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RAJ: Good afternoon.

ALL: Good afternoon.

QUESTION: This question promises to be as long as some of your answers can you cope?

RAJ: Try me.

QUESTION: Well, just so that I didn't forget anything I sort of wrote it down on the ferry on the way over.

RAJ: It is a small book?

QUESTION: I told you it was as long as some of your answers. I will have to say that there are two stories that have happened in my life in recent months that sort of typify the kinds of things that are going on and I may or may not tell the stories, but what's happened is my life is filled with miracles on a daily basis. And they're miracles of awareness.

RAJ: And how are you coping with the miracles?

QUESTION: That's what we're here to talk about. What's happening I'm feeling layers of things that are happening. I have an awareness of things.. The miracles are the harmonies and the synchronicities that happen in my daily life that I'm aware of now. They're not just the parking places that you find but the people that I meet.

One story is of... I have this wonderful \$2 vest that I bought from the Salvation Army. I was going up to do a location survey and I lost the vest. I didn't realize I had lost it until I went into a period of extreme anger at an event that occurred when we were on this location survey in which the producer who was with me did not acknowledge the need for his presence to complete the survey properly. And I was righteously angered. I couldn't sleep because of that anger and I suffered a lot for two days until I could get back down from the interior into Vancouver. And I recognized somewhere during this journey that I had lost this precious \$2 jacket. I knew it could only be in one of two places, probably a restaurant that I'd had breakfast at or at a sleazy motel that I'd slept at on the way up.

I drove down the highway through the mountains—it was beautiful. I had a choice—I came to a fork in the road—I had a choice, I could go to the restaurant or I could go to the motel. The car turned itself and we went to

the motel. I rang the bell of this sleazy little motel and no one answered. I rang again and a fellow came out scratching, I'd gotten him out of bed and he opened the door and I went in and I said, "Hi," did you have my vest? And he scratched some more and said, "I don't know, I'll go have a look." And he went in to see his wife and out came and out came a puppy. And it was just a little ball of fur that came out. And puppies to me mean unconditional love. They mean everything to me if there is one thing that epitomizes all that's good and enthusiastic and loving it's a puppy. I picked the puppy up and we had a wonderful cuddle. And the man walked out with my vest. And I walked out of the motel with my vest in my hand having had a few moments with this precious puppy. And I cried as I am now on my way into Vancouver because it meant so much to me to know that I'd been touched in that way.

These are the miracles I'm having trouble coping with. It meant so much. And you said in one of your tapes, "do you realized how much you're loved?" And so these things are happening to me every day. And lines are getting blurred. And I'm coming up out of these things feeling... it's so focused. And I'm not understanding why the world isn't with me. Or maybe it is, I don't know, there's lines that are being blurred. That's one part can you address that for me and tell me?

RAJ: I want you to share the other part as well.

QUESTION: Which other part? This is very hard. Well there's been a shift, I've experienced a real shift since December. And the shift has brought me into a place I never thought I'd come. It's a place of clarity, an ability to focus and to speak without me getting so much involved. And I keep waiting for that to end and I keep waiting for me to go back to the way I was but I haven't. So there's a new trust. And I'm seeing the miracles and I'm feeling them every day and I'm seeing the change in people. As Trish said, she's seeing it, we're seeing the change.

The other story is about a standoff, there was a potentially violent standoff in British Columbia. A group of natives had taken over a ranch and there were guns involved and it was very dangerous. I was driving in town when the standoff ended and it came over the news and I was listening to it paying absolutely no attention whatever. The standoff was over and they had left a sun dancer on the spot where the standoff had occurred. The sun dancer, the native sun dancer was brought up from the states and left on the site in order to cleanse the sight and heal it and I exploded in tears. I didn't know where it came from. I don't what happened, I erupted and I was sobbing wrapped with sobs and it was a relief. And it's happened to me like

that several times. And it happened yesterday, but now I didn't erupt. What happened yesterday was a some thought came through my mind and all of a sudden in my body there was a sting and tears came and I felt the potential. It was like the potential of it and the awakening was in every cell of my body. And this is so silly but I'm getting tired—on one level I'm tired—on another level I'm energized. There's no going back. So?

RAJ: This is the Age of Aquarius, not the dawning of the Age of Aquarius, but the Age of Aquarius itself. And you know I'm not speaking astrologically. There is a shift that has occurred. A point of critical mass has been reached and things are a changing. And everyone is going to experience this year as being very different from prior years. And it's not going to end at the end of this year. What you have loved, what you have hoped for, the Awakening that everyone has desired to have a comprehension of these are occurring.

If you thought at any time during the past 10 years that these are wonderful times to be living in this year you will say, "has been the most wonderful time to be alive in." You are not going to have to seem to earn your joy or your healing or the resolution of long standing problems. They will seem to come for no good reason, no reason you can personally account for, no reason that you can take credit for.

This is going to be very frightening for some who have felt it essential to be able to take credit for their good and to account for what they have. But you know the only thing that you can't lose is what's already yours. I mean you cannot lose what you haven't acquired. Whatever you gain that you take credit for that you can feel good about yourself because you have achieved it, that you can lose. But what is yours when the grabber stands empty handed is the whole Kingdom that it was the Father's good pleasure to give you.

A lot of you may find yourself spontaneously crying a lot during this next year, tears of love, tears of rising joy that are an experience of being in your Right Mind, an experience of being Home, an experience of not being out of your mind. And in that crying you will not be denying your softness, which beforehand you called your vulnerability, that things which required defense. Not only will you not hide it behind a defense you will let it show. It is as though the universe will conspire to surprise you with the trigger that allows breakthrough to occur, like the puppy walking out in the middle of a sleazy hotel, in the middle of that spot where you thought the presence of unconditional love would most likely not be there waiting for you.

All of you, this means that those things about which you feel justifiably guilty, those situations in which you find yourself that cause you to feel justifiably guilty will be the very place where your innocence can present itself to you in a

manner that wipes away your defense and can be experienced as healing. In other words, in the very place where you feel the least worthy of being blessed is where the blessing will trot itself out in its little fluffiness asking for nothing but giving its innocence and uncovering yours to you.

This part of you that's getting tired is of no consequence. It doesn't matter. It will stop presenting itself. The part of you that is energized is the part of you that is recognizing God's Presence presenting Itself in that place where you can recognize your Self in It.

You see this does not mean that before "the Age of Aquarius" God has not been presenting Himself. But the Presence of God will register with you—with you all—more easily, more spontaneously, partly because this part of you that is tired is not being able to maintain the defenses that have blocked the experience of the Presence of God in the past. And when I say "the Presence of God," I mean the Presence of that which is Real in each and everything. Obviously for this little ball of unconditional love to be present in the middle of a sleazy motel means that there were something more than a sleazy motel there. And so however you might be judging a building or a character in the building or even yourself there's something more there. And you know what? The Presence of God, the transforming Presence of God is always going to show up in the world, not from outside the world penetrating the world, but right in the middle of the world. And that's why I have for so long a time been encouraging all of you to be willing to recognize that which is Real in each and every thing!

So your good is going to start registering with you spontaneously in a way that you can't take credit for. And if it happens too often, too rapidly you are likely to say, "I can't take this. This is too much good. I can't absorb it all. Stop long enough to catch my breath." Which means the ego is saying, "stop until I can figure out a way to utilize this good to reestablish my place." I simply point that out to you so that you might remember when it occurs what I am saying now. You tell that thought, "wait, Raj said, I don't have to absorb it. I don't have to incorporate it. All it is is the rest of me. It isn't something I need to process. All it is is something I need to let be."

Another interesting point is that you're going to find that others are experiencing their good against whom you hold or have held a grievance. And you're going to say, "that's not fair."

You know what? God isn't just. God doesn't enforce justice. God is fun. God is funny. God is playful. Where is the consistency and justice of a little ball of fluffy unconditional love appearing in the middle of a sleazy motel? There's nothing consistent about that, conceptually speaking. That wasn't the place for unconditional love to present itself, it was incongruent. Well, the fact is that

waking up is healing occurring. And as I have brought out before justice is the substitute for healing. So your experience of spontaneous release from justified anger didn't make sense at all. There's no logic for it whatsoever. Did you do penance in order to deserve release? No, God isn't just. God is the love that penetrates the need for justice and heals your mind. It doesn't have anything to do with being fair. It has to do with what is right according to God's measuring stick, not some ego's measuring stick of what is right and wrong.

And if indeed you look at your brother against whom you have a grudge, and his good comes or her good comes, but they haven't paid yet for your grievance be quick to say, "God isn't just I see it." Because if you require justice for your brother you will hold yourself in that same vice. And you can spell it v-i-c-e or v-i-s-e. I meant it v-i-s-e.

What a shame it would be to kick against the glory of this coming year because it proved to you that there was no justice. And I'm not speaking entirely to you. Everyone needs to hear this good news.

There was great joy experienced by those observing you as you felt the joy that came out as tears, the soft undefended innocent Presence of You that let itself out. Can you begin to see that you have no idea what waking up is about? And therefore if you have thought that you did know what it was about you can afford to throw it in the circular file—the waste basket—and be curious about that which you haven't the foggiest notion of. You see?

QUESTION: It's getting goofy.

RAJ: Certainly the concrete experience of the Presence of God is not going to conform Itself to the craziness that all of you have defined as normalcy. And so indeed it is going to be divinely goofy.

QUESTION: Can I just ask you when I was collecting the tension in my body, and through my shoulders, and I seem to hold on to it very strongly what that was? What did it have anything to do with the righteous anger I felt and what was I holding off something, was I holding away something? It released with an acupuncture treatment yesterday. But I seemed to feel it gathering and it was like steel.

RAJ: Of course it takes a lot of energy to be insane. And everyone uses their body, like clenching your teeth to hold even, to maintain an evenness in the unnatural act of hate. Of course!

QUESTION: Was that hate? And if it was hate what was it...

RAJ: Was it love?

QUESTION: No, but I don't understand what I was...

RAJ: There are only two choices.

QUESTION: What was I hating? I mean I didn't feel any hate from

my heart. If it was hate was in not more fear of what life was? I don't know. I don't know the tension was extreme.

RAJ: Whenever that you feel that your dignity and intelligence and honor has been insulted your conditioning says that the appropriate response is resentment, and steps to get even, to get recompense. That is hate. It is the blocking of your function which is to be Love extending. And so you are engaging in an unnatural act you might say. It takes a lot of energy. And your body becomes the tool you use to create the sense of having enough substance to get even, to bring about justice.

QUESTION: Then was the righteous anger that I felt and the ultimate clearing of that anger in a form with the people involved was that inappropriate?

RAJ: Of course, you put yourself in a state of self-denial because you were insisting upon justice rather than being the Presence of Love that found no fault in her Brother.

QUESTION: There was a clearing in the expressing of what I felt and an understanding, could that have been handled in another way?

RAJ: Of course!

QUESTION: Well, tell me which way it could have been handled then?

RAJ: You would have found it very easy to creatively express that which brought about resolution without calling another's dignity and integrity into question. You would have found a way to express yourself that presented what to that one would be a reasonable other way to look at it and change his mind. But that kind of spontaneous creativity comes when you are not in a state of self-defense.

QUESTION: I'm going to have to let that one sit for a while, because I think there's a deeper clearing that has to go on.

RAJ: I want you all to remember that whenever there seems to be a call, a justified call for justice, that isn't what it is, it is a call for healing that exonerates all parties—that illuminates the innocence of all concerned.

QUESTION: That's pretty interesting.

RAJ: Indeed.

QUESTION: I mean I know that, but I haven't experienced in that form.
Wow!

RAJ: Well, next time you need to be the puppy.

QUESTION: Thank you.

RAJ: And I will tell you that you make a darn good puppy!

QUESTION: Thank you.

QUESTION: Good afternoon Raj, and I am absolutely overjoyed to be here and able to ask you something that has been bothering me for quite awhile. For a long time...

RAJ: I am going to interrupt you. We are going to take a short break and then we will take your question:

QUESTION: Kenneth Wapnik has indicated in his dissertations on the Course In Miracles on one of the tapes that I remember him stating as he began is that God only creates like Himself, Eternal, formless and light. And when the Mind of Christ seemed to split, which was the fall, that the material universe—somehow the collective ego created the material universe—and on our separate concept of ourselves in the separate state that the physical body also was a part of that. My question is kind of two parts here. When did God in fact Create the material universe and “the flesh body?” And number two, the second part of that, if you’d like me to continue with the second part...

RAJ: You may continue with the second part.

QUESTION: In the Course you state that the body’s only function—and I’m assuming the physical body—is to extend love. And when its function is finished it will be lovingly laid aside, we will be told and it will be lovingly laid aside. You have also stated on some of these tapes I heard recently that passing away, physical death is a decision, an act of suicide. Now if we are in this state of pure love, that the bodies function is correctly extending and therefore its sacrosanct what causes aging and deterioration? And will we be able to avert this as we’re coming into this new awareness or is this a given? And could you please elaborate on all that.

RAJ: It really doesn’t matter who expresses this idea and this idea is not new. What matters is whether it is true. Did God Create the material world? First of all you will have to point out to me where this material world is that we’re talking about. I realize you were not the one who made this statement but...

QUESTION: That’s why I’m asking the question.

RAJ: I understand.

QUESTION: I’m in total confusion.

RAJ: But whoever takes that statement and believes it ought to ask themselves where is this material world that the question refers to, because it is an assumption that all that you are experience as a world and universe is material, you see. An interpretation has been given to a conscious experience, an experience of consciousness. And the assumption has said that this is not an experience of consciousness. In other words it is not a mental experience, it is a physical experience, it is an experience of something physical separate and apart from mind,

separate and apart from consciousness.

Again did God Create this body of flesh and blood? Well, it all depends on the vantage point from which you are looking at it whether it is a body of flesh and blood, or whether it is the visibility and tangibility of God self-expressed which is purely mental. You see the moment one chooses to have a perception of the Movement of God called Creation and defines that perception as anything other than what it is he's claiming a mind separate from the Mind of which it is all the evidence, the visible, tangible evidence. And when I say tangible I mean that ideas are perfectly tangible to the mind that formed them, ideas are perfectly tangible to the mind that formed them. And so for ideas to be experienced tangibly does not require that somehow they have become something called matter, something no mental called physical.

The moment a point of view different from the Father's is embraced by anyone one has lost his capital "M" Mind. One also has lost the infinity of the conscious experience of Being. Now I can put it a different way, but it was important to say that first. One has lost his conscious experience of identity. Now I stated it more clearly when I said he's lost the conscious experience of Being, because divinely speaking identity is the infinite conscious experience of what God is and what God is Being.

In other words, the conscious experience of Being is the experience of God's point of view, because no different perception has been created and brought into play. And so the conscious experience of Identity with a capital "I", you might say, is an infinite experience of conscious presence in which all that is being experienced is the experience of one's Self. But when a perception different from the Father's experience of being All There Is is employed one loses the infinite experience of identity and seems to be identified specifically and only with what you call the body. The infinite body called Creation is no longer being experienced as the vantage point. And just the perspective from the specific manifestation of what you call your body becomes the new vantage point. This is a finite vantage point in which because one has lost the infinite experience of himself he feels small, separated, vulnerable and therefore called upon to defend himself against that which would take advantage of his vulnerability.

Now the fact is that when I said a time will come when the body has fulfilled its purpose and it will be gently laid aside, that means that there will come a point when the use of the body as a means of defense will no longer seem to fulfill purpose. And the body as the vantage point from which to experience Creation will be laid aside in favor of re-embracing God's perspective and once again experiencing one's Wholeness. The body that you had before identified exclusively with and used as a finite vantage point that you fooled yourself into

believing was the whole vantage point, that use will be laid aside, but that part of Creation will not disappear. It is the use of it as a place from which to view Creation that will be laid aside. And it is the use of that aspect of Creation that will no longer be used as a means of defense because one will have abandoned a perspective separate from the Father's in favor of the Father's perspective which is Whole, All Inclusive.

Now the universe is not going to disappear and that aspect of what you are infinitely which is specifically identified as body that will not disappear and Creation will not disappear. But you also will no longer ascertain what you are experiencing from an exclusive vantage point of one spot in the middle of infinity called this body.

QUESTION: I won't be confined to inside my head looking out of my eyes.

RAJ: You will not be confined to the belief that you have been looking from inside your head and actively excluding everything else.

QUESTION: That's going to take some doing.

RAJ: That's going to take some letting. You see your Sanity hasn't gone anywhere so it does not need to be recreated. It's simply being ignored at the moment in favor of an exclusive perception of everything. And as I said last night, it isn't going to take some process or some system of behavior—mental or physical—to arrive at the experience of your Whole Mind. All it takes is from moment to moment to remember to be curious because somewhere you heard that there is more to everything that you are seeing than you are seeing at the moment, and you are wondering what that more might be.

Again, it has nothing to do with a process of learning. It just has to do with a simple practice of curiosity. "Well, I think I know what the television really means," or "I think I know what the lamp really means. But if I'm not really experiencing all of the real meaning that is there, I wonder what it really means?" That simple wonder, that simple act of wondering is what opens the door.

QUESTION: And then our experience changes.

RAJ: Of course. A shift of perception happens.

QUESTION: So this is what we can look forward to this year?

RAJ: That is what you can look forward to this afternoon.

QUESTION: I'm willing. Can you help?

RAJ: I am.

QUESTION: Thank you.

RAJ: Shifting is already occurring. But it's not your responsibility to categorize it and place it in logical sequential order so that you might comprehend its full meaning. In many ways it will be tomorrow or a week from tomorrow that

you will realize that something you were concerned about yesterday, I mean yesterday, Saturday, you're no longer concerned with—it's gone. "Oh, a shift occurred. I'm experiencing a freedom that I wasn't experiencing before. Well, now if I didn't make it happen and I didn't even notice it disappear how am I going to do it again?" You're going to let it happen again by being simply curious.

This just isn't about an intellectual process of gaining more understanding that you can apply to everything you see. If you will just be curious everything will convey to you what it means because its meaning is God in action, in that spot expressing Itself. Why? So it can be experienced as a conscious experience. It is extending Its meaning. And if you are allowing just the littlest bit of curiosity to abide in your awareness you open the door for that extending of meaning to register with you. And ultimately what you find registering with you is not just what God is Meaning there, but you will recognize yourself, "Oh you're just like me. We're One! You're not different from me. I really don't have to be defended against what I thought you were. I really don't have to be defended against you. I love you. I realize I love you." And Wholeness becomes the characteristic of your experience of that thing. Your Wholeness becomes represented, you might say, in that thing. But not really represented, re-presented, it is embodied in that thing, not presented again, re-presented.

QUESTION: When I'm experience with what you're saying then is that I'm finding that things are beginning to resonate. I mean I feel a vibration of resonate... It's resonating.

RAJ: That is a wonderful fundamental way of expressing an experience of Oneness. Yes! It will expand. It will become more than that.

QUESTION: I'm beginning to experience this with people—thank goodness. And in some animate objects, like my car I'm beginning to feel is alive. I mean please don't laugh. I mean we have an agreement...

RAJ: I am not laughing. I mean it is an idea. Is it not an idea?

QUESTION: And if I take care of it it doesn't let me down in places where I can't take care of it, or something isn't available. And so far this has been happening.

RAJ: It does not have an intent of its own any more than you truly have a private intent of your own. You and the car always represent the Father's intent, unless you are claiming private, separate perspective on everything where you are giving the definitions to it. And then God does not stop being the intent behind you and the vehicle, but because you are preoccupied with your perception and disregarding the Father's then you can seem to experience fragmenting of your experience.

QUESTION: I call it discord.

RAJ: Yes, where one thing is not in support of another thing.

QUESTION: Now I am also experiencing when this is happening we're in harmony. The car and I with the purpose that we have together. I can go down the highway blindly not concerned about getting stuck, none of those things even occur to me. And this is how my life now is...?

RAJ: Or if losing your sweater before an eruption occurs cause you after the disruption occurs to be in the place where the undoing of your disruption can occur, because God never stopped being the intent behind your life, you will lose your sweater or you may get stuck on the freeway.

QUESTION: This is why I wanted to finish. It happened. And what was interesting is God showed up to get me off the—I'm not kidding—highway and got me home. And the next day the car malfunctioned again in a place where I could get it repaired, and because it was electrical and you can't see these problems while the car is running perfectly—which it was doing—I asked the new mechanic, it was a husband and wife team, wonderful people that I was guided to... And I said could we please ask, meditate and to be shown where the problem is and they were absolutely agreeable for that. And they found it. I mean, so this has just been with really minimal imposition to me.

RAJ: So the fact that God is love, and therefore everything that happens must at the bottom line identify the fact that you are loved it will seem as though the car is working with you and your body is working with you and the gas station attendant is working with you and the mechanic is working with you so that you might understand how closely held you are in the Allness of God's Love and the experience of this is able to demonstrate to you in practical terms that your fear of the opposite of love is groundless and therefore you may dare to abandon your defense mechanisms which you always keep functioning just in case the opposite of love thrust itself into your experience.

QUESTION: It's like we're being asked to get rid of backups now.

RAJ: Oh, indeed. As I've said before, if you save for a rainy day you are bound to have a rainy day.

QUESTION: It's better to be in debt that way you'll always be working. (laughter) Yeah, we're starting to look at this wholly differently, every negative now is a positive for living (not sure of the last word in this sentence).

RAJ: Every negative is a positive misunderstood or misinterpreted, because there's only one thing going on. This is why the Course can say that the Holy Spirit turns every experience to your advantage. It's really because it always was on your behalf but your conviction to the contrary has caused you to be defended

against that which has always been present on your behalf.

QUESTION: And my conviction to the contrary arose out of believing the misperceptions that everyone else had believed and therefore this had come about in their lives—it's called the news.

RAJ: Yes, you could say that the misperception has been a result of never having asked God for His. And that's what curiosity really is. "Father, what is your perception of this? Father, what is really going on here?" And very often when any of you ask for the Father's perspective on what is really going on here you are asking the Father to disclose to you the deceitful, thoughtless, mean processes that those around you are engaging in so you will know how to have a better defense. "Father, how do I protect myself against these bastards—or these unscrupulous people?" That isn't asking for what is really going on here. That is asking for help to get rid of the monster in your dream.

You see, the real question is: "How do I wake up so that I can see that the monster isn't real in the first place?" So when you ask for the Father's perspective, these unscrupulous bastards who are out to screw you will suddenly be the obvious presence of the Christ. Your perception will shift. And in that experience of what they divinely are the picture they are presenting to you will constitute absurd nonsense that wouldn't engage you in reaction at all. And in the presence of the innocence of your vision of them they will not have the mutual agreement from you any longer to support their misperception of themselves. And that is when the picture can and will change so that that which seemed to be unscrupulous and that which was intended on their part to be unscrupulous will not be a reasonable thing for them to continue forward with with you.

QUESTION: I have experienced this already. And I do understand what you're saying. And it has to be expanded to everything.

RAJ: Well here we're getting into a system again or a process.

QUESTION: I know, I caught myself as I was saying understand...

RAJ: When you're having this experience there's a spontaneous, not a spontaneous tendency—but I'm going to use the word—there's a spontaneous tendency to see everything else clearly as well. "Wow, if my brother here is the Christ and I had thought he was something else, well what is this table we're all sitting at, what is this lamp, what is this community that I'm in?" Curiosity grows exponentially. You see?

QUESTION: It's interesting you said that, because you say that metaphysics—I had been using metaphysics from a vantage point which you said worked for awhile in order to bring us to a certain awareness. And so I've kind of stumbled onto these experiences not fully grasping the meaning of it all, but I've seen the response when I take a different attitude, a loving

attitude I see people melt in their misperceptions and change their attitude. However, I haven't seen the big picture. I've just maybe experienced the breakthrough which needs to be more cultivated is what I'm here with you experiencing.

RAJ: Yes.

QUESTION: Thank you very much.

RAJ: You are welcome.

QUESTION: I've been experiencing a year quite opposite to what was mentioned earlier where it seems that everything is going wrong.

RAJ: You are speaking of the last six weeks?

QUESTION: Yes.

RAJ: Yes, miracles often appear to be catastrophes.

QUESTION: So I wonder if you would elaborate on that—on what the Father's perspective is on what seems to be happening.

RAJ: Would you share the script, the details which your ego is describing the miracle by means of? I mean, to Paul it appears that the catastrophe is an IRS agent absconding with all of the Foundations funds. It doesn't look like a miracle or a healing, but it is. What are your details?

QUESTION: They seem somewhat petty compared to an IRS agent.

RAJ: Someone said the other day that every time they get to thinking that their life is a little tough, they get a letter from me! And they feel much better. You see, this is part of the wonder of it, that just as there is no order of difficulty in miracles, there's no order of degree of illusions. It doesn't matter how petty yours seems by comparison. Its ability to hook you is the same. As I've also said before, it matters not how small the bait is, you always get the whole hook.

So, what are your details?

QUESTION: I thought I was going to get away with not having to tell you this. A repetitive, irritating, not major health problem; a break-up of a relationship that I know needed to happen, but it doesn't feel very good; interactions at my job with someone who seems to be pretty blatantly an idiot—that's probably the nicest word I can say right now—a patient who is going through something very serious legally that needs my help, and I don't know that I can do much for her; my parents are experiencing health problems that seem to be worsening, not getting better.

It's felt like it's just turned into a litany lately. And while I'm here, I sort of experience that things are fine and will be fine, and life is changing and it's okay. But when I go home, I lose that sense, and so I got in an argument with someone last week, knowing that I was engaging in something that wasn't helpful, that felt like it needed limits put on it—speaking of the

interaction at work.

RAJ: At the bottom line, crisis—whether it seems petty by comparison with another—puts each one of you in the position of making a choice for whether or not you are going to make the Gift of your Self or whether you are going to withhold It so that you can carry a grievance. In other words, every crisis brings each one of you to a point of decision: “Which of the two voices am I going to listen to? The Voice for Truth or the voice for fear?” If it’s a “medium” crisis, you might opt for the voice for fear. But if the crisis is one where you’re really down to brass tacks, you will opt for the Voice for Truth.

Now, you say when you’re here, like today, you have a feeling that everything will be all right. Why do you have that feeling? You have that feeling because Paul, in the midst of his crisis has not opted for the voice for fear. You see? He did not say, “This is too much for me to handle”—I mean, momentarily from time to time, he did—but he did not say, “This is more than I can take, and therefore I’m canceling Sunday afternoon.” He did not say, “Raj, I am where I am because I’ve been listening to you. Therefore, I’m not going to allow you to mislead everyone else by having a Gathering on Sunday.”

All of these are thoughts that one of the two voices expressed over the last week and a half. But at the bottom line, he came to a decision that no matter what happened, no matter how unreasonable or unfair it seemed he was not going to stop listening to me. He was not going to choose for the other voice. And it is only because he is not emotionally embroiled in the “injustice” of all of this, and the “call for justice” which is inherent in it, that he is able to be in a way this afternoon which allows you to feel that maybe everything might not be what you thought it was.

If you will make a similar decision not to be the mouthpiece for the voice for fear—whether it’s your parents, whether it’s your client, whether it’s the idiot—your presence will convey the same experience which Paul’s presence is conveying to you, because he’s allowing the Voice for Truth and Love to not be blocked by some “right” he has to “get even” with an unjust situation. And your circumstance can fluctuate and change and reconfigure in your experience as it is reconfiguring for Paul in his experience.

It says in the Course, “To have, give all to all.” And there’s been a standing joke in this house for the last week and a half: “To have, give all to the IRS.” Now, one of the realizations which came out of that playful joke was the realization that it doesn’t mean to give all of your possessions away. It means to give from the place of one’s Allness. It is like an attack which seems to call for an attack in response. But the saying is to “turn the other cheek.” As I have said before, it means instead of giving attack for attack, give Love for attack. The

“other” cheek is Love. It’s the other Voice.

To have—to experience one’s Wholeness—one must be present in the world from one’s Wholeness, to the best of one’s ability—which, again, Paul is doing this afternoon, and which he has been doing most of the time during the last week and a half when he has not chosen for the voice for smallness, for tiny separate vulnerable mistreated self-hood. To have, give All—give Wholeness—to all. Give Love to all. Give the willingness to see with the Father’s point of view.

What is happening for the Foundation and for Paul is healing. The presence of the threat of that which can undermine his peace and his ability to flow smoothly with the Movement of god, the Movement of Being, is ending right at the point where it seems to be asserting itself. And he is being able to grasp, at a level of meaning rather than a level of reasoning, that the way for him to see the healing here, rather than what his ego interpreted it as, lies in his refusing to abandon the Voice for Truth in favor of the “satisfaction” of listening to the voice for fear and “getting even.”

So, if there is resolve and commitment on your part when you leave, to not abandon that in you which holds sacred and safe your invulnerability and Wholeness, you will find everyone around you being blessed, and you will see satisfying fulfillment manifesting in your experience as your healed experience.

If you slip and become reactive, be gentle with yourself. The habit is a long-standing habit of justifiable self-righteousness with all of you, and it is very easy to be triggered into reaction. But, if you catch yourself and consciously abandon it again, your suffering will be very brief, and the grace of the healing will be able to continue to increasingly register with you.

Paul has slipped many times in the last week and a half. He would love to have a reason to go back to Hawaii. And this appears to be a very reasonable reason. “It’s not fair here on the Mainland.” And so he has slipped, but he has not used that as a means of putting himself down. He’s caught himself and he has sat down and gotten back on the beam. And although he cannot share with you the fullness of the fulfillment yet, he is experiencing it increasingly. And that’s the promise for you as well.

QUESTION: I fear sometimes that when I think I’m listening, and then things don’t go right, that I’m not really listening.

RAJ: Oh, indeed, yes. You see, for Paul, part of the justification for feeling injustice was that on my guidance he had, through the Foundation’s accountant, established an apparently working relationship with the agent from the IRS, and then, boom, out of the blue, the IRS agent behaved in a way inconsistent with the apparent working relationship.

I must share this, just for perspective, because this is not only a healing

relative to the Foundation and those who support it, but it is also a healing for Paul relative to his relationship with the Foundation and Paul personally.

When I first came along, the only reason Paul was willing to listen for my voice was because he was in the midst of crisis that none of his metaphysically correct thinking was resolving. And during that period of time, he was what you could call “struggling,” according to everyone else’s perspective—little income, unemployed. As many of you know, when I told him it was time to allow people to ask me questions, he felt too uncomfortable with it, and I pointed out to him that he wouldn’t be able to find other work. For six months he insisted on trying to find other work, and did not.

So, there was a period of a couple of years where, for lack of better words, adjustment took place, and he yielded from a place of the exercise of great personal control over his life to a place of allowing Guidance—what you might call “the Father’s perspective”—to lead him.

During this period of time he did not file his personal income taxes, because there was no money to do that. His family, for a period of time, lived in other people’s homes because he was not employed. And yet, through all of this, we were constantly conversing, and for him this was a period of great transformation and enlightenment and growth. And he experienced no self-pity, and everything got progressively better.

To make a long story short, although the amount due was small when he finally filed returns, he immediately got a notice that he owed penalties of \$70,000. Now, why am I saying this? I’m saying this because this has been something hanging over his head for 14 years or so, unresolved, with no apparent means to resolve it. He has endured demands of an agency that he perceived as ongoingly insulting to his dignity.

Last, week, after the Foundation’s funds were seized—which are not justifiably due the IRS—the IRS agent said, “What I want to hear from you by March 15th regarding your personal debt to the IRS is that you have gone to an attorney and bankrupted that debt”—something which, for years, he had been told could not be done.

I will tell you that that response was forthcoming from the agent because when Paul called him in response to the levy on the Foundation’s bank account, he took my lead, and although he expressed surprise at the levy occurring without advance warning, “we” said, “Nevertheless, we look forward to paying off the remaining \$3,500 as soon as possible, and we anticipate that it will be a matter of weeks.” There was no antagonism expressed or felt by Paul. I had told him, “Be willing to pay this with joy!”—an unreasonable concept to his ego.

The means to pay it off will be present. And what amounts to \$130,000 of

penalties on Paul's personal income tax, which in the beginning only amounted to \$19,000 of actual debt, will disappear. And he and the Foundation will move forward healed of ongoing threat.

I guarantee you that it would not be happening this way if he insisted upon listening to the voice for fear.

I will tell all of you something: What you call "crisis" is what happens—if you will imagine a balloon—when a balloon expands to a point where a weakness in the wall is not able to support further expansion. The balloon is the equivalent of the sphere which I have spoken of for many years as the ego structure, like a bubble, which is very thin, but most definitely presents a dividing point between the volume of air inside and the volume of air outside. The volume of air outside the sphere of ego structures is "the rest of you," your infinite Wholeness. And the volume inside the sphere is you—part of your infinite Wholeness.

A crisis is when the bubble is about to burst and the experience of total Whole Integrity will become available to you. And the ego defends its "cellular" wall and patches it up, brings in more soap, more bubble solution.

This is why when you arrive at a point of crisis, if you will not abandon the Voice for Truth, if you will not abandon commitment to being the Love that you Are, the Function of who you really Are will give you the courage to let the bubble pop, and come Home. In other words, not experience this film of separation between who you presently experience yourself to be—tiny and vulnerable—and what you Are already in your Totality, in your infinite Wholeness, which only seems to be separated by the flimsiest of boundaries.

Now, the reason I have gone on at some length here is because healing is never private, and healing is never localized to just one area of your life. The "crisis" may seem to apply to only one specific area in your life, but the healing, the resolution of the crisis, will embrace more of your life, and more of everyone's life, because you cannot experience healing without the whole Brotherhood becoming "less dense."

You all need to remember that at the bottom line, no matter what the details of the crisis are, it is always bait, intent upon distracting you from remembering that you are the presence of Love, and that that is your Function. And in that Function is your salvation, is your healing, is your Wholeness, and is your Awakening. That's the point!

QUESTION: You've talked a lot about in the time of crisis listening for the Voice for Truth, or I guess another way would be to say listening to your guide. Well I have an experience where I'll go to work, on the way to work I have time to collect my thoughts, listen to tapes from an older workshop, or just get centered and have a conversation with my guide, go up

into my office, start working and at some point I lose that contact. And it's not a matter of crisis, but I'll get to the end of the day and realize that at some point I lost that contact. And then I get back in my car and start listening again. Do you have any tips on...

RAJ: How to stayed joined without needing the prod of a crisis?

QUESTION: Exactly, yes.

RAJ: Well I must say two things. First of all it is wonderful that on the way to work and on the way home you are remembering. And this is cause for your being at peace with yourself rather than feeling that you are not doing as well as you ought to be doing in terms of the commitment and consistency of listening throughout the day. You see, this is not about a practice. It is not about a system of behavior. I encourage you to ask your guide or the Holy Spirit or the Father to remind you from time to time. This is far better than your trying to figure out a way how to remind yourself. Because the very fact of inviting, the very act of inviting help is an expression of your desire not to be alone and independent. It also relieves you of a personal sense of responsibility which if you exercise well you can take credit for when you wake up.

You certainly can get yourself a wristwatch that will beep at you every 10 minutes or every hour as a little reminder, but I encourage you not to do that, and not to take any mechanical steps, but your relationship with your guide and your leaning into your relationship with your guide, let that be the source of your reminder. And in the meantime don't be distressed if you are not doing it 24 hours a day. Let there be a sense of appreciation for the fact that now instead of never being in touch with your guidance you are in the morning and the evening. There is a call with you for some self-appreciation, acknowledgment that you are doing well. And there is room for you to feel gratitude for the time and the times when you do remember to listen. I want you to engage more in appreciation than in finding ways to do better so that once you've done better you can engage in appreciation.

QUESTION: Thank you.

RAJ: You are welcome.

QUESTION: This isn't quite as long as the last one. My home is littered with dead bodies—it is! It's flies. The float home that I bought was unfinished and somehow flies have decided to make it their home and they're hatching in the windows and door frames all year round now. And I tried to make a deal, I tried to talk to the universe and ask them if they would please quit hatching because I didn't like killing them. They kept hatching anyway. And so every time I spray around the edges of it and the poor little gaffers die and it's not easy. And I feel I am very aware of each of these little

creatures. And can you tell me how I can alleviate this to their benefit and mine?

RAJ: The only practical alternative you have to what you are doing is to move out. In other words, you are doing what must be done and you must not fuss about it.

QUESTION: That is very shocking to me, I mean on two levels. One is because at the moment there seems to be a Move of what to have me move over to the float home and there has been since December. And it's really interesting because in December I sat in the middle of this wonderful place and just loved it, I loved everything that was around me. Never have I loved a place that I'd been, I reveled in. And then there was an attack from the outside community. The community perceives float homes as not being desirable. And so I found myself in a movement to have our float homes legitimized. At the same time these little bodies are busy hatching around my windows and whatnot and I'm putting them out of my misery. And then the outside threat to the float home comes to the end and suddenly the person from whom I'm supposed to be buying it goes into bankruptcy. And I may lose my deposit and may move out. So when you say to me, you have to move out I'm thinking, "maybe I do, I don't know." And at the same time that you're talking about all of these things today and saying that you'll find... you said at one point that you'll find suddenly that something doesn't bother you anymore. It suddenly doesn't bother me if I have to leave that place that I admit that I love being. So...

RAJ: But being willing to leave and being guided to leave are two different things.

QUESTION: Or being pushed?

RAJ: Being pushed and being guided are two different things. Don't move an inch until guidance says, "now we will move." In the order of practical priorities dealing with the flies in a different way than you are dealing with them is very low on the priority list. That is the answer.

Now for example I did not share with you that although I have instructed Paul that it is appropriate to pay the IRS the amount they are demanding relative to the Foundation, and to do it with joy, I have throughout the years told Paul it is not appropriate for him to pay the penalties that were applied to him personally.

Now, if you try to find consistency in that, you will be lost. But if you realize that none of this is about consistency but all of it is about waking up, that all of it is about coming to a point of not basing one's actions on one's best limited judgments, but rather being willing to make commitment to "Thy will, not mine be done," then you will begin to understand how it works.

In Biblical terms, the ego is a liar, and the father of it, meaning the father of the lie. It is an illusion and the father of the illusion. It is incapable of being direct, honest. And for lack of better words, the undoing of illusion can only be accomplished by the Holy Spirit, and the undoing of the ego is always accomplished by misdirection.

You see, everyone thinks that the ego is going to be improved and ultimately spiritualized so that it will finally wake up. And everyone thinks they are an ego. However, the ego is nothing but a set of beliefs which are not based in fact, but are based on a fundamental sense of isolation, separateness, vulnerability. Therefore, its total function is self-defense. And its total function of self-defense is nonsensical in the presence of an all-pervading infinite Presence called God, and in the middle of Reality which is indivisible, therefore undivided, and therefore incapable of being in a state of conflict.

Your Self is not an ego. Your Self—You—are the presence of the Mind of God functioning perfectly. But a decision has been made to use this specific form [the body] as the vantage point from which to look at everything, which causes all of your perceptions of everything to be distorted because it can only be seen truly from the infinite vantage point, the all-inclusive vantage point.

When I say that the only way the ego can be dealt with is by misdirection, I mean that the undoing of it occurs by a sleight of hand. Many of you have listened to what I have said as though you were going to learn something from what I said, when much of the time I am speaking to the ego and non-verbally connecting with the Self of you, and illuminating It so that you feel your Self more fully.

What undoes your precious illusions...I will use Paul here: What will undo his firm convictions about the IRS, and maybe “government” itself, will not necessarily be the result of consistent, logical directions from me. And so, on the one hand, I say it is not appropriate, and on the other hand I say it is appropriate to pay. And what is Paul getting out of it? What he is getting out of it is that it’s not about right or wrong. It’s not about just or unjust. It’s about staying on the beam! It’s about commitment to listening to the Voice for Truth. It is about commitment to That in him Which is the presence of God. And it is about abandoning allegiance to that which seems to be in him, which seems to be him, which is pure illusion, called the ego.

Healing is the eradication of conflicting points of view, one or the other of which seems to need to be the victor—right-mindedness overcoming wrong-mindedness. And so in one dream I tell him, “You don’t need to run from the dragon,” and in another dream I say to him, “You need to run from the dragon, and I will help you.”

Guidance very often creates a state of frustration in you that causes you to throw up your hands and give up!

QUESTION: Is that where you want us to be? Is that where we're supposed to be, throwing up our hands...

RAJ: To give up?

QUESTION: Yes.

RAJ: Absolutely! I not only want you to get to the end of your rope that you think you have to hang onto, I want you to let go of it, because until you let go of it, you will not find that there's no place to fall!

If you were careless and injured your body in some way you deserve to have a healing of that injury, because it's your birthright to experience your unchanging perfection. But what if your body said, "Wait a minute, why should she get to experience peace of mind without having paid for the injury I suffered the infliction of?" It's not logical, as I said earlier, it's not fair. Do you see that healing has nothing to do with what the ego calls logic and it has everything to do with your coming not into line with logic but into line with the Father's Will. And that means letting the Father's Will be your desire to experience more than logic, more than justice, more than fairness.

Right now very simply put, you have other areas where realization is where you stand on the threshold of realization and the flies aren't one of them.

QUESTION: I understand.

RAJ: Okay.

QUESTION: Thank you.

RAJ: You are welcome. But also pay attention to the fact that when you think you know what guidance is supposed to tell you you're lost. Because all you are using guidance for is to confirm whatever your present ignorance is.

QUESTION: Am I getting it? Because right now I don't feel like I'm getting it. Did I get it?

RAJ: It slipped in.

QUESTION: Thank you very much.

RAJ: You are welcome.

QUESTION: Well this isn't a burning question, but it's something that I experience. I live on a Bainbridge Island. I have a lot of very capable, respectable, bright people who are fighting all kinds of causes, either against or for—magnetic power, or schools or keeping the highway from being overrun by all this stuff that always goes on in a neighborhood. And I guess I'm feeling that I don't want to fight anything. And yet I have these people who tell me and want me to get involved and get in the ranks. And I've just kind of stayed away from it so far. And I guess maybe that's what I'll

continue to do. What is all this about?

RAJ: Well, I will tell you that you are not being an ostrich putting its head in the sand ignoring what you ought to pay attention to. You are not acting inappropriately. And I encourage you to continue to pay attention to what you feel moving in you or not moving in you and be consistent with it without apology and without guilt.

QUESTION: Right because we live on a farm. It's an organic farm. I don't use poisons and try to stay away from all these things that people are so concerned about, just for my own reasons. I don't know. But it is confusing. I kind of stand and scratch my head when I see all this activity going on and wondering...

RAJ: Well as you just saw, Connie had an expectation of me not to say what I said. I'm not here to cater to what she wants to hear, I'm here to be genuinely expressing the Father's Will. And you are there to genuinely be the Presence of your Integrity, I will put it that way. You're not here to jump when a whole group of people have gotten revved up about jumping about something.

QUESTION: Yeah, I kind of feel that it's the presence of fear. That's about what's going on.

RAJ: Your perspective is true.

QUESTION: I guess I didn't have much of a question.

RAJ: It's important to know when you are on the beam. Indeed.

QUESTION: Thank you.

RAJ: You are welcome.

QUESTION: This is my first time here and I am just feeling overwhelmed. This is just incredible to me. And I will be back many, many times. My question is not specific it's very conceptual in nature. And that is that I have been experiencing more and more that Love is only of one kind, and I would like your comments about whether there is a distinction, and whether Love has different forms, different intensities, different levels. I just tend to see Love as Love, whether it's love with people, with family, within a relationship, with my pets, with my love for my work (when I do love my work) gardening, birds, nature. Could you please comment?

RAJ: You are quite correct. Instead of saying there is only one kind of Love, I would say there is only Love.

Love is the willingness to recognize that which is Real in each and everything. Love is the acknowledgment of what is Real, and so it applies to the leaves, and the grass, and the grass cuttings, and the animals, and the work, and on and on and on.

Again, that which is Real in each and every thing is God's intent, God's

Presence in it. And so, to be recognizing God, acknowledging God, actually experiencing the Presence of God because you have invited the experience in each and everything, that is Love. They are not different kinds of Love because they are different things. The purpose of Love is not different from thing to thing. And Love is never a matter of getting. It's always this act of acknowledging, of giving recognition to God—there, there, there, there, there. You see?

QUESTION: Should I never be using the word “reciprocity”?

RAJ: Love is never exchanged. Love is always a gift. And because the giving of that gift is your Function, it is also your fulfillment. And it doesn't matter whether anyone or anything else seems to be returning it. Their returning it is their fulfillment of their Function, in which lies their experience of Wholeness. You see?

QUESTION: So you're saying that their or its love could be going in another direction and be fulfilling that which is giving the love?

RAJ: No. What I am conveying to you is that whether Love seems to be reciprocal or not is irrelevant to you. That is what I am saying.

If you are making distinctions between things, and you are willing to recognize that which is Real in “this” thing but not “that” thing, you are missing the point and you are missing your fulfillment. When you are truly being loving, when you are truly being Love and fulfilling your Function, absolutely nothing is untouched universally.

QUESTION: I would just like to comment that I don't believe I am doing that. I believe I'm feeling the love equally throughout. And like you say, Love is Love. In every relationship I've had in the past, I feel that I've really had the expectation of reciprocity, and I don't now. And I guess I just needed to hear what you had to say about it, because so many people I know want a partnership with reciprocity, and I wondered if I was off base.

RAJ: Oh, no. Relationships are almost always for purposes of control.

QUESTION: Thank you

QUESTION: This is widely different topic, but it's been something fascinating to me so I'll ask it. Could you comment on this face on Mars that seems to have been built by somebody at sometime. I guess it was our voyager satellite that picked up pictures of it.

RAJ: .It is enough for you all—I do not mean just you here in the room but for all of you on the globe—it is important for all of you to know that you are not alone. But at this time it is not appropriate for me to say anything more than that. It is a structure rather than a natural occurrence. That's the end of the answer.

I thank you for asking though, and not feeling confined in your subject matter.

QUESTION: Quite awhile ago I sort of figured that love belonged to the lover, that that was my way of experiencing the extension of love in that it didn't matter whether you felt it or not. It belonged to me and I was grateful for the feeling of it. So those things in my life which unlocked that feeling were very valued. And so there's a couple of measures of where I'm at in extending my love, and they happened to be how much I love insects—I mean the fly question was not altogether inappropriate.

RAJ: You notice that I did not tell you to stop inviting them to find some other place to be. And do not doubt that that communication is complete, that the connection is made. But again as I said, this is not where the threshold of breakthrough awaits you.

QUESTION: I understand. I mean I really do understand.

RAJ: For someone else or for yourself at another time this could be the threshold and my answer would not be the same. Don't want your thresholds to be different from what they are. Don't prefer this one.

QUESTION: This one is easier. The flies are easier believe me. However, the thing that I wanted to get at with love is the extension of love: When I see you and I love you, and I see Paul and I love him, when I see people that I know that I love I feel the love going out and I know that it's there. My desire is that everything I see I feel that same thing for. So when I'm not feeling that same thing we have this special relationship vs. the holy relationship and...

RAJ: No, when you get into reciprocity you have a special relationship—contractual reciprocity.

QUESTION: Ah, no kidding. I never made that connection. So let's go one further. So there's not that reciprocity, but when I look at people that I don't know I don't often love them instantly the way I love people that I know and that I have developed with. I mean sometimes I will. Sometimes I'll see someone and immediately I'm in love with them. And this is really weird, I mean I discovered how much I loved a worm one day. And truly that is the measure of my Awakening is when I can see the dragon fly that I was terrified by and wouldn't mind if it touched me or landed on me. So what I'm saying, my question to you is, when I feel nothing when I look at something or someone what is that? Is that a closing down?

RAJ: We can look at the half full glass or the half empty glass. It is an opportunity to engage curiosity about the feeling of love that is within you but unrecognized at the moment for this thing. And one of the ways to awaken the love in you is to be curious to know what its capital "M" Meaning is. "Where in the infinite intent of the Father is the glorious in this thing?"

QUESTION: Which means the TV set. Which means the bookcase, the books, the trees, the rug. It's possible to feel that same extension for all of these things?

RAJ: Indeed.

QUESTION: That answered my question.

RAJ: Because if something is there it's the Kingdom of Heaven experienced without distortion or experienced with distortion—seen clearly or seen through a glass darkly in Biblical terms.

QUESTION: Can we go another step?

RAJ: We may.

QUESTION: Okay. When I see it and I feel it and it's unblocked and it's flowing I'm still seeing it as what it is. When I look at the TV set I'm seeing it as a TV set, and yet if the love was unlocked I would feel the same thing, the same love flowing and I would feel it differently. I'm not seeing with my physical eyes what I'm feeling with my heart. So in view of the fact you've said at some point you'll see light streaming from things, I'm feeling light streaming from the things that I see that I love in my heart, but I'm not seeing in my eyes. And I'm judging myself for that.

Well then be curious about what is Meaningful in you. In other words, you are extending the willingness to see that which is lovable in the TV, now turn your gaze, your inner gaze on yourself to see what is lovable there. And you will not waste time with penance and.. well reorientation and resolution. In other words, you will not engage a process which will bring you to a place of loving yourself. Just be willing to look at yourself the way you are looking at the TV. Might you not, might you not be as worthy as the worm that you discovered love for. Might it not be that easy to feel love for yourself without going through a rehabilitation therapy process? Indeed.

QUESTION: I got it. Thank you.

RAJ: We will end with that. Thank you, I have enjoyed being with all of you.