all of Us** is the awareness of truth. p170

**Note # 46:** Our reality is that everything is a Oneness with God, and that nothing else is needed or wanted. Since we are everything, what is there to want? We are the One Self that is the holographic Mind of God.

## **V. The Unhealed Healer**

**T-9.V.1.** The ego's plan for forgiveness is far more widely used than God's **plan for forgiveness**. 2 **The ego's plan for forgiveness is far more widely used** because it is undertaken by unhealed healers, and is therefore of the ego. 3 Let us consider the unhealed healer more carefully now. 4 By definition, **the unhealed healer** is trying to give what **the**

**unhealed healer** has not received. 5 If an unhealed healer is a theologian, for example, **unhealed theologian healer** may begin with the premise, "I am a miserable sinner, and so are you." 6 If **unhealed healer** is a psychotherapist, he is more likely to start with the equally incredible belief that attack is real for both himself and the patient, but that **attack** does not matter for either **himself or the patient**.

**Note # 47:** The unhealed healer does not know the truth that he, like you are unlimited Spirit. Coming from the false egoic belief that we are something that we are not, the unhealed healers mistakenly believe that the patient is a body or a sinner. They come from the egoic belief in lack, fear and limitation. Coming from a false premise, their healing technique should be questioned and challenged.

**T-9.V.2.** I have repeatedly said that beliefs of the ego cannot be shared, and **because beliefs of the ego cannot be shared this is why beliefs of the ego** are unreal. 2 How, then, can "uncovering" **the unreal beliefs of the ego** make them real? 3 Every healer who searches fantasies for truth must be unhealed, because **every healer who searches fantasies for truth** does not know where to look for truth, and therefore does not have the answer to the problem of healing.

**Note # 48:** You cannot come to a correct solution by following an illogical or insane belief system. Truth cannot be found in the false. It is useless to look for your keys in a different country when you lost them in your own home.

**T-9.V.3.** There is an advantage to bringing nightmares into awareness, but only to teach that **nightmares** are not real, and that anything **nightmares** contain is meaningless. 2 The unhealed healer cannot **teach that nightmares are not real** because **the unhealed healer** does not believe **that the nightmares are meaningless**. 3 All unhealed healers follow the ego's plan for forgiveness in one form or another. 4 If **the unhealed healers** are theologians, **the unhealed theologians** are likely to condemn themselves, teach condemnation and advocate a fearful solution. 5 Projecting condemnation onto God, **the unhealed theologians** make **God** appear retaliative, and fear **God's** retribution. 6 What **the unhealed theologians** have done is merely to identify with the ego, and by perceiving what **<the ego>** does, condemn themselves because of **the ego's** confusion. 7 It is understandable that there have been revolts against this concept of **projecting condemnation onto God and thus making God appear retaliative and, therefore, fearing God's retribution**, but to revolt against **this concept** is still to believe in **this concept of projecting condemnation onto God and thus making God appear retaliative, and, therefore, fearing God's retribution**.

**Note # 49:** The unhealed theologian sees himself and all his brother's as sinners and subject to limitations. Therefore, he cannot heal since he does not know what he is. The unhealed theologian would judge and condemn his brother for any "wrongs" done against him because sinners should be condemned for their sins against God. Because the unhealed theologian believes in retribution, he projects this same trait onto God. Fear must follow. Fear reinforces separation, not joining. Healing becomes impossible and the ego's thought system is reinforced. We remain sinners rather than Son's of God, perfect, whole and complete. You cannot heal if you see yourself as a limited sinner.

**T-9.V.4.** Some newer forms of the ego's plan are as unhelpful as the older ones, because form does not matter and the content has not changed. 2 In one of the newer forms, for example, a psychotherapist may interpret the ego's symbols in a nightmare, and then use **the ego's symbols in the nightmare** to prove that the nightmare is real. 3 Having made **the nightmare** real, **the unhealed psychotherapist** then attempts to dispel **the nightmare's** effects by depreciating the importance of the dreamer. 4 This **dispelling of the nightmare's effects by depreciating the importance of the dreamer** would be a healing approach if the dreamer were also identified as unreal. 5 Yet if the dreamer is equated with the mind, the mind's corrective power through the Holy Spirit is denied. 6 This **depreciating the importance of the dreamer and the denial of the mind's corrective power** is a contradiction even in the ego's terms, and one which **the dreamer** usually notes even in **the dreamer's state of confusion**. p171

**Note # 50:** The unhealed psychotherapist makes the nightmare of the misperception of what you are the body real. He then tells you not to worry about the nightmare since the dream, like you are insignificant and limited. The unhealed psychotherapist copes with the problem but does not correct the cause, which is your failure to remembering who you are. The value of your mind, which is the decision maker, is reduced by this limiting belief. The unhealed psychotherapist's focus is on the effect, the behavior, rather than the cause.

**T-9.V.5.** If the way to counteract fear is to reduce the importance of the mind, how can this build ego strength? 2 Such evident inconsistencies account for why no one has really explained what happens in psychotherapy. 3 Nothing really does **happen in psychotherapy**. 4 Nothing real has happened to the unhealed healer, and **the unhealed healer** must learn from his own teaching. 5 **The unhealed psychotherapist's** ego will always seek to get something from the situation. 6 The unhealed **psychotherapist** healer therefore does not know how to give, and consequently cannot share. 7 **The unhealed psychotherapist** cannot correct because **the unhealed healer** is not working correctively. 8 **The unhealed psychotherapist** believes that it is up to him to teach the patient what is real, although **the unhealed healer** does not know **what is real** himself.

**Note # 51:** If you do not know what you are, how can you teach someone what they are? You do not even know the truth about yourself and, therefore, do not know reality. Because the unhealed healer is coming from the thought system of the ego, fear and limitation are the primary motivating factors. "Sharing" your lack of wholeness cannot make the "sick person" well. It only reconfirms that everybody is sick and that "healing" is learning how to manage your sickness. The unhealed healer believes in specialness rather than oneness. The unhealed healer believes that he has some power or magic that the patient needs in order to be healed. He views himself as the healer and the other person as someone incapable of healing themselves. He does not believe that giving and receiving are the same. Nor does he understand that it is only the patient's own mind that can heal the patient. A healer who himself is healed, knows that all healing takes place in the patient's mind through the recovery of the patient's own sense of Oneness. We need to correct the cause of the problem, not cover up the effect. The cause is at the level of mind. Any attempt to heal the body is only an attempt at covering up the symptoms.

**T-9.V.6.** What, then, should happen? 2 When God said, "Let there be light," there *<was>* light. 3 Can you find light by analyzing darkness, as the psychotherapist does, or

like the theologian, by acknowledging darkness in yourself and looking for a distant light to remove the darkness in yourself, while emphasizing the distance **you are from the light?** 4 Healing is not mysterious. 5 Nothing will change unless **the nothingness of darkness** is understood, since light *<is>* understanding. 6 A "miserable sinner" cannot be healed without magic, nor can an "unimportant mind" esteem itself without magic.

**Note # 52:** Magic is the belief that something outside you is needed to make or fix the perceived problem. Sickness arises anytime that you believe that you are not perfect, whole and complete. It is based on the belief in lack and separation. Seeing the "sick" person as incomplete, the unhealed healer claims that only something outside the "sick" person can return the sick person to wholeness again. This confirms that you are incomplete and incapable of finding wholeness within yourself.

**T-9.V.7.** Both forms of the ego's approach **to healing**, then, must arrive at an impasse; the characteristic "impossible situation" to which the ego always leads. 2 **The ego's approach to healing** may help someone to point out where "**that someone**" is heading, but the point is lost unless "**that someone**" is also helped to change his direction. 3 The unhealed healer cannot **help "his patient" to change "the patient's direction**, since **the unhealed healer** cannot change **the unhealed healer's own direction** for himself. 4 The only meaningful contribution the healer can make is to present an example of one whose direction has been changed *<for>* **the healer, himself, and that the healer** no longer believes in nightmares of any kind. 5 The light in **the healer's** mind will therefore answer the questioner. **The questioner** must decide with God that there is light *<because>* **the questioner** sees light. 6 And by **the healer's** acknowledgment of **the light**, the healer knows **the light** is there. 7 **By this acknowledgment of the light by the healer, the healer knows the light, and this** is how perception ultimately is translated into knowledge. 8 The miracle worker begins by perceiving light, and translates **the miracle worker's** perception into sureness by continually extending **the light** and accepting **the light's** acknowledgment. 9 **The light's** effects assure **the miracle worker that the light** is there.

**Note # 53:** Unlike the ego's method of healing, the Holy Spirit's method is to demonstrate and give witness to the truth about what you and the other person really are. The Holy Spirit does this by having the healer "be" the role model for the truth that we are only our Big "S" Self. The other person must ultimately "see" the truth that they are spirit and a part of the One Self. Since everyone has "free will", you cannot heal someone else. Forcing someone to be "healed" is confirming the belief that the "sick person's mind does not have the creative power to correct its own misperceptions. Rather than heal, this confirms to both the unhealed healer and the "sick person" that both are separate and not whole. Light is understanding the truth and thus, knowing the truth.

**T-9.V.8.** A therapist does not heal; *< a therapist lets healing be.>* 2 **A therapist** can point to darkness but **a therapist** cannot bring light of himself, for light is not of **the therapist**. 3 Yet, **light** being *<for>* **a therapist, this same light** must also be for **a therapist's** patient. 4 The Holy Spirit is the only Therapist. 5 **The Holy Spirit** makes healing clear in any situation in which **the Holy Spirit** is the Guide. 6 You can only let **the Holy Spirit** fulfill **the Holy Spirit's** function of healing. p172 7 **The Holy Spirit** needs no help to fulfill **the Holy Spirit's, function, which is healing the split-minded of all misperception**. 8 **The Holy Spirit** will tell you exactly what to do to help anyone **the Holy**

**Spirit** sends to you for help, and will speak to **that same anyone that the Holy Spirit sent to you for help** through you if you do not interfere. 9 Remember that you choose the guide for helping, and the wrong choice, **the ego's method for healing**, will not help. 10 But remember also that the right **choice for the Holy Spirit's method for healing will help**. 11 Trust **the Holy Spirit**, for help is **the Holy Spirit's** function, and **the Holy Spirit** is of God. 12 As you awaken other minds to the Holy Spirit through **the Holy Spirit**, and not **through your egoic self**, you will understand that you are not obeying the laws of this world of **perception, time and space**. 13 But the laws of **God** you are obeying work. 14 "The good is what works" is a sound though insufficient statement. 15 Only the good *<can>* work. 16 Nothing else works at all.

**Note # 54:** Since you can only be "sick" in your dream world of provisional reality, the healer acknowledges the truth about himself and his brother and thus, allows the healing to *<be>*. Remove the belief in the illusion and healing becomes the only reality. The healer simply acknowledges that the "sick person" could not be sick in the Mind of God, which is where reality and truth reside. The healer is only a witness to the truth about what both he and his brother must be since there is only One Mind.

Healing is accepting the Laws of God and rejecting to false laws that seem to govern the egoic world of our own misperception. Healing does not come from you. Healing comes from reawakening to the truth of what you really are. This truth has never been lost but it has been misplaced. In the Mind of God, you can only be perfect, whole and complete. Peace and joy are our birthright. We can dream that we have lost our birthright, but the Holy Spirit will guard and protect our inheritance for us. The function of the Holy Spirit is to gently reawaken us from our dream of not remembering what we are.

Only the good can work since the Laws of God are the Laws that govern the Kingdom, which is eternal reality. The good is what is real and true always. This is the Will of God, which has been extended to become our will since we share and are the Oneness of God.

**T-9.V.9.** This course offers a very direct and a very simple learning situation, and provides the Guide, **the Holy Spirit**, Who tells you what to do. 2 If you do **what the Holy Spirit guides you to do**, you will see that **what the Holy Spirit guides you to do** works. 3 **The results of what the Holy Spirit guides you to do** are more convincing than **the Holy Spirit's** words. 4 **The results of what the Holy Spirit guides you to do** will convince you that the words of **the Holy Spirit** are true. 5 By following the right Guide, **which is the Holy Spirit**, you will learn the simplest of all lessons:

*6 By their fruits ye shall know them, and they shall know themselves.*

**Note # 55:** We are asked by the Holy Spirit to accept the Laws of God and reject the false laws that the ego has made up. Healing does not come from you but from the Holy Spirit. Healing comes from reawakening to the truth that you are unlimited Spirit. Your spiritual nature can never be lost. In the Mind of God, you can only be perfect, whole and complete. Peace and joy are your birthright. You can dream that you have lost your birthright, but the Holy Spirit will guard and protect your birthright for you. The function of the Holy Spirit is to gently reawaken you from your dream that you are separate from your Creator and have lost knowledge.

We are asked by the Holy Spirit to look at the results of the two thought systems and then make the choice. If we are not satisfied with the results of the guide that we are following, we are asked to choose again. If we want joy and peace, we need to choose the Holy Spirit for our guide. The Holy Spirit will help us relearn what we are. Light is understanding. Once we understand that our dream world of provisional reality is nothing but an illusion, the Holy Spirit will “heal” us by changing, or reinterpreting, our false perceptions into correct perceptions. When we understand that our dream is a veil hiding the truth, we can choose to remove this veil and reclaim the truth about us. This reclamation of our spiritual truth as the Big “S” Self can be easily done because an illusion is “nothing.” Since the Holy Spirit knows that “nothing” really is “nothing”, this illusion of nothingness cannot change the truth of the Kingdom. We remain our Big “S” Self that is part of the holographic Oneness of the Mind of God. This One Self is our reality.

## **VI. The Acceptance of Your Brother**

**T-9.VI.1.** How can you become increasingly aware of the Holy Spirit in you except by **the Holy Spirit’s** effects? 2 You cannot see **the Holy Spirit** with your eyes nor hear **the Holy Spirit** with your ears. 3 How, then, can you perceive **the Holy Spirit** at all? 4 If you inspire joy and others react to you with joy, even though you are not experiencing joy yourself there must be something in you that is capable of producing joy. 5 If **what is capable of producing joy** is in you and can produce joy, and if you see that **what is capable of producing joy** does produce joy in others, you must be dissociating **from what is capable of producing joy** in yourself.

**Note # 56:** We deny the recognition of the Holy Spirit within us when we are not in a joyous state. Since God’s Will is that His Son be happy, our natural state must be peace, joy and happiness. If we are not at peace, we have failed to align our thinking with our Big “S” Self and the Holy Spirit’s thought system.

**T-9.VI.2.** It seems to you that the Holy Spirit does not produce joy consistently in you only because you do not consistently arouse joy in others. 2 **These other people’s** reactions to you are your evaluations of **the Holy Spirit** consistency. 3 When you are inconsistent you will not always give rise to joy, and so you will not always recognize **the Holy Spirit’s** consistency. 4 What you offer to your brother you offer to **the Holy Spirit**, because **the Holy Spirit** cannot go beyond your offering in **the Holy Spirit’s** giving. 5 This is not because **the Holy Spirit** limits **the Holy Spirit’s** giving, but simply because you have limited your receiving. 6 The decision to receive is the decision to accept. p173

**Note # 57:** Unless you accept the gifts of the Holy Spirit, you cannot receive them. Since you have “free will” the Holy Spirit will not force you to take something you are not willing to accept. To do so would only serve to increase your fear. You must be willing to freely choose to accept the Joy of the Holy Spirit. If we choose to selectively give some of our egoic misperception over to the Holy Spirit, while retaining some for our ego, we are inconsistent in our purpose. Differing purposes will result in our brother receiving mixed signals. We will be alternating between forgiveness and attack. What we give, we will receive. If we give all our perception over to the Holy Spirit, we will receive the consistent Joy of the Holy Spirit.

**T-9.VI.3.** If your brothers are part of you, will you accept **your brothers**? 2 Only **your brothers** can teach you what you are, for your learning is the result of what you taught **your brothers**. 3 What you call upon in **your brothers** you call upon in yourself. 4 And as you call upon **something in your brothers that something** becomes real to you. 5 God has but one Son, knowing **God's Son** all as One. 6 Only God Himself is more than **God's one Son** but **God's one Son is** not less than **God** is. 7 Would you know what this means? 8 If what you do to my brother you do to me, and if you do everything for yourself because we are part of you, everything we do belongs to you as well. 9 Everyone God created is part of you and shares **God's** glory with you. 10 **God's** glory belongs to **God**, but **God's glory** is equally **your glory**. 11 You cannot, then, be less glorious than **God** is.

**Note # 58:** God is more than you only because God is the First Cause. God created you. Since creation is the sharing and extension of the Mind of God, God created a “carbon copy” of Himself when He extended Himself to His Son. God is Cause and we are His Effect. As such, we complete each other and are inseparable. God gave everything to His Son since God is everything. Creation is the extension of the Oneness. Since we are of one mind, we are joined in the holographic Mind of God. Each indivisible part contains the whole and the whole contains each part. What we perceive in our brother, we perceive in ourselves through this holographic web of consciousness.

**T-9.VI.4.** God is more than you only because He created you, but not even this would **God** keep from you. 2 Therefore you can create as **God** did, and your dissociation will not alter **your ability to create as God did**. 3 Neither God's light nor **your light** is dimmed because you do not see **your light**. 4 Because the Sonship must create as one, you remember creation whenever you recognize part of creation. 5 Each part **of your creation** you remember adds to your wholeness because each part **of your creation** *<is>* whole. 6 Wholeness is indivisible, but you cannot learn of your wholeness until you see **your wholeness** everywhere. 7 You can know yourself only as God knows His Son, for knowledge is shared with God. 8 When you awake in **God** you will know your magnitude by accepting **God's** limitlessness as **your limitlessness**. 9 But meanwhile you will judge **your limitlessness** as you judge your brother's **limitlessness**, and will accept **your limitlessness** as you accept his **limitlessness**.

**Note # 59:** In the Laws of God, receiving and giving are tied together. You cannot receive unless you give. You cannot receive or give if you are unwilling to accept. Judge your brother as less than whole and you condemn yourself to that same littleness. God is creation and when God creates He Gives His Son the same power to create. Our creations, however, must be “carbon copies” of ourselves as God created us since creation by God's Law is extension and complete sharing. God's creation is the Sonship. The Sonship is perfect, whole and complete and, therefore, our creations must be perfect. Our true creations are different than the things we “make” in our dream world of limitation. Making comes when we attempt to use our creative powers out of fear and littleness. When we make, we attempt to exclude, rather than include. Making is not sharing our Big “S” Self but rather trying to protect and project from our egoic little “s” self.

**T-9.VI.5.** You are not yet awake, but you can learn how to awaken. 2 Very simply, the Holy Spirit teaches you to awaken others. 3 As you see **others** waken you will learn what waking means, and because you have chosen to wake **others, these awakened**

**other's** gratitude and their appreciation of what you have given them will teach you the value of **being awake**. 4 **These awakened others** will become the witnesses to your reality, as you were created witness to God's **reality**. 5 Yet when the Sonship comes together and accepts **the Sonship's Oneness** **the Sonship** will be known by **the Sonship's** creations, who witness to **the Sonship's** reality as the Son **witnesses reality** to the Father.

**Note # 60:** Our true reality is unlimited Spirit. Unless we create by giving all to our creations, we have not created under the Laws of God. The Sonship's Reality, as God created it, is perfect, whole and complete. God knows Himself through the Sonship. We are God's Effect. Similarly, we know ourselves through our creations. Our creations are our Effects. Our creations are our reality. When we "make" rather than create, we are coming from fear due to our belief in separateness and limitation. As a result, we make a false image in our dream world of provisional reality. This image is based on fear and is not part of the Mind of God. This illusionary world seems real to us. However, it has no reality in the Mind of God and cannot be shared since it is not a carbon copy of God's Mind. Our false image of ourselves lacks the holographic nature of true creation. It claims to be less than "the everything" that we are.

**T-9.VI.6.** Miracles have no place in eternity, because **miracles** are reparative. 2 Yet while you still need healing, your miracles are the only witnesses to your reality that you can recognize. 3 You cannot perform a miracle for yourself, because miracles are a way of giving acceptance and receiving **acceptance**. 4 In time the giving comes first, though **giving and receiving** are simultaneous in eternity, where **giving and receiving** cannot be separated. 5 When you have learned **giving and receiving** are the same, the need for time is over. p174

**Note # 61:** Miracles take place in the world of perception. This world of time and space is what the split-mind made to imagine that it could hide from God. It is the place where we play at not being our true Big "S" Selves. It is the playfield for the game of "What Am I?" It is also the "place" that the Holy Spirit uses to teach us how to correct our misperception so that we can rediscover what we are. After this reawakening, we will discover that we had never left the Oneness. Being a Oneness of Everything, where could we have gone? Only in time can we learn what it would be like to pretend that we can change from being unlike God and becoming One with God. This is how we relearn about God and remember Our own Spiritual Magnificence.

**T-9.VI.7.** Eternity is one time, **eternity's** only dimension being "always." 2 That **eternity's only dimension is "always"** cannot mean anything to you until you remember God's open Arms, and finally know **God's** open Mind. 3 Like **God**, <you> are "always" **You are in God's** Mind and with a mind like **God's Mind**. 4 In your open mind are your creations, in perfect communication born of perfect understanding. 5 Could you but accept one of **your creations**, you would not want anything the **dream world of your provisional reality**, has to offer. 6 Everything else in **your dream world of provisional reality** would be totally meaningless. 7 God's meaning is incomplete without you, **His Creation**, and you are incomplete without your creations. 8 Accept your brother in this world and accept nothing else, for in **your brother** you will find your creations because **your brother** created **your creations** with you. 9 You will never know that you are co-creator with God until you learn that your brother is co-creator with you.



**Note # 62:** Since there is one mind, the Mind of God, all are a part of this One Mind. The Sonship and the Sonship's creations, like God the Father, are perfect, whole and complete; a Oneness of Everything. God is First Cause. We are the Effect of God. God knows Himself through His Effect. Although we are God's Effect, to know that we are the perfect extension of God, we too must have our effect. We are cause to our creations and our creations are our effect. In this way we know ourselves and know our Father. Cause and Effect are intertwined as One. Each completes the other and all become inseparable as part of the holographic Mind of God. Nothing is outside or apart from this Oneness of "All That Is." Our ego and its world of perception is the Sonship's joint creation made out of fear. It was our power of creativity that birthed this world of fear and it is our return to love that will correct our misperceptions of what we are and what we have made. When we claim ownership for our thoughts and no longer perceive our thoughts with fear and judgment, we will learn allowance, which is the bedrock to unconditional or real love. Love does not judge. Instead, love acceptance and allows the object of its love the perfect freedom to be whatever it desires to be. Love only desire that the object of its love be happy and free. We are happy when we know that no action or thought that we may take could ever have any adverse affect on this flow of God's love toward us. With real love, the recipient of the love is unable to force the source of that love to withdrawal its love. The recipient can deny that love is flowing its way, but it is powerless to stop or change the source of the flow of love. While in time, we are learning to remove the blocks that we have place between yourselves and love. When we allow all and judge not, we have responded lovingly. When we respond only with love, we will remember that we could never lose our divine inheritance. We will understand that an effect cannot change its cause. We will accept the Atonement for ourselves and acknowledge the Sonship sinless and guiltless nature. By reclaiming our innocence, knowledge can be restored.

## **VII. The Two Evaluations**

T-9.VII.1. God's Will is your salvation. 2 Would **God** not have given you the means to find **your salvation**? 3 If **God** wills you to have **your salvation**, **God** must have made **your salvation** possible and easy to obtain **your salvation**. 4 Your brothers are everywhere. 5 You do not have to seek far for salvation. 6 Every minute and every second gives you a chance to save yourself. 7 Do not lose these chances, not because **these chances** will not return, but because delay of joy is needless. 8 God wills you perfect happiness now. 9 Is it possible that **perfect happiness now** is not also your will? 10 And is it possible that **perfect happiness now** is not also the will of your brothers?

**Note # 63:** Salvation is only one choice away. When we decide to be only vigilant for God, we will awaken. Doing this means that we have made the decision to only follow the thought system of the Holy Spirit and "be" only love. We have decided to be happy rather than "right". This decision is the free choice to share the same purpose as God's Will. We have thus accepted that God's Will and our will are One.

**T-9.VII.2.** Consider, then, that in this joint will **for perfect happiness now**, you are all united, and **only in this joint will for perfect happiness now, are you all united**. 2 There may be disagreement on anything else, but not on this **joint will for perfect happiness now**. 3 This **joint will for perfect happiness now**, then, is where peace abides. 4 And you abide in peace when you so decide. 5 Yet you cannot abide in peace unless you accept the

Atonement, because the Atonement <is> the way to peace. 6 The reason **that the Atonement <is> the way to peace** is very simple, and so obvious that **the reason** is often overlooked. 7 The ego is afraid of the obvious, since obviousness is the essential characteristic of reality. 8 Yet <you> cannot overlook **the obvious** unless you are not looking **for the obvious**.

**Note # 64:** Our goal is perfect happiness now because perfect happiness is what God has willed us. Our brother's goal is perfect happiness now. Everything's goal is perfect happiness now. Perfect happiness now is the joint will of everything. It is in this single purpose that we are joined. Form cannot be shared. It requires one person who originally had the totality of the object to now share that object with another. Sharing of a form requires at least one party to sacrifice. Yet, my goal of being perfectly happy now is an idea that can be shared. If I shared this goal with you and you accept it as your own goal, the idea is strengthened. No one loses when you share an idea.

**T-9.VII.3.** It is perfectly obvious that if the Holy Spirit looks with love on all **that the Holy Spirit** perceives, **the Holy Spirit** looks with love on you. 2 **The Holy Spirit's** evaluation of you is based on **the Holy Spirit's** knowledge of what you are, and so **the Holy Spirit** evaluates you truly. 3 And this evaluation must be in your mind, because **the Holy Spirit is in your mind**. 4 The ego is also in your mind, because you have accepted **the ego** there **and put the ego into your mind**. p175 5 **The ego's** evaluation of you, however, is the exact opposite of the Holy Spirit's, because the ego does not love you. 6 **The ego** is unaware of what you are, and wholly mistrustful of everything **the ego** perceives because **the ego's** perceptions are so shifting. 7 The ego is therefore capable of suspiciousness at best and viciousness at worst. 8 **Suspiciousness and viciousness** is **the ego's range of capabilities**. 9 **The ego** cannot exceed **the range of suspiciousness and viciousness** because of **the ego's** uncertainty. 10 And **the ego** can never go beyond **the range of suspiciousness and viciousness** because **the ego's** can never <be> certain.

**Note # 65:** Because the ego's world is based on perceptions, the ego's "world" of provisional reality is always uncertain. Perception, which is not knowledge, changes with time. Time does not exist in eternity since eternity is "always" and thus, changeless. Change and time are an integral part of your ego's world of provisional reality. Time is not in the Mind of God, since time is a measure of change, and God is changeless.

The ego is in your split-mind only because you have placed the ego there. The ego does not exist without your permission. The ego serves at your mind's command yet the ego has attempted to usurp the power of your mind, which resides as your Big "S" Self. In this way, the ego is the "authority problem". The "authority problem" is our claim that we can usurp God's Will. It states that we, God's Effect, can somehow change its Cause, which is God. The ego also claims that the ego, which is our mind's effect, can change its cause, which is our mind. The ego claims that it has become causative over our mind, when in actuality, all the ego's power comes from our mind. Our world of perception and provisional reality was "made" by our mind so that we could act in and play the game of the "authority problem". Another name for this game is "What Am I?" The "authority problem game" must end when all the players discover that an effect cannot change its cause and that cause and effect are intertwined and inseparable. Each is needed to complete the other.

**T-9.VII.4.** You, then, have two conflicting evaluations of yourself in your mind, and **the ego's and the Holy Spirit's evaluations** cannot both be true. 2 You do not yet realize how completely different these evaluations **of the ego's and the Holy Spirit's** are, because you do not understand how lofty the Holy Spirit's perception of you really is. 3 **The Holy Spirit** is not deceived by anything you do, because **the Holy Spirit** never forgets what you are **as the Son of God**. 4 The ego is deceived by everything you do, especially when you respond to the Holy Spirit, because at such times **the ego's** confusion increases. 5 The ego is, therefore, particularly likely to attack you when you react lovingly, because **the ego** has evaluated you as unloving and you are going against **the ego's** judgment. 6 The ego will attack your motives as soon as **your motives** become clearly out of accord with **the ego's** perception of you. 7 This is when **the ego** will shift abruptly from suspiciousness to viciousness, since **the ego's** uncertainty is increased. 8 Yet it is surely pointless to attack **the ego** in return. 9 What can **the attacking of the ego by you, our Big "S" Self**, mean except that you are agreeing with the ego's evaluation of what you are, **which is the ego's belief that you are vulnerable, unloving, limited being?**

**Note # 66:** If you attack the ego, you are demonstrating that you are a body and, therefore, something separate that can attack. Only something that is not a Oneness or not everything can attack. Spirit does not attack.

Again note the parallels between the "authority problem" between God and His Son and our mind and our own "child", which is our ego. How we respond to God and how the ego responds to our mind, our Big "S" Self, are the same. Both make up a fearful and unloving creator. Also, how God responds to His Son's belief in the separation and how Jesus is telling us our Big "S" Self responds to the ego's insane idea of the authority problem is the same. The Big "S" Self or Holy Spirit does not acknowledge or attack its creation but merely realizes that anything that the ego does has no ability to change its source or to change the truth. The ego is only playing a game of separation, and the child's game is powerless to change the will of the Big "S" Self, which is the ego's cause. The ego is the thoughts we hold about ourselves. When we remember that our Big "S" Self knows that its true will is God's Will and that God wills us to be happy, we will not judge our thoughts. Instead, we will just allow, knowing that our thoughts have no consequences and are powerless to change our reality. The law of extension states that an effect must be like its cause. Thus, being love, we can only extend love's freedom, joy and peace. Being happy now is the common purpose that joins and binds "All That Is" into the One Self. The Holy Spirit and Big "S" Self know that its creations must be like Its Father's creation. Both must be perfect, whole and complete since that is the nature of their Source, which is the holographic Mind of God. The Holy Spirit will teach the ego, which is our creation, the truth about itself. Our ego will come to know that it, like its Father, our Big "S" Self, is only love. This realization completes the Sonship and extends the Mind of God. The Sonship, our Big "S" Self, and its child, our ego, join as one mind and the ego knows that its will and our Big "S" Self's will is One. Whole-mindedness has returned to the Sonship's split mind. The Sonship, like God, has created the perfect child, who is only the reflection of Love. This is the act of creation. This is the joy of being happy now. This is the One shared Will of God.

It is not the idea of the separation that was the problem. The problem was that we took seriously the idea that our thoughts could somehow change what we eternally are. We thought an effect could change its source and thus, change God, Itself. When we forgot to laugh, we took our playful thought of what it would be like to be other than God, and

transformed this thought into a real monster in our imagination. Now rather than allow and experience, we judged, fragmented and were afraid. Our play world became an image of sin, guilt and fear. Our ego, perception, time and space all took on a perceived reality of their own.

**T-9.VII.5.** If you choose to see yourself as unloving, you will not be happy. 2 You are condemning yourself and must, therefore, regard yourself as inadequate. 3 Would you look to the ego to help you escape from a sense of inadequacy **that the ego** has produced, and **that the ego** must maintain for **the ego's** existence? 4 Can you escape from **the ego's** evaluation of you by using **the ego's** methods for keeping this picture **of regarding yourself as inadequate** intact?

**Note # 67:** We cannot buy into the idea that the ego can change what we are. Our deluded mind is the cause of the ego. Our Big "S" Self knows our true creation can only be the extension of love. We cannot let our true Self believe that an effect can change its cause. To do so would be to make the separation appear real.

**T-9.VII.6.** You cannot evaluate an insane belief system from within **an insane belief system**. 2 **An insane belief system's** range precludes **the evaluating an insane belief system from within the insane system**. **The ego's range of capabilities is limited and goes from suspiciousness to viciousness**. 3 You can only go beyond **the insane belief system by looking** back from a point where sanity exists and *<see the contrast>* **between sanity and insanity**. 4 Only by this contrast **between sanity and insanity** can insanity be judged as insane. 5 With the grandeur of God in you, you have chosen to be little and to lament your littleness. 6 Within the **ego's thought** system that dictated this choice **to choose to be little instead of choosing the grandeur of God within you**, is the lament inevitable. 7 Your littleness is taken for granted there **within the ego's thought system**, and you do not ask, "Who granted **my littleness?**" 8 The question of "**Who granted my littleness?**" is meaningless within the ego's thought system, because **the question** would open the whole thought system to question.

**Note # 68:** To correct or even realize that something is illogical, you need to go outside that something to see the error. You cannot discover that the world is round by standing still and refusing to look beyond the apparent flatness of the surface. You need to rise above the planet to see its true shape.

**T-9.VII.7.** I have said that the ego does not know what a real question is. p176 2 Lack of knowledge of any kind is always associated with unwillingness to know, and this **unwillingness to know**, produces a total lack of knowledge simply because knowledge is total. 3 Not to question your littleness therefore is to deny all knowledge, and keep the ego's whole thought system intact. 4 You cannot retain part of a thought system, because **a thought system** can be questioned only at **a thought system's** foundation. 5 And this **thought system's foundation** must be questioned from beyond **the thought system**, because within **the thought system**, **the thought system's** foundation does stand. 6 The Holy Spirit judges against the reality of the ego's thought system merely because **the Holy Spirit** knows **the ego's thought system's** foundation is not true. 7 Therefore, nothing that arises from **the ego's thought system** means anything. 8 **The Holy Spirit** judges every belief you hold in terms of where **the belief** comes from. 9 If **the belief** comes from God,

**the Holy Spirit** knows **the belief** to be true. 10 If **the belief** does not **come from God**, **the Holy Spirit** knows that **the belief** is meaningless.

**Note # 69:** You cannot build an accurate thought system if its foundation rests on lies. The false cannot become the truth.

**T-9.VII.8.** Whenever you question your value, say:

*2 God Himself is incomplete without me.*

3 Remember this, **that “God Himself is incomplete without you.”** when the ego speaks, and you will not hear **the ego speak**. 4 The truth about you is so lofty that nothing unworthy of God is worthy of you. 5 Choose, then, what you want in these terms, **that the grandeur of God is within you and the truth about you is so lofty that nothing unworthy of God is worthy of you**, and accept nothing that you would not offer to God as wholly fitting for **God**. 6 You do not want anything else **but the grandeur of God that is within you**. 7 Return your part to **God**, and **God** will give you all of Himself in exchange for the return of what belongs to **God** and renders **God** complete.

**Note # 70:** God is Cause and we are God’s Effect. Together we are inseparable. If God is only love, we must also be only love. If God is a creator, so must His Child be a creator. We complete God by extending love to our creations. Our creations complete us by extending only love. When the ego learns that it is only love, the Sonship is complete and we are returned to whole-mindedness. We have experienced the joy of co-creating with God. Our will, our creations’ will and God’s Will are One. They are joined in one goal and one common purpose, which is “to be happy now.”

### **VIII. Grandeur versus Grandiosity**

**T-9.VIII.1.** Grandeur is of God, and only of **God**. 2 **Because grandeur is of God, and only of God**, therefore **grandeur** is in you. 3 Whenever you become aware of **the grandeur that is in you**, however dimly, you abandon the ego automatically, because in the presence of the grandeur of God the meaninglessness of the ego becomes perfectly apparent. 4 When **the meaninglessness of the ego becomes perfectly apparent** occurs, **you become aware that God’s grandeur is in you**, even though **the ego** does not understand **your grandeur**, the ego believes that **the ego’s** "enemy" has struck, and **the ego** attempts to offer gifts to induce you to return to **the ego’s** "protection." 5 Self-inflation is the only offering **the ego** can make. 6 The grandiosity of the ego, **which is self-inflation**, is **the ego’s** alternative to the grandeur of God. 7 Which will you choose? **Your choice is between the ego’s grandiosity of self-inflation or the grandeur of God?**

**Note # 71:** The ego’s grandiosity of self-inflation claims that you are separate, different and more importantly special. Unfortunately, what being special means is to argue for egoic littleness when you are already the grandeur of God. Instead, of claiming the truth that we are one with “All That Is,” we argue for egoic specialness, which is the equivalent to littleness.

**T-9.VIII.2.** Grandiosity is always a cover for despair. 2 **Grandiosity** is without hope because **grandiosity** is not real. 3 **The ego’s grandiosity** is an attempt to counteract your

littleness, based on the belief that the littleness is real. 4 Without this belief **that the littleness is real**, grandiosity is meaningless, and you could not possibly want **the ego's grandiosity**. p177 5 The essence of grandiosity is competitiveness, because **the ego's grandiosity** always involves attack. 6 **Grandiosity** is a delusional attempt to outdo, but not to undo. 7 We said before that the ego vacillates between suspiciousness and viciousness. 8 **The ego** remains suspicious as long as you despair of yourself. 9 **The ego** shifts to viciousness when you decide not to tolerate self-abasement and seek relief. 10 Then **the ego** offers you the illusion of attack as a "solution" **when you decide not to tolerate self-abasement and seek relief**

**Note # 72:** Due to the ego's belief in separateness, competition is born. You are no longer a Oneness of Everything. Now you have needs. The ego claims that you are a limited ego-body in competition with other ego-bodies. Competition fosters the attempt to outdo the "other side." Yet, the ego refuses to look at the source of the competition problem, which is your belief in separation and lack. Rather than undo the error at its source, you accept the need for competition. Competition confirms your belief in the separation and that you are a body. To the ego, the body's purpose and function is to compete, attack and defend.

**T-9.VIII.3.** The ego does not understand the difference between grandeur and grandiosity, because **the ego** sees no difference between miracle impulses and ego-alien beliefs of **the ego's own belief system**. 2 I told you that the ego is aware of threat to **the ego's** existence, but **the ego** makes no distinctions between these two very different kinds of threat, **(between miracle impulses of grandeur and ego-alien beliefs of grandiosity)**. 3 **The ego's** profound sense of vulnerability renders **the ego** incapable of judgment except in terms of attack. 4 When the ego experiences threat, **the ego's** only decision is whether to attack now or to withdraw to attack later. 5 If you accept **the ego's** offer of grandiosity, **which is self-inflation to cover the ego's belief in "littleness"**, **the ego** will attack immediately. 6 If you do not **accept the ego's offer of grandiosity**, **the ego** will wait to **attack**.

**Note # 73:** Miracle impulses of grandeur would foster healing, joining and sharing of wholeness. Ego-alien beliefs of grandiosity foster the idea of separateness, competition and attack. The ego's grandiosity is surrounded by the ego's need to be right. The ego will defend its right to be right and attack whenever it feels threatened. When your ego feels it has been wronged, it will eventually retaliate and attack. The timing of this attack may not be immediate but it will come.

**T-9.VIII.4.** The ego is immobilized in the presence of God's grandeur, because **God's** grandeur establishes your freedom. 2 Even the faintest hint of your reality literally drives the ego from your mind, because you will give up all investment in **the ego**. 3 Grandeur is totally without illusions, and because **grandeur** is real **grandeur** is compellingly convincing. 4 Yet the conviction of reality will not remain with you unless you do not allow the ego to attack **your conviction of reality and its grandeur**. 5 The ego will make every effort to recover and mobilize **the ego's** energies against your release **from the ego's illusions to the reality of your grandeur**. 6 **The ego** will tell you that you are insane, and argue that grandeur cannot be a real part of you because of the littleness in which **the ego** believes **you are**. 7 Yet your grandeur is not delusional because you did not make **your grandeur. God did**. 8 You made **egoic** grandiosity and are afraid of **grandiosity** because

**grandiosity** is a form of attack, but your grandeur is of God, Who created **your grandeur** out of **God's** Love.

**Note # 74:** We made the belief in our littleness when our mind created our ego. Grandiosity is of our making since it is made based on our false notion that we are a limited and separate body. God created our grandeur, since grandeur is a part of the creative process, which is extension of God. God's grandeur is our shared reality and truth.

**T-9.VIII.5.** From your grandeur you can only bless, because your grandeur is your abundance. 2 By blessing you hold **your grandeur** in your mind, protecting **your grandeur** from illusions and keeping yourself in the Mind of God. 3 Remember always that you cannot be anywhere except in the Mind of God. 4 When you forget **you are in the Mind of God**, you <will> despair and you <will> attack.

**Note # 75:** Despair is covered up by the ego's grandiosity. The ego's grandiosity is made from lack and represents our little "s" self. God's grandeur is the extension of abundance and is represented by our Big "S" Self.

**T-9.VIII.6.** The ego depends solely on your willingness to tolerate **the ego**. 2 If you are willing to look upon your grandeur you cannot despair, and therefore you cannot want the ego. 3 Your grandeur is God's answer to the ego, because **your grandeur** is true. 4 Littleness and grandeur cannot coexist, nor is it possible for **littleness and grandeur** to alternate. 5 Littleness and grandiosity can and must alternate, since both are untrue and are therefore **both littleness and grandiosity are** on the same level, **which is the ego's world of provisional reality**. p178 6 Being the level of shift, **littleness and grandiosity** is experienced as shifting and extremes. **Shifting and extremes are littleness and grandiosity's** essential characteristic.

**Note # 76:** The world of perception is a world of shifts and changes. The world of perception is unstable since we are constantly shifting our beliefs about ourselves and it is our belief's that "make" the world we perceive. One moment we argue for our importance and insist on why we are right. The next moment we may think we are unworthy and guilty of sin. In either case, we are confirming our belief in separation, specialness and littleness.

**T-9.VIII.7.** Truth and littleness are denials of each other because grandeur is truth. 2 Truth does not vacillate; **truth** is always true. 3 When grandeur slips away from you, you have replaced **grandeur** with something you have made. 4 Perhaps **the replacement for grandeur** is the belief in littleness; perhaps **the replacement for grandeur** is the belief in grandiosity. 5 Yet **the replacement for grandeur** must be insane because **the replacement for grandeur** is not true. 6 Your grandeur will never deceive you, but your illusions always will **deceive you**. 7 Illusions are deceptions. 8 You cannot triumph, but you <are> exalted. 9 And in your exalted state you seek others like you and rejoice with **the others like you**.

**Note # 77:** We exalt when we believe we are egoically right. We exalt even more when we can get others of "littleness" to agree with our "correct" misperceptions and beliefs. An insane person agreeing with other insane people does not make their fantasies true.

**T-9.VIII.8.** It is easy to distinguish grandeur from grandiosity, because **with grandeur** love is returned and pride is not. 2 Pride will not produce miracles, and will therefore deprive you of the true witnesses to your reality. 3 Truth is not obscure nor **is truth** hidden, but **truth's** obviousness to you lies in the joy you bring to **truth's** witnesses, who show **truth** to you. 4 **The witnesses for truth** attest to your grandeur, but **the witnesses for truth** cannot attest to pride because pride is not shared. 5 God wants you to behold what **God** created because **what God created** is **God's** joy.

**Note # 78:** Pride is an exaggerated belief in your worth or importance. It is exaggerated because you do not possess the characteristic in the quantity or quality that you claim to have. To express what you actually possess is not pride; it is simply the expression of the truth.

**T-9.VIII.9.** Can your grandeur be arrogant when God Himself witnesses to **your grandeur**? 2 And what can be real that has no witnesses? 3 What good can come of **what has no witnesses**? 4 And if no good can come of **what has no witnesses** the Holy Spirit cannot use **what has no witnesses**. 5 What **the Holy Spirit** cannot transform to the Will of God does not exist at all. 6 Grandiosity is delusional, because **grandiosity** is used to replace your grandeur. 7 Yet what God has created, **your grandeur** cannot be replaced. 8 God is incomplete without you because **God's** grandeur is total, and you cannot be missing from **God's grandeur**.

**Note # 79:** The Holy Spirit cannot take the illusion of littleness and make it real. Instead, It awakens the sleeping mind to the Son's true reality as God's grand completion. God's Creations are the Grandeur of God.

**T-9.VIII.10.** You are altogether irreplaceable in the Mind of God. 2 No one else can fill your part in **the Mind of God**, and while you leave your part of **the Mind of God** empty, your eternal place merely waits for your return. 3 God, through His Voice, **the Holy Spirit**, reminds you of **your part in the Mind of God**, and God Himself keeps your extensions safe within **your part in the Mind of God**. 4 Yet you do not know **your extensions** until you return to **your extensions or creations**. 5 You cannot replace the Kingdom, and you cannot replace yourself. 6 God, Who knows your value, would not have **you replace yourself nor the Kingdom**, and so **to replace yourself or the Kingdom** is not so. 7 Your value is in God's Mind, and therefore not in **your mind** alone. 8 To accept yourself as God created you cannot be arrogance, because **to accept yourself as God created you** is the denial of arrogance. 9 To accept your littleness *<is>* arrogant, because **to accept your littleness** means that you believe your evaluation of yourself is truer than God's. p179

**Note # 80:** Arrogance is the denial of the truth. God knows us as He created us, perfect, whole and complete. To argue for our littleness is arrogant indeed. To claim that we are God's perfect Child is not pride. It is merely a statement of fact. To argue that God does not know what He created is arrogance at the highest level.

**T-9.VIII.11.** Yet if truth is indivisible, your evaluation of yourself must *<be>* God's evaluation of yourself. 2 You did not establish your value and **your value** needs no defense. 3 Nothing can attack **your value** nor prevail over **your value**. 4 **Your value** does not vary. 5 **Your value** merely *<is.>* 6 Ask the Holy Spirit what **your value** is and **the**



**Holy Spirit** will tell you, but do not be afraid of **the Holy Spirit's** answer, because **the Holy Spirit's answer** comes from God. 7 **The Holy Spirit's answer** is an exalted answer because of **the answer's** Source, but the Source is true and so is **the Source's** answer. 8 Listen and do not question what you hear, for God does not deceive. 9 **God** would have you replace the ego's belief in littleness with **God's** Own exalted Answer to what you are, so that you can cease to question **what you are** and know **what you are** for what it is. p180

**Note # 81:** What you are comes from God and is unchangeable because this is God's Will. To believe you could be something other than how God created you is the height of arrogance since you would be claiming that your evaluation of yourself would be "truer" than God's knowledge of what you are.

A good prayer would be. "God let me accept the reality of my being no matter how much more beautiful it is than I could ever imagine I could be." We cannot imagine the magnificence of the truth of what we are.