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RAJ OPENING COMMENTS: Good Morning. I am surprised as we went around the room that no one said that they were from the Kingdom of Heaven and that it looks like Charlotte. (Laughter)

In the process of awakening—awakening to your true identity—you are going to be constantly engaged in retranslating everything from your best assessment of what it is, to what it really is. You block your perception of Reality by being sure of what a thing is and then no longer being curious about it. Thus, you close the door to greater and greater clarification as to the actual Divinity of that thing or that one.

And so, indeed, whether you live in Charlotte or New York—no matter where you live—when you go back home, start acknowledging that this is the Kingdom of Heaven and it looks like Charlotte, it looks like New York or Hawaii or wherever. Because, in this way, you will begin to be able to open up the action of curiosity again and thus get past your best definition of the moment as to what Charlotte or New York or your brother or you sister.

I am with you always but it is a pleasure to be with you and have you be conscious that I am with you. And I would like you all to practice being conscious of my presence even after Paul leaves so that your curiosity, your unlocking of the door of your communication with me and with the Holy Spirit may continue, not dependent upon Paul's presence.

QUESTION: Thank you. I am surprised to be first. I wasn't expecting that.

ANSWER: You raised your hand...

QUESTION: Yes, I did. Again, thank you very much for being here. The first thing that I want to say is that I feel very full this morning and I am very grateful for that. My question is a very personal one, a very practical one, in that I am seeking direction, what to do in my career. I feel very ready to take a break and want to know if that is appropriate and if it is not appropriate then please tell me what else I can do.

ANSWER: Indeed, it is most appropriate for you to take a break. When you do and even before you do, I want you to have a clear sense of the fact that you do not live in a material world, a conflicted and hostile environment.

Now, the Course indicates that the Holy Spirit takes every circumstance and turns it to your advantage. Why do you suppose that is? It isn't because of any great kindness or beneficence of the Holy Spirit that it picks you out to have your circumstance turned to your advantage rather than your disadvantage. It is because you are already existing in the middle of the Kingdom of Heaven and, therefore, there isn't really a disadvantageous experience for you to be freed from. There is a misperception that it is your birthright not to be experiencing. It is your birthright not to have your clear experience of Reality covered up by a misperception. The reason every circumstance you experience can be turned to your advantage is because every circumstance IS an advantageous circumstance and it doesn't require magic on the part of the Holy Spirit to turn something not of God into something that is of God.

This means then, that you can dare to get up each morning and approach your day with an expectation of experiencing fulfillment, with an expectation of everything in your world conspiring on your behalf relative to your fulfillment. And this is what I want you to do from this moment on, relative to your career. I want you to assume that circumstances will conspire in favor of the identification of your fulfillment. That will be a change!

What I want you to realize as we discuss this, this morning, is that your expectation otherwise, your expectation that things will not conspire on your behalf is the way you set up a defense within yourself against experiencing your fulfillment. You give a word, you have an expectation, you are committed to that expectation. And, it is not one of everything reconfiguring to identify your fulfillment of purpose. And, your expressed doubt causes you not to pay attention. And I am not singling you out here. This does apply to everyone, but it does relate.

If, indeed, there is only one thing for you to be confronted by and that is the Kingdom of Heaven, then that is what is confronting you at every moment. And it is for that reason that your perception can dissolve and you can apparently watch your world reconfigure in front of your eyes and begin to concretely manifest that which you recognize as fulfillment. I want you to start nurturing this sense of your world and of yourself—that its function is to identify the movement of God in the most practical of terms, the most relevant of terms—and, therefore, it behooves you to be curious to see IT rather than what you so definitely believe is likely to happen based upon your memory, which, of course, is just the recording of prior limited perceptions that you have embraced, energized and demonstrated for yourself.

Now, if you are going to take this break for relief and for opening, then do it in an open fashion and don't fret your way through it. Don't carry your old habit forward with you, else you will simply be on break waiting for relief from it. You're on the right track. I simply want you to embrace it fully and with joy and

with expectation of clarification of the clearer and clearer experience of Reality and your fulfillment.

What is the nature of the movement of God? God moves. That movement of God is the movement of mind. It is, therefore, the movement of ideas, the coming forth of ideas and the conscious experience of those ideas. Inherent in that movement of Mind is Self-recognition.

The Bible says that for seven days God moved and on the seventh day—and this is allegorical but it is to express a timeless, eternal truth. “On the seventh day God saw everything that he had made and behold, it was very good.” Now you tell me whether that experience of it being “very good” is an impartial and unmoved experience. No, it is a recognition that embodies joy. It is meaningful. In other words, it was more than “Oh Hum, that’s all right.”

Self-recognition, the recognition of one’s Self in his or her experience reflects or embodies the movement of God and it is not a meaningless movement and it is not dull or boring. Fulfillment is a meaningful experience and that act of Self-recognition that is inseparable from the movement of God is your birthright to be experiencing. You are to be experiencing fulfillment and there is no way for you to be unmoved by it. It is going to feel like something and it is going to feel good. Don’t be afraid to feel good. And don’t be surprised when you connect with, what I am going to call, deeper levels of your Divinity that you will feel good. Do not assume that this good feeling is ego, that it needs to be squelched and brought back to a dull evenness.

Enjoy what is coming and embrace it with the expectation of every thing conspiring on your behalf for the identification of your fulfillment.

QUESTION: I’d like to know what will happen with our business? What shall we do about it? Keep it or sell it? It is not sustaining us and it had us in crisis for quite some time.

ANSWER: It is like the shell that a chick is now finding confining because it is getting too big for it. It has been time to move on and you have been dedicated to the arena that you have been operating in for some time. If you value the shell, or shall I say, if the chick values the shell too much for the security that it has provided, it will create very cramped quarters and a great deal of discomfort, because it is now time for that security to be discarded for a larger arena of life, a greater experience of fulfillment than that which could be embraced by the shell.

So, I encourage you not to feel as though you are abandoning a dear friend or that you are abandoning your stability or that you are abandoning a responsibility that you had come to identify with yourself. Because, I will tell you something: You will take your Self with you wherever you go. And the ability to express and embody intelligence will remain with you whether you are operating in this particular arena, called your business or not. It is time to move on. And it is time to not carry forward any sense of guilt for abandoning it.

I encourage both of you to rejoice in this experience of accessing freedom that goes beyond the limits that used to provide you your best sense of freedom. And I will tell you something else: It is an insidious and malicious ego suggestion that you are too old to expand and “take on” something new. You can’t take on something new because the something new comes from within you and moves out. You can’t take it on your back. And if you deny this expansion that is occurring because you are the direct expression of a current and living God in this moment. If you deny that, you will be denying the movement of God. You will be denying your experience of fulfillment.

I will tell you that this is the way everyone walks themselves into their own grave. They begin to say, “The movement of God is not something I can bear any longer, because I am not the presence of God, I am just a body with limits.” And you see, that the only limit that is being imposed is the word they are giving, because the movement is present. The expansion is present. I’m going to get very practical here, your recognition of the simple fact that the business isn’t working any more, IS the very presence of divine intelligence that says, “Don’t beat a dead horse, get a new one!” Get a new one when you are 65, and get a new one when you are 75, and get a new one when you are 85, and get a new one when you are 200.

Everyone kills themselves by stopping living. “Well, I’m over the hill.” Everyone says, “It is downhill from now on, and when I look around at everyone, indeed, it is.” But you are looking around at everyone who’s giving this same word to themselves and demonstrating their belief. Don’t do it anymore. Everyone says, “Well, it would be nice if I had a role model.” Unfortunately, you don’t. At least not a current one. You have had a handful of examples of those who did not die, but they are not current examples. But, just because you don’t have a current role model to inspire you doesn’t mean that you must necessarily, stupidly, follow the herd and do and believe what everyone else is doing and believing.

And so I encourage you to let this shell go and stretch a little and open your eyes so that you might see the larger arena of your Being that is available for you to function in, and the ongoing manifestation of fulfillment, that it is your birthright to be experiencing. And along with the specific unfolding of your next steps, you will also have begun to live your life in a new way, that does not embrace and, therefore, embody, running down, dying.

And so I encourage you to have fun with this expansion. The chick says, “How can this be expansion? It is too damn tight! I can hardly move. I can hardly breathe. I don’t even have enough room to get leverage.” And yet, you know from experience that once it cracks the shell, it has a whole world to run around and fly in. And so you know it is expansion. The movement of Being never stops, therefore, “Behold, I make all things new” is the one and only

unchanging, unalterable fact that you have confronting you, so get with it. Be willing to flow with “Behold, I make all things new.” And then ask, “What is the Father’s Will for me, that involves continuing expansion and growth and, therefore, expanding experience of fulfillment?” If you are going to experience more, you must become alive to more, sensitive to it and embrace it.

Paul got up this morning and went outside and sat down and noticed the beauty of the light coming through the leaves of these trees that are hundreds of years old and noticed that all of the elements that he had enjoyed in Hawaii are present here. The birds singing, the sunshine, the green leaves, life. And then he noticed that there was something present here that is not present in Hawaii, and that is the sounds of commerce or the sounds of traffic in such volumes that it does, indeed, create, you might say, a quiet roar, that is not present, simply because there are not as many cars on Kuai.

The point is that you mask the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven with your busyness but you are in the Kingdom of Heaven, nevertheless. And if you will remember to pay attention to it, you will begin to notice it right where you are. And the more you notice it and appreciate it, the more you will be loving it. The more you love it, the more you will find it emphasized, the more you will take steps to see that what is really beautiful and what is really of value is embodied more fully and not covered up with your busyness. You can have commerce without masking the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven. And you can have the clarity of the Mind of God if you don’t mask it with your beliefs and your convictions as to what is true—including the belief that you are over the hill and that it is too late to do something new. That is one of the mental busynesses that imprison all of you and cause you not to crack the egg.

It may scare the hell out of your ego to let go. But, I promise you that what is on the other side of the shell of your ego’s beliefs is your fulfillment and the practical embodiment of the allness of God, right where you are. And so, I encourage you to dare to move forward with some confidence and some expectation and a great deal of curiosity. Because, your curiosity as to the good of God, is what gives you permission to move beyond your ego conditioning and its very definite sense of limitation. So have fun with this in spite of your ego and your conditioning.

QUESTION: As I’ve gotten more involved with spiritual growth materials for the last several years, my teaching that I do at the University has changed. And I’ve been getting into more conflicts with colleagues and other people, that say maybe I shouldn’t be teaching these things or incorporating them. And, I guess I’d like to know some next steps in terms of getting along with them, in terms of my teaching. Some have suggested I go somewhere else and do these things.

Another question: In the past I've not been good on maintenance kind of work. I'm not a cleaner. We've always had conflicts at my house, my son is neater than I am. He says I should ask Jesus if I should clean my house, (laughter) and we'll let the answer settle our years of conflict. I'm really glad he is here with me. He's been real skeptical about what I've been over the years and where I am going.

ANSWER: You are fortunate that he is neat. (Laughter)

QUESTION: I could stop there. I have another question. I have been getting some value out of channeling from Samuel. I have been attending that group and I thought you could speak to that at some point.

ANSWER: I certainly did not mean to imply that valuable information is not available through what is called trance channeling. It is important to know, however, that communion with divine guidance does not require a trance.

Now, you must understand that God is the greatest maker of waves there is, the greatest unsettler of the status quo. That is what the movement of creation is. In fact it is only those who are looking at the movement of creation through the lens of the human condition, who think that the maintaining of the status quo is what it's all about.

Now, you are an educator. Educate your peers! Do not set them somewhere off in an unimportant vague space and see them as a disturbance that you ought not to have to deal with. If you are delighted to introduce that which is new into your relationship with your students, include your peers in that classification of students. And find it worthy of your time to be that transparency with them that you don't hesitate to be with your students. There is absolutely no reason not to be the presence of clarity that stimulates growth and opening for your peers. Love them as much as you love "your students." Don't assume that because they are educators they already ought to know better than to hold to the old. You give your students the benefit of the doubt. Give your peers the benefit of the doubt as well.

Above all, do not stop being a maker of waves. Let me clarify one thing, however. The only way you can truly be of value as a maker of waves, is when you and your ego are doing nothing, and the wave making is coming from your Being, is coming from your listening and Knowing deeply—Knowing, with a capital "K." You tend, when you are confronted by your peers, to become defensive and you abandon the centered Knowing place that you gladly bring into play with your students. And, that is where you make the mistake. Don't abandon that place and don't withdraw your love, meaning your willingness to recognize that which is real in your peers. Don't say, "In this setting, I will be a teacher, and in this setting I will not."

Paul has difficulty because the time is here for him not to switch back and forth from his Knowing to his traditional thinking processes. Intellectually, he

understands that he is making a choice for being the presence of wisdom, being the presence of Truth, truly being the presence of joy, for being what I have referred to as “the sidekick,” “bumbling Paul,” “the ignorant one.” And I say that with love but NOT with much tolerance.

And it is important for all of you to know that that which is divine is not tolerant of the ignorance that is inseparable from the ego and its insistence upon a partial point of view that it insists is total. But it is that unwillingness to join with you or with Paul at the level of your ignorance, that provides the power, the motivation to expand. It inspires expansion. And you must be this same kind of teacher, that one who inspires expansion with your peers. Your ego says, “They are teachers, I shouldn’t have to teach teachers.” Which means you expect that you should have some time off from being that which is inspiring and reserve that just for certain groups of people, called your students or certain parts of that group called, interested students.

It is this dividing off of the world that you must stop and it is the dividing of yourself, into being on target and off target with an equal right to both, that must come to a stop. Let your inspiration flow for your peers. And if you have to write a paper, an exposition of your ideas in language that they can comprehend, do it. Do what works. And, again, do not assume that it is your duty and your task, a desirable thing for you to go to these lengths with your students, but not with other groups of people. Be willing in all cases to be the presence of wisdom and Truth that inspires the accessing of greater freedom for everyone. It is you who will divide your world up into those who will listen and those who won’t. And it is you who will govern yourself according to the definition you have evolved.

But, the fact is that if there is anyone on the face of this planet who is drawing a breath, there is a Mind there that is not enjoying its limitation, no matter how hard it fights for it. And so, you are always confronted with one who is truly, genuinely interested in not being imprisoned. You always have a willing listener. But you must be willing to be present to that one on his terms. And what I mean by that is, in the language of his present perception.

Do you think that in these gatherings, there will only be those who want to hear what I have to say? Do you think that there will not be those who will want to challenge or has a bone to pick with Jesus? One who might seem from the outset to be antagonistic? But, you see, I will be there for that one. I will be there with that one, undefended, and thus, demonstrate to that one that his defendedness—that is coming out as a challenge—is unnecessary. And that he or she can dare to be as undefended as I am and, thereby, find release from the imprisonment of that inner conflict.

Be present with your fellow man. Every defense, as you are becoming familiar, is a request for love. It’s the truth about you. And it is the truth about everyone else. And either you, with your ego, can bounce off of their ego, joining

with them at the level of egohood and strengthening it—which is called the human condition—or you can dare to be the presence of love. Be with that one, listening deeply within yourself for how to be the love that triggers reconfiguration, makes it safe and comfortable for that other one to abandon his defense and thus, be an agent for change. Not because you want to be a changer, but because you want to be the presence of Mind that is You in your right Mind, who is not expressing insanity and, thereby, does not support ongoing insanity in those around you.

Now, the ego can take some satisfaction that you, in the name of righteousness and truth are standing out in a crowd and in that sense, being important. The more connected with Truth you are, the more you will fit in, the less you will be experienced by others as being separate and apart. And, because there is that “withness,” that absence of defensiveness, you will inspire in them their willingness to dare to be defenseless also.

Now, you are not unfamiliar with what I have said. It is clear to you that this is the truth relative to your students. I am saying, embrace your peers likewise. And don’t be afraid to be the specific expression of clarity that, shall I say, meets those criteria. Because, if you are able to intelligently express what you are Knowing, they will be less afraid of it. And their ability to be curious will be awakened and you will have companion explorers.

QUESTION: Thank you Raj for being here. I have a very specific health question. In 1984, I received a prosthetic heart valve, aortic valve. Recently, my doctor has told me that around the valve it is leaking and it needs to be replaced. I have recognized this physical condition to be a gift, calling me to open my heart and I have realized that to the degree to which I am able to do that, to open my heart to relatedness and to love in this world, the physical opening, the second time, will not be necessary. I know this at a deep level of my Being. There are times, however, when this knowing is not constant and I fall into fear. Raj, I need some help with this. Thank you.

ANSWER: You are trying to know the Truth. I mean by that, that you are trying to know what you think the Truth is, so as, to avoid what you think is not the Truth. As long as you have Truth and a presence that is not truth, you are still functioning from within the ego’s frame of reference. Because, the fact is, that when you listen without preconceiving what Truth is, you will find the Truth revealed to you. And because it has been revealed, you will Know it. And that Truth will not ever stand against something else that is not the Truth, because it simply is, the fact. It simply is that which expresses the Father’s Will. There is no other will than the Father’s Will for the Father’s Will to be exercised against.

Now, indeed, the attention that you had been having to give to your heart, both physically and in the sense of becoming more defenseless and more loving, is representative of your growth. But, let us be careful not to become so spiritual

that we neglect a simple physical need. I am going to tell you, that it is within the divine order of things for the Father's purpose and not for any less infinite purpose that you might have, for this procedure to be done, without fear, in much the same way that you would clip your fingernails or get rid of a hangnail.

I am going to ask you something. I know what the human belief is, but where does the surgeon get the intelligence to perform his work. And how could you actually say that this particular activity is un-God-like or less than the ultimate? It would have to be a word of your giving that does not arise out of listening and Knowing—Knowing that which is revealed to you in spite of your beliefs. Now, what I am saying specifically for you, is not something that I could say specifically for everyone under every circumstance. And so, for those of you in the room, and those who might be listening to the audio tape, this particular answer does not apply across the board in every instance.

Be willing to have this taken care of with a surgeon. That is the simplicity of it. And, it does embody and express the will of the Father which identifies the fulfillment of purpose for you. And, I'll be perfectly blunt with you, death does not constitute fulfillment of purpose for anyone at any time. And therefore, it cannot be said that God's purpose for you might require your leaving here. And that this might just be the way it happens.

QUESTION: I feel like I am being moved from where I live. And I think I'm going to move to Taluride, Colorado, and I am sort of comfortable with this and excited about it. And I would like some reassurance that this is a good move.

My question, however, relates to the life style I feel could be happening. I don't know what direction to take. Should I continue with the financial arrangement I have with my parents or should I move toward becoming financially independent and finding a job? The issue may not be money, per se, but taking complete responsibility for my life and how do I do that? Thank you.

ANSWER: This is an excellent question. "Take complete responsibility for your life?" Do you have that option available to you? (Laughter) But there is, somewhere in there, a kernel of truth. Rather than looking at it as taking full responsibility for yourself, I would encourage you to become familiar with the word "sovereignty." Which means not being dependent upon someone else. And, indeed, I would encourage you to embrace whatever manifests, not being dependent upon someone else. And I am making a fine distinction here between, not being dependent and being independent. To be independent is most often construed to mean, being separate and apart, with no particular line of connection. Whereas, to not be dependent upon another, leaves lines of communication open and leaves it possible for sharing to occur—involvement.

In the Western world, independence has been harmful, because everyone says, "But mother, I'd rather do it myself" or "But father, I'd rather do it myself." In fact, that is the whole ego trip, isn't it? Father with a capital "F," "But Father

I'd rather do it myself.” And the human condition is what one ends up with, when one severs the ties, so to speak, with the Father. So, what you want is to not be independent. What you want is to be sovereign. To be able to experience your Wholeness and that which identifies It. But not that which separates you from everything else, because once you are separated, you cannot feel whole.

Indeed, by the end of the year, you are likely to find yourself functioning in a manner that expresses less dependence, and that will involve a move. But, what I want you to give your focus to, is not kicking away from anything, not gaining your independence, but rather connecting with the movement of your Being; which will elicit and evoke, what I am going to call, demonstrations of your sovereignty—your ability to be without having to get permission to be. I encourage you to look forward to the rest of this year with a sense that there is emerging in your life, a clearer manifestation of your sovereignty, of your Wholeness, and a sense of being in tune with everything. It is a period of time in which reconfiguration and transformation will occur. But don't try to become responsible for it. Be willing to say, “Father, Thy will be done. I think I know what my fulfillment involves but I'm not about to get hung up on it. What does it really involve?”

And, as I indicated earlier, have the attitude that your world will conspire on your behalf for the purpose of identifying your fulfillment of purpose. It will be six or seven months of wonderful discoveries. I am not going to say that it will stop at the end of the year, but it will be enough for you to be willing to embrace what is coming during the next seven months.

I want you also to understand that the movement of God is a peaceful movement and the only thing that ever makes it seem strenuous is when there is a great intent to do something yourself or to be responsible yourself for what is happening. And thus, allow movement to occur that is not inspired by God but rather by your best sense of what is good for you. And, when you are at odds with the unfolding of your fulfillment, the unfolding of your fulfillment becomes strenuous. Remember, the movement of God is not strenuous, and difficulty and hardship is not a necessary part of growth. I say that so that you might include in your curiosity a desire to see this happen gracefully.

(My question) QUESTION: Hi. Good morning. I was going to ask you about some books you mentioned in some other tapes, about “Urantia” and, of course, “A Course In Miracles” and some...

ANSWER: I'm going to interrupt you just for a moment, just to make a point of clarification here. I would not generally encourage everyone to read the Urantia book. The Urantia book is a bridge for Theosophists—out of Theosophy. (Laughter) An important work but not one that serves to trigger growth for everyone. Please continue...

QUESTION: I did enjoy the part about your life (Jesus) though. But anyway, I was questioning about five little volumes of books called “Life and Teachings of the Masters of the Far East.” In them, you were mentioned quite often, in that they met and spoke with you (Jesus). And I’m wondering how...

ANSWER: That is true. It is still a valuable set of books, but I must remind you that no matter what book you are reading, its value lies in the degree to which it confirms for you, that it is a valuable thing not to be so sure that you understand what everything means. It is valuable, insofar, as it confirms to you a natural integrity of your Being that you can dare to trust. It is valuable, insofar, as it confirms to you that you have the inherent capacity to recognize Truth and encourages you to depend upon it—meaning, your inherent capacity to recognize Truth.

QUESTION: I have one more little part of this. Also, in some of your tapes you mentioned that there was no one on earth at the moment who was Awake, Totally Awake.

ANSWER: No, that is not correct. There are two at the present time, both of whom are not making their presence publicly known. One is Miatreya as introduced by Benjamin Creme, and the other, as I have said before, is apparently an itinerant traveler in the Himalayas. That is all there is at the present time.

QUESTION: How open can I be?

ANSWER: Indeed, no limit is placed upon you.

QUESTION: Okay. I’ve been finding that all my life I’ve been open and friendly. I was raised as a Christian Scientist by my mother under the teachings that you gave to Mary Baker Eddy...

ANSWER: Do not blame me for interpretations. (Laughter)

QUESTION: In your book, “Science and Health,” we are taught as students of Christian Science, that “The man that I see is the man that I am.” I have attempted to express this in all of my understandings of the people around me. And I think, in my immaturity, what I have done is that I have come across a stumbling block where in the Bible it says, “do not cast your pearls before swine,” and then your teaching to the disciples to “Love your neighbor as yourself,” and then “love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind.” How do I know the swine from the neighbor? And what do I do with the swine?

ANSWER: Part of your difficulty—which is not because you are truly confused—comes from the fact that in some ways you practice the misquote that you just made. The statement does not say, “Love your fellow man and then love God.” It says “Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, mind and soul, AND your neighbor as yourself.” Now, that order is very important. And, indeed,

when you take the time to become still and to go within and pray to the Father, meaning abide with the Father, in secret, in the silence of your Being, where there is no ego chatter going on. When you go within, a most wonderful thing happens, you begin to experience the presence of God. But, you also find that you are not separate from that experience. In fact, it becomes difficult to know what of the experience is God, and what of it is you. Because the sense of there being an experiencer of the presence of God, begins to disappear and yet your experience of identity is unaltered. As you have this experience of God in the silence of your Being and you begin to realize that you are directly connected with your Self, which is inseparable from the Father, a whole new Self awareness begins to emerge.

Now, this does not happen overnight or in the course of one meditation or one period of being silent. But, as you do this regularly and that centered place within you where there is no chatter of the mind is being experienced, you have the opportunity to become more and more familiar with the nature of your Being. First of all, the peace that you are experiencing is not just an alternate to tension. The peace you are experiencing is itself the very nature of your Being and constitutes a direct experience of your Being. It's more than just absence of tension. Now, as you begin to be open and let the experience disclose to you the nature of You, realization occurs. And, part and parcel of the realization is, my God, this is true of everybody, because I know I am not special. And, you see, when that happens, your behavior toward your fellow man will change.

The second part of the commandment is spontaneous when the first part is practiced. You cannot help but love your fellow man as yourself when you have the clearer experience of yourself, by virtue of having set aside your conditioned, reactive, surface level ego thinking and moved into the silence of your Being.

Now, unfortunately, the statement that you are seeing who you are, is very often taken as an indictment against you and everyone indulges in this. Everyone looks at the half-empty glass instead of the half-full glass. To recognize that you are seeing in your fellow man only as much of your own Divinity as you are able to see about yourself, has one value and one value only. And that is, that you will not convict your fellow man based on your perception of him and you will attend to what needs to be attended to. Which is, filling the glass up a little bit fuller.

The purpose is not to indict yourself, convict yourself, and then pay the penalty, in the name of righteousness and truth. There is no need for martyrs. You learned that you were the child of God, that you were the infinite manifestation of infinite Mind. But, one of the things that does not generally get brought into the foreground, is the statement that "All is Mind, from the rolling of worlds in the most subtle ether, to a potato patch." And, generally speaking, the same error is made in the interpretation of Christian Science that is beginning to be made relative to "A Course In Miracles". And that is an unwillingness to

acknowledge that “All is Mind or God, from the rolling of worlds in the most subtle ether, to a potato patch.” And the world is being treated as a pure illusion, that has no element of Truth to it, whatsoever. But there cannot be a pure illusion. There can only be a distorted perception of that which is Real. I will say, a distorted perception of a potato patch that says, “it’s nothing but clods of dirt and a vegetable that is needed for sustenance for an obviously not eternal entity.”

Now, how are you going to find the Christ in the swine that’s standing in front of you? How are you going to find the Christ in the swine that’s looking at the person in front of you?

QUESTION: How do you know he’s a swine?

ANSWER: Indeed, you may count on one thing, until you are totally Awake, you are experiencing everything in a limited way; yourself, your world, your fellow man. Now, that fact has been expressed by me as a form of insanity. And, indeed, you can take that which must be treated as a truth, as an indictment against you. But if you have written two plus two equals five and I do not come to you and say, “Five is not the correct answer,” you will not look further, you will not recheck your calculation. And so, you must know that five is not the right answer. Why? Because there must be a right answer. And once you know that five is not it, your curiosity will be brought into play again and the door will open for clarification.

And so, we may use whatever negative words you can imagine to describe yourself or the one who is standing in front of you. Because, indeed, you cannot look at your fellow man and see the undistorted Christ there, if you are not experiencing the undistorted Christ of yourself. But that simply means, become curious to experience the Christ that you Are.

Every single one of you has simply been talked into a false sense of identity, as something less than my equal, something less than my brother, something that is not worthy to eat even the crumbs that fall from God’s table. This is crap. It is expressive of the maliciousness of the ego, or what Mary Baker Eddy referred to as “malicious animal magnetism”—a magnetic or hypnotic coercion of the mind to believe that which is not true, as though it were true, which establishes a state of insanity and calls it normal.

Now, here is the answer, and I said it earlier. There is only one thing that confronts you, that is the presence of God, called the Kingdom of Heaven, or the Movement of Creation. Now, it doesn’t really matter why it is you are looking at it and saying, “It’s just Charlotte” or “It’s just me, a human being.” This isn’t just Charlotte. But, you know what, somebody needs to come along and say to you, “Is this Heaven?”—as in the movie “Field of Dreams.” So that there is something in you that triggers a willingness to say, “Maybe it isn’t just Charlotte. Maybe I’m not just a mortal. Maybe I’m not just a sinner. Maybe I’m not just an organism that sprang out of chaos by chance.” It doesn’t matter how it is you arrived at a

false definition. This is very important. It does not matter how it is that you have arrived at a false definition of everything. What matters is the awareness that it is a false definition of something Real. Because, as long as that fact is relatively clear in your mind, you cannot help but experience curiosity to see what it really is and to let out the “stops,” so to speak.

What is it that keeps you finite? What is it that keeps you limited? It is your unwillingness to conceive of the possibility that Reality is what is confronting you. That there is more confronting you than you are embracing. That, indeed, at this very moment you may very well be as immortal and divine as I am, without one single bit of difference. That, indeed, the Totality of what You Are may be absolutely present at this instant, even if you are so preoccupied with the human condition that you aren't noticing it. And that, indeed, you don't have some ladder to climb, to achieve it. You simply have to become curious enough to open up to it. That's the way you get to the Christ of You, and, thereby, to the Christ of your fellow man that, indeed, evidences itself as healing.

Now, when “Science and Health” was being dictated, if you will, and, indeed, Mrs. Eddy spoke of herself as a scribe under orders—although it has not been interpreted in the way I am speaking of it at the moment. When it was being dictated, it necessarily had to be given in the third person and so there is a statement, “Jesus beheld in science,” meaning the undistorted perception of Reality—Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, where sinning mortal man appeared. To whom? To mortals—to those looking through the lens of the ego. And this correct view of man, healed the sick.

Indeed, Waking up is a matter of letting go of the false conditioning that constitutes a belief system that distorts your perception of the only thing there is to experience, which is the omnipresence of God being all there is of you and everything else.

Now, for those who may end up listening to the tapes of this particular workshop, you may find a repetition, but it is essential. You must understand that you are neither behind the point of perfection nor advancing towards it. You are at that point, and you must understand yourself therefrom.

Now, this is a modification of a statement from Science and Health. It states for today more clearly the real meaning. The absolutely necessary element of your awakening comes out of your willingness to conceive the possibility that you are not struggling your way up some ladder. That you are not in a process of moving lifetime after lifetime through a process of refining your soul, so that you might become worthy of remembering who you Are or become worthy of God by his Grace, blessing you. You must understand that what you are experiencing now is Reality, although seen through a glass, darkly. And, you are already and only, the direct expression of the Father and, therefore, the Christ, whether you are experiencing it through a mind, darkly. And, that you are, indeed, like a person

sleeping on a bed, having a dream, seeming to suffer the constraints of an imagination of the dream, and needing only to somehow wrench yourself out of the dream, so that you might find you were never in it. And what was going on never happened, because the Real You was asleep on the bed, in a room, in a house, in a city on this planet, etc.

As I've said before, all of you are in the middle of the Kingdom of Heaven with your eyes all squinched up saying, "I cannot see the perfection." And then the ego would have you improve the imperfect, instead of open your eyes and acknowledge what is already the fact—your Divinity and Reality are already the fact. And, the element that helps get you out of the dream is Love—the willingness to recognize that which is Real in each and everything, in each and every one, yourself included. That is how you get past the one that your present perception defines as a swine standing in front of you.

I have a little more to say but we are going to break at this point.

ANSWER: Now, there are just a couple of things I wish to say in addition to what I have already said. I said that the answer was Love. What I want all of you to understand is that being the presence of Love does not require you to abandon being intelligent. That may sound like an obvious statement, but in practice, many of you in your attempt to be unconditionally loving, abandon intelligence and remain in a situation where you are being abused, in the name of love, in the name of being there for another for purposes of his healing.

I think that you all ought to be just as wise as a nurse who, if he or she is confronted with a patient who is wild, does not say, "that's all right sweetheart. I don't mind that you just gave me a bloody nose or cracked a rib." No. The patient is restrained with straps, so that in the presence of the restraint, reason might be able to be reintroduced.

Now, simply be aware that in your process of awakening, in your process of spiritual growth, you will not at any point be required to sacrifice your intelligence. And until your current common sense is replaced with a new level of common sense, which still expresses ultimate intelligence, do not let go of your current level of common sense.

Love is the willingness to recognize that which is Real and honor it, and no longer honor that which isn't real. Now, as I said, until you are awake, you are utilizing a limited sense of yourself and a limited sense of whoever is confronting you. And so, in order to move through the current illusory perceptions, one must relate to one's fellow man or woman with a constant willingness to listen more deeply than the level of appearances or the level of conditioned thinking. Because, indeed, sometimes that swineish element that needs to be seen through, will be presented by your fellow man and at other times it will be presented as you, and you will need the guidance to get beyond both.

I have said before, that relationships are the crucible of awakening. They are that in which what is non-essential is separated from that which is. And the only thing that is nonessential is that which is imaginary—not real. But, as you go through this process of relating to another and being stretched, if you will, by the relationship—listen and at the same time be unwilling to sacrifice intelligence. Then, you will not end up being used or abused and you will not involuntarily join with another at the level of illusion and substantiate it. This is very important. Waking up does not put you at the mercy of illusion. It is down to earth. It is practical. It will relate to where you are, because where you are is the Kingdom of Heaven. And, to watch your material world and universe—as you currently define it—be translated into the spiritual original that it is and always has been, will occur and can occur only when you are paying attention where Reality is going on.

So your spiritual path will be relevant to everything you are already aware of. Your past experience of being aware of where you are, seems to have gotten you stuck in where you are, but only because you didn't realize there was something else to be seen beside your current definition of where you are.

Start looking for God right here and right in your fellow man and right in you. And be curious. And, the fact is you will begin to say “no” where “no” needs to be said. And you will begin to say “yes” where “yes” needs to be said. And, the “no's” and the “yes's” will not always come in the places that your former mindset thought they ought to be. But in order not to become confused as those shifts occur, you need to listen and to trust, as I said earlier, that everything will conspire to uncover to you your Divinity. Everything will conspire to reveal your fulfillment of purpose according to God's measure of fulfillment of purpose.

QUESTION: I guess it's time to do it. I started off this morning with a question and since I've been in here I have written more on my sheet here, so I don't know what form this is going to take. I have four questions combined, I think. I have some major concerns right now and one is career. Another is whether to have children or not, and my marriage and being comfortable with myself or feeling comfortable being a black female.

Is this the right time for me to have children? I've had moments when I've felt that I should and it's never been lasting enough for me to really pursue it. And also, I have been a teacher for 17 years and for ten years I've not wanted to teach and I've not had enough energy in that direction as far as to move in another direction.

The other concern in being a black female, is for a while now, I guess about ten years, I've been involved in a lot of activity which always put me in a minority. I'm always the only one. And, I feel like I've been able to deal with it in a lot of ways, but I feel like I've been coping, really, more than

anything, because there is always that underlying feeling that I am not really accepted and I think that comes from just totally not accepting myself.

ANSWER: Do you have an option to being a black female? (Laughter)

QUESTION: No. Please don't embarrass me. (More laughter)

ANSWER: I fully understand the depth of the meaning behind your comment about being a black female. But that is not the problem. The problem is viewing being anything from the ego's vantage point. I would wager to say, that there is not a single white person in this room who is comfortable with himself or herself. It is important to know that, so that your uneasiness with yourself, black or white, does not become what you recognize to be the problem itself.

Now, I can give you a bigger problem that may cause you to be very grateful that you're only dealing with the one you've talked about. How about being a black female Christ, really, today? What about being a white female or male Christ today; where you come out of the closet, where you do not covertly embrace your divinity. The world needs you as a black female who loves herself. You do have a meaningful place relative to everyone's becoming comfortable and at peace with everyone else. Where there is not fear and distrust from man to man and woman to woman, woman to man, man to woman, and race to race and nation to nation; just because there is variety.

Now none of you will come to a point of feeling comfortable with yourself as an ego. The ego cannot be comfortable. It must be uncomfortable in order to justify its existence. If it does not have something to overcome, there is no reason for its existence and everyone would spontaneously slip back into the conscious experience of his or her Divinity and the conscious experience of the Kingdom of Heaven. So, you truly are not going to be able to find your peace as a black female or a white female. You are only going to find your peace when you dare to become humble, when you dare to become genuinely you. And, you aren't a color and you aren't a body and you are not a role. You are the presence of Mind, which is one of the first things you discover when you do take time to go within, into the silence, into your center.

The shift of consciousness called awakening, is the shift from identification with the body, to identification with and as consciousness—Mind. So, it doesn't matter the color, the size, the shape, the height of a body. You create an artificial problem for yourself by identifying your uneasiness with yourself, with your color. And so, instead of becoming comfortable with your color, let's just become comfortable.

All of you know from experience—and yet you neglect to look squarely at it—that your discomfort comes from a fundamental belief that you must please others. And then you become the puppet of their belief systems. It doesn't matter whether you're black and you think that white people are overbearing and

dominating. Black people have mothers and fathers who fill that same role, as do white people.

And, at the bottom line, one either becomes miserable in that state of attempting to equal another's expectations of you, or you finally arrive at a point of giving up and unfortunately that giving up is usually defined as failure; when what it really is, is that you have become sick and tired of being someone or something other than simply you. And if you are able to survive the so called failure and abide in that place of not measuring up to anyone's expectations and not giving a damn about it, you begin to find that a huge weight has slipped away from you. And that in the peace, in the absence of guilt for not living up to another's expectation, you begin to be filled with the originality of You, and I will say it this way, the originality of the Father that is embodied and expressed and identifiable as you. And then, the gift of you begins to be made and the presence of the infinity of God is no longer obscured from your brothers, from the world. But it is a hard thing sometimes to move through that apparent point of failure. And if one resents not being able to live up to impossible expectation, one can seem not to get beyond it into his or her freedom, that it is his or her birthright to be experiencing.

Now, there will never be a right time to have a child. There never was for anyone who ever had one. You are not likely to give yourself permission within the next year, to allow a child to come into your experience. But God is on your side, on the side of your fulfillment and you are very likely to find that in spite of your unwillingness, you will conceive.

The movement of God is uncontrollable. You cannot be in charge of it. The great fear that all of you have is that if you let go of control, chaos will follow. But, the fact is that if you truly let go, if you are truly willing and you yield, order beyond your present sense of order will emerge and fulfillment beyond your present sense of fulfillment will come forth. That is not to say that having children is not demanding at times.

But I will tell you one thing: All of you who allow yourselves to let God work in your life and appear as the coming forth of a family, have found that your awareness of your capacity to love has been extended many times beyond what you thought your capacity was. And, if you had your choice and had control, you never would have found out what the extent and the depth and the breadth of your capacity to love was. And, that would have been a loss. I'm not meaning that you would be stubborn and that's why you would not conceive in the next year. But, you attempt to be very intelligent about it, too intelligent about it.

Every idea includes within itself everything necessary to its fulfillment. And so if you are willing to let an idea come forth, an idea in the Mind of God and you will not take on personal responsibility for it, you will find that everything will be present for the identity of its fulfillment. And it will be a joy for you. I'm

not going to tell you to try and do something you cannot do. And it is not wrong for you to be overly intelligent over the next year. If anything, your being overly intelligent and conceiving anyway, will provide you with a tangible proof of the fact that there is an order beyond the order you can create. And when you experience the joy of this little one in your experience, you will be less inclined to enforce your sense of order upon your life and you will be more able with feeling, to say, “Thy will be done.”

You are in some ways too afraid of that which you are not in charge of ahead of time. And so you do not give permission for the full experience of the flow of your Being and the fulfillment that it would bring. I would encourage you to believe that there is a God and then, from time to time, dare to risk the chance that there is a God by letting something happen that is out of your control. Be curious for that which goes beyond your sense of order yet still manifests order. This will allow you to experience some joy with growth.

I’m going to mention this a number of times this weekend, I know already. All of you need to let some fun in, relative to your life and relative to your spiritual growth. Your healing and transformation is not something you are personally responsible for, by virtue of your clear correct thinking. I will tell you something: The purpose of being able to think clearly and correctly, whether it is metaphysically or spiritually, is to get you to the point where you are so convinced of the fact that God is All, that you can dare to let go of the reins. The correct use of your thinking is to use it together with reason, to arrive at a point where you can dare to explore the possibility that the order in your life isn’t dependent upon your clear thinking. This is another way of saying that the only right use of will is to choose not to use it and yield instead.

You see, whatever distortion of perception of the Kingdom of Heaven you are currently experiencing, is the result of an exercise of will, self-assertion—self-assertion that occurs without ever checking in with Reality to see what is appropriate. Therefore, the step back into the undistorted perception of Reality, must come as your very own decision to abandon the exercise of will. A very important point, almost too simple, but true, nevertheless. This is why you have help, help from those who are already Awake. Brothers and sisters who are already Awake, who can say to you, “yes, you can let go of a little bit more of your ego. It will be all right. You will be safe. I will be here with you and after you have done it and are scared to death, I will still be with you and you will know that everything is all right, that you are still safe.”

I have said before, that the Holy Spirit—which all of you tend to think of as part of the Trinity that will be forever eternal—is your divinity held in trust, while you dally with the ego, while you explore ego-ness, while you are exploring a limited frame of reference. The totality of what you are cannot stop being the totality of what you are. So, that of your Self that you are not paying attention to,

remains total and intact—an unseparated part of you—which is your Divine infinite Knowing, as well as your inseparable conscious experience of God’s perspective. And so, it forever abides with you and because in spite of your belief, you are Whole, that Wholeness of you insinuates Itself and pressures Itself into the limits of your finite frame of reference, penetrating it at times, throwing your ego for a loop and disclosing to you a clearer experience of what you Divinely Are. When you are not actively resisting It, but reach out to the Holy Spirit, you are withdrawing your investment of energy in your temporary finite ego sense of things—it weakens. And, the penetration of your Self in its Wholeness occurs, moving across the boundary of your limited belief structures and registering with you in your tiny sense of yourself. You can either resist the Holy Spirit and experience its penetration, you might say by “force,” or you can invite the experience of it by reaching out to it.

Now, if you do that and you experience an influx of enlightenment or clarification, you might be inclined to say, “Well, if you answered me then, if you connected with me then, why didn’t you do it sooner?” It is because you didn’t reach out. It is because you were maintaining, energizing, substantiating your separated sense of yourself and not inquiring, not being curious.

Now, the Trinity is not an eternal fact. It is the way of expressing a wholeness to those who are engaged in a limited perception of themselves. The Father and you are One and that One is God. But, if you are holding yourself apart from God, if you are insisting upon being a body, an organism, a result of chance, in a physical world that has nothing to do with a God, then the oneness of you and God seems to be unavailable to you. So, then how can we describe what is left? Well, we must describe it as God and the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Does that make sense? Why would I describe an apparent state of ignorance called “a separated sense of being or of being man” the Christ?

Well, you must understand that when you are no longer claiming a mind separate from God and a will separate from the Fathers, we will no longer talk about the Christ and we will no longer talk about the Holy Spirit because we will all be engaged in the conscious experience of the Movement of Creation, the Movement of Mind, the Movement of the infinite Mind that is God. So, if that Oneness or Wholeness is altered by the practice of a sense of separation, it immediately becomes translatable into three elements—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. But, that division into a Trinity only seems to be experiencable because someone is claiming a mind, a being separate from the Father. Why is this? Because your Wholeness, the Wholeness of God, cannot be altered and the deep inner Knowing of this fact must be accounted for, even though it seems to be inconsistent with your best ignorant state of mind. And so, there is the truth about God’s Self-expression called, “man.” And there is the truth about what that man is, as the expression of God, called “His Wholeness,” which includes not only his

limited ego sense of himself but the infinite One that he or she is, as well, which we call the Holy Spirit held in trust while one experiences the fun-house or mad-house of limited perception.

Now, just as all of you can go to an amusement park and go through a house of horrors without penalty, without judgment upon you, likewise, you can engage in a partial sense of the infinite Movement of God without becoming a sinner, without engaging in an action that God would judge. From God's point of view, not one of you is engaged in anything judgeable. It is only when you are viewing the presence of God through a limited perception of things—an ego vantage point—that you can feel guilty for what you see. And, therefore, the judgment that all of you are awakening from, is the judgment of your own and other's egos—not the judgment of the Father.

So, the answer is, "Love yourself." The answer is to learn to choose for your peace and then pay attention to your experience of yourself while you are experiencing the peace—whether you are a black person at peace, whether you are a white person at peace, whether you are a man at peace, whether you are a woman at peace. Because all of these connotations have some derogatory definitions. Women are abused. Men are arrogant, abusive. Blacks and women are second class citizens. Whites and males are superior. But white males and even black males are imprisoned in their finite sense of superiority, just as women and blacks generally are imprisoned in the sense of being second class citizens, and it is all bullshit. And everyone needs to become free, and it will happen when you dare to give up and take off the mask of trying to fit someone else's expectations. And then being at peace with yourself—act out from yourself. And the originality of God will begin to emerge in you and supply to you each, a joy that will be added to the peace you are experiencing and will be part of what you will extend into your world and the world will change and more closely identifying what it really is.

I realize I have talked at some length here, but it is important for you to understand this point, so that you do not labor under a false sense of what the problem is. It isn't being black or female or white or male or gay or straight or tall or short, thin or fat. Because, I tell you, if you could all see each other at this moment with nothing blocking your view, you would see incredible beauty without there even being any change in height or weight or color or anything else.

Truly begin to be curious to see and be the Christ. And know that this does not mean measuring up to whatever your concept of me has been, but that it is something far simpler and far more effortless. It takes a great deal of effort to maintain a mask that you don't truly feel any affinity with. Each one of you already is effortlessly perfect. And if all of you could let out a sigh of relief down to the tips of your toes, and if everyone of you gave up any sense of having to live

up to anything, you would begin to find the light of you filling you and spilling over into your world.

As I said last weekend, the Movement of God, the Movement of Creation “makes waves” for that which was already created. Being yourself is going to constitute an extension of meaning into the world which, because it arises out of the Father, will not be in conflict with anything. But, which will keep things on the move, if you will. You are here to make a difference. You are not here to hide in a closet. You are here to make the specific gift of originality that the Father is expressing of Himself and which looks like you and looks like me.

It is time to stop laboring under the idea that you are here to not make waves for anyone else. And experience the joy of being the movement that is meaningful in the world which doesn't create conflict.

QUESTION: Thank you. I'd like to ask one more question if that's okay. Is there a direction I need to be looking in career-wise? I've had several things on my mind as far as which direction to go in but there doesn't seem to be enough energy behind it to continue moving in that direction. I guess I want to know if it's premature or maybe I'm just not appreciating enough where I am and that's where I really need to stay, or...

ANSWER: All of the above. The only appropriate next step is to be curious and not try to figure out the answer. Abide in an attitude of interest and curiosity. And, don't be afraid to ask, specifically, “Do I need this answer now?” And don't be afraid to listen to the answer if it is “No.” Above all, I encourage you not to take a step until you feel the energy for it. Do not take a step because your best judgment says “Yes.” Don't take a step until you feel it from a much deeper place. You can dare to trust your essential Being and although the ego would scare you into relying upon your best intellectual reasoning, I assure you that your Being is unerringly accurate regarding the steps to take and that will emerge in your awareness a feeling. You will feel the rightness of it and you will feel the motivation for it. And, I am going to cautiously use the word, “passion” for it. Then take the step.

Right now what is appropriate for you is to continue listening and do not be fooled into thinking that you must arrive at an intellectual conclusion quickly. God does not present your opportunities to you like a last chance salesman.

QUESTION: Thank you. Hello Paul, and Raj. I feel like my question, as I was listening to the previous answer, the question I have been sort of toying with has been growing bigger or clearer or whatever. I have a sense of that my step of what I need to learn right now is something everybody calls “manifesting” which has to do with your thoughts creating your reality and becoming consciously responsible for your thoughts and for your reality. I get a lot of conflict because it seems very different to me from what you just

talked about. It seems like me trying to take control, visualize something and make it happen as opposed to flowing with something. And I guess I'm really unclear, these techniques or whatever, I'm really unclear as to what to do. Thank you.

ANSWER: This is a wonderful question. Wonderful because the understanding of the answer is so important. Everyone has the cart before the horse. They think in order to know, instead of Knowing in order to know what to think. Everyone thinks in order to come to conclusions, instead of listening for the conclusion. And then using thinking to give expression to what you already know. Until your thinking is reflecting Knowing, until your thinking is reflecting Truth, until your thinking is reflecting the Will of the Father; any use that the thinking is put to, will constitute what I am going to call a barrage of static, that covers up the Father's will and, therefore, covers up your experience of your fulfillment.

When it comes to manifesting, it is very easy to say, "It is the Father's Will for me to have everything. Therefore, I want a Cadillac and I want a swimming pool and I want a tennis court and I want a two and a half million dollar home, with maid, so that I can experience peace and luxury and all the good that it is the Father planned for me to have." Well, where did that come from? Where did those concepts of what is good come from? Did they come from listening, from being still within yourself and listening for the movement of God within you that identifies your fulfillment, or did it come from concepts that you have acquired from observations of others as you grew up, from beliefs and concepts that your parents handed down to you, about what it was your right to have, etc.?

If you use your thinking to get what you believe to be your birthright and you never check in with your Being to find out what your birthright actually is, then any achievement of those things that you experience, will simply create or densify your ongoing ignorance of your birthright. And it doesn't constitute a spiritual or Divine activity at all.

On the other hand, as I've indicated earlier, if you are willing to become still and go in to the silence, if you are willing not to have anything to do with your best judgments, and you desire to know of the Holy Spirit—which is really your Divinity that is held in trust while you are dallying with a limited sense of things—if you do this, that which does identify your Wholeness will arise from the depths of You. And it will truly represent the Truth about You. Because that emergence is a connectedness with the Wholeness of You. You will experience what you would call revelation. It's a revealing of the Wholeness of you that is already the fact. Then you may have to think in order to find ways to express this Knowing to another. You may have to think in order to give expression to it in terms of actions. But, your doing will embody the Truth of You, the fulfillment of You that you Knew first before you thought a single thought. Then your thinking will ultimately cause you to flow with the movement of fulfillment that you have

discerned as a result of being still. And you will have that which identifies your fulfillment. In other words, you will have the manifestation. This is true manifesting. But, you see what the difference is? It is that you are listening for the movement of God in you and letting God be the movement that is manifest where you are nothing more than a facilitator of it, you could say, by virtue of not being in the way of it.

Ooh, but this is not very satisfying to the ego. What good is something you can't take credit for? How can you be sure that it is really yours and that you really have demonstrated it? You have to be able to claim ownership to the demonstration so that you can get credit for it and, thereby, somehow have respect from others. I will tell you something: If Paul were sitting here right now, speaking from his best thinking, you would not invite him back. (Laughter) And he is quite aware of what I am saying and it does not bother him. Literally, because over the past ten years he has arrived at a point where he's willing no longer to fool himself into think that his best thinking and his best judgments are really valuable. He is choosing to express intelligence by not leaning—in Biblical terms—unto his own understanding. When you are willing to forfeit being able to take credit for anything, you will be the presence of that which is most worthy of credit. You will be the presence of that which is most meaningful. And although you will not have the so-called satisfaction of being able to say, "I am responsible for it," you will also have the undeniable experience of not being in any way separate from it. And so, where you get your satisfaction from will change. After all, how great is it to be able to take credit for that which is utterly useless?

The true meaning of each of you will come forth and be experienced by you as being inseparable from you, when you yield to the Holy Spirit, when you yield to your Self, which ultimately does mean yielding to God by claiming no right to any other mind or any other perception different from the undistorted viewpoint of the Father.

QUESTION: Could I just ask for a clarification of something you said this morning?

ANSWER: You may, indeed.

QUESTION: The question had to do with fully awakened ones, that there were two people. I realized that I am confused because what are these degrees of awakening, and am I correct that you were saying over and over that we could awaken any moment we choose? I guess what I am saying is, "Are people waking up?" And, what is the difference between that and being fully awakened?

ANSWER: There are two individualities, for your clarification here, on the face of your globe who are Totally Awake. They were not born into this experience on the face of your globe but you could say simply teleported. They

are here in support of and ready to substantiate by their physical presence, the process of awakening that is occurring on your globe and elsewhere. They are not the only two individualities who are totally awake. There are more of the Brotherhood of man who are awake than there are those still dreaming dreams. They are not incarnated at this time. It is those who are not incarnated at this time but who are Totally Awake who are standing in direct support of each one of you, as you begin to consciously participate in your awakening process. These have been referred to as guides or as guardian angels, etc. These Individualities are always Totally Awake. Because others, who are still not awake, even though they are not incarnated, are as blocked from you as you are from each other, in terms of what we could call telepathic communication or communion.

Those—and this is important for all of you to know—who have passed on, who are not awake are incapable of communicating with you or registering with you in any way, except under what we could call special conditions, when permission is given for a connection to occur, which is always in support of your illumination, your clarification and almost always occurs shortly after someone near to you has passed on.

There are instances where communion with that one can occur, to release you from grief and to provide you with a confirming experience of the eternality of life. If you open up to that which is beyond your present sense of things, there is no way you can become vulnerable to “spirits who are ignorant.” And anyone who has had an experience of an “ignorant spirit” has been the beneficiary of their own fabulous imagination and nothing beyond it.

The limitations of the ego vantage are, you might say, absolute for everyone “enjoying an ego frame of reference.” And, only those can register with you—as I am at this moment—by virtue of being so Totally Awake that there is nothing present in myself or any of your guides that could impinge upon and react to the ego elements that you bring into play even when you are seeking your spiritual growth.

QUESTION: First of all, I am glad to be here. I’ve walked these streets many times, listening to your tapes, and they have meant a lot to me. I’m a musician and have been on and off for about thirty years as an avocation. And I need some clarification about the role of music in my life. A lot of the songs I write, I feel, are just my ego getting out of the way and the song coming through. I’d like some direction on that.

The other part is, I have a contract on my desk for a song and I’m not sure about the terms of the contract, whether it is appropriate to do this or not right now. So, any help you could give me would be appreciated.

ANSWER: Although you may be expressing it, living it, as an avocation, in your heart, it is your vocation. And it is appropriate for you to be allowing it

expression, without requiring it to be your vocation. Because, it ends up truly being a gift. It is also giving you experience of being out from your center.

This contract as it stands, is perfect. Do not make more out of it than it is. And do not become sidetracked from letting the music flow. And above all, do not begin to feel a personal sense of responsibility to make the gift on demand. When you begin to feel a sense of pressure, I encourage you to recognize it as a call for yielding more, rather than a call for more control. You will find this piece of music appearing much more rapidly than you are used to, in a much more finished form from the outset. And again, remember to have fun with it.

If however you allow a sense of personal responsibility for personal creativity to creep into the picture with a sense of deadline, the fun will disappear most rapidly.

QUESTION: Thank you, Raj. Welcome. Thank you for reaffirming several times today, that I am a Princess. My question is, I would like you to take an inventory for me of that which is valueless in bringing forth my awareness of Reality and what is valuable in my being aware of my Reality?

ANSWER: Well your greatest liabilities, the greatest impedances to your awakening are your thinking, and your thinking, and your thinking. Everything else follows thinking such as doubt and fear, guilt. Everyone thinks guilt is visceral but it is cerebral. No one feels guilt that is unjustifiable in their mind. If, indeed, it is unjustifiable, they laugh it off. It is the same with fear. All of you have been taught to rely heavily on your thinking and your ability to reason. But, again, as I indicated earlier, your ability to think and reason are there to help you get to a point where there is such a conviction in the Allness of God that you are able to stop thinking—and listen. Be open to, receptive to, and able to yield to the influx of revelation that will resolve your problems. And so, I could have gone on with a list of things such as doubt and fear and guilt, but they all stem from thinking, which is the absence of listening. Therefore, your greatest asset is to listen.

Now, I indicated earlier not to abandon your common sense, until it has been replaced with something beyond it and something that is intelligent. No one is required to operate according to blind faith. So, you might say, that in one hand you keep your common sense, and in the other hand you open yourself up to that which is beyond your common sense; until the hand which is open to that beyond your common sense is filled with something that is as reasonable, but perhaps more radical, more unlimited than your old common sense. And then you can release the old common sense and have a hand free to move beyond your newest experience of common sense.

Now, if I said to you, “Here is a piece of paper and a pen, I want you to write down a mathematical problem that an answer cannot be arrived to.” You would know better than to even try that, because you know that there is no

mathematical exercise that cannot be completed. Now you call mathematical exercises, problems. Well, likewise, what you call life's experiences or life problems, are never without an answer. And so, the reason you listen, is to hear the answer that proves the problem to be no problem. And so, an attitude of opening up to and yielding to an answer that must necessarily be there if there is a problem there, is the way you get beyond the ignorance of the answer, to the answer itself.

Now the answer isn't there just because, mechanically speaking, there has to be an answer. The answer is there because there is a God. In other words, because there is an intelligence embracing and governing everything that exists and the manifestation or expression of that intelligence is available to every single one of you to experience. And I encourage all of you to begin your day, each day, with a curiosity. And a willingness to have the Father show you or to have the Holy Spirit show you the Divine order of that day, with the uncovering of orderliness, where you would otherwise expect to find chaos.

It has been said that it is only special people who get a special dispensation from God in the form of parking places in front of the store or the building you are going into. This is not true. It is part of the orderliness, that there is perfect harmony and minimal exercise of effort. And so, you can expect to see the face of God or the hand of God or the evidence of God in every little detail of your day, if you will not assume that it is a day of ego dynamics alone. "This is the day the Lord hath made. Be glad, give thanks, rejoice." These are the words of a hymn.

It is well to start out the day with an acknowledgment of God. Especially if your are understanding that the acknowledgment of God must, therefore, be an acknowledgment of that which constitutes your presence. Then you understand why there must be a connection between the good that God is infinitely being and your specific day. That, then, gives you justification for expecting to see evidence of flawless harmony and of transformational experiences with your fellow man and unexpected good.

Your greatest asset is curiosity that is not squelched by doubt, unreasonable expectation of good—not because you have been a good girl and deserve it, but because God Is and that is All That Is and, therefore, there cannot be anything present to obscure it.

Don't get too gung ho about lists. Lists tend to make your good reasonable. And at this point, what is reasonable is what you can already conceive. And what you need is good that goes beyond your present conception because that is what will be transcriptionally. God doesn't unfold your good according to your current limits, but always infinitely. So you need to approach your good with a little bit more unreasonable expectation, what you could call a miracle, that which goes beyond your present concept, penetrating your present sense of things and moving you to a larger perception spontaneously.

QUESTION: I feel the need for some guidance with our seventeen year old daughter. Maybe I haven't been listening strong enough.

ANSWER: For the sake of those who are here, would you share some of the specifics that you would like guidance on?

QUESTION: Okay. She has been leaving home since she was about 13 and a half. She is gone right now. She has a hard time dealing with parenting maybe. She seems to be interested in primarily older fellows, not a lot older than she, but the one she is presently interested in is about 25 and she's 17.

ANSWER: You know the old saying, "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink." The situation you are dealing with here is not because of neglect on your part. Intelligence has been expressed in your home, but there has been a demand for a biased perspective of intelligence. In effect, someone else, namely your daughter, wants to be the parent, wants to provide the rules, wants to run the show and she can't and you know it, but you play into her suggestion that you are guilty of not doing your part appropriately. You must stop playing into that. You must, in so many words, stand your ground.

It is your home. She is a temporary guest in it for the period of time during which she arrives at a point of emancipation and sovereignty. It is not appropriate for her to be able to dictate anything whatsoever about your home and how it is to be lived in.

Now, it is not an easy thing to do, but you must give her the right to express her independent willfulness. That doesn't mean you have to agree with it. It simply means, don't spin your wheels trying to get her to change. Don't wear yourselves out trying to figure out how to get her to drink the water that you have shown her is there. You must recognize that you have done your part. An intelligent home life is present for her. And then, if she chooses not to be in it, don't fight with her, because she will win.

Ah, but the feeling is, "She's my daughter. How can she be so unlike me?" And that is a hooker if you are not careful. She is an individual just as you are, with for lack of better words, many lifetimes of experiences. In other words, she didn't come into existence 17 years ago out of nothing, with no life experience. So, she is not an extension of you. She is an extension of the Father/Mother God, who is either clearly aware of who she is or ignorant of who she is. And here, behavior now is not expressing the circumstances in which she grew up, but the life choices that she has been making for a "much longer period of time." And it is not fair for you to unwittingly take the blame for something that she has been having difficulty learning for three lifetimes.

Now, I will tell you that her awkward and strenuous movement through her teenage years is likely to be met with breakthrough, in terms of this learning that she has been engaged in for three lifetimes. She is not likely to suffer any disastrous experience and, in fact, if you were able to force her to be in the place

that you know is best for her, it would tend to delay this breakthrough. The essential thing for you to know at this time is, that you are not personally responsible through failure of any kind on your part, for her distressed and distressing experience from your point of view. Stand with her when she is expressing intelligence as you understand intelligence at this time. And do not stand with her, when she is not expressing intelligence. And don't let her words and her behavior cause you to doubt, whether you know what is intelligent or not.

QUESTION: I would like to say that a lot of the time I feel very grateful, not of any specific thing, just grateful. But I have been having some experiences that I would like to ask you about. I don't know how to describe this, except to say that sometime when I'm talking to somebody, I have an impression of someone connected to them. I get an impression of what this person looks like, or an event that is about to take place in that person's life. And I just wondered what that was, and what is it for?

ANSWER: It is, what I will call, an experience of spontaneous Knowing. You see, in the Mind of God there is no ignorance of any, shall I say, point in the infinity of what God is. All that God is, to the most minute detail, is consciously embraced as a conscious experience all at once. You as the direct expression of the Father, you as the embodiment of this infinite Mind that is infinitely conscious, have available to you Knowing about absolutely everything in the Universe. All of what you are, divinely speaking, at this instant is present and available for you to experience. What you have been experiencing are what we could call spontaneous breakthroughs or penetrations of some aspect of this infinite, ever-present Knowing that is yours to be experienced. Many times it is for no purpose other than the experience of it. Just as a sunset does not call for you to take an action of any sort. More than anything, when you have these experiences, I would encourage you to embrace them as moments of illumination, as a demonstration, you might say, of the Knowing that you are capable of infinitely. They are little failures of your ego to obscure your infinite Knowing. And if you will look at it this way, you will rejoice at these experiences, and not assume that they have a significance other than as indicators of your awakening, your process of awakening.

I will tell you, that when there is a call for action you will unmistakably know to act. But if that unmistakable awareness is not there, just notice that "there's another crack in my ego. Here is another experience of its weakening presence."

QUESTION: I raised my hand in order that I might Know, be curious. But before, I want to thank you for the Course, and how it changed from a method of thinking for me, to an experience. And everything changed. Thank you.

ANSWER: Indeed. That is the whole point. Because everyone has seen education as an intellectual process. This set of books called a Course, has been treated as though it is an intellectual process of learning spiritual facts to be remembered and drawn upon and practiced, rather than allowing the words, shall I say, to be undefined? As though it were a system of ideas. And letting the exposure to them elicit an experience. And to promote an experience. Ultimately, it is an experience of joining. The exact opposite of the ego's intent to be separate, and self-sufficient by the means of intellectual processes. And you got the idea. Not the idea as an intellectual thing, but the idea as an experience. And, indeed, that is when the miracles begin to be experienced, substantially. Please continue.

QUESTION: I don't know that I have a specific question.

ANSWER: Pay attention for a moment. It is a somewhat frivolous question, from your point of view.

QUESTION: Trivial even?

ANSWER: That is correct.

QUESTION: Is it appropriate that I should be in my own business, that I should be on my own?

ANSWER: Absolutely. Don't try to figure out how, just give permission for it and the how of it will unfold. If you are not able to give permission first, don't take the steps yet, else you will try to do it "from your head." And you deserve to have a partner. You deserve to do it with the Holy Spirit—that infinite aspect of you that has been held in trust while you try to go it alone.

Giving permission doesn't have to be "serious." In fact I would encourage you to give permission with a certain care-free light-heartedness. Because whether you do it light-heartedly or with great intensity, it amounts to the same thing. And one is a lot more enjoyable than the other. I encourage you to say "YES!" and then be curious as to how the Father is going to unfold it.

QUESTION: First of all Raj, thank you very much for all that you have meant to me. The first encounter with you was an encounter with Love itself and I have been forever changed as a result. And that is what moves me about you and these encounters at the workshops and tapes and everything, and the Course too. My question is, I want to be like that; to be the presence of Love for everyone I meet, all the time. So if you have any suggestions, guidance in that direction for me, I appreciate it. And the second part is...

ANSWER: Let us take it one step at a time. You are already being that. (Applauds) Just don't stop. And don't labor under a false idea that you must do it better, else you will bring an unnatural intensity to it and the quality of gift that is inherent in the Love that you already are, will fade out of the picture. The ego always suggests to everybody on their spiritual path that they must do it better.

And if you buy into it, you will begin to be a doer of Love or a doer of your spirituality, instead of just being it. And I do not want you to become side-tracked because of a belief that you aren't doing it well enough. Now, the second part of your question.

QUESTION: The second part is, for the last two months or so, I have had great difficulty with being still, listening. I appreciate if you can help me with that. Give me some guidance on that—Why?

ANSWER: When the spirit moves you, the spirit moves you. It is not appropriate for you to assume that the movement or the activity you are feeling is truly a distraction. There is reconfiguration occurring within you. It will settle down. In other words, it will become better embodied, incorporated into you, you might say. And then there will be a period of time in which it seems to you that you are experiencing your quietness. But do not try to squelch this busyness; it is not an ego busyness. Say “thank you” and allow it. And do not try to figure out what it is that is happening. It will disclose itself to you. Do not stop taking the time to be quiet. Simply don't be distressed that the depth of the quiet doesn't seem to be as great as it has been in the past.

QUESTION: I would like to ask you if you could translate for me, what is the Reality of what's going on in my life, right now, currently, which seems to—right now my attention is occupied around two situations. One is that I'm temporarily living with my mother, again, and she appears to need physical attention twenty-four hours a day. She has a feeling and I have a feeling that this isn't what was meant to be, but this is the pattern we're falling into.

And the second situation involves my daughter, who is twelve, who is living with her father and she's gotten herself “a serious illness” and the environment she lives in “actively supports the illness.” I say that in quotes, too, not that they know what they're doing but the medical attention she's getting and the environment she lives in seems to get its self-worth from perpetuating the illness. And she herself has asked me, she has said as much, that she knows that she's gotten herself into “a fix,” as she put it, and right now she said, she's in so deep she doesn't know how to get out of it. So she's appealed to me for help. She would like a Miracle, to be cured, instead of the surgery that's planned for her. What I would like to ask you is, could you, as you say, translate this into what's really going on here in relation to me?

ANSWER: We have two examples of co-dependency, or attempts to establish co-dependency, which it is absolutely inappropriate for you to align yourself with. If, indeed, you are going to be in the same proximity with your mother, let it be so that you might provide aid in her getting help of the physical nature that is needed from someone other than you, who can continue to provide

the help after you leave. But do not let an enduring helper-helpee relationship develop between the two of you. You are not the appropriate one to be providing it.

Now, with your daughter, you must entrust her to her Divinity. In other words, you must acknowledge that she cannot get outside of her Divinity. She cannot get outside of the opportunity the Holy Spirit has to turn this circumstance to her advantage. And you stay out of it otherwise. If you attempt to get into it, you will find yourself caught in the same manipulative circumstance that she and her father's new family have created. And this is not appropriate for you either. She is not at the point where there is a willingness to disengage from it. And although you say it is not by conscious choice, a conscious choice is being made. Leave it alone. That does not constitute abandoning her. Do not get personally involved and consciously entrust her to her Divinity. Consciously give her over to the Holy Spirit everyday.

QUESTION: May I ask you what do I say to her when she asks me for help?

ANSWER: Be very straight with her and tell her that there is nothing you can do personally, except to ask the healing team, to ask her guardian angels, to watch over her, and to promote a healing. And then, having stated that, encourage her, in the context of help being given to her of this sort, to give permission for the healing to occur. Don't get any more complicated than that.

QUESTION: Are you conveying to me that she's not ready to give up the illness yet?

ANSWER: That is quite correct. Nor is she ready to give up the, let's say, contributing circumstances. And if you were to become involved at a reasoning level with her, you would become entrapped. It truly requires the help of the Holy Spirit, who sees the way in, you might say, while avoiding the traps that are set.

QUESTION: My question involves the Course and the fact that it tells us to teach. And I have trouble finding the words to teach with.

ANSWER: Good! (Laughter) I am going to give you a phrase to use as a guideline: Teach by Being. Teach by Being. Feel. Feel the Meaning. And in feeling it, you will find words to express, because you will know what the words are supposed to address.

The point is to be in touch with the experience before you try to put words to it. You cannot just be "a teacher," because then you'll ask, "what does a teacher do? What is a teacher supposed to do?" And you will try to approach it through your reasoning and your thinking and you might even get out some books to find out what, historically speaking, teachers did to fulfill their role, with descriptions of what qualifies a teacher, etc. What qualifies you to teach the Course, what qualifies you to teach Love, is to feel it and express what you are feeling. And it has very little to do with thinking or fulfilling a concept or a role.

You want to know something? You already teach by Being, but you also are laboring under the idea that perhaps you ought to learn more about teaching techniques. Because you care so much about the Course that you want to teach it well. The only thing that will qualify you to teach it, is to feel it. And the only way to feel it, is to be open to its meaning yourself. And then do the very simple thing of conveying what you feel. And already when you do that it is most meaningful to those with whom you are working, or with whom you are sharing.

Don't take something so utterly simple and make it complicated. And keep up the good work.

MORNING OF SECOND DAY:

RAJ OPENING COMMENTS: You have welcomed us to Charlotte and I welcome you to the Kingdom of Heaven. But I want it clearly understood that they are both in the same place. Before we begin this morning, I want all of you to know that there are at least twice as many individualities in this room as there appear to be. Because your guides, your guardian angel, is with you wherever you are. The illumination in this room is infinite. The light of the Mind of your guides and the light of the Mind of you is, I will say, ultra-radiant. And I say this to you, so that we might begin the day with at least the clear idea that, even though it looks like you are in Charlotte, you are in the Kingdom of Heaven. And you are the Divine one that you Are and always have been. And not only that, you are companioned with by those who are consciously aware of their Divinity. Those whose task it is, if I may put it that way, those whose pleasure it is to stand with you constantly, to serve you in your Awakening. To serve you in support of and in substantiation of your Divinity, as you begin to consciously reach out for a direct experience of it. And so this is a marvelous company that you and we constitute. It is very important for you to know that you are not alone.

Why? Not to protect you. Not to keep you safe. But because your ego centered sense of self is insistent upon being, not only separate, but competent in that separateness. And the great need is for that sense of separateness to be abandoned, in favor of "being with." In favor of companionship. In favor of being joined. Because it is in the act of joining that you slip over the little gap or slip through the little gap that constitutes the artificial sense of separation and allows you to remember who you Are. This is why relationships are the crucible of Awakening. Because it is in relationship, rather than in isolation, that the opportunity to remember Home is available to you.

So, you understand that you are primed for waking up and all the elements, all the ingredients are present. And they are always present. This is not a special morning. We embrace you and you embrace us, whether you are aware of it or not, because we are one. And we rejoice with you this morning.

QUESTION: I have a two-fold question. I'm getting ready to put my house up for sale and also my financial situation has been stressful for the last couple of years. Do you see that coming to an end, and me selling and moving to something a little more within my price range?

ANSWER: Indeed! And it will not take very long for this to occur. Now instead of thinking in terms of moving into a circumstance that is more consistent with your situation, as though you are opting for less than what you have, I encourage you to see that movement is always forward movement. And, therefore, you are moving into that situation which more closely approximates the identification of fulfillment for you. In this way you will embrace it, as the evidence of God appearing in your life, rather than an evidence of "accommodating lack," and slowly sinking into it. And thus your mindset will remain optimistic and your curiosity to experience your ongoing fulfillment will remain active and vital. And you will not begin to accumulate a feeling of somehow being slowly abandoned, to God knows what. In other words, this is not a down-hill movement. It is a continuing unfoldment of that which identifies your fulfillment. It needs to be embraced with eagerness.

PAUL: This is me, Paul. There was like a picture and a feel behind the answer as he was giving it that the house would probably sell before the end of summer. And he said it would not be a protracted situation.

QUESTION: I have a situation that is somewhat ongoing in my life, which I've been trying to deal with and trying to live with and not deal with and accept. And regardless of that it continues to be a major issue for me. Which is that I seem to be unable to either get into or stay in an ongoing relationship in a romantic nature. And I wonder if that is something that I ought not to be in. Or if there is some part of me that is trying to keep that away from me. And I'm pretty much confused about it. Do you have any insight about it?

ANSWER: The problem is a fear of yielding into a relationship. A fear that if, indeed, you, I'm going to use the word "succumb" to the Meaning of a relationship, that you are likely to be hurt—used. There is a low level of trust and therefore there is, I'm going to call an active but quiet defense against it. You must understand that you can have the door open and still not admit anyone. To unlock the door, to open it wide, to put out the welcome mat does not mean that you are obligated to let every Tom, Dick and Harry through the door. If however you have the door securely locked and bolted you don't even have the opportunity to say "yes" or "no." You are afraid that if you are willing to open up, that you will be steam-rollered, that you will somehow not have enough practical integrity available to you to express and demand the expression of intelligence. And this is false.

Truly all of you must understand that to be unconditionally loving does not mean to become stupid! Love separate from intelligence is not love. Just as intelligence separate from love is unintelligent.

Now as I said yesterday, when you give permission for your good to unfold, when you give permission for your fulfillment to manifest, your world conspires to identify your fulfillment. In other words, you could say it conspires for you, on your behalf, not against you. And when that element of trust is allowed and when it is brought into play, order is what begins to manifest in your life, not chaos.

Indeed, when you are willing to risk the chance that there is really a God and yield into the movement of God, rather than depending upon your own best ability to be in control, the ego suggests to you that you are being unintelligent and that the result will be chaos. I have said before that the doorway to the Kingdom of Heaven is surrounded by gargoyles, scary frightening gargoyles, placed there you might say by the ego. And the gargoyles are your fears, which the ego has instilled in you and promoted. And the ego does this for ITS self-protection, not in your best interest at all, because it suggests to you that the very move that would cause you to remember Home and access your capacity to be aware Divinely is going to be your destruction. This is why trust is the essential element of waking up!

The ego is a bully. And you know what? All it can ever do is suggest. It can't back up its suggestions. It makes its malicious suggestions and each of you energize those suggestions and bring to it the force, you might say, that makes those suggestions seem to be valid.

Now, I encourage you to dare to express some trust. I encourage you to be willing to yield into a relationship. I encourage you to be less defensive, while at the same time remembering that just because you are willing to receive does not mean that you have to sacrifice being intelligent. It does not mean that you must lose the capacity of discernment as to what is appropriate and what is not. Discernment not only does not involve fear, it cannot involve fear. And therefore discernment is never a defense.

If you have prepared a dish for dinner and you forgot to put some salt on it when you were preparing it, you will look and you will see the salt and the pepper and you will discern that it is not the pepper you want and you will pick up the salt. It does not require fear to do that. And to have that discernment, where you can tell the difference between salt and pepper, that does not constitute a defense, its just understanding.

And so, I do encourage you to open the door and put the welcome mat out, realizing that you have always the ability to discern what is appropriate to allow over the threshold. And to realize that you always have the option to ask what has come over the threshold to go back over the threshold. Expressing trust, being

willing to yield into a relationship does not put you at the mercy of something outside of your intelligence.

QUESTION: I've been working on how to formulate this question, and I guess I'll just go with it, with what I have so far...

ANSWER: I would not have picked you if you were not ready. Sufficiently ready.

QUESTION: I work as a therapist, and I've talked to you once before about this, and I feel like I've been greatly influenced in my work by my understanding about the nature of Reality and healing and the Course In Miracles and my own guides and that has come into my work in such a way that's been very, until lets say a year ago, extremely gratifying and rewarding. I would look forward to these sessions and I felt honored by the people who were just sent to talk to me. And I felt gratified by the results that I saw people getting and generally still do.

And yet, in the last year, I've had first one, then two, then three and then four people come back—having left me and seen other therapists—who now claim I have damaged them in some way—I have hurt them, I was unprofessional, unethical—something that I did was “too involved.” The major criticism is that I was, in a sense, not keeping the boundaries of a therapist—too much interested in them as people. When I look back over it, I knew all the time I was doing it, that I wasn't doing it perfect and I was making mistakes, but I had this belief—and it seems naive now, even though I want to still believe it—that I can make mistakes and I'm hoping the Holy Spirit will kind of clean up after me.

I'm learning as I'm going, but looking back, its like “that wasn't so cool” and I thought I was listening to guidance, when maybe I was just listening to my co-dependent ego, I don't know. And maybe its a manifestation of my own fears, like the gargoyles that I've energized or something, but its scaring me to death.

The miracle for me is that I do have plenty of times that I'm still very present with clients and present to my family and in the experience of love and knowing that nothing is wrong and that I'm interested and curious to see how this scenario is going to work out. The thing that I don't understand is, there are a lot of decisions I have to make now about how much to let lawyers say, how much contrition I have to say before the Board and stuff like this.

This has gotten to be what to the ego would seem very serious. Its almost like, when I'm in the experience of love and perfection, I don't worry about any of this stuff. I'm in the present. I play with my kids. I have a great time. I'm very happy with the work that I continue to do, but I'm very uncomfortable with the place I'm in now, because I'm not quite there to be

fully trusting, moment to moment. I'm very happy here, and for the most part, if people say how are you doing I say "no complaints."

But if I go home and there's a subpoena at the door, some sheriff is going to say I have to account for this or something else, I can't even stop the visceral reaction, I'm sick for hours. I snap out of it, but I'm sick again. And its just shaken me, in such a way that, while intellectually I know I'm fine, my moment to moment experience just depends on where you catch me, I guess, at a certain period of time. I'm still so grateful for my therapy, because it seems to be the only time I can get out of the way and just be present to my clients and what's going on in their lives. And I'm willing to admit that, okay, I've made mistakes, maybe I shouldn't have told people that I loved them, but I was experiencing that and I thought that was therapeutic at the time and maybe it wasn't, maybe it confused them, I don't know.

But I want to be in a place where I know this Truth more deeply, so I really can play this thing out, and have my peace of mind along the way, as opposed to "Yeah, well, it almost killed me, but thank God it's over." So I'd like some help with that and I'd also like to know, this has been going on for years, now—a year and a half—and it hasn't even gotten to trial, hasn't even gotten to review, but its coming down to that. The part of me that's scared doesn't feel like, I may forgo my intelligence because of my fears or play into what other egos say I did wrong or something like that. You got the picture. Thanks.

ANSWER: Indeed, the key is your willingness to commit to following through. Following through with your choice to be the presence of love. To be present with your clients. To answer to the voice within. The reason you feel good when you are working with your clients is because you have, at that time, made a commitment to be centered, to come from your center, to reach them through your center. And you are being congruent with your Self.

Now, this situation is identical to the situation all of you are in, because all of you, in one way or another, have this same scenario to deal with.

Now, specifically you are in a process of being weaned from "the system,"—the status quo. The way in which everybody has agreed to function, whether it's intelligent or not. Your greatest fear comes from the suggestion that you will be excommunicated from the system. And that would be the greatest blessing that could ever occur to you. All of you are faced with the opportunity to discover that if you are excommunicated from the system—whatever your system is, whatever system you identify with—that if you are excommunicated from it or you abandon it, that you will not find any integrity right where you are.

Because each of your systems are part of what you use to identify your integrity. You use the system to prove to yourself that you have integrity, because

everybody agrees with you in your particular group or system. And because you have used it to substantiate a sense of integrity, you are afraid that without it you will find that you have none. This is a difficult shift to make, because of that very suggestion. But if you will dare to make it, you will find that your integrity is intact, because it never had anything to do with anybody else's opinion or judgment about you.

You are not free when you are dependent upon everybody else or the system to verify for you that you have integrity. You are a prisoner of the system. You do not have a direct experience of integrity. And so you have this illusion of having integrity, which there is such mutual agreement about, that it feels as though it's real.

You have a Board. And the mutual agreement is that you must answer to that Board. And that Board can render a decision that can ruin your life. Someone else has a mother fulfilling that role, or a father, or a wife, or a husband. The real necessity here is for you to examine whether you want to continue to work within the system or whether you want to dare to risk the chance that you will find that you have integrity that others will recognize and feel, who also are not interested in working within the system. Not because they are rebels, but because the system isn't meeting the need, and isn't addressing the real issues of humanity, of humaneness, of genuineness and realness.

Each one of you who makes a commitment to your Knowing will find, indeed, that movement will occur in your life and that movement will begin to render clear to you what is of value and what isn't. And, at times, this poses a problem, because you will become aware of some things that have no value, that have had prime value for you before you started listening. And those things of prime value will almost always bear directly on your sense of your own integrity.

And so, it will feel to you as though abandoning those "valuable" things will constitute abandoning of your integrity. And that is where the ego hooks you and slows you down. And this is when Listening is even more imperative. This is when companioning consciously with your inner guidance is imperative.

The only thing is, that at those points when there is fear present, there is not the impetus, the motivation to listen, because it seems more imperative to feel the fear. As though feeling the fear is the way in which you will protect yourself. It is the way in which you will remain alert to the threat. It isn't the threat you need to be alert to, it's the solution to the threat that you need to be alert to. But that isn't what you are feeling when the ego is suggesting to you that connecting with your peace will promote chaos, because you are not paying attention to the enemy. Well, that's darn right! You're not paying attention to the enemy and the enemy is the ego, who is whispering in your ear, suggesting to you that you must remain "on defense."

You are going through redemption, and that which is not of value is falling away. But because it is what you thought was of value and what was essential you are trying to put it back on and save a little bit of it, enough to continue to have the respect of those who are so ignorant that they do not want you to be the Christ, because it upsets the status quo, it upsets the system. Then I will tell you, ultimately, because it heals.

You are in the middle of transformation, don't be afraid of it. And do listen and do pay attention to the obvious fact that when you are listening, you are not in a state of fear and you are also not unconscious. You are not in a state of fear and you are able to be clear and responsive to your world. But not on the terms of the system that you are outgrowing—the shell or security that no longer serves you.

Now, I cannot tell you to make the commitment, no one can. You and I know that you have made the commitment and that you are going to follow through come hell or high water. I cannot guarantee you that it will be smooth. But I will tell you this, if you will dare to listen as you have been, and if you will dare to commit to listening, it will be smoother and smoother and smoother. And as you begin to realize that aspects of the system that supported you now stand in the way of your continued growth and your developing congruence with your Being, you will feel the congruence, you will feel the peace, you will feel the strength, you will feel the integrity that was there before any Board ever gave you status. And that will constitute freedom to be genuine. Freedom to truly be of value.

I understand fully that you feel the right to whine. And it's okay, but don't become a professional whiner.

QUESTION: Raj, the way things are going right now, when there was only one person or two people, I was able to say “They're being ridiculous.” But with as many people as are now saying, “this wasn't right, you shouldn't have done this,” my advice has been from my supervisor and my lawyer, “look, lets try to make a deal. Go to the board, tell them you'll rehabilitate yourself and you'll be a good boy from now on and you'll take courses and somehow not step across those boundaries and stay within the ethical guidelines of your profession.” And that's kind of like where its going. Trying to cut the loses, on some level.

I remember once I talked with you and you said, “Look, if they take your license away, that's one thing, but don't give it to them, you don't have to flip it on the desk or something.” But from what you're telling me, its almost like, I think the only thing that's stopping me is the fear that I will not be—I'm embarrassed to admit this, but it's true—provided for in the same sense that I'm provided for now, in my standard of living, being a licensed psychologist. If I really knew that I would be taken care of and that I

wouldn't have to walk around with the onus of being a "defrocked" psychologist and have my mind beating me to death with that, I'd do it. Because I still believe in what I was doing with these people, including the mistakes I made as part of what my growth and their growth was all about.

ANSWER: So, how much does it take, or how little does it take for you to sell your soul, for security? What you must understand is that this is your ego talking right now, and not you. Because you Know what you are going to do at the bottom line and it is not consistent with what just came out of your mouth. And so, there is whining going on here, a rehearsal of drama, if you will. Its all right, but it really doesn't express YOU.

QUESTION: You mean it's the ego that wants to make a deal?

ANSWER: It is the ego that wants to make a problem out of deal-making, or out of any of this process. Now, do whatever seems appropriate under the circumstances. I mean by that, make a deal, but don't believe the deal you're making! "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and render unto God the things that are God. Speak to be heard of men, think to be heard of God."

As I did say, don't give your license away. There is no requirement for you to admit disobedience or fault when you know there was none. I'm going to modify that slightly, there is no need to admit fault and believe it, although it may be necessary to say it, to satisfy the system. And allow your most graceful exit from any further domination by the system.

And to make this perfectly relevant to everyone, the ego frame of reference is also a system, that all of you who are in a process of consciously awakening, are abandoning. And the system and your valuing of it, will seem to throw road blocks up in your way. And you can either whine and complain about them or you can see their presence as an opportunity to see them for the valueless thing they are and withdraw your investment of energy and trust in them.

A special relationship is a mutual agreement of two or more, in a belief or idea that never had its origin in the Mind of God. And it is, indeed, addictive and freeing yourself from the addiction is not always comfortable, because it feels as though it is the death of you or the death of everything meaningful. But until the drug is abandoned, you don't have the opportunity to know what being clear means, as an experience.

Awakening, waking up, spiritual transformation that is Real spiritual transformation, is, indeed, a withdrawal from an addiction. An addiction to an investment of belief in mutually agreed upon fantasy. And because all of you have arrived at a sense of yourself from these mutual agreements, it feels like you are sacrificing your identity, when, in fact, you are regaining it.

What you are going to do, what you have been insisting upon doing seems absolutely idiotic to your ego, to your conditioned thinking. But there is a part of you that knows the Truth and insists upon being the presence of love without

paraphernalia. Without the paraphernalia of a system. It's the system that NEEDS to be penetrated by Reality and it is love—the willingness to recognize that which is Real in each and every thing—which does the penetrating. And it will upset the system. Part of the unevenness of the movement of transformation that you are experiencing is caused by wavering on your part—vacillating.

Once you arrive at your peace about it, you will find the unevenness coming at you from your world also evening out. That is why I suggested that you not get hung up on whining. Don't become a professional whiner. Make a commitment to your peace. To the degree that you squelch or do not energize the tendency to whine, you are learning. And you are having the experience of transformation. And it is not essential for it to be strenuous. But if it is, indeed, you must say, "I am glad the transformation is happening. At least I'm not stuck in a false sense of security, in which my integrity hasn't even been clear to me, the integrity of me that exists regardless of any mutual agreement with others."

Everybody wants to wake up. Everybody really does want to be clear. But not if they have to change! Embrace the transformation that necessarily follows a commitment to your Divinity. Because it is "a process" of becoming free of addiction to that which perverts your perception of the Kingdom of Heaven, causing it to look like something other than it is. And the key element, the key element that causes the distortion is the thoughtless, mutual agreement with a brother upon a definition of what a thing is, without being connected to the Father to see what it's meaning Really Is.

Now, I do not mean to be getting heavy here, but one must understand the realities of awakening and not cringe when a situation arises that requires that you listen even more deeply, so that you might access the fuller and fuller True meaning of everything. If the desire is there, it is not coming from your ego, even if your desire seems to be overwhelmed by ego dynamics—the gargoyles I mentioned. That part of you that desires to Be Love, in spite of your conditioning, will be met by the Holy Spirit, by your guide, with full support and encouragement, if you will listen, instead of spontaneously moving into a state of reaction to the gargoyle.

Someone who is on withdrawal from drugs sees not only harmless pink elephants, but demons. And what is the immediate response? "Give me another fix." Because that one knows that the fix will get rid of the demon. But the fix will leave the individual unconscious—not in his right mind. And so the commitment to Sanity, the commitment to clarity must dare to go beyond the demons, the gargoyles, the fears that are unique to you, which the ego shamelessly thrusts in your way to scare you out of your commitment.

Now, I know that this sounds like a war and what will keep you clear, so that you do not become overwhelmed, is the fact that the ego is an impostor. As I have said before, it is a bastard. What I mean by that is that it has no source. It

has no point of origin. It is itself an imagined presence and, therefore, it can only seem to function, as that which suggests catastrophe.

You cannot have a war without two presence's. And that which can only suggest, is powerless. You see what happens is, that that of you which is Divine, which cannot be gotten rid of, but the full meaning of which you cannot comprehend at the moment, because you are utilizing a limited frame of reference to understand everything. That of you which is Divine is power. And the ego makes a suggestion and you with the full vitality of what you Divinely are, energize!--you provide the energy. And YOU seem to give the illusion all the substance it has. You give the suggestion all the reality it ever seems to have. And even when you do that, it still doesn't have reality, but you are hypnotized, by virtue of your agreement with the suggestion, and you do not seem to have any other choice available, but to believe the thing that you have energized. But the illusion was never anything other than a distorted perception of Reality. So it was still Reality, being Reality. Reality the presence of God, wasn't altered only your perception of it.

Many of you have been drunk enough at times to misinterpret a bush or a tree or something else and you know that you literally "saw" something other than the tree. You would say it was an actual experience and you could describe to somebody else the other thing you saw. That's all there is to a misperception of Reality. A false interpretation, experienced as though it were actual and validated by you.

Now the system that you are in a process of disengaging from—and that is the fact—that you know, but you are only letting into your experience ever so slowly, this emancipation from the system is the movement and action of your Divinity, transforming your humanity. Causing your humanity to become more genuine, with less mutual agreement to believe illusions are real.

All of you: don't be afraid of transformation. And realize that, indeed, when you give permission for your fulfillment, as the Divine one that you are, to manifest, there is going to be movement and change that will need to be consciously and conscientiously embraced. And know that in many instances the ego will be hard at work throwing up demons, as in a fun-house ride, to give you a thrill and a scare, to stop you in your tracks. But remember that the demon it throws up is a suggestion of a demon, no different from a hypnotist saying, "You have an apple stuck to your nose, that you cannot get off."

And so, there is no war, even though it may feel like it. And if you will let the ego do its little dance and throw up whatever it wishes to try to entice you back into ignorance and unconsciousness, let it do it. But keep your focus on your desire to be conscious as the fourth-dimensional conscious experience of Being, which is a way of describing God's view of everything. If you will persist in that and not energize the ego's dance, you will find the illusion of chaos, of impending

doom, yielding to an unfolding clarification of your integrity and the joy of functioning meaningfully without a system to back you up. A system constituted of mutual agreements. And remember, we are talking about a joyful thing here.

QUESTION: When I think about peace on a world level, my judgment always comes in. Does peace only come on an inner level, or is there such a thing as world peace on an outer level?

ANSWER: The distinction between the two is not real. It is a convention of thinking, a mutual agreement to describe the indivisible conscious experience of Being as inner and outer. The only reason you look at anyone else in this room or the room itself and say it is an outer experience, is because you believe that when you point at your body, you are pointing at yourself and when you point at the room or someone in the room, it is not you. That is a perception, not an experience.

I am going to answer your question dualistically at this moment. Absolutely there is such a thing as outer peace, world peace, manifest peace that is an obvious and indisputable experience, no matter where you go on the globe.

When a miracle occurs, what does that mean? What happens? Is it just that you have arrived at a point where you are no longer disturbed, but you are still sick? Is it where you are experiencing bliss in the midst of ugliness? No.

There is a story about a child with one of these puzzles, that has a picture on both sides. And on one side of the puzzle there is a picture of the world and on the other side there is—a simple stick picture—of a man. And the child puts together the picture of the man and carries it into the kitchen to show his mom. And when he holds it up, the side that's toward her is the picture of the world that appears very complex. And she is overwhelmed at his brilliance! When in actuality he put together a very simple picture. The point of the story is: That when you get your man straight, you have your world straight. When you become clear, your world will be clear. You will experience physical regeneration, what you call healing. You will experience harmony on your freeways, yes, even freeways can be experienced as absolutely beautiful movement of harmony and unity.

Not just that you are having what has been called “a trip” from a drug that makes the ugly beautiful. But an experience of beauty wherein beauty truly replaces ugliness. And this is why it is so very important not to demean your world by misunderstanding the statement, “Nothing that I see means anything.” Or to just flatly say, “This is all an illusion.” Because, if you do not grasp any deeper meaning than the surface meaning of those words, you will be able to have an insane belief—that you can be in bliss with no evidence of it. That there can be an experience of harmony with no evidence of it. That you can be the Son or Daughter of God and be ravaged with a disease that is deforming your body. That you can express or be and feel love, and slap your children, or beat your husband, or knock the neighbor kid off the porch. Because, of course, its all illusion. The

experience is what's real. That is insanity. And to practice insanity in the name of enlightenment is absolutely unintelligent.

So yes, the answer is there is such a thing as real world peace. World peace that could be recorded on film, and be recognized by a Being from any place in your planet as the evidence of harmony and order.

“Nothing that I see means anything”—the first lesson in the Course. Hell, why read the rest of the Course? Isn't it one of the things you see! (Laughter) What happens when you do that lesson? You become frustrated, every single one of you. (Here Raj pretends to be someone trying to practice this lesson) “Nothing that I see means anything... well... Nothing that I see means anything...! Nothing that I see means anything? I'm losing track here... Nothing that I see means anything... I did it!... That doesn't make sense... Nothing can mean nothing. Nothing can have no meaning.”

That lesson is meant to un-rut you. That lesson is meant to cause you to at least call into question your confidence as to what a thing means. But you are incapable of arriving at a point of looking at a thing and truly experiencing it as meaningless. That lesson is meant to be disorienting to you.

What happens when you become disoriented? You grasp for something secure. The great value of that lesson is that it, indeed, causes you to consider the possibility that maybe everything you are looking at is meaningless. In whatever degree of sincerity you bring to making that statement, you weaken your inner resolve as to your understanding of a thing. But if you managed to use such great self-control that everything could be left meaningless, you would be depressed. And you would be miserable. And your ego just might be able to find some value in the misery, by stating that it in some way is exalting your soul. But that is not the point. The point is that in your unsettledness there is an involuntary reach for something meaningful. And because you are not holding your current definition of everything so strongly in mind, you are in a position to experience revelation. You are in a position of vulnerability, of insecurity in which penetration of your current frame of reference can occur by the Holy Spirit. And the closer approximation of what a thing really is, in its Divinity, can begin to register with you.

I said yesterday, that the only thing you are ever confronted by, is the only thing that is going on—the Kingdom of Heaven, the presence and action of the movement of God. And you are either seeing it clearly or through a glass darkly.

Whichever way you are seeing it, it is one and the same thing, the only thing available to you to experience—Reality. If you think that it is a material world, if you think that it started from a big bang and God had nothing to do with it, if you think that in fact there is actually anything material in existence right here where you see all things, you are experiencing an illusion. An illusion. The better word is a delusion about something Real. I cannot say this strongly enough. Because if

you don't get it, you miss the point of the Course and you will use the Course to deny the world. And if you succeed in denying the world, you are denying the visibility and tangibility of the movement of God. And, therefore, your intent to deny the world for your "spiritual growth," is an attack of God. And there cannot be spiritual growth in that.

There had better be evidence, as you put it, outer evidence of world peace. And there had better be evidence of healing. There had better be what has been referred to as "the happy dream." Now I have used the words "a closer approximation of Reality," which, indeed, makes it sound as though there are states and stages to awakening. The simple fact is that you only let in a little bit of Reality at a time, because, as I said, the ego provides a smoke-screen of gargoyles, that suggest to you that your further movement in the direction of your awakening is going to be experienced as total breakdown and chaos in your world and within you.

Not one of you can observe the events of the last eighteen months on your planet and not rejoice at the incredible, monumental changes that have occurred. Not the least of which is the fact, that when the Soviet Union abandoned communism, abandoned its stance as enemy, fully ninety-five percent of the people on your planet released the definition of enemy that was directed toward the Soviet Union and took a radical stand of embrace and support. That is more of the miracle than the abandonment of communism that occurred. And there is a grand lesson in it that I want all of you to be aware of: Enemies are substantiated by those who stand against them.

Your enemy can be your husband, your enemy can be your child, your enemy can be your parent, your boss, your job, the system, etc. And, indeed, all of you need to observe to what degree you hold them in that definition and treat them as enemy and do not let them off the hook, by virtue of your ugly definition, keeping them constantly in a state of defense, because you are misapprehending them.

Enemies don't exist all by themselves. The mutual agreement, called a special relationship, is the means by which all of you keep each other held in prison. "I can't trust you till you change. You are not dependable. You're untrustworthy. I can't love you when you behave like that." These are all ways that you impress each other with your lack of integrity. Everyone puts the onus on the enemy to change, before "I will change."

In effect the Soviet Union did that. It was hard for them to do it. It was ingratiating to them, humiliating to them. Because, indeed, they had to pay attention to what the signs of peace were. And then practice them consciously and express them verbally. They had to give all of the right signs to the Western world that met the criteria of the Western world, so that the Western world could say, "We agree, you are not an enemy."

It can be done that way. All of you who are under attack from one source or another, who have historically rebelled against such definitions being laid upon you and by virtue of your rebellion, have seemed to support the theory that you are an enemy, can choose to become aware of what the signs of harmony and peace and love are and express them, in order to get the approval or the new definition of brother, from your fellow man. Or, you can all begin to love and I cannot repeat this definition too often, it is the willingness to recognize that which is Real, with a capital “R,” in each and everything or each and everyone.

You can withdraw judgment. You can withdraw the false definition to which you hold your fellow man. And you can begin to become curious as to what is Real there. That withdrawal of judgment is called forgiveness. It is the refusal to be a conflicted presence in front of someone else—one full of judgment and self-righteousness.

World peace is not going to come through any political movement. It is going to come through individuals like everyone of you being more connected with their Being, and their genuine simplicity, and their willingness to be Real, instead of trying to live up to the expectations of others. So that which is really valuable in each one of you begins to spill out and be expressed in the world without concern for how its going to be received. Because I will tell you something: The genuineness, the simple, humble, unpretentious, unmasked genuineness of you is like a symphony of such great harmony that it touches everyone where they feel—not where they think and react.

Love is the leaven that leavens the whole lump. It does not take very much yeast in proportion to the mass of dough for your loaf of bread to raise that loaf of bread to surprising proportions. Something that you are not aware of is, that there is an awakening going on around your globe, whether anyone has ever heard of the Course or not, whether people are even believing in God or not. And it is arising as a yearning. Life itself is dishing out the first lesson of the Course. And there is a yearning arising, a reaching for something beyond what is being experienced, with an unreasonable conviction that there is something beyond it. And mind you, so that you are utterly clear, that simply means beyond whatever the current definitions are that you are giving to everything.

There isn't anything beyond the Kingdom of Heaven that this All Is, but there is something beyond the agreed upon definitions as to what everything is. And you know what's happening? In the humility that is inseparable from that insecurity, that sort of inner void where you're not so sure of the meaning of everything, there is a connection as I said yesterday, that is felt within you, where you really feel your realness, and in feeling it, you discover that you are more than what you had defined yourself to be. And, as I said, there is the inescapable realization that this is true of every other individual who exists. This is what is happening around your globe, although it is not reaching the news media. And

everyone is keeping it somewhat quiet because it feels very radical. And there is still a tendency for everybody not to upset anybody else, even with good news!

You're going to find transformation occurring quite rapidly. Because movement is occurring at the most essential level of each individuality. You see, if realization occurs within you and that realization about yourself, that simultaneously is a realization about every other individual. Since that is the fundamental first steps of the movement, it must necessarily be a movement of unification that was not the result of a plan at all, but is the visibility of the inseparable unity of everything that has always been from the beginning.

I suppose you could say we have a plan. But it is a plan for you simply to be conscious of what is True. And since what is True is already True, there aren't steps to get to it. And so there isn't that kind of a plan. Our plan is more like walking up behind a student in a classroom who is day-dreaming and tapping him on the shoulder so that he wakes up, and becomes conscious of where he is, and what's happening. There's no process to it. It isn't really a process of education or learning. It's simply a matter of (snaps his finger) doing that which causes you to pay attention, instead of unconsciously, dreamily, floating along in a false sense of security that has come from a mutual agreement as to what everything is, that means you don't have to pay attention.

Now, I have indicated that from an inner level, from a level of individual experience of who you Divinely are, you find yourself inseparably joined with everyone else. This can't help but become manifest or visible in the world, because everyone will begin treating everyone else differently. Not by mutual agreement through space and negotiations, but just because in the realization of the Truth of things, there is no longer any justification for doing it the old way. That's why you don't need to learn every jot and tittle of "A Course In Miracles" or any other Holy book. You don't need to be able to diagram the sentences! You don't need to understand why the first chapter relates to the third chapter and the eighth chapter and how it all ties together to bring about something. Don't marvel at order—the book was not planned!

The natural spontaneous expression of Being is always beautiful and orderly and it can seem to have structure. But I will tell you something: You have out here beautiful trees. What a waste of time it is to take a scalpel or a knife or a pick and try to understand the tree instead of sitting in its shade and enjoying its beauty and the birds that are singing in it, and experiencing its utter harmony with the rest of the environment and the undeniable proof of the existence of Divine intelligence that you can Know, without dissecting it.

It is well for all of you to become aware of your brothers, whether black or white or Asian or Indian, whether German or Jew or Japanese. And to become familiar with the culture of each. Because, if you will do this, you will provide yourself with the opportunity to find out that they are just like you. And at the

bottom line, every single one of them, every single one of all of you, desires to experience, humanity. You desire to experience that which is humane. And that which is human has nothing to do with laws on books that enforce decency.

That which is humane is that which is spontaneously, thoughtlessly, loving. That expresses care and sensitivity, not sensitivity to ego structures that must be met, but sensitivity to the fact that, who one is relating to is Real, and meaningful—the Son of God, the Daughter of God, the presence of God expressed. Not because the one in front of you is God, but because nothing other than Love is appropriate. Nothing else means anything. Every single person on this planet knows what love feels like. And when it is there, without an ulterior motive, the other one feels utterly safe, not feeling a requirement for a mask to hide behind.

And so, that one lets down and lets forth what he is and his love for humaneness and meaningfulness and, indeed, recording instruments, cameras, etc., that might be recording what is happening, would show a transformation occurring—visible tangible manifestations of peace.

Don't waste your energy trying to establish peace through political processes. Political processes are necessarily nationalistic and they operate within the context of law, which is the result of reason that has nothing to do with the heart.

You live in a portion of your country in which the foundations of the country were established. And they were established by people who were in touch with themselves and in touch with the value of humanity, of humaneness. And in the beginning the laws relative to the formation of this country were expressions of the valuing of humanity and were not for purposes of control. Do you realize that your laws constitute an attack on your citizens? In effect they say you are stupid dolts, who would not naturally be orderly if there were no law to keep you in line. Protection is always attack. Again, the leaven that leavens the whole lump is Love. Love is the willingness to recognize that which is Real in each and everything, starting with yourself.

You are not here today because you are the metaphysical intelligentsia, who happened to have stumbled on a great work, called "A Course In Miracles". You are here, like anyone else in utter humble simplicity—this is the way in which you are really here—because there is a yearning that you are feeling within yourself that caused you to pick up a book and discover one called "A Course In Miracles". It isn't the Course that is the key factor, it's the yearning within you that says, "there is something more than this." The very same thing that Helen (Schucman, transcriber and receiver of "A Course In Miracles") said, "there must be something more than this." She wasn't any different from you. But she paid attention to the feeling and she never got hung up on the books! Pay attention to that and then the books will serve to illuminate your feeling, and the glow in you will grow.

The world will change anyway. But it can be more smooth and more graceful if you know what's happening and flow with it.

QUESTION: About three days ago I retired from a position that I held for twenty years, maybe one that had held me for twenty years. I was going to wait until you came to ask before I retired, but I felt it couldn't wait, so I guess what I need is a confirmation that that's the right thing to do. I mean I jumped out of the airplane and should I have done that? (laughter) Do you have any advice for the future for me? I'm worried that I may or may not have enough money to do what I want to do. I don't know, I hope that my focus will continue to be music, but maybe it won't. I don't want to withdraw and I think that's all I can think to ask you about.

ANSWER: If you have jumped out of the plane, the only thing left to you to do is to learn how to fly. What I mean to convey by that is, be totally ready to embrace that which is new and which may be radically different from anything you have done before. I am not saying that you will not do anything like what you have done before, I am saying that you are at a threshold wherein significant change can occur and I am encouraging you to be open to it. Be in this place with great curiosity and interest. Understanding again, that your world will conspire to identify your fulfillment of purpose, if you don't waste your time being overwhelmed by fear or doubt.

Indeed, if you had asked me before this last week, I would have told you "Yes, do it." When you are traveling and you have stop-overs, or lay-overs in an airport, you come to what you could call your first destination, which is, really, your next point of departure. And so it is important for you to understand that where you are right now that seems to have been a destination, an ending point, is just a new point of departure for an ongoing, uninterrupted experience of fulfillment of purpose.

No, this job didn't hold you. You were right where you were supposed to be and you did not overstay your welcome. Unfortunately, and this is especially true in the Western world, everyone grows up so as to arrive at a destination where they may then enjoy the rest of their life. It is unfortunate because life does not stop. And so when one arrives at a point that one interprets as a place of completion, they have the rude shock of finding out that they are distracted by further calls for change. And they wonder what they did wrong. Why they are not able to retire. Why they are not able to settle down without further demands—like "they" did, whoever "they" are. There is less opportunity these days to become unconscious, where you do not need to pay attention constantly, and be alive constantly.

Those who are engaged as you are in a conscious desire to wake up, will find a constant opportunity, which generally speaking, will be experienced as a

favorable thing—the constant opportunity to discover something new. And the delight of childhood will return to you in your adulthood—it never was supposed to leave you. And so, you continue to stand at the threshold of, “Behold, I make all things new.” And I encourage you to stand there with delight and with curiosity.

QUESTION: There is one subject that touches all of us. I think because we all have different fears. And I see people all wanting the same thing, what is best for mankind. But they think they’re on different side of the fence. That is the subject of abortion. I really do see that everyone wants what is best, but they’re not agreeing on what action people should take. I see it as something that is different in every case and that will to choose varies according to the circumstance. Could you talk about that?

ANSWER: The problem regarding this subject is very simply the fact that so few people consider Life to be Divine and, therefore, to be honored and revered as the presence of God in action.

I’m going to answer it this way: As the awareness of the omnipresence and omnipotence of God emerges once again in the heart of mankind, this issue will, indeed, begin to soften. I mean by that, that the reactions and the strong feelings will begin to yield to the gentle awareness of the Divinity of Life and the reverence for it that is appropriate.

It is only in the face of the belief that bodies make bodies, that a decision to terminate that body could seem to be justifiable. It reflects a certain starvation of the Soul that has occurring as all of you have been coerced, you might say, by the scientific establishment and the medical establishment to believe that this is just a mechanistic universe and that there is no active Divine presence to be known or experienced or felt.

Now, I am aware that I will sound like the Pope. But in all cases, it is desirable to allow a pregnancy to come to full term unless it would threaten the life of the mother. And the simple fact is that in the Divine order of things you as women are not required to sacrifice your life for the birth of a new child.

Now, very practically speaking, whether it pleases anyone’s ego or not. If life were believed and understood and felt to be, the direct expression of a current and living God, and if you felt the Divinity of yourself as the direct expression of God, you would find yourselves inclined to honor yourselves more than you do. And you would find yourselves less inclined to cater to other people’s expectations, or other people’s concepts, and you would be more on the ball. You would be a truer and more original representation or manifestation of God. You would not find it possible to blame anything for anything, or pass the buck. And you would handle yourselves more responsibly.

And just as you would find a parking space in front of the destination that you need to accomplish something in, you would also find yourself not in the

place where rape or abuse or lack could manifest itself. In your self-respect based upon an inner feeling of your Divinity, you would find yourself, without effort, exactly where you needed to be in order to experience fulfillment of purpose. And you would not be in the place where a victimizer was looking for a victim. And thus you would not play into the dance, by being the partner called the victim. The simple fact is, that if you knew you couldn't pass the buck, you would more consciously be where an unwanted pregnancy couldn't occur.

Now, there is much discussion about when a fetus becomes a human being—when the Soul enters the body. This very concept arises out of an ignorance of what we've been discussing for the last couple of days. The simple fact is, that you cannot exist and not be identified. There cannot just be God. There must be God and the infinite manifestation of God, or put another way, there must be God the infinite Divine Mind or Intelligence, which Moves. That movement is the Movement of Consciousness, as I said yesterday. And that Movement of Consciousness is experienced by Mind, and Mind/God recognizes Himself. And the recognition is a recognition of that which has substance, that which is recognizable—what I have referred to as visibility and tangibility. The ideas of Mind or God, are perfectly tangible to that Mind. Therefore, just as there cannot be God without the conscious experience of Himself, called visibility and tangibility of the ideas embraced by Mind. There cannot be You without that which identifies your presence, which I to a limited degree touched on this morning when I suggested that your concept of inside and outside is just that, a concept. It is all a unity.

Now, therefore, it is impossible for you to be bodiless. For eternity it is impossible for you to be bodiless. Therefore, if at any moment there is anything visible about you, your identity, your Soul, your Spirit, shall I say the Soul that you Are, the Spirit that you Are, the Life that you Are, the Mind that you Are, the Truth that you Are, and so on, is what is embodied or rendered visible.

To a limited dimensional creature, your coming through a doorway might cause you to appear to be very funny, because at first there might just be the tip of your nose that shows. And a hand that seems to have no relationship whatsoever with the other part that first appears. But you know that your whole body is in the process of going through the door, not in bits and pieces and not strange and odd looking.

And the fact that a fetus appears to be a growth of matter, going through stages which have been undignifiably described as going from the lower life forms—through fish and mammal and so on—the fact that it looks like that doesn't mean that's what is happening. Because the point of entry into your frame of reference of another individuality, is an entry of a Whole Individual, with a visibility and tangibility that Wholly identifies him or her. All of that Individual is present if there is any perceptible part of that Individual present. The Soul cannot

be separated from the body and, indeed, when you pass on you find that your body is intact and with you, while everyone else is burying the after-image that is left in their eyes and they are thinking that this is your body.

Some of you at this moment are thirty-four years old in this room, and I think that this is as good a time as any to abort your life. (Laughter) I know you don't agree. And you are correct. This Whole-Souled Individuality who is complete in every respect, that is scientifically and knowledgeably—and I am being facetious here—defined as a “fetus” and not an Individuality at all, yet, disagrees also with a judgment that it is appropriate to abort its life.

Part of the difficulty around this issue is that it is easier to abort this life form than it is to shoulder the guilt for the pregnancy having occurred. And I understand this. But you would not have as much difficulty if you realize that there are no two persons on the face of this planet that can create a baby. You can put sperms and eggs together, but without the act of God, there will be no conception. Nothing happens that God isn't Being. Again the resolution of this difficulty will come naturally and with ease, with gentleness, as life is put back in the context of God. Then you will have to listen in a new way.

If you have conceived and you are not able to take care of the child, if you have conceived, and your family has grown and you simply are not able to conceive of the possibility of raising another family, let the pregnancy come to term and deliver, and put the child out for adoption. There are other alternatives beside killing that child that are humane. And I will guarantee you of this, very often a child who is conceived into an environment where it is unable to be cared for, is, shall I say, finding access to the individuals who are supposed to be his parents, when those two individuals have not been listening and have not taken the steps necessary for conception to occur.

I tell you that there is no chance that occurs anywhere in infinity. And children who are with adoptive parents, are with the ones they are supposed to be with. Please dare to begin to grasp the all-inclusiveness, the omnipotence of God and the fact that not one thing ever happens outside of the direction of God. And if you seem to be experiencing something other than that, it is because you have super-imposed a belief structure upon it that is not allowing you to be in the flow of the Movement of God.

Now, does this mean that if you have had an abortion or if you have insisted upon a girlfriend having an abortion, that you have committed a sin that you are guilty of? No. Life is not a test. And it is not set up for you to lose or win. Again, you are confronted by the only thing that is going on—the Kingdom of Heaven.

Belief structures, belief systems that have caused you to believe that it is not the Kingdom of Heaven, that have caused you to feel separate from It, separate

from your Brother, separate from your own integrity, have not changed what you Divinely Are, and they have not changed what the World Divinely Is.

And if, indeed, you have succumbed to a distorting mindset, those who are awake understand that it is perfectly reasonable that you are feeling the way you are feeling, even though it is an illusion. This means that no judgment is called for, no matter what erratic or unkind acts you engage in. Because, if you knew better you would do better. And always where you are, whether it is in jail, or whether it is in a drunken heap in the gutter, or whether it is in a state of misery in the middle of abundance, Love is all that is called for. Compassion is what is given, because the only thing in front of you to do, really, is to desire to know beyond your present sense of knowing. So that you are no longer imposed upon by ignorance.

So if there has been an abortion, or even after hearing what I have said and perhaps even recognizing the utter truth of it, you find yourself forced by circumstances, you might say, you find yourself unable to be consistent with what I have just said, you may know that what follows does not condemn you.

And that you just still have the opportunity to be perfectly consistent with the reverence for Life, and the acknowledgment of the presence of God in any pregnancy that occurs. And perhaps more trust that will allow you, if you become pregnant again and it is unwanted, to allow it to come to term, so that you may observe the manner in which fulfillment of purpose for this new individual can take place and you can rejoice in it and with it.

Pro-choice is an ego concept. You have not heard me, relative to anything at all this weekend, promote pro-choice. I am promoting pro-listening, if you will. So that you might find yourself so congruent, so in harmony with your Being—which is the presence of God—that your every act expresses God and is, therefore, experienced by everyone in your world as humane, benign, and transcriptionally.

Again, the one element that confuses this whole issue is the belief that you are just organisms, when you are not. And the recognition that you are not, places a benediction on the whole human race and provides the circumstances and the environment in which your exaltation can occur and this issue can disappear.

QUESTION: First I want to thank you for the profound wisdom and Truth that we've had the opportunity to listen to today.

I and some others are about to ask the Universe to provide us with the means of manifesting prosperity. And we were told the date for this to happen to us. And you know how we are going to use these monies? And our question is, when?

ANSWER: There is only one answer: "Infinite patience brings immediate results." And you must drop the sense of time and simply be true to the desire that you are feeling and abide with it. Because every desire that does not come from the ego—in fact the ego can only have "wants"—every desire that you have,

literally, holds within itself everything necessary to its fulfillment. And that is why you learn to abide with the desire, rather than attempting to create its fulfillment. To feel a desire does not mean that you have been charged with a responsibility to make it come to pass. It simply means that you have allowed the leading edge of a Movement of God to register with you, and because it is a Movement of God and because it is meaningful, it feels like something.

Well when something feels like something, it is your ego's habit to take the ball and run with it yourself. When what is called for is to abide with the feeling—feel it. It is the presence of God in You. Be the observer, be conscious of it and stay with it while it brings forth its fulfillment of purpose. Then you will not shift into time and have to wait.

Just as a thread in a tapestry surfaces only every so often because that is where the Divine design is illuminated, even so, what you would call the “timing” of the manifestation of fulfillment of purpose, occurs precisely and perfectly, so that the Movement of God is identified flawlessly.

So abide with the desire and do not practice impatience. Your attitude in all cases and in this case, must be, “Thy will, not mine be done. Not my best reasoning, not my best judgment, but Thy will be done.” Hang in there.

QUESTION: Thank you. Its wonderful to be with you Brother. And you know what I've been going through already, but I appreciate the fact that Spirit has shown me so fast how I am to be used. When I've asked how I should be used, in the last thirty days about six cancer patients come into my life. And I'm trying to find the humor in that they are very diverse in their belief systems, so its really a nice challenge for me.

ANSWER: It is wonderful for you to have these ones to “be with.” Remember that the key is in the joining. In the uninhibited, unpremeditated genuine willingness to be, what I am going to call very human with them. And I'm not using the word human there as a state of ignorance. At the bottom line, to be human means to be, as I said, unpretentious, utterly genuine, from your heart.

QUESTION: Yes I feel that, and I know that's how I'm being used. I'm also wondering if there's a reason that they all have cancer. And if this is life-work that you would have me do, or...

ANSWER: I'm going to suggest that you take advantage of any excuse for being with another. Let the cancer be an excuse for being together. Do not let it be the focus. And also, do not try to “peg” your work, so that you can say, “this is what it is that I'm supposed to do.” It is very important for you to be utterly flexible, to be listening at all times. Because sometimes, when you are “being with” another, you will be hard as nails and you may not seem to be being a helper at all, even though you will know you are right on target. And another time you will be very gentle and patient with someone that your ego conditioning says is the

one who is really screaming for a firm fist. Don't try to "peg" how to be the presence of God. Don't try to nail it down.

QUESTION: In the case of one of the people you brought to me, they have mentioned that when the end-time comes for them, they would like to over-medicate themselves—they're very fearful of the pain. Is there a message you would have her know?

ANSWER: Don't cross a bridge you haven't come to yet. Don't act in the now, with such confidence that there will be an end. I am not saying that, to create false hope. I am saying that, so that you may share with her the necessity of not predicting and, therefore, setting into motion a pattern that is inflexible and doesn't allow for a Miracle. Be very careful to stay with those who come with you in the Now.

QUESTION: I've had a hard time, as you can see. I've pecked through my shell and I found out that I had shell and two-thirds. And so I think many of us feel that way. I was adopted, and so you'll answer it was wonderful for me. But the first time I realized that, I let go of all the hate that I had all my life for the mother that let me go. And then the mother who raised me—like a tape you said one time—you said your mother always insisted on who you were. Well the lady who raised me, though we had drama, she always insisted that I was more than I knew.

I have done as you have suggested and I am at that gap. And I'm ready.

ANSWER: Then let go. You can't slip through it while your still trying. Go on...

QUESTION: We've had a relationship for a while, and we feel it is at exactly the right spot. Would you care to comment on the relationship for us, please?

ANSWER: Oh, indeed, you are at the right spot, but you will not be on it for long! I do not mean that you will then be on a wrong spot. But please understand that relationship is a movement that will require both of you to always be on your toes, always awake and alert with ever increasing opportunities to forgive. And, indeed, I want to stress the point, that forgiveness is not something you give to another. It is something that happens entirely within yourself and constitutes the abandonment of judgment. Judgment always comes into play as self-protection, to keep you from growing, to keep you from having to change, to keep you from experiencing your greater capacity to be aware. And if you will take advantage of each opportunity to not engage in judgment, and, thereby, forgive the circumstance, you will have the ongoing opportunity to experience revelation, wherein the true meaning of the circumstance, the God presence of the circumstance can register with you together.

QUESTION: Could you talk about guides and our relationship to our guides?

ANSWER: If you have a little brother, it is clear to you that you are the same, one with the other. But to him, you will appear to be as a god, as someone to look up to, as someone to revere, as someone to honor, as someone to learn from and be like, if you're halfway friendly with him. And, indeed, you can be there knowing that you are both the same and help him to realize that he already is just like you, to help him grow into a fuller appreciation of himself. Because in his standing in awe of you, he is asserting his lesser selfhood, you might say. Which you know isn't true at all.

And so your relationship with your guide is like a brother or a sister, because, indeed, your guide could well be female. Your guide is perfectly matched to you, this is true of everyone. Your guide is perfectly matched to you, so that there is the greatest ease with which you can dare to trust. So that there is the greatest ease with which you can feel safe. Because that is the environment in which revelation can occur. And I will tell you that in your experience with your guides you will learn how to be with your fellow man and woman. So that you can, with heart, dare to be that one who does not express judgment, but unending love, and who will not be afraid to say no, when it is called for, without judgment.

In your relationship with your guide, you will learn how to be in relationship Divinely, at a deep level of inner experience that will provide you with the guts to be that way with your fellow man. At the moment of conception, your guide is assigned to you. There is no law giver saying, "you go there and you go to him, and you go to her." You could say that it happens by a law of natural selection. There is a natural gravitation of that which harmoniously fits together. And that is the Divine order of things. This is true with everyone. And then your guide abides with you most attentively, looking forward to that time when you will reach out. Your guide cannot inflict his Divinity upon you—force it upon you. He or she must wait until you reach out, until there is a real, genuine desire. Nevertheless, no matter how many years it takes, there is uninterrupted, constant attentiveness to you.

And as I told Paul, the moment you become aware that you have a guide, or the moment you reach out, there is great rejoicing. And your guide immediately begins to work with you, from the other side of whatever blocks connection, to clear away the rubbish, you might say, that blocks it. And so even if you sit down and open up to communion and nothing seems to be happening, you may know that, indeed, there is great activity going on and that you are not alone in your reaching out.

It is very helpful in the beginning for you to meditate, to become as still as possible, because you are used to functioning on the ragged edge of the ego, which is quite dynamic. And, indeed, the voice of your guidance is like the "still small

voice of God,” that you have heard of. And so, it is much easier to hear, initially, when you have managed to become still within yourself and the chatter of thinking is not going on. I am saying that it is easier to do it that way. Sometimes, individuals have the wonderful experience of being in an unguarded moment when your guide can say, “Hi” and you hear it. And that accomplishes the breakthrough that allows for more conversation.

Become still, that’s the first step. Every time you want to talk with your guide or establish contact, every time you sit down the first step is, become still. Don’t become so centered that you are in a state of bliss and forget to want to talk with your guide. Just become still, and then, one time only, express your desire in your mind for your guide to speak to you. And then, be still again—Listen. Simply abide in a state of curiosity and attentiveness, with no impatience. Let the attitude be “Thy Will be done.” Let your guide approach you in the way he or she knows has the best chance of registering with you, in a way that you will not turn away from or miss.

First step: Become still. Second step: Express your desire to have communication. Step three: Listen. And the most important step, the fourth is: Expect an answer. You can ask and you can listen ‘till you are blue in the face and if you do not expect an answer, you will not hear it.

You do not have to take lessons in getting in touch with your guide. There is no course you can take. There are no books that you need to get from the library, even though there are books there, I would encourage you not to read them. Because what we are talking about is something so utterly natural that it was established for you at the moment of conception. Why? Because the birth process and the, shall I say, sudden input of sensory data, is so sensually delightful, that one becomes preoccupied with understanding it—and forgets. And your guide is there to help you remember. So you have had an ally all along. And the whole intent of the establishment of this relationship has been to serve you in your awakening.

Now, there is a fine point here that I have never spoken about before, that I will share with you. People who are not presently incarnated, who are not yet totally awake, have guides. In other words, when you pass on, if, indeed, you do—because there is increasing, daily increasing likelihood of none of you passing on—IF you pass on, you find that guidance is still available to you uninterruptedly. Still supporting you in your awakening from the illusion of life and afterlife.

Now, I encourage you to practice these four steps. I encourage you to know that it is assured of success, because that is what the relationship was designed for. And I encourage you to let it happen.

Now, there is something that many people do when they are listening for guidance and that is, that they try to get so much out of the way and to have their

mind so clear, so smooth, without a ripple of a thought in it, that there is no possibility for a conscious experience of communication. And so, you must allow movement to occur, even though because it has occurred, you can't be sure that it isn't you making it up. You are going to have to let the movement occur and risk the chance that it might be something other than you. And, indeed, it will not be completely clear to you that it is not you, somehow creatively making it up. For some period of time, perhaps as long as from three to four months, even though what you hear will be so helpful and so very different from anything you have ever come up with before.

How do you improve communication? By engaging in it. And how do you get past the doubts that will crop up now and then? You trust more. You lean into the listening more, instead of practicing doubt. And you hang in there, until, what I will call the line of communication has been secured, established in an absence of fear in you and then you will be able to hear, no matter how much your ego is kicking up. And it will not be necessary for you to become still in order to say, "Hi," and get a response. The time will come when you can be in the middle of an ego attack and still hear your guide. This comes from doing it, doing it, doing it. Logging hours, as it were, like a student pilot. It is also invaluable for you to write down everything you hear, even if it seems to be nonsense.

PAUL: Okay, and this is me Paul. He is reminding me of someone who had been talking with Raj and he had gotten in touch with his guide. And frequently during the first few weeks sometimes when he would be talking to his guide, all of a sudden, it would just be like he'd hear "2... 21... 93... 7..." just numbers. And then his guide would resume talking. And he finally said, "what's going on? Why are you doing this?" And his guide said, "I'm just giving you practice at listening unconditionally, listening without an expectation of what ought to be coming." So it doesn't matter whether it doesn't make sense, or it isn't what you thought it would be or ought to be. Write it down.

ANSWER: Now, I have said that you are bound to succeed, because that is what the relationship was established for. I want to ask you: If one of the lessons in the Course says, "Today I will make no decisions by myself," obviously you are going to be in touch with someone. You are going to be in communion, in relationship with someone and that lesson is there to remind you that you are not here to make decisions on your own. You are not here for the purpose of continuing to be separate and isolate, independent and authoritarian. And so that is another confirmation for you, that it is justifiable to become still, to desire to be in touch with guidance, to listen and to expect an answer.

The last thing I will share with you in this respect, is you don't have to be worthy in order for your guide to speak with you. You only have to say, "H-e-l-l-o-o-o-o." You are not used to being with someone who is unconditionally loving. You are not used to being with someone who will love you when you are at your

rottenest. And when you are feeling the worst and reaching out because you feel the need not to be alone, you are not really expectant of an answer, because you do not feel worthy. You do not have to measure up to any standard in order to ask and hear an answer. Your motives don't even have to be lofty.

PAUL: This is me again. He wants me to bring out that my youngest daughter, when she got in touch with her guide, her reason for doing it was so she would have help on a spelling bee. (Laughter) Someone asks, "How did she do?" The amazing thing was, that she lost and was not upset. At that point in her life, she was a terrible loser. And so, we knew she was really in touch with her guide, because she lost and did not feel at a loss because of it, and came home telling us what her guide had said and how happy she was and it was amazing.

QUESTION: Could you help me understand how best to be a bridge between myself and my spiritual beliefs and the group that I speak to, that calls me, "mom," most of whom have a very fundamental Christian belief. And how important is it for me to study the Bible?

ANSWER: Don't be afraid of the Bible. It is a wonderful book to become familiar with, one which you will find will stand in support of your ongoing spiritual growth. It is not outmoded. Read it with "spiritual insight." And encourage your group to read it that way also.

Now, if you have picked up the newspaper and you have discovered that there is a new movie in town, you do not hesitate to share the delightful news with your group, do you? I encourage you to share ideas that delight you, and share them as though they were delightful, for the consideration of those in your group, but not as though they must embrace them—agree with them—not as though you must make them understand it. The more delightfully you present something, the more palatable it is for everyone.

Truly everyone is not bound by conditioning, and everyone is interested in that which reflects intelligence. And so share not only what is delightful to you, but share the fact that it IS delightful to you. This helps teach them that they can be delighted with what they learn. In fact, I will tell you that the more familiar you become with the Bible, the more you will be able to substantiate in terms that they are already familiar with: That God is a loving God; and that God is their Father; and that I AM the example for them; that they should look at their brother and see the Father in their brother, or their sister; that life is Divine. That is what the Bible conveys. And it is not necessary for you to home in on the hellfire and brimstone that can be found there.

What they need support in is an understanding that God is love. And therefore, the nature of life is love. There are ways to express everything that I have said this weekend and use the Bible as the basis for it. More than anything, don't see them as your enemy. As I said earlier, don't see them as that which will resist anything you have to say, else you will approach them as though they will be

resistant, and they will feel it, and they will be uncomfortable, and they will meet you from where they perceive you to be coming. Whereas if you express ideas with delight, just as you would any other good news, and you let it lay, without trying to back it up or enforce it or knock it into their heads, you will find them remembering what you have said. It will pop up in conversation later, even if at the moment it doesn't seem to you that they have heard you, or that it has registered with them.

Fundamentalist students of the Bible also know what love feels like. So be the presence of love, and be real with them. It does not require particular sets of spiritual words. What it requires is a simple and genuine sensitivity that allows you to be present with them, and express the Truth in a way that allows them to feel touched, because there was no hidden agenda to what you were saying. And it is being touched that people want to feel. It is not a sense of difference that they want to feel.

QUESTION: Most of my questions have been answered, all the good ones, by other people, but I have one that I call...

ANSWER: One from the bottom of the barrel?

QUESTION: Yes, its trivial and left-over but I also feel the desire to ask. I'm at school and for a long time I thought I knew what I wanted and it involves going back to grad school and now I've been offered a job doing something that I never considered doing. I can't decide how I feel about it, I'm not getting a feeling. I'd like to know what I'm interested in.

ANSWER: It is most appropriate for you to take the job. And I encourage you to take it with the awareness that you could work on that job for a year and then go to grad school. That taking the job does not lock you out of your opportunity to further your education. I will tell you also, that your experience on this job will be extremely valuable to you, in helping to focus for you, just exactly what you want to do in graduate school. And so, it is in perfect order for you to take a break from school and take this job.

QUESTION: Boy, I'm really excited...

ANSWER: Your question is from the top of the barrel. (Laughter)

QUESTION: All my questions have been answered too. But, I just wanted to say hello to you, and thank you for coming into my life, when I really needed you and when I felt so alone. And I want to thank you for your sense of humor, cause you've made me laugh an awful lot. And I sure do appreciate that.

ANSWER: You are welcome.

QUESTION: But I'm wondering, the past couple of days...

ANSWER: May I interrupt for just a moment? It is important for all of you to know that that which is Divine and that which is Real, is not somber and "R-e-l-

i-g-i-o-u-s,” where you can only whisper discreetly. Life is full of joy. And when I have pointed out that when you go within, your first experience of connectedness with what you Divinely Are is peace. The fact is that once you become familiar with that experience of peace, there begins to well up out of it, joy of such depth and such height, that you will be amazed. And this will be also, an experience of direct connection with your essential Being. And, therefore, with what God Is. So when you think you’re getting a little bit too happy with your spiritual growth, and your ego says, “cut it out, this is unspiritual,” tell it to go fly a kite, and laugh. Please continue...

QUESTION: Well, that was my problem! (Laughter) I’ve been cruising along, having a great time, feeling so peaceful and happy. And then the last couple of days my ego has caused some very heavy duty doubts. And I’ve been real unhappy, because of the doubts, about everything. About you, about this Course, about everything. So I guess I just say, “I’m not going to listen to you—ego”?

ANSWER: Yes. That is what you say. Sometimes you do have to tell the ego to shut up and then immediately give your attention to something else.

QUESTION: Do you have to do that, a lot? (Laughter)

ANSWER: It all depends on how feisty your ego is. As you remember, there was a point where I had to say, “Get thee behind me, Satan.” That was the vernacular of the day for the ego—for the devil. Yes, you can learn to enjoy putting the ego in its place, which is always second place, out of sight, not in your range of vision, because you don’t care to give it your attention. Learn to enjoy saying NO to the ego. And be alert, don’t be one who practices doubt. Doubt undermines your peace and does not contribute to your ability to be clear. Peace does contribute to your ability to be clear. So, do what is intelligent, don’t practice doubt.

The ego suggests to you that doubt is justifiable and a worthy thing to invest energy in. But you don’t have to agree with that suggestion, you don’t have to invite it in and entertain it in your mind. You can make the conscious choice for your peace. And you know what? You can be so irreverent as to choose for your peace and then ask whether there is any value in the Course. You can choose for your peace where your clarity is available to you and ask whether you need to read the lesson today. You can choose for your peace where your clarity is available to you and ask if whether there is anything wrong, because you aren’t feeling inclined to pick up the Course. And if you get an answer that says there is nothing wrong with it at all, dare to trust it.

There is something more dependable than the Course. There is something more dependable than anything outside of you. And that is, as I said yesterday, that included within you is an inherent capacity to recognize Truth. And if you lean on that and desire to know it, then you don’t have to “believe” in the Course,

or “believe” in the Bible, or “believe” in any concept of God. Because you are leaning into that one dependable thing in you, which is your capacity to recognize Truth, is what will reveal God and your Divinity to you. It is already in you.

All of these things are here to substantiate what you will find to be True, if you go within and pay attention. You are the focal point. Your conscious experience of being divine, your being awake, is the focal point. You’re not here to serve a Course or a minister. You’re not even here to serve the Christ—I mean by that the Christ that I am. You’re here to discover that you Are the Christ. You’re here to discover that you are the direct, unalterable, indivisible expression of God. You’re here to discover it as an experience, so that you can be the presence and expression of it, serving no one outside of you.

The paradox of this is, that as you are in the process of Awakening, you seem to have to reach to something outside of you, because you identify yourself so completely with your current concepts of being a body and a limited mind, that is a result of “zinging electrons on neural pathways,” instead of conscious awareness or mind in which the experience of body is going on. Because of this, you have to reach outside of your present sense of things, so that you may join with one who is Awake and thus experience the support of the enlightened point of view that helps you take steps that would otherwise be scary, because you can’t see where that next step will take you, because it goes beyond your limited frame of reference.

When you go within and desire to know the Truth, you are automatically joining with that which is beyond your present sense of things. You are joining with the Holy Spirit, which I pointed out yesterday, was your Divine Being, held in trust while you dally with the ego, or a limited frame of reference. And when you connect with the Holy Spirit—the divineness of you—you are connecting with the Divinity of everyone. You are connecting with the Father, you are connecting with your True Identity and you access the Father’s point of view, which causes you to remember that that is your point of view! And you Wake Up.

I cannot stress strongly enough, the value of insecurity. Don’t protect yourselves so completely that you don’t let yourself into the insecurity of the “not-knowing” place. The place wherein you are willing to concede that maybe, everything that you see doesn’t mean anything that you thought it meant. It is not a valuable place to be stuck in. It is a valuable place that serves as a threshold to discovery and enlightenment, as to the True meaning of everything. And that threshold is within you. It’s called the centered place. To the ego, it is a place of great insecurity, but when you are experiencing it, it is a place of great stability, which initially is empty and that is why it seems so utterly peaceful. But that apparent emptiness is already filled with your Knowing. It is already filled with God’s point of view that is YOUR point of view, Truly. And it is full of discovery. It is full of revelation. All the practice of doubt does is keep you tied

up in knots, so that you don't access the peace and, therefore, you don't access the joy. And you don't connect with your brothers and the Real meaning of All That Is—and I am meaning there, the world, the visibility and tangibility.

It is time for all of you to begin to discover the joy of everything you have been experiencing. And remember, a spiritual quest is a process of emerging into that which is ever more and more natural to you. It is coming Home. It is coming into that Awareness of Yourself that you have been used to, forever. Like the Prodigal Son, his home was his birthright. And the abundance was natural, but he said, "I'd rather have some of my own experiences. I'd rather take a look at all of this from a little bit different viewpoint than my Father's viewpoint." And there were challenges to it that he had never encountered before, because his needs had been met. And it satisfied his ego, because it gave him something to work for. Isn't that marvelous? And so he worked, he struggled and he managed to create within himself a whole ethic of thinking, that said, "It's worth it. I am finally having an experience that my Father didn't provide me with. I am becoming someone." And in all of this, he forgot his birthright. And because the strenuousness of survival was so great, it was seldom that he had a moment to remember the ease and the ever-present evidence of love that had always been there. Until things got so difficult, that he, as the saying now goes, got sick and tired of being sick and tired, and decided to head for home. Decided to stop practicing doubt. Doubt that maybe the Allness of his Home of his Father's gift was not ALL there was, that there was something more.

When you return Home, it seems like hard work, because you are coming from a frame of reference in which doubt is a staple of your daily diet. I am going to continue, because although you know the story, it needs to be heard, it needs to sink in. When the son was yet a long way off, but was on his way Home, his Father came out to meet him. This is what the Course means when it says, "God takes the last step." All you need is the little willingness to not be so sure that your definition of everything is the correct one. All there needs to be is a little bit of doubt in your expression of faithlessness. That is the only appropriate place for doubt to be practiced, relative to your own faithlessness. And when that little bit of doubt comes into play, you begin to remember. How? By virtue of the yearning I spoke of. A yearning, which, if you abide with it, will elicit clarification, because it makes you reach out beyond your present definitions, which constitute your current imprisonments. And the Father meets you. Why? Because the Father and All that the Father Is, meaning the Kingdom of Heaven, is what has been right in front of your face all along. And the moment you begin to get the tiniest crack in your eyelids, in comes the experience of what was there all along.

So remember, there is in you an inviolable capacity to recognize Truth. Lean into it and rely upon it and let the Course substantiate what you find there in

you. And let what I say, substantiate what is there in you. And if you hear anything from me, or if you read anything in the Course that does not substantiate what you find there in you, then disregard us. Therein lies your safety and your integrity and you will never give your power away. And you will Wake Up.

ANSWER: Well in two minutes I turn back into a pumpkin, and so we'll quite now while I may exit gracefully. Thank you all. It's been a marvelous stay for us, and I hope you'll want us to come back sometime.