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Questioner: Holy Spirit, sometimes it seems as if our love of *A Course in Miracles* and our desire to awaken separates us from the ones we love and live with. There seems to be a perception on their part and on ours that we ignore them in favor of Course-related activities. What would you share regarding this concern?

Answer: *A Course in Miracles* is a guide to Love, but the course is not Love Itself. Love comes from the awareness and acceptance of the Truth and Joy of Oneness.

Questioner: When the ones we live with do not seem to share our desire to be aware of this truth . . . It seems that we have to choose between living in the world with them and consistently working on forgiving the world with You. What can you share with us?

Answer: Stillness holds the answer that you seek. When you feel torn between loved ones in the world and the Love of God, you have forgotten the peace of stillness. To feel torn between any seeming [set of] options is to view the situation through the ego, through the belief in separateness and separate wills.

Questioner: Yes, that's clear. But in the moments that I feel torn, separate wills *do appear to be real*. How can let my perspective be changed?

Answer: Your answer is stillness. When you are experiencing through the ego, you are experiencing through the belief in separate wills. When you do this, separate wills seem very real indeed. There is no reason to deny that your experience is your experience. Such denial would be fear, and that would not be helpful.

When you seem faced with the experience of separate wills, know that you are having that experience *because* you are using the filter of the ego. Then, be willing to put the filter of the ego aside. Be completely willing to take your mind into silence. Let go of all thoughts that tell you that you know anything about the situation. Realize that any knowledge you think you have about the situation is "knowledge" that you learned through the ego. Therefore, its purpose is to support the ego. Then, remember *your purpose* and let all prior-learned knowledge go.

Let Me say that again: *Let all prior-learned knowledge go*. Notice that I did not make any exception in that statement.

When you have done this, your mind will be still. Then ask Me in complete humility, "What am I to do now?" The answer will come to you. You may also feel a strong temptation to doubt the answer that comes. The temptation to doubt comes from the belief that you are separate from Me. Do not listen to the temptation to doubt. Listen to what you heard *first within the stillness*. Give your faith and gratitude to that thought, for that is your answer.

Questioner: This is truly great. Thank you. But, I have one more question. The work described above sounds like it will take time. Sometimes, I seem to need to make a

decision very quickly. For example, I could have someone seeking help and expressing concerns to me on the phone while Jasmine is pulling on my arm and asking me to hang up and spend time with her. How do I find stillness among the hectic, pressure-filled noise?

Answer: Remember quickly that “hectic, pressure-filled noise” is a perception, and accept that it is nothing more than that. Then ask, “What is the answer now?” That will be enough. Trust the answer that comes. It is the best for everyone.

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Words are a part of the dream, so words have no meaning of themselves. Each one who seems to think with a separated mind interprets words based on his or her ego-learning experience. The fact that words have no absolute meaning is the basis of miscommunication within the world.

Yet, humans believe that words are communication, and the sleeping Son of God believes he is humans. So, words are used as a tool for communication. But do not be confused; words are never used to communicate because words do not have the power of communication.

I am a Whisper that whispers into a mind that is real and beyond *any* perceived world. The whisper, like the mind, is beyond the world, so it is a form of communication that is beyond words. Trust this as you seem to read any words that are coming from Me. The thought is not in the words or in any symbol within the world. The thought is beyond all symbols and cannot be reduced to symbols. When you hear My words, read My words or witness My symbols, forgive the words and the symbols. Reach only for the meaning by giving no meaning to the symbols yourself. *Let meaning be given to you.* It is a gift that you will not feel you can adequately pass on using symbols, but in accepting the gift, you *have* given it. For in accepting you give and in giving you accept.

Bless you.