

November 15, 2005

**Question:** Holy Spirit, through your guidance I just read *The Rewards of God in A Course in Miracles*, Chapter 4. What would you share with me now?

**Answer:** Your brother is your gift to yourself. Seen through the eyes of the ego, he is a “scapegoat,” responsible for all things evil, responsible for all of your misery and pain. But seen through Me, he is a gift of healing that *you have given yourself* so you may see your pain and suffering and let it go as unreal.

When you look at your brother, remember you are looking at Me, for there is no separation of any kind. So the blot you see on your brother is a blot you see on Me. If you remember who I Am, then you may remember that this blot cannot be real, so it must be imagined.

Then you may ask yourself, “Who imagined this blot?” Since it is you who perceives the blot, you must be the imaginer. There is great joy in this realization, because if you have done the imagining, you can choose to stop imagining, and the blot disappears. This is when you realize that the blot was *within your own mind*.

So, it is through this process of forgiveness that you are healing yourself. Through forgiveness, you take away your pain and misery. And all this you were able to do because your brother, who is Me, showed you the blot within your mind so you could choose to be healed.

This is the gift of gratitude I ask of you. In realizing this gratitude, you realize who it is that you must be. Through that final realization and acceptance of that fact, we are truly healed together as one within the Mind of God.

November 17, 2005

**Question:** What would you share with me today?

**Answer:** You are correct in your recognition that you and I are one. And yet, the identity that you hold onto as precious *is nothing*, so it cannot be a part of our oneness.

The “you and I” that is one does not include a “you and I.” It is only I Am. This scares you, because I Am is recognized as the name of God. Let’s look at why you seem [to be] afraid of the thought I Am.

I Am is All That Is. They are the same. But the term “all that is” seems to somehow include you and all that is familiar. I Am does not. I Am *as* all-that-is seems to be an abyss of mostly nothingness where everything familiar has been conquered by the nothingness that devours everything. This is a frightening picture of God. Yet, it is *your* picture of God. This picture does not always seem to be in your conscious awareness, so

sometimes you think you want God very much, but this picture is in your awareness enough that you recognize it as yours.

You fear death. What you want above all else is to exist, so what you fear above all else is death. And there seems to be two deaths that you fear: fear of death of the body and fear of death of the soul.

You identify with the body, and so you fear its death. Yet, you can also comprehend that you may be more than a body. Within this comprehension is the thought that, as an individual soul, you may have a shot at existence beyond the body. This is why the fear of death is not your final fear. This is why you choose death over God. In death, you still have a shot at individual happiness, individual glorification and [a shot] at somehow being all-that-is *yourself*.

But with God, you know you do not have this shot. With God, the game of individuality is over. The individual mind disappears and ceases to exist entirely. This is your greatest fear, feared by you even more than you realize. This is why you resist Me even though you think you want Me.

I am in no hurry. I am not afraid that you will not choose Me or that you will “remain separate from Me” forever [because I Know the Truth]. I do not fear my own death, so I perceive no struggle. From where I Am, everything is truly ok, proceeding according to plan for the good of All.

Do not feel rushed to push yourself into oneness before you are ready. Even this desire comes from the ego which believes it is guilty for being separate, and so [it also believes] separateness must be *fixed* for its own salvation. This is a crazy thought that goes nowhere very fast, and it leaves you feeling frustrated, alone and worthless of All That Is.

Just stay with now. It is always the perfect time. It is always the perfect lesson. It is always perfect, and it is in no way *at any time* a wasted step. You will arrive at Me in perfect time. Until then, we can enjoy this dance called *awakening* together.

Give no thought to a reality you cannot understand. Let Reality dawn upon you. *Let it dawn* by resting comfortably and peacefully through the night that seems to precede it.