October 2, 2005

Question: A Course in Miracles says, "The miracle is the first step in giving back to cause the function of causation, not effect."

What would you like to share regarding this thought?

Answer: This is why a reversal is needed. Reversal cannot come from you, for you believe in the upside-down world in which you seem to be. You believe you are there and others are there with you. You believe the world is independent of you, and you are mercy to its effects. At best, [you believe] you can adapt and find some happiness. You can win, and then look away so as not to see the pain that [you believe] is not yours. You can deny your thoughts [or] accept them as meaningless. And in doing all of this, you seem to be ok, maybe better off than most, but you are never fully satisfied.

You are never fully satisfied because you believe in lack, and that which you lack, you cannot find. You look for it in relationships, accomplishments, things, food, security, and good times; like an anesthesia, you may seem to laugh and be happy for awhile. But your satisfaction never lasts, so it is on to the next thing that might finally fill the lack.

You can never find that thing, *because there is nothing that you lack*. You are complete and perfect within the fullness of God now.

And this is why the miracle is helpful. *It gives you nothing, because you need nothing.* To give you something would validate the belief in lack.

The miracle is a simple shift in perception, a change in seeing, so all that was before still can be within illusion, but the lack that seemed to be is gone.

The miracle recognizes truth and denies the false. That is all, because that is all that is needed.

Everything is accomplished as it was accomplished long before the dream began. And what is accomplished in reality cannot be undone, or reality would not be the truth of existence. If reality is not the truth of existence, then God is dead, and All That Is, isn't.

Yet, you know this cannot be. For you realize that you exist. This is one fact you cannot deny. You are existence, and this you know.

All That Is *is*, because you are. So, the truth must be true and reality must be reality. And the dream that you call life must be an illusion, because it will not last. And you will [last], because you are existence, and existence can have no end or else existence would not exist.

This is the shift of the miracle. A change in perspective that shows the false must be false *because* the truth is true.

October 3, 2004

Note: This vision is actually from a year earlier, but was misfiled on the previous website as 2005.

At 8:00 a.m. this morning, this helpful image was provided. I was riding with Angela through a carnival tunnel of horrors. Painted cardboard images of fear and guilt hid in the dark ready to pop out and frighten me, but these images could not hurt me. After all, they were nothing more than painted two-dimensional images on cardboard and I was riding in an automated car, safely seat belted and safely out of their reach (as if they had a reach), and I was riding with an angel from Heaven who sat serenely beside me looking ahead with a confident and peaceful gaze. Angela knows what is ahead. It is the door that will open to light and lead me out of the tunnel of horrors forever. She knows that nothing can hurt me here, and it doesn't really even matter how long I stay here, nothing can ever hurt me. She also knows that it is my own decision that will open the door and let me out. She gently holds my hand and with a loving squeeze lets me know that when I am ready, and I will be ready, I can open the door and we will ride out of this tunnel of darkness forever.

October 4, 2005

If you can see that every person
... every character within your life,
is but a thought within your mind,
then you can choose to love them
instead of fear them.
And that changes everything.

~Our Holy Spirit