

Chapter 13. THE GUILTLESS WORLD

Introduction

T-13.in.1. If you did not feel guilty you could not attack, for condemnation is the root of attack. 2 **Condemnation** is the judgment of one mind by another as unworthy of love and deserving of punishment. 3 But **this condemnation of another as unworthy of love and deserving of punishment is caused by the belief in separation** and herein lies the split of your mind. 4 For the mind that judges perceives itself as separate from the mind being judged, believing that by punishing another, **the mind that judges** will escape punishment. 5 All this **condemnation and judgment of another** is but the delusional attempt of the mind to deny itself, and escape the penalty of denial. 6 **This condemnation and judgment of another** is not an attempt to relinquish denial, but to hold on to **denial**. 7 For **denial of another as being worthy of love** is **the** guilt that has obscured the Father to you and **this denial of another as being worthy of love** is **the** guilt that has driven you insane.

Note #1: ACIM defines **Condemnation** as the judgment of one mind by another as unworthy of love and deserving of punishment. Condemnation is caused by the belief in separation. Perceiving our brother as separate from our own mind, we believe that by condemning another we can escape our own condemnation and our feelings of guilt within our own split mind. We first project our guilt upon another and then see our brother as guilty and as being unworthy of our love. Since thoughts never leave the mind of the thinker, our mind still harbors the projected thought and also the guilt and the condemnation that we have placed upon our brother. We deny both our brother's and our own Big "S" Selves and strengthen our split mind's belief that we are separate and unworthy of God's love.

T-13.in.2. The acceptance of guilt into the mind of God's Son was the beginning of the separation, as the acceptance of the Atonement is **the separation's** end. 2 The world you see is the delusional system of those made mad by guilt. 3 Look carefully at this world **that was born from your guilt**, and you will realize that this is so. 4 For this world **of your misperception** is the symbol of punishment, and all the laws that seem to govern **your dream world of provisional reality** are the laws of death. 5 Children are born into **this world that was made from your guilt** through pain and in pain. 6 **The children's** growth is attended by suffering, and **the children** learn of sorrow and separation and death. 7 **The children's** minds seem to be trapped in their brain, and **the mind's** powers **seem** to decline if their bodies are hurt. 8 **The children** seem to love, yet they desert and are deserted. 9 **The children** appear to lose what they love, perhaps the most insane belief of all. 10 And **the children's** bodies wither and gasp and are laid in the ground, and are no more. 11 Not one of **the children** but has thought that God is cruel.

Note # 2: When the Sonship accepted the idea that it could be guilty of something, the separation began. The Sonship, not God, made this world from its split-mind. The Sonship's mind appeared to split into two separate parts when it forgot to laugh and took seriously the imagined game of being something other than God. The Sonship insanely claimed it did not know that it was God's perfect Creation. Sin, guilt and fear are related. They are "kissing cousins" that arose out of the belief in the separation. Out of these three, the split-minded Sonship birthed the dream world of provisional reality and the egoic

thought system upon which it rests. This world of illusion was an attempt to keep God and God's love away from God's Son. It was our self-inflicted punishment caused from the guilt the Sonship felt from the denial of our divine birthright. Guilt is the feeling that results in our mind when we attack our innocence. Due to our self-inflicted punishment, we, the fragmented Sonship, all perceive God as cruel. Our ego projects our own actions of self-inflicted punishment upon God and then blames God and calls Him cruel.

T-13.in.3. If this **world, which was actually born or made from your own guilt,** were the real world, God *<would>* be cruel. 2 For no Father could subject His children to **this world of punishment** as the price of salvation and *<be>* loving. 3 *<Love does not kill to save.>* 4 If **love did kill to save,** attack would be salvation, and this is the ego's interpretation, not God's **interpretation.** 5 Only the world of guilt could demand this **killing to save,** for only the guilty could conceive **that killing to save could bring salvation.** 6 Adam's "sin" could have touched no one, had **Adam** not believed it was the Father Who drove **Adam** out of Paradise. 7 For in that belief **that God drove Adam out of Paradise,** the knowledge of the Father was lost, since only those who do not understand **the Father** could believe **a God of love would do such a cruel thing.**

Note #3: A classic example of projection occurred when Adam claimed that God drove him from paradise. Adam attempted to get rid of his own guilt by blaming it on someone else, in this case, God. Thus, Adam denied that he was the source of his own made-up dream. This denial of sourceness makes the belief in separation real; for now rather than a Oneness, there is something outside itself. We have lost or denied knowledge of what God is and that we are an extension of that One Self. God did not make this world. We did. This world of perception is not part of the Mind of God. Therefore, it is neither eternal nor real. The illusion of separation has no reality outside the mind of the dreamer who is dreaming that this world of guilt and punishment is real.

T-13.in.4. This world **born of our guilt** *<is>* a picture of the crucifixion of God's Son. 2 And until you realize that God's Son cannot be crucified, this is the world you will see. p236 3 Yet you will not realize **that God's Son cannot be crucified** until you accept the eternal fact that God's Son is not guilty. 4 **God's Son** deserves only love because he has given only love. 5 **God's Son** cannot be condemned because he has never **been** condemned **by His Father.** 6 The Atonement is the final lesson **God's Son** need learn, for **the Atonement** teaches **God's Son** that, never having sinned, **God's Son** has no need of salvation.

Note #4: The Atonement principle states that the separation never was real. The illusion of separation is not part of the Mind of God and thus, we have not done anything wrong. We merely dreamed a nightmare. Dreams are not punishable for they never happened. The Atonement is the acknowledgement of the fact that God's Creation remains sinless and guiltless. The Atonement must be accepted for oneself since the belief in the separation is only in the deluded mind of the dreamer.

I. Guiltlessness and Invulnerability

T-13.I.1. Earlier, I said that the Holy Spirit shares the goal of all good teachers, whose ultimate aim is to make **the teacher** unnecessary by teaching their pupils all **that the teacher** knows. 2 The Holy Spirit wants only **that we learn the truth about**

ourselves, for sharing the Father's Love for His Son, **the Holy Spirit** seeks to remove all guilt from **the pupil's** mind that **the Son of God** may remember his Father in peace. 3 Peace and guilt are antithetical, and the Father can be remembered only in peace. 4 Love and guilt cannot coexist, and to accept **love and guilt** is to deny the other. 5 Guilt hides Christ from your sight, for **guilt** is the denial of the blamelessness of God's Son.

Note # 5: The Holy Spirit's function is to gently reawaken the split-minded into remembering and reawakening to their divine birthright. This birthright was never lost, it was only forgotten.

T-13.I.2. In the strange world that you have made the Son of God *<has>* sinned. 2 How could you see him, then? 3 By making him invisible, the world of retribution rose in the black cloud of guilt that you accepted, and you hold **this cloud of guilt and world of retribution you made dear to your little "s" self**. 4 For the blamelessness of Christ is the proof that the ego never was, and can never be. 5 Without guilt the ego has no life, and God's Son *<is>* without guilt.

Note # 6: It is our own self-denial of the Christ, our Big "S" Self, that resulted in our making a world that is absent from God's love. Our ego's guilt requires that we believe in our personal littleness, rather than the great Oneness that we are. The ego's thought system is based on the belief in sin, guilt and fear. The Holy Spirit's thought system is based on the idea that we are as God created us, always perfect, whole and complete.

T-13.I.3. As you look upon yourself and judge what you do honestly, you may be tempted to wonder how you can be guiltless. 2 Yet consider this: You are not guiltless in time, but in eternity. 3 You have "sinned" in the past, but there is no past. 4 Always has no direction. 5 Time seems to go in one direction, but when you reach **time's end time** will roll up like a long carpet spread along the past behind you, and **time** will disappear. 6 As long as you believe the Son of God is guilty you will walk along this carpet **of time**, believing that **time** leads to death. 7 And the journey will seem long and cruel and senseless, for so **this journey** is **senseless**.

Note # 7: Time is a concept that became necessary due to our belief that the separation was real. Since reality is changeless, time does not exist in the Kingdom. Time, however, is required in our dream world of illusion. Time measures the rate of change. Only in the world of perception is there any change. Time measures the rate of change in our perceptual viewpoints. As our misperceptions and beliefs about what we are change, time moves "forward". Learning is the change of our misperceptions into correct perceptions. The more often our decision-maker "chooses again," the faster time moves. When we refuse to "choose again," time stands still. When we are return to knowledge, time will disappear since there is no change occurring. The eternal is changeless by definition. Only in the dream world of perception is change possible. Only in the dream world of illusion can you perceive God's Child as sinful and guilty.

T-13.I.4. The journey the Son of God has set himself is useless indeed, but the journey on which his Father sets him is one of release and joy. 2 The Father is not cruel, and His Son cannot hurt himself. 3 The retaliation that **the son** fears and that **the son** sees will never touch **the son**, for although **the son** believes in **God's retaliation** the Holy Spirit

knows it is not true. p237 4 The Holy Spirit stands at the end of time, where you must be because **the Holy Spirit** is with you. 5 **The Holy Spirit** has already undone everything unworthy of the Son of God, for such was **the Holy Spirit's** mission, given **the Holy Spirit** by God. 6 And what God gives has always been.

Note # 8: The journey that the split-minded have set for themselves is useless since it is a journey into madness and the false. For to deny what you truly are is madness. This journey is also impossible to achieve because we remain changeless as our Father created us. We can deny the truth but our denial of the truth will not change the truth. The truth will always remain in the Mind of God and, therefore, we will remain in eternity as perfect, whole and complete. If this were not so, our imperfection would also make God imperfect. The journey on which God sends his split-minded son is one that releases God's Son from the son's own egoic journey into the illusion of separation. This journey ends in joy with the return of the prodigal son to knowledge and the Kingdom. This second journey back to God was only made necessary due to our taking the illusion of separation seriously and responding to this false illusion with fear.

T-13.I.5. You will see me, **the Christ consciousness**, as you learn the Son of God is guiltless. 2 **The Son of God** has always sought his guiltlessness, and **the Son of God** has found it. 3 For everyone is seeking to escape from the prison he has made, and the way to find release is not denied **the Son of God**. 4 Being in him, he has found **the way to find release from the prison he has made for himself**. 5 *<When>* he finds **his release from his self-imposed prison** is only a matter of time, and time is but an illusion. 6 For the Son of God is guiltless now, and the brightness of his purity shines untouched forever in God's Mind. 7 God's Son will always be as he was created. 8 Deny your **egoic** world and judge **the Son of God** not, for his eternal guiltlessness is in the Mind of his Father, and protects **the Son of God** forever.

Note # 9: By accepting the Atonement for ourselves, we accept guiltlessness for all the Sonship and ourselves.

T-13.I.6. When you have accepted the Atonement for yourself, you will realize there is no guilt in God's Son. 2 And only as you look upon him as guiltless can you understand **God's Son's** oneness. 3 For the idea of guilt brings a belief in condemnation of one by another, projecting separation in place of unity. 4 **Because you are a oneness**, you can condemn only yourself, and by **condemning yourself**, you cannot know that you are God's Son. 5 You have denied the condition of **God's Son's** being, which is his perfect blamelessness. 6 Out of love **God's Son's** was created, and in love **God's Son's** abides. 7 Goodness and mercy have always followed **God's Son**, for **God's Son** has always extended the Love of his Father.

Note # 10: Being an extension of the Father, we also have been given the power to create like Him. Love creates, for love is sharing. When we create, we extend our true Big "S" Self onto our creation. There is no diminishment for creation is based on inclusion. When we make, we exclude, which confirms our belief in separation. Guilt and condemnation imply separateness. Since we are a Oneness, to give is to receive.

T-13.I.7. As you perceive the holy companions who travel with you, you will realize that there is no journey, but only an awakening. 2 The Son of God, who sleepeth not, **which is the Christ consciousness in you**, has kept faith with his Father for you. 3 There is no road to travel on, and no time to travel through. 4 For God waits not for His Son in time, being forever unwilling to be without **His Son**. 5 And so it has always been **that God's Son has never left His Father**. 6 Let the holiness of God's Son, **the Christ consciousness in you**, shine away the cloud of guilt that darkens your mind, and by accepting **Christ's** purity as yours, learn of **the Christ consciousness** that it *<is>* yours.

Note # 11: Within our split mind, the Christ consciousness has always remained. The Christ consciousness is the home of right-mindedness and also the home of the Holy Spirit. In eternity, It has never left the Mind of God. While the son listens to the voice of the ego, the Voice for Christ falls on the deaf ears of the split-minded. Yet, our Big "S" Self and the Father remain united together through and with the Holy Spirit. We are that One Self.

T-13.I.8. You are invulnerable because you are guiltless. 2 You can hold on to the past only through guilt. 3 For guilt establishes that you will be punished for what you have done, and thus depends on one-dimensional time, proceeding from past to future. 4 No one who believes in one-dimensional time, which proceeded from past to future, can understand what "always" means, and therefore guilt must deprive you of the appreciation of eternity. 5 You are immortal because you are eternal, and "always" must be now. 6 Guilt, then, is a way of holding past and future in your mind to ensure the ego's continuity. p238 7 For if what has been will be punished, the ego's continuity is guaranteed. 8 Yet the guarantee of your continuity is God's, not the ego's **guarantee**. 9 And immortality is the opposite of time, for time passes away, while immortality is constant.

Note # 12: Because of the ego's belief in sin, guilt and fear, all "sin" must be punished some time in the future. The need for time arises in the thought system of the ego since time measure rates of change. The sinful must be punished to make amends for their sinful ways. To the ego, change is required because you are imperfect. If you were perfect, whole and complete, you would be changeless. In the world of perception, time has a purpose and is needed. Time allows for learning to occur. In the eternal changeless Kingdom there is no change to measure and, therefore, time serves no purpose. Time, being functionless in eternity, disappears.

T-13.I.9. Accepting the Atonement teaches you what immortality is, for by accepting your guiltlessness you learn that the past has never been, and so the future is needless and will not be. 2 The future, in time, is always associated with expiation, and only guilt could induce a sense of a need for expiation. 3 Accepting the guiltlessness of the Son of God as **your guiltlessness** is therefore God's way of reminding you of His Son, **the Christ**, and what **His Son, the Christ**, is in truth. 4 For God has never condemned His Son, and being guiltless he is eternal.

Note # 13: **Expiation** is the removal of guilt by suffering punishment.

It is only in our split-mind's illusionary world that the belief that we could do something other than God's Will is possible. God, however, always knew His Son as perfect and, therefore, guiltless. By accepting the Atonement, which is the truth of the Sonship's sinlessness and guiltlessness, our need to suffer punishment in the future is gone. Being

both sinless in the past and guiltless in the future, our need for time is no longer necessary. We can be in the changeless now that is the “always” of eternity.

T-13.I.10. You cannot dispel guilt by making **guilt** real, and then atoning for **guilt**. 2 **Making guilt real and then atoning for the guilt** is the ego's plan, which **the ego** offers instead of dispelling **guilt**. 3 The ego believes in atonement through attack, **since the ego is** fully committed to the insane notion that attack is salvation. 4 And you who cherish guilt must also believe **that attack is salvation**, for how else but by identifying with the ego could you hold dear what you do not want, **which is guilt?**

Note # 14: If we make guilt real, we are required to do some sort of penance for our sins which we believe that we have committed. We are making both sin and guilt real within our split-mind. By making them real, we get to keep both sin and guilt in our deluded mind. If sin is real, we are not perfect, whole and complete. The ego wants our decision-maker to agree with its egoic logic since this confirms that the separation actually occurred. The Atonement rejects the idea of sin since we are eternally perfect as God created us. Any illusion in which we believe that we have sinned does not require punishment because it is only an error in our deluded mind. The dreamer needs to only awaken to the truth. Therefore, there is no sin to forgive and nothing that requires punishment now or in the future. The Atonement just reawakens the sleepy child to His divine birthright.

T-13.I.11. The ego teaches you to attack yourself because you are guilty, and this **self-attack** must increase the guilt, for guilt is the result of attack. 2 In the ego's teaching, then, there is no escape from guilt. 3 For attack makes guilt real, and if **guilt** is real there *<is>* no way to overcome **guilt**. 4 The Holy Spirit dispels **guilt** simply through the calm recognition that **both sin and guilt have** never been. 5 As **the Holy Spirit** looks upon the guiltless Son of God, **the guiltless Son of God** knows that this is true. 6 And being true for you, you cannot attack yourself, for without guilt attack is impossible. 7 You, then, are saved because God's Son is guiltless. 8 And being wholly pure, you are invulnerable

Note # 15: To accept the Atonement for oneself, all attacks on any brother or yourself must cease. Attack is the tool of the ego and strengthens both our belief in sin and guilt's reality within our deluded mind. What we attack, we must fear. This perpetuates our belief in separation.

II. The Guiltless Son of God

T-13.II.1. The ultimate purpose of projection is always to get rid of guilt. 2 Yet, characteristically, the ego attempts to get rid of guilt from **the ego's** viewpoint only, for much as the ego wants to retain guilt *<you>* find **guilt** intolerable, since guilt stands in the way of your remembering God, Whose pull is so strong that you cannot resist **the pull to remember God**. 3 On this issue of **guilt versus the pull to remember God**, then, the deepest split of all occurs, for if you are to retain guilt, as the ego insists, *<you cannot be you who desires to remember God.>* 4 Only by persuading you that the **ego** is you could the ego possibly induce you to project guilt, and thereby keep **guilt** in your mind. p239

Note # 16: The ego's thought system is predicated on sin, guilt and fear. The Holy Spirit's is based on the remembrance of God. If the ego can convince you that you are the ego, you will place your faith in its thought system and choose guilt over the remembrance of God.

Your decision-maker will abdicate its rights to the ego and you will identify your mind as the ego. The ego's goal is for you to believe that you exist as a limited ego-body, rather than believe you are an unlimited spirit. You will deny our Big "S" Self's existence in our split mind. It is the Big "S" Self that remembers God and your reality. This difference in beliefs results in misalignment with God's will. Misalignment will be felt as conflict, stress and loss of inner peace. Only by our asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit can our peace be recovered.

T-13.II.2. Yet consider how strange a solution the ego's arrangement is. 2 You project guilt to get rid of **guilt**, but you are actually merely concealing **guilt**. 3 You do experience the guilt, but you have no idea why **you still experience the guilt**. 4 On the contrary, you associate **guilt** with a weird assortment of "ego ideals," which the ego claims you have failed. 5 Yet you have no idea that you are failing the Son of God by seeing **the Son of God** as guilty. 6 Believing you are no longer you, you do not realize that you are failing yourself.

Note # 17: If you forget what you are, the Son of God, you will believe you are powerless to resist the ego's thought system. Being powerless you become an innocent victim of the world around you. You lose your ability to be source or the cause of the events surrounding you.

Projection is a useful tool for the giving and receiving of egoic guilt. We project our guilt upon another in the hope of getting rid of this guilt within ourselves. Since ideas never leave their source, they remain hidden deep within our mind and we are powerless to change them for we have forgotten that we are the source of the guilt. Thus, projection insures that we retain our feelings of deep-seated guilt.

T-13.II.3. The darkest of your hidden cornerstones holds your belief in guilt from your awareness. 2 For in that dark and secret place is the realization that you have betrayed God's Son by condemning **God's Son** to death. 3 You do not even suspect this murderous but insane idea of **you condemning God's Son to death** lies hidden there as a **cornerstones in your belief in guilt**, for the ego's destructive urge is so intense that nothing short of the crucifixion of God's Son can ultimately satisfy **the ego**. 4 **The ego** does not know who the Son of God is because **the ego** is blind. 5 Yet let **the ego** perceive guiltlessness anywhere, and **the ego** will try to destroy **guiltlessness** because **the ego** is afraid of **guiltlessness**.

Note # 18: The ego is afraid of guiltlessness because without your belief that you are guilty, you will regain your ability as decision-maker and choose again. This time your decision-maker would choose the Holy Spirit's thought system that leads to the remembrance of God. Your belief in guilt helps your ego keep you in victim consciousness thus, keeping you under its sin, guilt and fear-based thought system.

T-13.II.4. Much of the ego's strange behavior is directly attributable to **the ego's** definition of guilt. 2 To the ego, *<the guiltless are guilty.>* 3 Those who do not attack are **the ego's** "enemies" because, by not valuing **the ego's** interpretation of salvation, they, **the guiltless**, are in an excellent position to let go of **the ego and the ego's insane interpretation of salvation which rests on the belief that you have killed the Son of God and, therefore, are no longer your real Christed Self**. 4 **The guiltless** have

approached the darkest and deepest cornerstone in the ego's foundation, and while the ego can withstand your raising all else to question, **the ego** guards this one secret **about guilt** with **the ego's** life, for **the ego's** existence depends on keeping this secret, **that to the ego <the guiltless are guilty.>** 5 So it is this secret **that to the ego <the guiltless are guilty>** that we must look upon, for the ego cannot protect you against truth, and in **truth's** presence the ego is dispelled.

Note # 19: According to the ego, if your decision-maker is to side with the ego's insane thought system, truth must be made false and the false made true. This is why to the ego's secret that <the guiltless are guilty> must be kept from you. For if you understood that this is what the ego's thought system is based upon, who could believe it? The teaching that <the guiltless are guilty> is self-contradictory.

T-13.II.5. In the calm light of truth, let us recognize that you believe you have crucified God's Son. 2 You have not admitted to this "terrible" secret **that you believe you have crucified God's Son** because you would still wish to crucify him if you could find him. 3 Yet the wish has hidden **God's Son** from you because **this wish** is very fearful, and so you are afraid to find **God's Son**. 4 You have handled this wish to kill yourself by not knowing who you are, and identifying **yourself** with something else, **who is the little "s" self ego-body**. 5 You have projected guilt blindly and indiscriminately, but you have not uncovered **guilt's** source. 6 For the ego does want to kill you, and if you identify with **the ego** you must believe **the ego's** goal is **your goal**.

Note # 20: To the ego, God's guiltless Son must be destroyed. Since the ego has no power in itself, you who have denied your existence as God's Son, must desire to kill yourself so that the ego can maintain its existence. Egoic projection is the tool in which you appear to get rid of your guilt by placing it upon another. With projection you forget your sourcedness and make someone else your victimizer. Projection is the ego's tool that keeps you in victim consciousness. You have forgotten your Big "S" Self and instead have identified yourself as a limited ego-body.

T-13.II.6. I have said that the crucifixion is the symbol of the ego. 2 When **the ego** was confronted with the real guiltlessness of God's Son **the ego** did attempt to kill **God's Son**, and the reason **the ego** gave was that guiltlessness is blasphemous to God. p240 3 To the ego, the <ego> is God, and guiltlessness must be interpreted as the final guilt that fully justifies murder. 4 You do not yet understand that any fear you may experience in connection with this course stems ultimately from this interpretation, **that guiltlessness must be interpreted as the final guilt that fully justifies murder**, but if you will consider your reactions to **this interpretation that guiltlessness fully justifies murder**, you will become increasingly convinced **that any fear you may experience in connection with this course stems ultimately from this interpretation** that this is so.

Note # 21: The ego wants to usurp the power of God. What better way to usurp God's power than to replace God with the ego? To do this, the ego must destroy the Oneness of God by killing the Oneness that is God's Son. The separation represents this destruction of the Oneness. The egoic replacement of God is the natural result in our belief that the separation was real. Our belief in sin, guilt and fear has allowed the ego to substitute an egoic god of fear and retribution in place of the God of Love.

T-13.II.7. This course has explicitly stated that **this course's** goal for you is happiness and peace. 2 Yet you are afraid of **this course's goal of happiness and peace**. 3 You have been told again and again that **happiness and peace** will set you free, yet you sometimes react as if **happiness and peace** is trying to imprison you. 4 You often dismiss **happiness and peace** more readily than you dismiss the ego's thought system. 5 To some extent, then, you must believe that by not learning the course you are protecting yourself. 6 And you do not realize that it is only your guiltlessness that *<can>* protect you.

Note # 22: Truth's guiltlessness protects you because it comes from God, Himself. Your innocence comes from what you are, which is the perfect extension of God. All power has already been give to you by God. You need only to reclaim your divine birthright as His beloved Son. By accepting the Atonement for yourself, you reclaim your inheritance.

T-13.II.8. The Atonement has always been interpreted as the release from guilt, and this is correct if it is understood. 2 Yet even when I interpret **the Atonement** for you, you may reject **the Atonement** and do not accept **the Atonement** for yourself. 3 You have perhaps recognized the futility of the ego and **the ego's offerings**, but though you do not want **the ego's offerings**, you may not yet look upon the alternative **to the ego's offerings** with gladness. 4 In the extreme, you are afraid of redemption and you believe **redemption** will kill you. 5 Make no mistake about the depth of this fear **of redemption**. 6 For you believe that, in the presence of truth, you might turn on yourself and destroy yourself.

Note # 23: Although we do not want the guilt that is associated with the ego's belief system, we may still value some of its supposed gifts. We may still value egoic specialness and individuality. If we identify ourselves as the body, we get to be special. If we accept the Holy Spirit and "become" a Oneness with our brother, we fear that we are killing our specialness. We would like to get rid of the guilt, yet, keep our body and our perceived specialness. We like the ego's idea that we are the arbitrator's for truth and can pick and choose the "truth for the day". We cannot keep some things outside the forgiveness of the Holy Spirit's thought system and claim that we have accepted the Atonement for ourselves. We must choose to be vigilant only for God.

T-13.II.9. Little child, this is not so. **You did not kill God's Son for you are, and always will be, God's perfect, guiltless Son.** 2 Your "guilty secret" is nothing, and if you will but bring **your "guilty secret"** to the light, the light will dispel **your "guilty secret"**. 3 And then no dark cloud will remain between you and the remembrance of your Father, for you will remember His guiltless Son, who did not die because he is immortal. 4 And you will see that you were redeemed with him, and have never been separated from him, **God's guiltless Son.** 5 In this understanding lies your remembering, for **this understanding** is the recognition of love without fear. 6 There will be great joy in Heaven on your homecoming, and the joy will be yours. 7 For the redeemed son of man is the guiltless Son of God, and to recognize him, **the son of man, as the guiltless Son of God** *<is>* your redemption. p241

Note # 24: By seeing our brother as guiltless, we accept that same guiltlessness. For to give, is to receive. When we use only our Christ Vision, we recognize our brother's Big

“S” Self, not his body, and we recognize the truth of our eternal Oneness that is the One Self that we share. We are back home.

III. The Fear of Redemption

T-13.III.1. You may wonder why it is so crucial that you look upon your hatred and realize **the full extent of your hatred**. 2 You may also think that it would be easy enough for the Holy Spirit to show **the full extent of your hatred** to you, and to dispel **the full extent of your hatred** without the need for you to raise it to awareness yourself. 3 Yet there is one more obstacle you have interposed between yourself and the Atonement. 4 We have said that no one will countenance fear if he recognizes **fear**. 5 Yet in your disordered state of mind you are not afraid of fear. 6 You do not like **fear**, but it is not your desire to attack that really frightens you. 7 You are not seriously disturbed by your hostility. 8 You keep **your hostility** hidden because you are more afraid of what **your hostility** covers. 9 You could look even upon the ego's darkest cornerstone without fear if you did not believe that, without the ego, you would find within yourself something you fear even more. 10 You are not really afraid of crucifixion. 11 Your real terror is of redemption.

Note # 25: We are afraid to look within because we fear what we may find. This is the fear of the unknown; our belief that we may discover something that is worse than our present state. Believing we are the ego-body, we fear we will lose what little we have. We fear that if we looked within our mind, our belief in specialness and separation that has become our identity may disappear and be destroyed. Not understanding what God's love is, we fear being returned to the equality of God's love.

T-13.III.2. Under the ego's dark foundation, **which is based on sin, guilt and fear**, is the memory of God, and it is of this **memory of God**, that you are really afraid. 2 For this memory **of God** would instantly restore you to your proper place, and it is this place **of the memory of God** that you have sought to leave. 3 Your fear of attack is nothing compared to your fear of love. 4 You would be willing to look even upon your savage wish to kill God's Son, if you did not believe that **your wish to kill God's Son** saves you from love. 5 For this wish **to leave the memory of God and God's love** caused the separation, and you have protected **this wish to forget the memory of God** because you do not want the separation healed. 6 You realize that, by removing the dark cloud that obscures **the memory of God**, your love for your Father would impel you to answer **God's Call** and leap into Heaven. 7 You believe that attack is salvation because **attack** would prevent you from **the memory of God and God's call for His Son's return to Heaven**. 8 For still deeper than the ego's foundation, and much stronger than **the ego's foundation** will ever be, is your intense and burning love of God, and **God's love** for you. 9 This **love for and from God** is what you really want to hide.

Note # 26: The ego cannot love and, therefore, it fears love. Since we are created in God's image, which is love, love is our divine birthright. The memory of God will return us to our true nature, which is only love. This would be returning to whole-mindedness and our Big “S” Self would act as the decision-maker and freely follow God's Will. To the ego, this would result in the disappearance and destruction of the “little s” self, which is the ego. Thus, the ego fears our return, or redemption to whole-mindedness. This healing would result in our Big “S” Self resuming total control as decision-maker over our split-minded egoic small “s” self.

T-13.III.3. In honesty, is it not harder for you to say "I love" than "I hate"? 2 You associate love with weakness and hatred with strength, and your own real power, **which is love**, seems to you as your real weakness. 3 For you could not control your joyous response to the call of love if you heard **the call of love**, and the whole world you thought you made would vanish. 4 The Holy Spirit, then, seems to be attacking your fortress, **which is your unloving world of provisional reality that you made to shut out God**, and **God** does not will to be excluded. p242

Note # 27: We made the world of perception based on our belief that the separation was real. This world is our attempt to exclude ourselves from the memory of God and God's love for his Son. We wanted to be special. Being a Oneness of Everything, it is impossible for the One Self to be torn away from perfection. Without this world of illusion, God's Call for His Son's return to sanity (right-mindedness) would be so strong that we would lose the specialness of separation that we value. We would return control of our decision-maker over to our Big "S" Self. We would return to our true home, which is Heaven. The Love of the Father for His Son and our love for the Father would be remembered. We would abandon the mad idea of the separation and return to the Oneness of the Mind of God, which is our only true reality.

T-13.III.4. You have built your whole insane belief system because you think you would be helpless in God's Presence, and you would save yourself from His Love because you think **God's Love** would crush you into nothingness. 2 You are afraid **God's Love** would sweep you away from yourself and make you little, because you believe that magnitude lies in defiance, and that attack is grandeur. 3 You think you have made a world God would destroy; and by loving **God**, which you do, you would throw this world of **the little "s" self** away, which you *<would.>* 4 Therefore, you have used the world to cover your love, and the deeper you go into the blackness of the ego's foundation, the closer you come to the Love that is hidden there **within you true Self, the Christ**. 5 *<And it is this return to love, that frightens you>*.

Note # 28: The return to the Christ in you is the return to right-mindedness. The ego fears the Christ within you, since that would lead to the ego's disappearance and your return to the Oneness of the Mind of God. The ego's goal is that your Big "S" Self would never regain control of your split mind. The ego does not want you to reclaim your decision-making power. As long as you remain in victim consciousness, you will never realize that you can choose again. The ego does not want you to know that there is another thought system that you can freely choose to follow. It does not want you to hear the voice for God. If the ego is to continue to exist, it cannot let you decide to remember God's love.

T-13.III.5. You can accept insanity because you made **insanity**, but you cannot accept love because you did not **make love**. 2 You would rather be a slave of the crucifixion than a Son of God in redemption. 3 Your individual death seems more valuable than your living oneness, for what is given you is not so dear as what you made. 4 You are more afraid of God than of the ego, and love cannot enter where **love** is not welcome. 5 But hatred can **enter your mind** for **hatred** enters of **hatred's** own volition and cares not for **your true volition, which is based on love**.

Note # 29: We value our egoic specialness and individuality over our true Big “S” Self. The ego’s thought system is based on separation. We value the illusion of specialness over the truth of our Oneness. We prefer the ego’s thought system since it alone promises the specialness that we desire. Believing that we are limited ego-bodies, we would rather die than lose our individuality. We like the idea of being separate and fear the return to the Oneness because we fear that this will cost us our individuality. The price that the ego demands for maintaining our belief in separation is pain, suffering and death. If we, the decision-maker, realized this cost, we would feely chose to return to the memory of God. Our little “s” self fears the restoration of love and the reawakening of the Sonship.

T-13.III.6. You must look upon your illusions and not keep **your illusions** hidden, because **your illusions** do not rest on their own foundation. 2 In concealment **your illusions** appear to **rest on their own foundation**, and thus **your illusions** seem to be self-sustained. 3 This **concealment of your illusions’ foundation from yourself** is the fundamental illusion on which the others rest. 4 For beneath **your illusions**, and concealed as long as your **illusions’ foundations** are hidden, is the loving mind that thought it made **your illusions** in anger. 5 And the pain in **your loving** mind is so apparent, when **the pain** is uncovered, that **your mind’s** need of healing cannot be denied. 6 Not all the tricks and **egoic** games you offer **your loving mind** can heal **your mind**, for here is the real crucifixion of God's Son.

Note # 30: Our dream world of illusions hides our true loving nature. Being created by God’s Love, we are love. We believed that we attacked and sinned against God when we denied God’s Love. In our world of illusions, we can pretend that we are something other than what we are. We can pretend to hide from God’s Love. We can even believe that we can do something other than the Will of God but our illusions have no affect on the truth of the One Self. We cannot change the divine inheritance of our Christ Mind.

T-13.III.7. And yet **God's Son** is not crucified. 2 Here **in the Son’s illusionary dream world** is both **God's Son** pain and **God's Son** healing, for the Holy Spirit's vision is merciful and **the Holy Spirit's** remedy is quick. 3 Do not hide suffering from **the Holy Spirit's** sight, but bring **your suffering and pain, which are born in your illusions** gladly to **the Holy Spirit**. 4 Lay **all your hurts caused by your illusions and misperceptions** before **the Holy Spirit's** eternal sanity, and let **the Holy Spirit** heal you. 5 Do not leave any spot of pain hidden from **the Holy Spirit's** light, and search your mind carefully for any thoughts you may fear to uncover. 6 For **the Holy Spirit** will heal every little thought you have kept to hurt you and cleanse **these hurtful thoughts** of **their** littleness, restoring **your every thought** to the magnitude of God.

Note # 31: If we ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, He will reinterpret all our misperceptions. The Holy Spirit’s reinterpretation will allow us to recover the true nature of our Big “S” Self. The correcting mechanism that the Holy Spirit utilizes is the tool of forgiveness. We forgive our brother, which in turn results in our forgiving ourselves. Our fear-based thoughts are transformed into the Big “S” Self’s relationships of love and forgiveness.

T-13.III.8. Beneath all the grandiosity you hold so dear is your real call for help. 2 For you call for love to your Father as your Father calls you to Himself. 3 In that place which

you have hidden, **the Christ within your split mind**, you will only to unite with the Father, in loving remembrance of **the Father**. p243 4 You will find this place of truth as you see **this place of truth, the Christ consciousness**, in your brothers, for though **your brothers** may deceive themselves, like you, **your brothers** long for the grandeur that is in **within themselves**. 5 And perceiving **the Christ consciousness in your brothers** you will welcome it, and **the Christ consciousness in your brothers** will be **your Christ consciousness**. 6 For grandeur is the right of God's Son, and no illusions can satisfy **God's Son** or save **God's Son** from what he is. 7 Only **God's Son's** love is real, and **God's Son** will be content only with his reality.

Note # 32: Being like God, we have everything because we are everything. This is the natural result of God's extension of Himself. When God created the Sonship, God gave all of Himself, which was everything. When we realize that we are everything, why would we settle for anything less? Why would we give up everything for littleness? This choice for littleness demonstrates why anyone following of the ego's thought system must be insane.

T-13.III.9. Save **God's Son** from his illusions that you may accept the magnitude of your Father in peace and joy. 2 But exempt no one from your love, or you will be hiding a dark place in your mind where the Holy Spirit is not welcome. 3 And **by withholding love from a brother**, thus you will exempt yourself from **the Holy Spirit's** healing power, for by not offering total love you will not be healed completely. 4 Healing must be as complete as fear, for love cannot enter where there is one spot of fear to mar **love's** welcome.

Note # 33: We cannot withhold our love from any part of the Sonship if we wish to be completely healed. Healing can only be accomplished completely. We cannot be partially healed. The Sonship shares its Oneness with God. We cannot exclude a brother without denying our own Oneness. All minds are part of the shared reality of the Mind of God. Forgiveness is the tool that is utilized by the Holy Spirit to exchange our fears for our return to love.

T-13.III.10. You who prefer separation to sanity cannot obtain **separation** in your right mind. 2 You were at peace until you asked for special favor. 3 And God did not give **the special favor** for the request was alien to **God**, and you could not ask this **special favor** of a Father Who truly loved His Son. 4 Therefore you made of **God** an unloving father, demanding of **God** what only such an **unloving** father could give, **which would be to place limits on His Son**. 5 And the peace of God's Son was shattered, for **God's Son** no longer understood his Father. 6 **God's Son** feared what he had made, **which was an unloving father who would grant his child specialness at the cost of his child's unlimitedness**. But still more did **God's Son** fear his real Father, **since the son had attacked his own glorious equality with his true Father**.

Note # 34: God created us perfect, whole, and complete. As such, we are everything God is. When we ask for "a special favor," the only thing that we could be asking for is limitation. If God granted us limitation, God, Himself, would be limited for we share equally in the Mind of God. God cannot extend limitation because God is unlimited. In order to obtain specialness, we had to make-believe that God was something other than unconditional Love. Our Father, the God of Love, would not be willing to create something that was imperfect, not complete, and not whole. This idea could never be part

of the Mind of a Loving God. Therefore, we denied our Father's Loving nature and substituted an egoic idol for separation, limitation and specialness. We made a god of limitation and littleness. We rejected the equality of the Oneness for the belief that we could be limited, which made us special. This was the birth of our belief that we had attacked God, our Father. We believed that we had usurped the power of God. We claimed that we, God's Effect, were now self-created.

T-13.III.11. In peace **God's Son** needed nothing and asked for nothing. 2 In war **God's split-minded Son** demanded everything and found nothing. 3 For how could the gentleness of love respond to **God's split-minded Son's** demands **for separation and limitation**, except by **love** departing in peace and returning to the Father? 4 If the Son did not wish to remain in peace, he could not remain at all. 5 For a darkened mind cannot live in the light, and **a darkened mind** must seek a place of darkness where **this darkened mind** can believe it is where **this darkened mind** is not. 6 God did not allow **His split-minded Son to leave the peace of the Mind of God. The Son leaving the Mind of God did not happen.** 7 Yet you, **the split minded child**, demanded that **you could leave the peace and Oneness of the Mind of God and that this could happen**, and therefore **you believed in your imaginings** that it was so. **In your imagination you believed that you could and actually did leave the Mind of God and thus, became separate from the Will of God. Although this could not happen in reality, God's love allows your free will to imagine anything you want.**

Note # 35: Since we are changeless, we could not change what we truly are and, therefore, we always remain perfect, whole and complete. Yet, we can choose to deny this truth of our perfection. Our world of provisional reality was birthed by the Sonship's collective denial of the truth. Although we remain part of the Mind of God, which is our Christ consciousness, the rest of our split mind appears to have forgotten our Oneness. We, the dreamer, have been caught up in our own dream, and believe that our dream is our reality. Our belief in our dream has no effect on the Mind of God since the Mind of God only deals with truth. Illusions are unknown to God, our Father.

T-13.III.12. To "single out" is to "make alone," and thus make lonely. 2 God did not do this to you. 3 Could **God** set you apart, knowing that your peace lies in **God's Oneness**? 4 **God** denied you only your request for pain, for suffering is not of **God's** creation. 5 Having given you creation, **God** could not take **creation** from you. 6 **God** could but answer your insane request with a sane answer that would abide with you in your insanity. 7 And this **God** did. 8 No one who hears **God's** answer but will give up insanity. 9 For **God's** answer is the reference point beyond illusions, from which you can look back on **illusions** and see **illusions** as insane. p244 10 But seek this place **beyond illusions** and you will find **this place**, for Love is in you and will lead you there.

Note # 36: Your Christ consciousness remains within your split mind. This is the home of the Holy Spirit who will guide you back to the remembrance of God and whole-mindedness. The Christ is the love in you and It is your true reality from which you never left the Mind of God. The Christ remains within the Peace of God. The acceptance of the Atonement for yourselves will return you to the Kingdom, which is eternal reality. We will remember that our will and God's Will are One since we shared this One Self that is the Mind of God.

IV. The Function of Time

T-13.IV.1. And now the reason why you are afraid of this course should be apparent. 2 For this is a course on love, because **this course** is about you. 3 You have been told that your function in this world of **perception** is healing, and your function in Heaven is creating. 4 The ego teaches that your function on earth is destruction, and you have no function at all in Heaven. 5 **The ego** would thus destroy you here **in this illusionary world of your perception** and bury you here **in this illusionary world of your perception**, leaving you no inheritance except the dust out of which **the ego** thinks you were made. 6 As long as **the ego** is reasonably satisfied with you, as **the ego's** reasoning goes, **the ego** offers you oblivion. 7 When **the ego** becomes overtly savage, **the ego** offers you hell.

Note # 37: It is important to remember our purpose under each thought system:

Level of Reality	Thought System of:	Holy Spirit's	Ego
Level #1: Heaven		Co-creation	No Function
Level #2: World of Perception		Healing	Destruction

T-13.IV.2. Yet neither oblivion nor hell is as unacceptable to you as Heaven. 2 Your definition of Heaven <is> hell and oblivion, and the real Heaven is the greatest threat you think you could experience. 3 For hell and oblivion are ideas that you made up, and you are bent on demonstrating **the reality of ideas you made up, (hell and oblivion)**, to establish **the reality that you wish yourself to be which is the littleness of specialness**. 4 If **the reality of ideas you made up, (hell and oblivion)**, is questioned, you believe that **the reality that you wish yourself to be which is the littleness of specialness** is questioned. 5 For you believe that attack is your reality, and that your destruction is the final proof that you were right.

Note # 38: We fear Heaven for we believe it to be the destruction of our desire to be separate and special. The ego's thought system is determined to be right at all costs. The ego needs to be right since without your belief that you are the ego, the ego would disappear. The ego is powerless and any power it appears to have is abdicated from your own mind. Because of this dependence when you are following the ego's thought system, the ego insists that it is more important to be "right" than to be happy. This is why the ego would rather have you choose hell, the need to be right, over Heaven, the need to be happy. Being born as the unlimited Spirit of Oneness that is Everything, how can we be happy with "littleness"? When we believe in death, we are claiming that we are a little "s" self. Death is the ultimate proof that we are not eternal and separate from God. To the ego, our death "proves" that God is powerless to impose His will upon us. The ego has thus, usurped the power of life from the Living God of Love.

T-13.IV.3. Under the circumstances **that your death is required for you and the ego's thought system to be "right,"** would it not be more desirable to have been wrong, even apart from the fact that you were wrong? 2 While it could perhaps be argued that death suggests there <was> life, no one would claim that **death** proves there <is> life. 3 Even the past life that death might indicate, could only have been futile if **the past life** must come to **death**, and needs **death** to prove that **the past life** was **once alive** at all. 4 You question Heaven, but you do not question **the need to use death to prove that you**

live in your own world of littleness. 5 Yet you could heal and be healed if you did question **that death is required to prove you live.** 6 And even though you know not Heaven, might **Heaven** not be more desirable than death? 7 You have been as selective in your questioning as in your perception. 8 An open mind is more honest than this **selective questioning and selective perception in which you have engaged upon.**

Note # 39: Your death is the ego's ultimate proof that you exist separate from God. ACIM suggest that we need to look very closely at a thought system that is demanding that we sacrifice our immortality and happiness, in order for the ego to be right. Why insist on our littleness when the Holy Spirit's thought system offers us Heaven. Heaven grants us everything including our happiness. To choose to claim that you are right, even when you are wrong, is a questionable philosophy. But the demand that you lose your divine birthright in order to be "right" is insanity. ACIM requests that you ask this question, "Would I rather be right, or happy?" If happiness is the answer, ACIM suggests that you too choose the Holy Spirit's thought system.

T-13.IV.4. The ego has a strange notion of time, and it is with this notion **of time** that your questioning might well begin. 2 The ego invests heavily in the past, and in the end believes that the past is the only aspect of time that is meaningful. 3 Remember that **the ego's** emphasis on guilt enables **the ego** to ensure **the ego's** continuity by making the future like the past, and thus avoiding the present. p245 4 By the notion of paying for the past in the future, the past becomes the determiner of the future, making **the past and the future** continuous without an intervening present. 5 For the ego regards the present only as a brief transition to the future, in which **the ego** brings the past to the future by interpreting the present in past terms.

Note # 40: Only when we are in the presence of the <now> can we make a different choice. The ego wants time to continue exactly like the past since in the past your mind was under the influence of the ego's thought system. In the past, you believed that you were an innocent victim of outside forces that were beyond your control. When you are in victim consciousness, you cannot reclaim your decision-making ability and choose again. If the ego can use the memory of the past to color or, more correctly, distort the present, you will continue to make the same misperceptions over and over again. Because you believe you are a victim, you believe that you are powerless to affect any change in your fate. Your future life experience will thus, remain the same as the past upon which they were based. When we fail to focus on the present, the <now>, we live in the past. This guarantees that the future will be a replica of the past. ACIM states that we should focus our awareness only upon the <now> and choose differently.

T-13.IV.5. "Now" has no meaning to the ego. 2 The present merely reminds **the ego** of past hurts, and **the ego** reacts to the present as if **the present** <were> the past. 3 The ego cannot tolerate release from the past, and although the past is over, the ego tries to preserve **the past's** image by responding as if **the past** were present. 4 **The ego** dictates your reactions to those you meet in the present from a past reference point, obscuring **the present reality of those you meet.** 5 In effect, if you follow the ego's dictates you will react to your brother as though he were someone else **based on a reference point from your own past,** and this will surely prevent you from recognizing **your brother** as he is. 6 And you will receive messages from **your brother** out of your own past because, by making

your own past real in the present, you are forbidding yourself to let **your own past** go. 7 You thus deny yourself the message of release that every brother offers you <now> **in the present because you choose to base your current perception on some past reference point.**

Note # 41: We live in our own private world of provisional reality. This is a world of perception. Perception is based on our current viewpoint. Change our viewpoint and we can change our perception. If we consistently use our past viewpoint to interpret our present experiences, we will obtain the same results in the present as we received from our past misperceptions. To reference and interpret the present based on the past, dooms us to having the past, present and future all be the same. The <now> does not appear in our awareness since we have chosen to live our present as a reenactment of the past. The ego has our minds under its current control, keeping us in victim consciousness which is exactly where the ego wants our decision-maker to remain. Thus, to the ego, the past is the most important element of time. If the ego can keep us referencing our past misperception about our private world, our future will be a copy of our past victimhood and we will continue to forget that we have the power to choose a different guide.

T-13.IV.6. The shadowy figures from the past are precisely what you must escape. 2 **The shadowy figures from the past** are not real, and have no hold over you unless you bring **these shadowy figures from the past** with you. 3 **The shadowy figures from the past** carry the spots of pain in your mind, directing you to attack in the present in retaliation for a past that is no more. 4 And this decision **to attack based on past misperception** is one of future pain. 5 Unless you learn that past pain is an illusion, you are choosing a future of illusions and losing the many opportunities you could find for release in the present. 6 The ego would preserve your nightmares, and prevent you from awakening and understanding **these current nightmares that require you to attack are based on your past misperceptions.** 7 Would you recognize a holy encounter if you are merely perceiving a **holy encounter** as a meeting with your own past? 8 For you would be meeting no one, and the sharing of salvation, which makes the encounter holy, would be excluded from your sight. 9 The Holy Spirit teaches that you always meet yourself, and the encounter is holy because you are **holy.** 10 The ego teaches that you always encounter your past, and because your dreams were not holy, the future cannot be **holy,** and the present is without meaning **since it is really the past repeating itself.**

Note # 42: The Holy Spirit always teaches that you are always meeting yourself in each encounter. This is true for a number of reasons. At its very basics, you are a Oneness and, as such, there is nothing outside yourself to perceive. But more importantly, since we are dealing in the realm of provisional reality, our world is based on our own projections. We are constantly reinventing our private world based on our current projections. Projection is the process that we predetermine what we wish to perceive about a topic. We then project or send outside ourselves this same thought pattern that we wish to “see” confirmed by some “outside witness”. Our senses then search out and find something that will confirm that what we thought was right. Thus, our senses have already prejudged what our “outside reality” will be. Based on projection, we choose to selectively “see” only what thought patterns we originally sent out. Because our selective “seeing” comes from projection, we always meet the thoughts we hold about ourselves. If we utilize our past misperception, which are based on the fact that we are sinners, our current interpretation of present events

will be the same as our past misperceptions. The Holy Spirit knows the Sonship is only holy and that each encounter must be holy. To the Holy Spirit, the present is the only thing that is and each encounter becomes an opportunity to be transformed into a holy encounter if perceived correctly.

T-13.IV.7. It is evident that the Holy Spirit's perception of time is the exact opposite of the ego's. 2 The reason is equally clear, for **the ego and the Holy Spirit** perceive the goal of time as diametrically opposed. 3 The Holy Spirit interprets time's purpose as rendering the need for time unnecessary. p246 4 **The Holy Spirit** regards the function of time as temporary, serving only **the Holy Spirit's** teaching function, which is temporary by definition. 5 **The Holy Spirit's** emphasis is therefore on the only aspect of time that can extend to the infinite, for *<now>* is the closest approximation of eternity that this world offers. 6 It is in the reality of "now," without past or future, that the beginning of the appreciation of eternity lies. 7 For only "now" is here, and only "now" presents the opportunities for the holy encounters in which salvation can be found.

Note # 43: On Level #1, which is true reality of the Kingdom, there is only the eternal now. Time is the measure of change. Eternity is changeless; therefore, there is no change to measure. Only in the world of perception, which is predicated on the misperception that there is something outside you, is there anything that can change. The Holy Spirit places no value of past illusory misperception that you have had since they must be false. The Holy Spirit's focus is on what is truly happening in your current dream state. By following the guidance and the correct perception of the Holy Spirit, any current experience can be transformed into a holy encounter.

T-13.IV.8. The ego, on the other hand, regards the function of time as one of extending itself, **the ego**, in place of eternity, for like the Holy Spirit, the ego interprets the goal of time as **the ego's own goal**. 2 The continuity of past and future, under **the ego's** direction, is the only purpose the ego perceives in time, and **the ego** closes over the present so that no gap in **the ego's** own continuity can occur. 3 **The ego's** continuity, then, would keep you in time, while the Holy Spirit would release you from **time**. 4 It is **the Holy Spirit's** interpretation of the means of salvation that you must learn to accept, if you would share **the Holy Spirit's** goal of salvation for you.

Note # 44: The ego only exists in time. Therefore, the ego requires time to continue to be under egoic control if the ego is to continue to exist.

The Holy Spirit's goal is to return you to the reality of what you are. Time is the means that is used to allow for our split mind to be returned to wholeness. Once this healing is achieved, time's purpose will have been served. The Sonship will have returned to the truth about Itself. Being eternal, perfect, whole and complete, we are changeless and time has no purpose or function in eternity.

T-13.IV.9. You, too, will interpret the function of time as you interpret **your own function**. 2 If you accept your function in the world of time as one of healing, you will emphasize only the aspect of time in which healing can occur, **which is the present of the <now>**. 3 Healing cannot be accomplished in the past. 4 **Healing** must be accomplished in the present to release the future. 5 This interpretation **of healing** ties the future to the present, and extends the present rather than the past. 6 But if you interpret your function as

destruction, **which is the ego's function for you in the world of perception**, you will lose sight of the present and hold on to the past to ensure a destructive future. 7 And time will be as you interpret **time**, for of itself, **time**, is nothing.

Note # 45: Time is necessary only when we value the illusion of specialness and separation. Time, itself, has no reality in eternity. Time became necessary due to our belief that the separation was real. Time is needed only where change appears to be possible, which is the world of perception. How we perceive the present will depend on which thought system we choose to follow. We will either perceive the reality of the now or the misperceptions of our past. If we demand littleness and the need to pretend that we are right, we will choose to relive the past. If we choose happiness and the truth of our Big "S" Self, we will see the present as a <now> moment in which we can choose to live the present as a holy encounter. In a holy encounter, you would view the event with forgiving and loving eyes. This sharing might be directed at our brother, but since to give is to receive, the blessing of forgiveness and love will return to its source, which, of course, is our own mind.

V. The Two Emotions

T-13.V.1. I have said you have but two emotions, love and fear. 2 **Love** is changeless but continually exchanged, **love** being offered by the eternal to the eternal. 3 In this exchange **love** is extended, for **love** increases as **love** is given. 4 The other **emotion, fear**, has many forms, for the content of individual illusions differs greatly. 5 Yet **the many forms of the emotion of fear** have one thing in common; **the many forms of the emotion of fear** are all insane. 6 **The many forms of the emotion of fear** are made of sights that are not seen, and sounds that are not heard. 7 **The many forms of the emotion of fear** make up a private world **of your provisional reality** that cannot be shared. 8 For **the illusionary forms of fear in your own private world of your provisional reality** are meaningful only to their maker, **you**, and so **the illusionary forms of fear** have no meaning at all. 9 In this **private** world their maker moves alone, for only **their maker** perceives **his illusions of fear**. p247

Note # 46: Your private world of provisional reality appears to be real to the maker, who is also the perceiver. Because we are projecting from our mind's viewpoint, what we wish to believe to be our provisional reality is projected from our mind's thoughts out into our "outside world". Our physical senses then confirm these same thoughts that we have projected into the world of perception. Whatever our egoic senses pick up have already been predetermined within the mind of the perceiver and, therefore, the senses only confirm your predetermined judgments. Because of projection, everyone who follows the ego's fear-based thought system makes up his or her own private world of provisional reality. Because everyone is projecting out from their own individual split mind's viewpoint, each person perceives their world differently. Projection is based on exclusion arising from fear. Projection is making. Creation or extension is sharing which comes from the emotion of love.

T-13.V.2. Each one peoples his world with figures from his individual past, and it is because of this **utilization of individualized past perceived experiences** that private worlds do differ. 2 Yet the figures that he sees were never real, for **these figures** are made up only of his reactions to his brothers, and do not include their reactions to him. 3

Therefore, he, **the maker**, does not see he made **these figures from his own past reactions and perceptions** and that **these figures** are not whole. 4 For these figures have no witnesses, being perceived in one separate mind only, **the mind of the maker**.

Note # 47: Perception is based on the individual viewpoint of the perceiver. The perceiver does not share his true perceptions with what is being observed. The perceiver is not concerned about how others actually view or react to him and the event. Therefore, the interpretation is one-sided. The other person is not allowed to even present their case or call any other witnesses that would support their side of the story. Because we lack knowledge, we lack all the facts. We are in no position to judge any event in the world of time. ACIM states the only judgment that we should make is that we are incapable of judging anything correctly. Because we identify ourselves as a limited ego-body, we need to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us. The function of the Holy Spirit is judgment and healing. Only the Holy Spirit can judge correctly, because only the Holy Spirit knows the truth about our Big “S” Self and is also aware of our temporary insanity in this illusionary world of littleness and limitation. If asked, the Holy Spirit will reinterpret our misperception so that we can choose correct perception.

T-13.V.3. It is through these strange and shadowy figures that the insane relate to their insane world. 2 For **the insane** see only those **shadowy figures** who remind **the insane** of these images, and it is to **these shadowy figures** that **the insane** relate. 3 Thus do **the insane** communicate with those **shadowy figures** who are not there, and it is **the insane**, who answer **for those shadowy figures that are not there**. 4 And no one **else** hears **those shadowy figures** answer save **the insane**, who called upon **his made-up shadowy figures to respond**. And **the insane** alone believes **his made-up shadowy figures** have answered him. 5 Projection makes perception, and you cannot see beyond **your self-induced projection**. 6 Again and again have you attacked your brother, because you saw in **your brother** a shadow figure in your private world. 7 And thus it is you must attack yourself first, for what you attack is not in others. 8 **For these shadowy figures that you make, perceive and attack in others do not exist. There** only reality is in your own mind, and by attacking others you are literally attacking what is not there.

Note # 48: Our private world is produced by projection. The thoughts of the perceiver are being sent out; yet, these projected thoughts can never escape the mind of the projector. This private world is only seen as reality in the mind of the image-maker. This is why what we call “seeing” is actually “image making”. We make up what we wish to “see” based on our past interpretation of previous experiences. By formulating judgments based on past misperceptions, we reincorporate the past into the present and future. In order to perceive the present correctly or even differently from the past, we have to be aware of the present. Unfortunately, since we have never released or forgiven ourselves from the judgments of our past, we shift into similar past reactive modes whenever we perceive current events. Rather than experience the now, we replay our past misperceptions. This constant modification of the present insures that we will continue to misperceive the present moment since we fail to be aware of what is really happening in the <now>. We remain in judgment and victim consciousness, constantly insuring that the future will replicate the past since our mind is never truly experiencing the now. Refusing to experience the now with another, we remain trapped in our own private world of provisional reality that cannot be shared. Our world of provisional reality is a private world no one else can enter because

it only exists in the mind of the perceiver. The way to gain release from the past and this “private reality” is to ask the Holy Spirit to reinterpret the present correctly. Only the Holy Spirit is aware of truth and can judge the <now> correctly and transform the <now> into a holy encounter.

T-13.V.4. The delusional can be very destructive, for **the delusional insane** do not recognize **that the delusional insane** have condemned themselves. 2 **The delusional insane** do not wish to die, yet **the delusional insane** will not let condemnation go. 3 And so **the delusional insane** separate into their private worlds, where everything is disordered, and where what is within appears to be without. 4 Yet what is within **the delusional insane, which is their own imprisoned Big “S” Self**, they do not see, for the reality of their brothers’ **Big “S” Self** they, **the delusional insane**, cannot recognize.

Note # 49: Projection is an egoic attempt to get rid of something the mind does not want. It is the source of our guilt. When we project something outside our mind, we are unaware that we are the source of the thought and, therefore, are the true director of everything we perceive. We believe that the source for what we are “observing” is from outside our own mind. Thus, not realizing that we are the actual generator of the image, we believe the outside world is acting as the independent source of what we perceive. We, the source of the projection, now claim that we are its effect and are being “done upon”. These internal mirrors of projection help insure that we will never discover the source to the “problem”. The ultimate source can be traced back to our own guilt. We will never find the source of our guilt out there because we have hidden the source of our guilt deep inside our minds. This is why the motto of the ego is “seek and never find”. Looking outside ourselves, we blame everyone but ourselves. We refuse to accept the fact that the true source of guilt is our own mind. Projection is the main tool that allows the ego to remain in control of our thought system and keep us in victim consciousness. Being a victim, we believe that we are powerless to effect our world and incapable of choosing again.

The Holy Spirit, if asked, will reinterpret our projection and correct our misperception. Through the use of the tool of forgiveness, the Holy Spirit returns us to the understanding that we have the power to decide again and choose for the truth of the One Self. The goal of the Holy Spirit is to gently reawaken the decision maker to right-mindedness. Right-mindedness is in the Christ consciousness part of our split mind. Because your split mind is a mind in conflict, it holds two opposing viewpoints. These opposite beliefs of what you are results in constant warring within you. The split-minded see duality where only a oneness exists. You believe that you are both good and evil, loving and hating, mind and body. These are opposite and are not reconcilable. Only one is true. You cannot be both. Until you recognize that you can only be as God created you, you cannot heal your split mind and make it whole. The Holy Spirit knows you as your Big “S” Self. Yet, your egoic little “s” self believes that you are limited because it believes that you have a will other than Your Father’s Will. The split-minded cannot reawaken to knowledge alone. They must have their brother beside them. Having lost knowledge, you live in your own private world of illusion. Since you fail to realize that you are the dreamer, you are incapable of correcting the problem. You have become so heavily involved in the dream that you are incapable of making a decision outside the dream to end it. You have forgotten that you are the dreamer. The solutions to the illusionary problems you experience in a dream cannot be corrected in the dream itself. The only way to correct this fictitious problem is to reawaken the mind so that the dreamer will know the illusion was never real.

To seek an answer within the dream of separation is to give reality to the dream. This would only increase the dreamer's fears. The Holy Spirit will never do this, for the Holy Spirit will never do anything that would increase your fear. Fear is a cornerstone in the thought system of the ego. Therefore, to increase fear is contrary to the function and goal of the Holy Spirit, which is the healing of the split-minded.

T-13.V.5. You have but two emotions, **love and fear**, yet in your private world you react to each of them, **love and fear**, as though it were the other. 2 For love cannot abide in a world apart, where when **love** comes **love** is not recognized. 3 If you see your own hatred as your brother, you are not seeing **your brother but rather your own hatred**. 4 Everyone draws nigh unto what he loves, and recoils from what he fears. 5 And you react with fear to love, and draw away from **love**. 6 Yet fear attracts you, and believing **fear** is love, you call **fear** to yourself. 7 Your private world is filled with figures of fear you have invited into **your private world**, and all the love your brothers offer you, you do not see.

Note # 50: Following the ego's thought system, we made an up-side down world. The ego does not comprehend true love since the ego believes that you only give to get. Love becomes fear and fear love. Conditional love, which is based on fear, is accepted by the ego and is what the ego calls "love." Unconditional love is rejected and guarded against by the ego since it is viewed as a bad trade and a direct threat to egoic separation. Unconditional love is feared by the ego. This is insane and insures only unhappiness. In the world of perception, there are only two emotions. Fear rules the ego's thought system; love rules the Holy Spirit's. In the real world of the Kingdom there is only love, for love is only real.

T-13.V.6. As you look with open eyes upon your **private world of perception**, it must occur to you that you have withdrawn into insanity. 2 **Within your own private world of provisional reality**, you see what is not there, and you hear what makes no sound. 3 Your manifestations of emotions are the opposite of what the emotions are. **Fear becomes love and love, fear**. 4 You communicate with no one, and you are as isolated from reality as if you were alone in all the universe. 5 In your madness you overlook reality completely, and you see only your own split mind everywhere you look. p248 6 God calls you and you do not hear, for you are preoccupied with your own **egoic** voice. 7 And the vision of Christ is not in your sight, for you look upon yourself alone.

Note # 51: Projection differs from creation or extension, since projection is based on exclusion, rather than inclusion. Extension is sharing and, therefore, inclusive. In creation, we are sharing what we truly are, which is thought, not form. In projection, a thought never truly leaves the mind of the projector. It is not shared. In projection, we are attempting to get rid of what we do not want. Although we believe that what we perceived was caused by someone other than us, the thought remains fixed in our own minds. Because of the use of projection, we never see our brother's real Big "S" Self. We only see the image we have made of our brother as a little "s" self. It is not our brother's littleness that we see, but rather our own mind's little "s" self. We are not communicating with anybody real, since we have chosen to "talk" only to the shadowy figures that we have created within our own minds. This image-making allows us to replace the reality of Christ vision with the egoic "seeing". Physical sight only "sees" the illusionary veils we have made to hide from the Mind of God. Christ vision is our only reality since it is part of the Mind of God and is the

truth. Egoic seeing comes from fear because it was born from fear. Christ vision bears witness to love because it arises from love.

T-13.V.7. Little child, would you offer this **private world born out of your own fear** to your Father? 2 For if you offer **a world of fear** to yourself, you *<are>* offering **a world of fear to your Father**. 3 And **your Father** will not return **a world of fear**, for **a world of fear** is unworthy of you because **a world of fear** is unworthy of **your Father**. 4 Yet **your Father** would release you from **your world of fear** and set you free. 5 **Your Father's** sane Answer tells you what you have offered yourself, **your world of fear** is not true, but **your Father's** offering to you has never changed. 6 You who know not what you do can learn what insanity is, and look beyond **your private world of insanity and fear**. 7 It is given you to learn how to deny insanity, and come forth from your private world in peace. 8 You will see all that you denied in your brothers because you denied **these same things** in yourself. 9 For you will love **your brothers**, and by drawing nigh (**near or close to**) unto **your brothers** you will draw **your brothers** to yourself, perceiving **your brothers** as witnesses to the reality you share with God. 10 I am with **your brothers** as I am with you, and we will draw **your brothers** from their private worlds, for as we are united so would we unite with **your brothers**. 11 The Father welcomes all of us in gladness, and gladness is what we should offer **the Father**. 12 For every Son of God is given you to whom God gave Himself. 13 And it is God Whom you must offer **your brothers, who are Son of God**, to recognize **God's** gift to you.

Note # 52: God's law states that to give is to receive. Being a Oneness, we can only give to ourselves. We cannot love God unless we love all of God. We, along with the entire Sonship, share in the unity of the Mind of God. Any withholding of love to any part of the Oneness is the rejecting of our Oneness and is not true unconditional love. This is why when God extended Himself, He give everything to the Sonship because God is everything. God could not create except like Himself, perfect, whole and complete. We must freely decide to accept the unity for the entire Sonship and become that One Self. We cannot withhold our love from part of the indivisible Mind of God.

T-13.V.8. Vision depends on light. 2 You cannot see in darkness. 3 Yet in darkness, in the private world of sleep, you see in dreams although your eyes are closed. 4 And it is here **in the darkness of your private world** that what you see you made. 5 But let the darkness go and all you made you will no longer see, for sight of **what you made in the darkness of your own private world** depends upon denying vision. 6 Yet from denying vision it does not follow you cannot see. 7 But this is what denial does, for by **denying Christ's Vision** you accept insanity, believing you can make a private world and rule your own perception. 8 Yet for **your belief that you can make a private world and rule your own perception** light must be excluded. 9 Dreams disappear when light has come and you can see.

Note # 53: Light is an understanding of what you truly are. Light represents the truth. Christ vision, being of light, dispels the darkness so that your private delusionary world can fade away. With darkness gone, we can rediscover the reality of the One Self. This is our returning to the holographic oneness of whole-mindedness. With Christ vision, we look with the eyes of love and forgiveness upon all our brothers and ourselves.

T-13.V.9. Do not seek vision through your **egoic** eyes, for you made your way of seeing that you might see in darkness, and in this **way of seeing in darkness** you are deceived. 2 Beyond this darkness, and yet still within you, is the vision of Christ, Who looks on all in light. 3 Your **egoic** "vision" comes from fear, as **Christ vision comes** from love. 4 And **Christ** sees for you, as **Christ is** your witness to the real world. 5 **Christ** is the Holy Spirit's manifestation, looking always on the real world, and calling forth **the real world's** witnesses and drawing **the real world's witnesses** to you. 6 **The Holy Spirit** loves what **Christ** sees within you, and **Christ** would extend **what Christ truly sees within you**. 7 And **Christ** will not return unto the Father until **the Holy Spirit** has extended your perception even unto **the Father**. p249 8 And there perception is no more, for **the Holy Spirit** has returned you to the Father with **the Christ**.

Note # 54: Christ is the manifestation of the Holy Spirit. Although we speak of the Holy Trinity as being made up of three separate beings, the Father, Sonship, and Holy Spirit, they are part of the same Oneness and are not separate. They are the One Self. Because we are in the habit of dealing in a world of duality, we speak of things as being separate and distinct. The reality of the Oneness of God cannot be understood in language, which is limited. For the sake of discussion, the Holy Spirit and Christ could be used almost interchangeably. ACIM also states that the Christ is the home of the Holy Spirit. The Christ normally refers to the part of the split mind that has never lost the remembrance of God. The Holy Spirit is the bridge that reconnects the split-minded son and brings him back home to the Father.

T-13.V.10. You have but two emotions, and one you made, **which is the emotion of fear**, and one was given you **by God and is the emotion of love**. 2 Each **emotion** is a way of seeing, and different worlds arise from **love and fear's** different sights. 3 See through the vision of **love** that is given you, for through Christ's vision **Christ** beholds Himself, **the Sonship**. 4 And seeing what **Christ** is, **Christ** knows His Father. 5 Beyond your darkest dreams **Christ** sees God's guiltless Son within you, shining in perfect radiance that is undimmed by your dreams. 6 And this <you>, **God's guiltless Son**, will see as you look with **Christ**, for **Christ's** vision is **God's** gift of love to you, given **to the Son** of the Father for you.

Note # 55: You will decide on which thought system to follow based on what you value. With this choice, you will choose what you perceive yourself to be. The ego's thought system is based on sin, fear and guilt and, therefore, it breeds an illusionary world based on fear. The Holy Spirit's thought system is based on love and the truth about what you really are. It is the path that leads the insane back to the real world, Level #1, the Kingdom or Heaven, which is the remembrance of God.

T-13.V.11. The Holy Spirit is the light in which Christ stands revealed. 2 And all who would behold **Christ** can see **Christ**, for they have asked for light. 3 Nor will they, **who have asked for light**, see **Christ** alone, for **Christ** is no more alone than they are **who have asked for light**. 4 Because they, **who have asked for light**, saw the Son, they have risen in **the Son** to the Father. 5 And all this will they, **who have asked for light**, understand, because they looked within and saw beyond the darkness the Christ in them, **who have asked for light** and recognized **Christ**. 6 In the sanity of **Christ's** vision they, **who have asked for light**, looked upon themselves with love, seeing themselves as the Holy Spirit

sees them. 7 And with this vision of the truth in them came all the beauty of the world to shine upon them, **who have asked for light and who now see with the Vision of Christ.**

Note # 56: When we ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are asking for the reinterpretation of our misperceptions into the Vision of Christ. With the Vision of Christ, we rediscover the truth about our brothers and ourselves. We “see” through the healing eyes of love and forgiveness.

VI. Finding the Present

T-13.VI.1. To perceive truly is to be aware of all reality through the awareness of your own **reality**. 2 But for this, **the ability to perceive truly**, no illusions can rise to meet your sight, for reality leaves no room for any error. 3 This means that you perceive a brother only as you see him *<now, >* **with no reference to the past**. 4 **A brother’s past** has no reality in the present, so you cannot see **a brother’s past in the present and perceive truly**. 5 Your past reactions to **a brother** are also not there, and if it is **there, it is to these past reactions to a brother** that you react, you see but an image of **your brother** that you made and cherish instead of **your brother’s reality**. 6 In your questioning of illusions, ask yourself if it is really sane to perceive what was as now. 7 If you remember the past as you look upon your brother, you will be unable to perceive the reality that is now.

Note # 57: True perception allows for correct awareness of the whole through our correct awareness of our own reality. Each mirrors the other since they share the same Will of God. This is an example of “as above so below.” Knowledge and the Laws of God are universally applicable. Thus, we can go from a specific form of an example and generalize that same knowing to the abstract or general. If we allow our perception to be clouded by our past beliefs about our brother, we will not be able to accept the reality of the present. Old beliefs and judgments give rise to past misperceptions that we now project into the present. Thus, our viewpoints and perception remain the same as the past. Viewing the present from a past reference point dooms us to repeating our past perceived experiences as current events. This is why ACIM’s goal is not to change the world, but rather change how you view your world. ACIM suggests that we need to replace all judgments with forgiveness if we are to rediscover what is the truth about our real Big “S” Self.

T-13.VI.2. You consider it “natural” to use your past experience as the reference point from which to judge the present. 2 Yet this is *<unnatural>* because **your past experiences were based on misperceptions and, therefore, this** is delusional. 3 When you have learned to look on everyone with no reference at all to the past, either his **past** or **your past** as you perceived **the past**, you will be able to learn from what you see *<now.>* p250 4 For the past can cast no shadow to darken the present, *<unless you are afraid of light.>* 5 And only if you are **afraid of light** would you choose to bring darkness with you, and by holding **the darkness from the past** in your mind, see **the <now>** as a dark cloud that shrouds your brothers and conceals their reality from your sight.

Note # 58: The dark thought system of the ego sees the past as the most important element of time. If the ego can keep your mind focused on the past, you will never see the present as an opportunity for your decision-maker to choose again. Thus, you remain in victim consciousness which insures the continued existence of your ego because the future will be interpreted as a reenactment of your past belief of separation and littleness.

T-13.VI.3. *<This darkness, which is cause by your past judgments and misperceptions, is in you.>* 2 The Christ as revealed to you now has no past, for **the Christ** is changeless, and in **the Christ's** changelessness lies your release. 3 For if **the Christ** is as **the Christ** was created, there is no guilt in **the Christ**. 4 No cloud of guilt has risen to obscure **the Christ**, and **the Christ** stands revealed in everyone you meet because you see **the Christ** through Himself. 5 To be born again is to let the past go, and look without condemnation upon the present. 6 The cloud that obscures God's Son to you *<is>* the past, and if you would have **the cloud** past and **be** gone, you must not see **any past cloud of misperceptions that obscures God's Son in the present, which is the now**. 7 If you see **any reference to the past** now in your **current** illusions, **these past misperceptions have** not gone from you, although **these past clouds are** not there **since they were reference points to a imagined past, which was an illusion and, therefore, never real**.

Note # 59: To be born again is to let the past go, and look without condemnation upon the present. This is how the vision of Christ functions. Its focus is only in the *<now>*.

T-13.VI.4. Time can release as well as imprison, depending on whose interpretation, **(the ego's or the Holy Spirit's)**, of **time** you use. 2 Past, present and future are not continuous, unless you force continuity on **the past, present and future**. 3 You can perceive **the past, present and future** as continuous, and **thus** make **the time continuous** for you. 4 But do not be deceived, and then believe that this **continuousness of time** is how **time** is. 5 For to believe reality is what you would have **reality** be according to your use for **time** *<is>* delusional. 6 You would destroy time's continuity by breaking **time** into past, present and future for your own purposes. 7 You would anticipate the future on the basis of your past experience, and plan for **the future** accordingly. 8 Yet by doing so you are aligning past and future, and not allowing the miracle, which could intervene between **past and future in the presence of the <now>**, to free you to be born again. **Miracles are always in the now, the present**.

Note # 60: Time is not required to be linear. When we can accept the Holy Spirit's understanding of time, the focus on the past and future are dropped and we live in the now. Miracle-mindedness utilizes the time of *<now>*. The present and the future do not have to be based on the past. If we choose to believe that time is linear, then that is how we will perceive it to be. Time is always eternally *<now>*.

Miracles are defined as a change in perception. In a miracle, we move from wrong perception to correct perception. The miracle is a decision to change the thought system we choose to follow. Since time arose out of a belief in the separation, time is a temporary tool required to facilitate the relearning process until the Sonship returns to whole-mindedness. When knowledge has returned, time will once again disappear. The closest thing that we currently can experience to aid us in our understanding of eternity is the *<now>*. The miracle compresses time. We believe that any change takes time. The miracle makes change happen instantaneously. Eternity is changeless; therefore, in eternity there is no change for time to measure. Unlike the thought system of the ego that utilizes the past to make the future, the Holy Spirit deals in the reality of the *<now>*. Any past reference points are laid aside so that nothing obscures the true light of the Christ we share. Forgiveness is the tool utilized by the Holy Spirit to remove these past reference points from our mind.

T-13.VI.5. The miracle enables you to see your brother without his past, and so perceive **your brother** as born again. 2 **Your brother's** errors are all past, and by perceiving **your brother** without **past errors** you are releasing **your brother**. 3 And since **your brother's** past is **your past**, you share in this release. 4 Let no dark cloud out of your past obscure **your brother** from you, for truth lies only in the present, and you will find **truth** if you seek **truth in the present**. 5 You have looked for **truth** where **truth** is not, and therefore have not found **truth**. 6 Learn, then, to seek **truth** where **truth** is, and **truth** will dawn on eyes that see. 7 Your past was made in anger, and if you use your past to attack the present, you will not see the freedom that the present holds.

Note # 61: In utilizing the vision of Christ, we are aided by the Holy Spirit. We let the past go and look without condemnation upon the present. The miracle's focus is only on the <now>. Without past judgment, misperceptions are transformed into true or correct perception. The miracle is a change in perception that transcends time by eliminating the past. With the past gone, we can truly experience the <now> instead of reenacting our past misperceptions.

T-13.VI.6. Judgment and condemnation are behind you, and unless you bring **judgment and condemnation** with you, you will see that you are free of **judgment and condemnation**. 2 Look lovingly upon the present, for **the present** holds the only things that are forever true. 3 All healing lies within **the present** because **the present's** continuity is real. p251 4 **The present** extends to all aspects of the Sonship at the same time, and thus enables **all aspects of the Sonship** to reach each other. 5 The present is before time was, and will be when time is no more. 6 In **the present** are all things that are eternal, and **in the present all things** are one. 7 **The continuity of all things** is timeless and their communication is unbroken, for **all things** are not separated by the past. 8 Only the past can separate, and **the past** is nowhere.

Note # 62: In the real world of the Mind of God, there is only the eternal, which shares the Oneness of God's Will. In our world of perception, the Holy Spirit teaches us to be in the <now>. All healing and decisions to choose again only happen in the <now>. If your present moment's focus is referenced to the past or the future even though you perceive yourself to be in the present, you are not in the <now>. The <now> is a state of "being" in the present moment only. "Being," not "thinking," is required if one is to experience the <now>.

T-13.VI.7. The present offers you your brothers in the light that would unite you with **your brothers**, and free you from the past. 2 Would you, then, hold the past against **your brothers**? 3 For if you do **hold the past against your brothers**, you are choosing to remain in the darkness that is not there, and refusing to accept the light that is offered you. 4 For the light of perfect vision is freely given as **the light of perfect vision** is freely received, and **the light of perfect vision** can be accepted only without limit. 5 In this one, still dimension of time that does not change, and where there is no sight of what you were, you look at Christ and call **Christ's** witnesses to shine on you *<because you called Christ's witnesses forth.>* 6 And **Christ's witnesses** will not deny the truth in you, because you looked for **the truth** in **Christ's witnesses** and found **the truth** there.

Note # 63: The past binds and imprisons us to reenact these same past perceptions in present and future time frames. Instead of being in the <now> and choosing differently, we relive past illusions and misperception and continue to make the separation appear real in the present. In the <now> of a holy instant we can drop all past judgments and be free to utilize the vision of Christ. The vision of Christ looks past all remnants of the false and observes correctly with the eyes of love and forgiveness. This heals and releases the Big “S” Self from the imprisonment of egoic thought system.

T-13.VI.8. Now is the time of salvation, for now is the release from time. 2 Reach out to all your brothers, and touch **all your brothers** with the touch of Christ. 3 In timeless union with **all your brothers** is your continuity, unbroken because **your continuity** is wholly shared **with all your brothers**. 4 God's guiltless Son is only light. 5 There is no darkness in **God's guiltless Son** anywhere, for **God's guiltless Son** is whole. 6 Call all your brothers to witness to **God's guiltless Son's** wholeness, as I am calling you to join with me. 7 Each voice has a part in the song of redemption, the hymn of gladness and thanksgiving for the light to the Creator of light. 8 The holy light that shines forth from God's Son is the witness that **God's Son's** light is of his Father.

Note # 64: Only in the <now> can we make the decision to accept the Atonement for ourselves. This healing of the split-minded Sonship happens in the <now>. The <now> of correct perception mirrors the truth of the changeless eternal One Self.

T-13.VI.9. Shine on your brothers in remembrance of your Creator, for you will remember **your Creator** as you call forth the witnesses to **your Creator's** creation. 2 Those whom you heal bear witness to your healing, for in their wholeness you will see your own **wholeness**. 3 And as your hymns of praise and gladness rise to your Creator, **your Creator** will return your thanks in **your Creator's** clear Answer to your call. 4 For it can never be that **God's** Son called upon **God** and **that the Son's call** remained unanswered. 5 **God's** Call to you is but your call to **God**. 6 And in **God** you are answered by **God's** peace.

Note # 65: God placed the Holy Spirit inside your Christ consciousness to insure the safety of your Big “S” Self during your temporary insanity while you dreamed the game of separation. The Holy Spirit is the Voice or Call for the Sonship's remembrance of God. The Atonement is God's answer to the belief that the separation was real.

T-13.VI.10. Child of Light, you know not that the light is in you. 2 Yet you will find **the light** through **the light's** witnesses, for having given light to them they, **your brothers**, will return **the light**. 3 Each one of **your brothers that** you see in light brings your light closer to your awareness. 4 Love always leads to love. 5 The sick, who ask for love, are grateful for **your love**, and in their joy **the sick, who ask for love**, shine with holy thanks. p252 6 And **it is this joy and love that the sick, who have received your love**, offer **back to** you who gave them joy. 7 **The sick, who have asked for love**, are your guides to joy, for having received **joy** of you they would keep it. 8 You have established **the sick, who have asked for love**, as guides to peace, for you have made **peace** manifest in them. 9 And seeing **peace manifest in them, peace's** beauty calls you home.

Note # 66: Even though our goal is to accept the Atonement for ourselves, because of the unity of the Sonship in the shared Mind of God, all the Sonship shares the benefit. By correctly perceiving any experience as either an act of love or a cry for love, we move closer to our homecoming. By realizing that a supposed attack is merely a brother's cry for love, we can respond appropriately with loving and forgiving thoughts. Since what we give, we receive, our love and forgiveness to our brother is returned to ourselves. By seeing the Christ in our brother, we rediscover the Christ that was hidden in our own split-mind.

T-13.VI.11. There is a light that this **egoic** world cannot give. 2 Yet you can give **this light**, as **this light** was given you. 3 And as you give **this light**, **this light** shines forth to call you from the **egoic** world and follow **this light**. 4 For this light will attract you as nothing in this **egoic** world can do. 5 And you will lay aside the **egoic** world and find another **world**. 6 This other world is bright with love which you have given **this other world**. 7 And here **in this other world** will everything remind you of your Father and His holy Son. 8 Light is unlimited, and spreads across this world in quiet joy. 9 All those you brought with you will shine on you, and you will shine on them in gratitude because **all those you brought with you also** brought you here **to this world of light**. 10 Your light will join with theirs in power so compelling, that **this light** will draw the others out of darkness as you look on them.

Note # 67: Light is the Christ consciousness. Light is the understanding of what we really are, God's guiltless Son, perfect, whole and complete. We are spirit, not a bodily form. We are God's Thoughts, a Oneness in the holographic Mind of God that comprises the One Self.

T-13.VI.12. Awakening unto Christ is following the laws of love **out** of your **own** free will, and out of quiet recognition of the truth in **the laws of love**. 2 The attraction of light must draw you willingly, and willingness is signified by giving. 3 Those who accept love of you become your willing witnesses to the love you gave them, and it is they who hold **love freely** out to you. 4 In sleep you are alone, and your awareness is narrowed to yourself. 5 And that is why the nightmares come. 6 You dream of isolation because your eyes are closed. 7 You do not see your brothers, and in the darkness you cannot look upon the light you gave to **your bothers**.

Note # 68: The law of love is that love gives all that it is, for by giving love you receive love. Love must be given for its nature is one of sharing. In this sharing is the oneness of the Sonship reborn. Your free will determines when you will choose to accept the fact that your will is your Father's Will. God's Will is that His Son be happy. The awakening of the Christ is the reclaiming of your divine inheritance that comprises everything. We remain one with God, perfect, whole and complete.

T-13.VI.13. And yet the laws of love are not suspended because you sleep. 2 And you have followed **the laws of love** through all your nightmares, and have been faithful in your giving, for you were not alone. 3 Even in sleep has Christ protected you, ensuring the real world for you when you awake. 4 In your name **Christ** has given for you, and given you the gifts **Christ** gave. 5 God's Son is still as loving as his Father. 6 Continuous with his Father, he has no past apart from **his Father**. 7 So **God's Son, the Christ**, has never ceased to be his Father's witness and his own. 8 Although, **the split-minded son** slept,

Christ's vision did not leave **the split-minded son**. 9 And so it is that **the split-minded son** can call unto himself the witnesses that teach him that he never slept. p253

Note # 69: Although we have forgotten our divine birthright due to our belief in the separation, our inheritance has been preserved in the Christ consciousness part of our mind. Our Big "S" Self has never forgotten the truth and remains aware of Its Oneness with the Mind of God. The light of Christ has shone continuously. It has been obscured by the ego's thought system, but it has never dimmed. Even during the illusion of separation, the Holy Spirit has continued to preserve any loving thoughts and will restore these creations to our awareness in eternity.

VII. Attainment of the Real World

T-13.VII.1. Sit quietly and look upon the world you see, and tell yourself: "The real world is not like **the egoic world I see**. 2 **The real world** has no buildings and there are no streets where people walk alone and separate. 3 **In the real world** there are no stores where people buy an endless list of things they do not need. 4 **The real world** is not lit with artificial light, and night comes not upon **the real world**. 5 **In the real world** there is no day that brightens and grows dim. 6 **In the real world** there is no loss. 7 **In the real world** nothing is there but shines, and shines forever."

Note # 70: The real world is based on truth. It is not a place or location set in time. It is a state of being. When we lost knowledge, we lost "sight" in the real world. We replaced truth with a world based on perception. Perception is not knowledge and our perception changes as our viewpoints shift. The real world is changeless and, therefore, eternal. The world of perception is an unstable, changeable world that becomes our private world of provisional reality. The world of perception was made by the split-minded to maintain the belief that our will could be separate from our Source. The Holy Spirit will use this same world of perception as a learning device to teach us that we are love and that only love is real. When we have relearned this lesson, we will be ready to accept the Atonement for ourselves and return to the real world.

T-13.VII.2. The world you see must be denied, for sight of **the world you see** is costing you a different kind of vision, **the vision of Christ**. 2 *<You cannot see both worlds,>* for each of **these worlds** involves a different kind of seeing, and depends on what you cherish. **Do you cherish oneness or specialness born from the belief in separation? Do you cherish truth, or false illusions?** 3 The sight of one is possible because you have denied the other. 4 Both **worlds** are not true, yet either one will seem as real to you as the amount to which you hold **that one world** dear. 5 And yet **the powers of these two worlds** are not the same, because their real attraction to you is unequal.

Note # 71: The world we "see" will be based in where we, as decision-makers, place our allegiance. If we side with the thought system of the ego, we see a world of form based on our belief in separateness, specialness and limitation. Since we perceive ourselves as an ego-body, we project out of our mind a world that conforms to and bears witness to our belief that the separation is real. If we side with the Holy Spirit's thought system, our world of provisional reality will be reinterpreted to become a learning tool that will lead us back to the reality of the real world. The real world is based on truth, and truth was something that was lost when we chose littleness or specialness, over our Big "S" Self. Denial of truth led

us to project or make an imaginary world based on sin, guilt and fear. This world we made is our egoic attempt to keep out God and God's love.

T-13.VII.3. You do not really want the world you see, for **the world you see** has disappointed you since time began. 2 The homes you built have never sheltered you. 3 The roads you made have led you nowhere, and no city that you built has withstood the crumbling assault of time. 4 Nothing you made but has the mark of death upon it. 5 Hold **the world you made and see it** not dear, for **the world you made and see** is old and tired and ready to return to dust even as you made it. 6 This aching world has not the power to touch the living world at all. 7 You could not give **the world you made the power to be real**, and so although you turn in sadness from **the world you made**, you cannot find in **the world you made** the road that leads away from **the world you made** into another world, **which is real and eternal**.

Note # 72: This passage in ACIM clearly states that we, not God, made our private world of provisional reality which is based on our shifting perception. This world we made is not real because we made it. It is important to realize that the word "make" is different from "create." When we made this world, we failed to extend all what we are, which is unlimited spirit. Instead, we chose to limit or exclude something. Creation is extension. When God creates, being everything, God gives everything to His creations. It is not that we, as Son's of God, do not have the ability to create like God, but rather that when we made this world, we believed that we were something less than what God created. Believing that we were limited, imperfect and incomplete, the world we made was also limited, imperfect and incomplete. Creation is born out of love, which is sharing. Our world of perception was born out of fear, which is exclusion. The world of perception is Level # 2. The real world, the Kingdom or Heaven, is Level # 1. These two levels are parallel lines. They never met. We cannot find Heaven, Level #1, by looking in Level # 2's illusions. The Holy Spirit acts as the bridge between these two worlds. Only the Holy Spirit is aware of both the world of truth and the world of illusion. For ACIM purposes nothing is real in the world of perception, for a dream, by its very definition is an illusion and, therefore, a fantasy. Salvation cannot be found in a dream. It can only be found by reawakening to the truth.

T-13.VII.4. Yet the real world has the power to touch you even here, because you love **the real world**. 2 And what you call with love will come to you. 3 Love always answers, being unable to deny a call for help, or not to hear the cries of pain that rise to **love's awareness** from every part of this strange world you made but do not want. 4 All that you need to give this world **of illusion** away in glad exchange for what you did not make, **which is the real world of the Kingdom**, is willingness to learn the one you made, **the illusionary world of perception**, is false.

Note # 73: The world of perception exists only in the mind of the perceiver. It has no real impact on truth. If we realize that we are the dreamer, we can choose to reawaken to the truth. The dream will fade away into the nothingness from which it arose. The Christ consciousness remembers the reality of what you are. It is your Big "S" Self that feels love's pull for you to rejoin the Kingdom.

T-13.VII.5. You have been wrong about the world because you have misjudged yourself **and believed yourself limited**. 2 From such a twisted reference point, what could you see?

3 All seeing starts with the perceiver, who judges what is true and what is false. 4 And what **the perceiver** judges false **the perceiver** does not see. 5 You who would judge reality cannot see **reality**, for whenever judgment enters reality has slipped away. 6 The out of mind *<is>* out of sight, because what is denied is there but is not recognized. p254 7 Christ is still there, although you know **Christ** not. 8 **Christ's** Being does not depend upon your recognition. 9 **Christ** lives within you in the quiet present, and waits for you to leave the past behind and enter into the world **Christ** holds out to you in love.

Note # 74: Christ has never left our mind. We have just refused to hear His Voice for God and the Truth. Christ is eternally in our mind since that is truth's reality. The changeless eternal has no past. The eternal is the "always". In perception, time, which arose to accommodate our belief that the separation was real, does appear to have a past, present and future. The ego wants us to remain tied to our past illusion so that we will continue to misperceive ourselves as limited and separate small "s" selves.

T-13.VII.6. No one in this distracted world but has seen some glimpses of the other world about him. 2 Yet while he still lays value on his own **private world of specialness**, he will deny the vision of the other **real world**, maintaining that he loves what he loves not, and following not the road that love points out. **He, the split-minded claims he loves his private world of specialness over the world of truth.** 3 Love leads so gladly! 4 As you follow **Christ**, you will rejoice that you have found **Christ's** company, and learned of **Christ** the joyful journey home. 5 You wait but for yourself. 6 To give this sad world over and exchange your errors for the peace of God is but *<your>* will. 7 And Christ will always offer you the Will of God, in recognition that you share **the Will of God** with **Christ**.

Note # 75: We will continue to perceive the world that we value. The egoic split-mind values separation, specialness and littleness. The Big "S" Self values the wholeness of Love's One Self. The Christ is the part of the split-mind that is the home of whole or right-mindedness. The Christ is also the home of the Holy Spirit. The Christ resides in the truth that you are the One Self of the Mind of God.

T-13.VII.7. It is God's Will that nothing touch His Son except Himself, and nothing else comes nigh (close to) unto him. 2 **Christ, God's Son**, is as safe from pain as God Himself, Who watches over him in everything. 3 The world about **Christ, God's Son**, shines with love because God placed him in God, Himself, where pain is not, and love surrounds him without end or flaw. 4 Disturbance of his peace can never be. 5 In perfect sanity **God's Son** looks on love, for **love** is all about him and within him. 6 **God's Son** must deny the world of pain the instant he perceives the arms of love around him. 7 And from this point of safety **Christ, God's Son** looks quietly about him and recognizes that the world is one with him.

Note # 76: We are part of the Mind of God. As such, we have never left the Love of the Father and continue to abide in the Mind of God. This is the Christ in us. There is nothing outside the Mind of God since God is everything. Again ACIM describes the oneness that exists between God and His Creation. The Cause and Its Effect are intertwined until They are the inseparable One Self.

T-13.VII.8. The peace of God passeth your understanding only in the past. 2 Yet here **the peace of God** <is>, and you can understand **the peace of God** <now.> 3 God loves His Son forever, and His Son returns his Father's Love forever. 4 The real world is the way that leads you to remembrance of the one thing that is wholly true and wholly yours, **which is the God's Love**. 5 For all else you have lent yourself in time, and **time** will fade. 6 But this one thing, **God's Love**, is always yours, being the gift of God unto His Son. 7 Your one reality, **God's Love**, was given you, and by **God's Love**, God created you as one with **God**

Note # 77: Being changeless, we can never lose God's Love for this is not part of God's Will. Only in time can we pretend to lack God's Love. Time exists only in the illusionary dream state in which the false appears to exist along with the truth. When we forgot knowledge, we denied the peace of God. Time allows us to correct our misperception that arose from our belief in the separation. With our reawakening, time will disappear along with the dream of separation. God's peace will be remembered.

T-13.VII.9. You will first dream of peace, and then awaken to **peace**. 2 Your first exchange of what you made for what you want is the exchange of nightmares for the happy dreams of love. 3 In these **happy dreams of love**, lie your true perceptions, for the Holy Spirit corrects the world of dreams, where all perception is. 4 Knowledge needs no correction. 5 Yet the dreams of love lead unto knowledge. 6 In **the happy dreams of love** you see nothing fearful, and because of this **the happy dreams of love** are the welcome that you offer knowledge. 7 Love waits on welcome, not on time, and the real world is but your welcome of what always was. 8 Therefore the call of joy is in **the happy dreams of love**, and your glad response is your awakening to what you have not lost. p255

Note # 78: Even the happy dream of love is still an illusion. But within this illusion, we begin to recognize the truth. The happy dream of love is as close as we can come to the return to the knowledge of Level # 1, while still within the world of perception, which is Level # 2. Knowledge and even correct perception is not the same. Knowledge is just being; it requires no thought. Since Level # 1 and # 2 never meet, God will take the final step to return His Son to the state of knowledge. Knowledge is the return to the Kingdom, which is the real world of Level # 1.

T-13.VII.10. Praise, then, the Father for the perfect sanity of His most holy Son. 2 Your Father knoweth that you have need of nothing. 3 In Heaven this is so **that you have need of nothing**, for what could you need in eternity? 4 In your world of **perception, born out of the belief in limitation** you do need things. 5 **Your world of perception** is a world of scarcity in which you find yourself <because> you are lacking. 6 Yet can you find **and rediscover** yourself, **your Big "S" Self**, in such a world? **Can you rediscover what you really are in the world of illusion?** 7 Without the Holy Spirit the answer would be no. 8 Yet because of **the Holy Spirit** the answer is a joyous <yes!> 9 As Mediator, **the Holy Spirit**, is between the two worlds, **the Holy Spirit** knows what you have need of and what will not hurt you. 10 Ownership is a dangerous concept if **ownership of your true needs were** left to you. 11 The ego wants to have things for salvation, for possession is **the ego's** law. 12 Possession for **possession's** own sake is the ego's fundamental creed, a basic cornerstone in the churches **the ego** builds to itself. 13 And at **the ego's** altar **the ego** demands you lay all of the things **the ego** bids you get, leaving you no joy in **all of the things you got**.

Note # 79: The ego's thought system is based on limitation and on you not being a oneness. Form is one of the best "proofs" that the ego has to verify that you are not everything. The ego then tells us that we will be saved when we collect something special from outside ourselves. The ego always places our happiness outside of our control because the ego does not want us to be the source for our own happiness. We learn to place value on the worthless changing world of form and thus, misperceiving our needs. When we request the aid of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit will reinterpret the events that we misperceived into holy experiences. The tool of forgiveness is the major transformational weapon against the ego's thought system. Misperception is converted into correct perception through the Holy Spirit's guidance. The Holy Spirit knows that our only true need is to follow God's Will and thus, be happy.

T-13.VII.11. Everything the ego tells you that you need will hurt you. 2 For although the ego urges you again and again to get, **the ego** leaves you nothing, for what you get **the ego** will demand of you. 3 And even from the very hands that grasped **what the ego said you needed, the item** will be wrenched **from you by the ego** and hurled into the dust. 4 For where the ego sees salvation **the ego** sees separation, and so you lose whatever you have gotten in **the ego's** name. 5 Therefore ask not of yourself what you need, for you do not know **what you need**, and your advice to yourself will hurt you. 6 For what you think you need will merely serve to tighten up your world against the light, and render you unwilling to question the value that this world **of illusion** can really hold for you.

Note # 80: The ego teaches that we are limited forms. Believing that we are limited ego bodies, we perceive that what we need something outside ourselves. This helps the ego convince us that we are lacking and are not whole. This strengthens our belief that the separation was real and reinforces the ego's thought system. Needs are things that we value. We believe that without these things, we will either die or remain incomplete. Until we are willing to give all our perception of vulnerability over to the Holy Spirit's correct perception, we will remain bound in the egoic world of lack and limitation. The Holy Spirit will provide everything you truly need in time, for the Holy Spirit will do nothing that would increase your fear. We cannot be unlimited spirit while we cling to a body-form. We only need God's love but God's love is impossible to either lose or earn. God's love is freely given because it is the unconditional Love of God for His One Self.

T-13.VII.12. Only the Holy Spirit knows what you need. 2 For **the Holy Spirit** will give you all things that do not block the way to light. 3 And what else could you need? 4 In time, **the Holy Spirit** gives you all the things that you need **to have in the illusionary world of time**, and will renew **all the things that you need to have in the illusionary world of time** as long as you have need of them. 5 **The Holy Spirit** will take nothing from you as long as you have any need of it. 6 And yet **the Holy Spirit** knows that everything you need is temporary, and will but last until you step aside from all your needs and realize that all of **your needs** have been fulfilled. 7 Therefore **the Holy Spirit** has no investment in the things that **the Holy Spirit** supplies, except to make certain that you will not use them on behalf of lingering in time. 8 **The Holy Spirit** knows that you are not at home there **in the illusionary world of time**, and **the Holy Spirit** will no delay to wait upon your joyous homecoming.

Note # 81: Because we have lost knowledge, we are trapped in our illusionary world of time and perception, which arises out of the projection of our belief in sin, guilt and fear. Since we believe that we are separate, the concept of time was needed temporarily until we reawaken to the reality of the Oneness. We need the experiences of the dream world of perception so that we can freely choose to accept God's Will as our own will. The Holy Spirit, if asked, will reinterpret our misperception into correct perception. Our misperceptions are born out of fear. Correct perceptions arise from forgiveness, love and the realization of our common oneness with our brother. The Holy Spirit will not do anything that would increase our fear for that would drag us deeper into the unreality of the illusions. The Holy Spirit insures that we gently reawaken to the truth of our Big "S" Self's Oneness with God.

T-13.VII.13. Leave, then, your needs to **the Holy Spirit**. 2 **The Holy Spirit** will supply **your needs** with no emphasis at all upon **your needs**. 3 What comes to you of **the Holy Spirit** comes safely, for **the Holy Spirit** will ensure **that what comes to you of the Holy Spirit** never can become a dark spot, hidden in your mind and kept to hurt you. p256 4 Under **the Holy Spirit's** guidance you will travel light and journey lightly, for **the Holy Spirit's** sight is ever on the journey's end, which is **the Holy Spirit's** goal. 5 God's Son is not a traveller through outer worlds. 6 However holy his perception may become, no world outside himself holds **God's Son's** inheritance. 7 Within himself **God's Son** has no needs, for light needs nothing but to shine in peace, and from itself to let the rays extend in quiet to infinity.

Note # 82: Being an extension of God, we need nothing for we, like Our Creator, are everything. We need do nothing, for the truth about what we really are is unalterable.

T-13.VII.14. Whenever you are tempted to undertake a useless journey that would lead away from light, remember what you really want, and say:

*2 The Holy Spirit leads me unto Christ, and where else would I go? 3 What need have I but to awake in **Christ**?*

Note # 83: Always be willing to ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance since He speaks on behalf of your Big "S" Self.

T-13.VII.15. Then follow **the Holy Spirit** in joy, with faith that **the Holy Spirit** will lead you safely through all dangers to your peace of mind this world **of perception** may set before you. 2 Kneel not before the altars to sacrifice **to the false gods of the ego's thought system, and seek** not what you will surely lose. 3 Content yourself with what you will as surely keep, and be not restless, for you undertake a quiet journey to the peace of God, where **God** would have you be in quietness.

Note # 84: The Holy Spirit's thought system will return you home. Home cannot be found in the world of perception for illusions are nothing in the real world. The Holy Spirit's thought system will reinterpret all your misperceptions and return you to the Christ consciousness thus, healing your split-mind so that you can reawaken to the real world of knowledge. Christ never lost His place in the Mind of God. Anytime we lose our peace of mind, we can rest assured that our current thinking is out of alignment with your Big "S"

Self. Use this loss of peace as a warning signal to ask for guidance and then choose again. Only the Holy Spirit knows the fastest return journey to the peace of God.

T-13.VII.16. In me, **Jesus, who along with you share the Christ consciousness that is a part of every brother**, you have already overcome every temptation that would hold you back. 2 We walk together on the way to quietness that is the gift of God. 3 Hold me dear, for what except your brothers can you need? 4 We, **your brothers**, will restore to you the peace of mind that we must find together. 5 The Holy Spirit will teach you to awaken unto us, **your brothers**, and to yourself **the Christ that we share**. 6 This, **the peace of God, which is the Christ**, is the only real need to be fulfilled in time. 7 Salvation from the world lies only here. 8 My peace I give you. 9 Take **the peace of God, which is the Christ**, of me in glad exchange for all the world has offered but to take away. 10 And we will spread **the peace of God** like a veil of light across the world's sad face, in which we hide our brothers from **this sad world**, and the world's **sad face** from **our brothers' peace of God**.

Note # 85: Because Jesus has already overcome all temptations that could hold us from the peace of God, we all have shared this experience. We all share the same mind; we need only to freely accept the gifts that Jesus offers us. Jesus and the Christ, which is in all of the Sonship, knows the peace of God. It is this peace of God that is offered to all the Sonship. Being united, we all share equally in the accomplishments of any part of the Sonship. We are the Christ. The resurrection has already been achieved long ago. We need merely to remove all our past reference points to sin, guilt and fear and time, itself, will disappear.

T-13.VII.17. We cannot sing redemption's hymn alone. 2 My task is not completed until I have lifted every voice with mine. 3 And yet **redemption's hymn** is not mine, for as **redemption's hymn** is my gift to you, so was **redemption's hymn** the Father's gift to me, given me through His Spirit. 4 The sound of **redemption's hymn** will banish sorrow from the mind of God's most holy Son, where **sorrow** cannot abide. 5 Healing in time is needed, for joy cannot establish **joy's** eternal reign where sorrow dwells. 6 You dwell not here, in an illusionary world of fear, but in eternity. 7 You travel but in dreams, while **you remain** safe at home. 8 Give thanks to every part of you that you have taught how to remember you. p257 9 Thus does the Son of God give thanks unto his Father for his purity.

Note # 86: Redemption's hymn is God's Call for His Son's remembrance of what God's Son is. This is the remembrance of God and our freely choosing of God's Will as our will. Salvation's healing is our only function here in the illusionary dream world of separation. God is and will always be only Love. This world of fear, which we made, is not God's Will. We are asked to set aside all our self-made fears and know ourselves as love, which has no opposites in us. We must freely choose to be no other self than the Big "S" Self God created us to be. The acceptance of this is our salvation or redemption. This is the acceptance of the Atonement for ourselves. By our acceptance of the Atonement, all the Sonship benefits because we are all connected in the Mind of God that is the One Self.

VIII. From Perception to Knowledge

T-13.VIII.1. All healing is release from the past. 2 That is why the Holy Spirit is the only Healer. 3 **The Holy Spirit** teaches that the past does not exist, a fact which belongs to the sphere of knowledge, and which therefore no one in the world can know. 4 It would indeed

be impossible to be in the world with this knowledge **that the past does not exist**. 5 For the mind that knows **that the past does not exist** unequivocally knows also it, **the mind that knows that the past does not exist**, dwells in eternity, and utilizes no perception at all. 6 **The mind that knows that the past does not exist**, therefore does not consider where it is, because the concept "where" does not mean anything to **the mind that knows that the past does not exist**. 7 **The mind that knows that the past does not exist**, knows that it is everywhere, just as it has everything, and forever.

Note # 87: The Holy Spirit is the only one that is aware of both the truth and our perceptions that create our dream world of provisional reality. We, the dreamer, are unaware of our true nature when we believe we are part of the dream. Because of this, only the Holy Spirit can correctly interpret the proper use of time, which is the healing of the belief in separation.

T-13.VIII.2. The very real difference between perception and knowledge becomes quite apparent if you consider this: There is nothing partial about knowledge. 2 Every aspect is whole, and therefore no aspect **of knowledge** is separate. 3 You are an aspect of knowledge, being in the Mind of God, Who knows you. 4 All knowledge must be yours, for in you is all knowledge. 5 Perception, at **perception's** loftiest, is never complete. 6 Even the perception of the Holy Spirit, as perfect as perception can be, is without meaning in Heaven. 7 Perception can reach everywhere under **the Holy Spirit's** guidance, for the vision of Christ beholds everything in light. 8 Yet no perception, however holy, will last forever.

Note # 88: Perception cannot last forever because perception requires both the perceiver and the item being perceived. With the return to Knowledge, there is only a Oneness. Therefore there is nothing to perceive.

T-13.VIII.3. Perfect perception, then, has many elements in common with knowledge, making transfer to **knowledge** possible. 2 Yet the last step must be taken by God, because the last step in your redemption, which seems to be in the future, was accomplished by God in your creation. 3 The separation has not interrupted **your creation**. 4 Creation cannot be interrupted. 5 The separation is merely a faulty formulation of reality, with no effect at all. 6 The miracle, without a function in Heaven, is needful here **only in the perceived world of time and space**. 7 Aspects of reality can still be seen, and **aspects of reality** will replace aspects of unreality. 8 Aspects of reality can be seen in everything and everywhere. 9 Yet only God can gather **aspects of reality** together, by crowning them, **all the aspects of reality**, as one with the final gift of eternity. p258

Note # 89: Our dream that we have become separate from God holds no reality and, not being of the Mind of God, has no impact on truth. We remain a Oneness with our creator, the Father, Himself. This is truth. This is our reality.

T-13.VIII.4. Apart from the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit has no function. 2 **The Holy Spirit** is not separate from Either, **the Father or the Son**, being in the Mind of Both, and knowing that Mind is One. 3 **The Holy Spirit** is a Thought of God, and God has given **the Holy Spirit** to you because **God** has no Thoughts **God** does not share. 4 **The Holy**

Spirit message speaks of timelessness in time, and that is why Christ's vision looks on everything with love. 5 Yet even Christ's vision is not His reality. 6 The golden aspects of reality that spring to light under **the Holy Spirit's** loving gaze are partial glimpses of the Heaven that lies beyond **time and are partial aspects of the reality of God's Thoughts.**

Note # 90: Again, we speak as if each part of the trinity is separate from each other. This is because we think in terms of duality. In reality each "part" is holographic in nature and contains the entire whole. In reality there is only the shared Oneness since the Mind of God is all there is. Mind is One.

In time, the Holy Trinity appears to be separate parts of the One Self. In eternity, the illusion of separation and time are no more. Separation and time allowed indivisible parts to be defined with separate purposes and functions. As time's relearning function is completed, it fades away into the one and only function, which is to be Love. When there is but one shared function there is only the indivisible One extending Itself as the Thoughts of God, which are only Love.

T-13.VIII.5. This is the miracle of creation; <that **creation** is one forever.> 2 Every miracle you offer to the Son of God is but the true perception of one aspect of the whole. 3 Though every aspect <is> the whole, you cannot know this until you see that every aspect is the same, perceived in the same light and therefore one. 4 Everyone seen without the past thus brings you nearer to the end of time by bringing healed and healing sight into the darkness, and enabling the world to see. 5 For light must come into the darkened world to make Christ's vision possible even here. 6 Help **the Holy Spirit** to give **the Holy Spirit's** gift of light, **which makes Christ's vision possible**, to all who think they wander in the darkness, and let **the Holy Spirit** gather them, **who think they wander in the darkness**, into His quiet sight that makes them, **who think they wander in the darkness**, one.

Note # 91: Christ's vision sees only the truth of the equality of all aspects of the oneness. The Vision of Christ is not based on any past perception since this would make the present false. Our erroneous beliefs that we normally bring from the past have been discarded or suspended. The Holy Spirit understands that past misperceptions have no impact on reality and, therefore, do not belong in the present. This understanding brings light or understanding that dissolves past misperception into the light of truth that we remain eternally changeless as God created us.

T-13.VIII.6. They, **all parts of the oneness that is creation**, are all the same; all beautiful and equal in their holiness. 2 And He, **the Christ**, will offer **all parts of the oneness that is creation** unto His Father as **all parts of the oneness that is creation** were offered unto Him, **the Sonship, which is all God created, as God created It.** 3 There is one miracle, **which is creation**, as there is one reality. 4 And every miracle you do contains them all, as every aspect of reality you see blends quietly into the one reality of God. 5 The only miracle that ever was is God's most holy Son, created in the one reality that is his Father. 6 Christ's vision is **God's** gift to you. 7 His Being is His Father's gift to Him, **God's Son.**

Note # 92: The miracle of creation is the process of extension. In extension, God has given Himself, which is everything, to everything, which is the Sonship. The Oneness is

maintained and is shared fully. Holiness is wholeness. Cause and Effect are indivisibly intertwined thus, completing each other and are that One Self.

T-13.VIII.7. Be you content with healing, for Christ's gift of **healing** you can bestow, and your Father's gift, **your perfect wholeness**, you cannot lose. 2 Offer Christ's gift of **healing** to everyone and everywhere, for miracles, offered the Son of God through the Holy Spirit, attune you to reality. 3 The Holy Spirit knows your part in the redemption, and who are seeking you and where to find them **who seek you**. 4 Knowledge is far beyond your individual concern. 5 You who are part of it, **this perfect wholeness**, and all of it need only realize that it, **your perfect wholeness**, is of the Father, not of you. 6 Your role in the redemption leads you to it, **your perfect wholeness**, by re-establishing its oneness in your mind.

Note # 93: The healing power of the miracle lays in its ability to correct our misperception of how we view our world of provisional reality. You see yourself and your brother as connected to the whole. This reconnects you to the holiness of the Sonship. The miracle is a change in the mind of the miracle worker. It does not take place in the mind of your brother since it sees nothing wrong with your brother's mind. The role of miracle workers is to accept the Atonement for themselves. The oneness of our brother will be realized when we see our Oneness with our Creator.

Knowledge is re-established by acceptance of your perfect wholeness in your mind. Knowledge and perfect wholeness are one and the same. You cannot have one without the other. Knowledge is cause and perfect wholeness is its effect. The Atonement process is the means by which the Sonship returns to knowledge.

T-13.VIII.8. When you have seen your brothers as yourself you will be released to knowledge, having learned to free yourself through Him, **the Christ, Who is the home of the Holy Spirit**, Who knows of freedom. p259 2 Unite with me under the holy banner of **the Holy Spirit's** teaching, and as we grow in strength the power of God's Son will move in us, and we will leave no one untouched and no one left alone. 3 And suddenly time will be over, and we will all unite in the eternity of God the Father. 4 The holy light you saw outside yourself, in every miracle you offered to your brothers, will be returned to you. 5 And knowing that the light is in you, your creations will be there with you, as you are in your Father.

Note # 94: To be like our Father, we need to create like our Father. Our function, with the return of knowledge, is to fulfill our role as co-creators with our Father. Thus, extension continues through the Sonship. We are the light and light extends itself. Knowledge is the returning to the Oneness. With the return to knowledge all thoughts of separation disappear.

T-13.VIII.9. As miracles in this world join you to your brothers, so do your creations establish your fatherhood in Heaven. 2 You are the witness to the Fatherhood of God, and **God, the Father**, has given you the power to create the witnesses to **your fatherhood**, which is as His. 3 Deny a brother here **in your world of provisional reality**, and you deny the witnesses to your fatherhood in Heaven. 4 The miracle that God created is perfect, as are the miracles that you established in **God's Name**. 5 They, **your brothers and your**

creations, need no healing, nor do you **need healing** when you accept **your creations as part of the Oneness**.

Note # 95: In the world of perception we create our own reality. By seeing the holiness or the wholeness in all that we perceive, we accept the oneness of God. By extending oneness to our brother, we mirror what God does when God creates. Our miracles are the return to right-mindedness. These are our creations, which are saved by the Holy Spirit for us when we return to the whole-mindedness of knowledge. Your shared oneness with your brother is your creation. See your brother as perfect, whole and complete and you extend what you truly are.

T-13.VIII.10. Yet in this world of **your own perception** your perfection is unwitnessed. 2 God knows **your perfection**, but you do not **know your perfection**, and so you do not share **with God's witness, which is the Sonship, to your perfection**. 3 Nor do you witness unto **God and God's Son, the Sonship**, for reality is witnessed to as one. 4 God waits your witness to His Son and to Himself. 5 The miracles you do on earth are lifted up to Heaven and to **God**. 6 They (**the miracles you do on earth**) witness to what you do not know (**your wholeness**), and as they, (**the miracles you do on earth**) reach the gates of Heaven, God will open **the gates of Heaven**. 7 For never would **God** leave His Own beloved Son outside **the gates of Heaven**, and beyond Himself.

Note # 96: Until we reclaim our divine birthright, we cannot see ourselves as perfect, whole and complete. By rejecting the thought system of the ego, we can choose again. When we allow the Holy Spirit to reinterpret our experiences, his also reactivates the return to the Vision of Christ. With the blinders to our past misperceptions removed, we can see your brother's actions as a cry for love and then extend the healing power of forgiveness to your brother. By doing this, we extend this healing to ourselves, for by giving, do we receive. When we extend forgiveness and love to our brother, we have created a witness to our own perfection as the Christ, which is our shared Oneness with our Father. Our miracles are our creations and our witnesses to the extension of our Father, which is Love.

IX. The Cloud of Guilt

T-13.IX.1. Guilt remains the only thing that hides the Father, for guilt is the attack upon His Son. 2 The guilty always condemn, and having done so **the guilty** will still condemn. **The guilty** linking the future to the past as **this** is the ego's law, **which the guilty follow**. 3 Fidelity to this law **of linking the future to the past** lets no light in, for **this law of the ego** demands fidelity to darkness and forbids awakening. 4 The ego's laws are strict, and breaches are severely punished. 5 Therefore give no obedience to **the ego's laws**, for **the ego's laws** are laws of punishment. 6 And those who follow **the ego's laws** believe that they are guilty, and so **those who follow the ego's laws** must condemn. 7 Between the future and the past the laws of God must intervene, if you would free yourself **from the ego's laws**. 8 Atonement stands between **the ego's laws and God's laws**, like a lamp shining so brightly that the chain of darkness in which you bound yourself will disappear.

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Note # 97: Since the ego's laws emphasize the use of the past in which we perceived ourselves as guilty, the guilt ridden past will continue to control our future. As long as we carry our past misperceptions to our present experiences, we will continue to make the same errors. We will remain in victim consciousness. Only by seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, which knows the truth of God's Laws, can we break the cycle of believing we are powerless victims.

T-13.IX.2. Release from guilt is the ego's whole undoing. 2 *<Make no one fearful,>* for his guilt is **your guilt**, and by obeying the ego's harsh commandments you bring **the ego's** condemnation on yourself, and you will not escape the punishment **the ego** offers those who obey **the ego**. 3 The ego rewards fidelity to **the ego's laws** with pain, for faith in **the ego** *<is>* pain. 4 And faith can be rewarded only in terms of the belief in which the faith was placed. 5 Faith makes the power of belief, and where **faith** is invested determines **faith's** reward. 6 For faith is always given what is treasured, and what is treasured is returned to you.

Note # 98: What we give is what we receive. This is the Law of God, which remains true even in our dream world of perception. Projection maintains the guilt within us even though projection is our attempt to transfer our guilt to something outside ourselves. Projection helps maintain our victim consciousness.

T-13.IX.3. The world can give you only what you gave **your world of perception**, for being nothing but your own projection, **your world of perception** has no meaning apart from what you found in **your world of perception** and placed your faith in. 2 Be faithful unto darkness and you will not see **with the Vision of Christ**, because your faith will be rewarded as you gave it **to the ego's laws**. 3 You *<will>* accept your treasure, and if you place your faith in the past, the future will be like **the past**. 4 Whatever you hold dear you think is yours. 5 The power of your valuing will make **whatever you hold dear** so.

Note # 99: Because we are the creator of the dream, whatever we wish to project will appear real to the dreamer. If we value our little "s" self, we will follow the laws of the ego. For the laws of the ego were made to confirm that we are limited ego-bodies. Believing we are limited, it is impossible for us to believe the truth about ourselves. The dreamer has mistaken the dream for reality.

T-13.IX.4. Atonement brings a re-evaluation of everything you cherish, for **Atonement** is the means by which the Holy Spirit can separate the false and the true, which you have accepted into your mind without distinction. 2 Therefore you cannot value one without the other, and guilt has become as true for you as innocence. 3 You do not believe the Son of God is guiltless because you see the past, and see him not **as he truly is, which is guiltless**. 4 When you condemn a brother you are saying, "I who was guilty choose to remain so." 5 You have denied **a brother's** freedom, and by so doing you have denied the witness unto **your freedom**. 6 You could as easily have freed **your brother** from the past, and lifted from **your brother's** mind the cloud of guilt that binds him to **guilt**. 7 And in **your brother's** freedom would have been your own **freedom**.

Note # 100: In the Atonement process, we realize that what we perceive to have happened was only a dream. Therefore, there is nothing that was real for which penance is demanded.

We need only to reawaken to the reality of the truth. This is why ACIM defines forgiveness as the process in which we forgive our brother for the wrongs that we have erroneously projected upon our brother. We realize that we were the source to our experience and that our brother was only an actor in a dream play in which we wrote, directed and starred. We mistook this dream play to be our essence's actual reality. With the Atonement, we recognize the dream for what it was, and the need for fear, guilty and punishment disappear along with the dream. The problem of the separation was not the dream, but rather our association with the dream as something that is real. It was our association of our true nature with the dream that made the dream appear real to us.

We forgot it was a game; we took it seriously and replaced laughter with fear.

T-13.IX.5. Lay not **your** guilt upon **your brother**, for his guilt lies in **your brother's** secret thought that he has done this unto you. 2 Would you, then, teach **your brother** he is right in his delusion of **wronging you**? 3 The idea that the guiltless Son of God can attack himself and make himself guilty is insane. 4 In any form, in anyone, *<believe this not.>* **for the guiltless Son of God cannot be made guilty by self attack** 5 For sin and condemnation are the same, and the belief in **either sin or condemnation** is faith in the other **one**, calling for punishment instead of love. 6 Nothing can justify insanity, and to call for punishment upon yourself must be insane.

Note # 101: Again, God does not condemn us for some make believe dream. Even in our earthly world, we do not punish someone for something only he imaged has happened. We try to tell them the truth that nothing happened. If they insist that their dream was real, we realize that they are sick or insane and must be suffering from delusional thinking and need our help. We do not agree that they are correct in their dream and punish them for it. Dreams have no effect on reality except in the mind of the dreamer.

T-13.IX.6. See no one, then, as guilty, and you will affirm the truth of guiltlessness unto yourself. 2 In every condemnation that you offer the Son of God lies the conviction of your own guilt. 3 If you would have the Holy Spirit make you free of **our belief that you are guilty**, accept **the Holy Spirit's** offer of Atonement for all your brothers. p261 4 For so you learn that **the Atonement and your guiltlessness** is true for you. 5 Remember always that it is impossible to condemn the Son of God in part. 6 Those whom you see as guilty become the witnesses to guilt in you, and you will see **guilt** there, for **guilt** *<is>* there until **guilt** is undone. 7 Guilt is always in your mind, which has condemned itself. 8 Project **guilt** not, for while you do **project guilt**, **guilt** cannot be undone. 9 With everyone whom you release from guilt great is the joy in Heaven, where the witnesses to your fatherhood rejoice.

Note # 102: The Sonship is united in the Mind of God. All shattered parts of the Sonship remain as a Oneness even though in our dream we appear to have separate existences. The Sonship, which is all that God created as He created It, remains one with the Father.

T-13.IX.7. Guilt makes you blind, for while you see one spot of guilt within you, you will not see the light. 2 And by projecting **guilt** the world seems dark, and shrouded in your guilt. 3 You throw a dark veil over **the world**, and cannot see **the world** because you cannot look within. 4 You are afraid of what you would see there **within**, but **the guilt** is

not there. 5 <*The thing you fear, **the guilt**, is gone.*> 6 If you would look within you would see only the Atonement, shining in quiet and in peace upon the altar to your Father.

Note # 103: The acceptance of the Atonement for yourself removes the dream of guilt you had placed upon yourself. The Atonement corrects this error in your thinking. A mistake requires only correction, not punishment.

T-13.IX.8. Do not be afraid to look within. 2 The ego tells you all is black with guilt within you, and bids you not to look **within**. 3 Instead, **the ego** bids you look upon your brothers, and see the guilt in **your brothers**. 4 Yet this **seeing of guilt in your brothers** you cannot do without remaining blind. 5 For those who see their brothers in the dark, and guilty in the dark in which they shroud **their brothers**, are too afraid to look upon the light within. 6 Within you is not what you believe is there, and what you put your faith in. **You have placed your faith in guilt and, therefore, believe that guilt is within you.** 7 Within you is the holy sign of perfect faith your Father has in you, **which is your guiltlessness.** 8 **God** does not value you as you do. 9 **God** knows Himself, and knows the truth in you. 10 **God** knows there is no difference, for **God** knows not of differences. 11 Can you see guilt where God knows there is perfect innocence? 12 You can deny **God's** knowledge, but you cannot change **God's knowledge**. 13 Look, then, upon the light **God** placed within you, and learn that what you feared was there, **your self-imposed guilt**, has been replaced with love.

Note # 104: Nothing can change in the Mind of God. God created us as perfect replicas of Himself. We share the same Mind. God's Will cannot be opposed or changed. This is where our salvation lays. Being an extension of God, Himself, we can only be as our Father, a perfect Oneness. Knowledge, which is truth, cannot be changed because someone has chosen to deny the truth. The truth remains the same regardless of how we choose to perceive it. We will always remain perfect, whole and complete because that is God's Will. Our dream world is based on sin, guilt and fear. It has no reality in the Mind of God. The Atonement process reawakens us to this fact. Our split-mind is returned to right-mindedness. The dream that we could be a little "s" self is gone.

X. Release from Guilt

T-13.X.1. You are accustomed to the notion that the mind can see the source of pain where **the source of pain** is not. 2 The doubtful service of such displacement **of the location of the real source of the pain** is to hide the real source of guilt, and keep from your awareness the full perception that **to place the source of pain where it is not** is insane. 3 Displacement always is maintained by the illusion that the source of guilt, from which attention is diverted, must be true; and must be fearful, or you would not have displaced the guilt onto what you believed to be less fearful. p262 4 You are therefore willing to look upon all kinds of "sources," provided **these imagined sources** are not the deeper source to which they, **these imagined sources**, bear no real relationship at all **to the true source of guilt.**

NOTE # 105: The purpose of projection is to attempt to get rid of the source of the "guilt problem." The problem always comes from your own errors in perception and our desire to transfer the guilt generated by the problem to something outside yourself. This projection of the true source of your guilt upon something other than you, allows for you to

disassociate yourself as the source of the guilt. The source of the guilt can be traced back to the mind's erroneous concept of what you are. Thinking that the problem is outside you, you are now powerless to change your experience. You remain in victim consciousness and thus, maintain your belief that you are a separate little "s" self.

T-13.X.2. Insane ideas have no real relationships, for that is why **insane ideas** are insane. 2 No real relationship can rest on guilt, or even hold one spot of **guilt** to mar a **real relationship's** purity. 3 For all relationships that guilt has touched are used but to avoid the person *<and>* the guilt. 4 What strange relationships you have made for this strange purpose of **hiding the guilt from you, its true source!** 5 And you forgot that real relationships are holy, and cannot be used by you at all. 6 **Real relationships** are used only by the Holy Spirit, and it is **the use by the Holy Spirit** that makes **these real relationships** pure. 7 If you displace your guilt upon **these relationships**, the Holy Spirit cannot use **these relationships and make them pure.** 8 For, by pre-empting **these relationships** for your own ends, **which is your projection of guilt**, what you should have given **the Holy Spirit**, He, **the Holy Spirit**, cannot use **these guilt-ridden relationships** for your release. 9 No one who would unite in any way with anyone for his individual salvation will find **salvation** in that strange relationship. 10 A **pre-empted guilty relationship** is not shared, and so a **pre-empted guilty relationship** is not real.

NOTE # 106: Creation is extension that is shared. Projection is exclusion and cannot be shared. Relationships in our world of provisional reality must be shared with the Holy Spirit so they can be properly reinterpreted into something that can be shared, thus promoting the return to Oneness. If they are reinterpreted with the eyes of Christ, they will become a tool for forgiveness and love. This makes the relationship real because it comes from love that arises from the shared the Mind of God.

T-13.X.3. In any union with a brother in which you seek to lay your guilt upon a **brother**, or share **guilt** with a **brother** or perceive a **brother's own guilt**, *<you>* will feel guilty. 2 Nor will you find satisfaction and peace with a **brother**, because your union with a **brother** is not real. 3 You will see guilt in that relationship **with your brother** because you put **guilt** there. 4 It is inevitable that those who suffer guilt will attempt to displace **guilt**, because they **who suffer guilt** do believe **that it is possible to project or to place their own guilt upon another thereby removing the guilt from themselves.** 5 Yet though **the people who attempt to project their own guilt upon another continue** to suffer, they will not look within and let **their own guilt** go. 6 **The person, who attempts to displace their own guilt**, cannot know they love, and cannot understand what loving is. 7 **This person's** main concern is to perceive the source of guilt outside themselves, beyond their own control.

NOTE # 107: This explains the use of projection and guilt in making our illusionary world of perception.

T-13.X.4. When you maintain that you are guilty but the source of your guilt lies in the past, you are not looking inward. 2 The past is not *<in>* you. 3 Your weird associations to **the past** have no meaning in the present. 4 Yet you let **your weird associations to the past** stand between you and your brothers, with whom you find no real relationships at all. 5 Can you expect to use your brothers as a means to "solve" the past, and still to see **your**

problems as they really are? 6 Salvation is not found by those who use their brothers to resolve **past** problems that are not there. 7 You wanted not salvation in the past. 8 Would you impose your idle wishes on the present, and hope to find salvation now?

NOTE # 108: The Holy Spirit's goal is for time is to be viewed based on the present. The ego's focus with time is always with the past. This focus by the ego on past misperception helps insure the future will not change for the dreamer. If you continue to view the present from the same reference point that you judged the past with, you will obtain the same misperception that you are a limited ego-body trapped in a world of victim consciousness. In victim consciousness you can claim that you are not guilty because something outside yourself has control over you.

Your past misperceptions and the <now> are mutually exclusive.

T-13.X.5. Determine, then, to be not as you were **in the past**. 2 Use no relationship to hold you to the past, but with each one each day be born again. 3 A minute, even less, will be enough to free you from the past, and give your mind in peace over to the Atonement. 4 When everyone is welcome to you as you would have yourself be welcomed to your Father, you will see no guilt in you. p263 5 For you will have accepted the Atonement, which shone within you all the while you dreamed of guilt. And **while you dreamed of guilt, you** would not look within and see **that the source of your guilt was imagined and not real**.

NOTE# 109: The Atonement releases us from the past because the Atonement is the realization that any thought of separation was not real. Thoughts of separation are not shared in the Mind of God and, therefore, are not God's Will. In the Atonement, we realize freely that our will and God's Will are shared. A dream cannot change the truth that is found in the eternal.

T-13.X.6. As long as you believe that guilt is justified in any way, in anyone, whatever **anyone** may do, you will not look within, where you would always find Atonement. 2 The end of guilt will never come as long as you believe there is a reason for **guilt**. 3 For you must learn that guilt is always totally insane, and has no reason. 4 The Holy Spirit seeks not to dispel reality. 5 If guilt were real, Atonement would not be **real**. 6 The purpose of Atonement is to dispel illusions, not to establish **illusions** as real and then forgive **the illusion**.

NOTE #110: If the Holy Spirit were to confirm the reality of our illusion, this would do multiple things all of which would confirm that the separation as being real. It would increase our fear because the Holy Spirit would be saying that we are something other than perfect, whole and complete. This is why the Holy Spirit is gentle in helping us reawaken to our true reality. The Holy Spirit needs us to freely ask for guidance from the ego's thought system so that we rediscover our Christ center. If the Holy Spirit were to just "correct" our "problems" for us, It would be confirming that we lack within us the power to reawaken to the truth. If this were the case, again, we would be less than our Father, thus, making our Father also imperfect and not whole.

T-13.X.7. The Holy Spirit does not keep illusions in your mind to frighten you, and show **these illusions** to you fearfully to demonstrate what **the Holy Spirit** has saved you from. 2 What **the Holy Spirit** has saved you from is gone. 3 **The Holy Spirit** gives no

reality to guilt, and see no reason for **guilt**. 4 The Holy Spirit does what God would have **the Holy Spirit** do, and has always done so. 5 **The Holy Spirit** has seen separation, but knows of union. 6 **The Holy Spirit** teaches healing, but **the Holy Spirit** also knows of creation. 7 **The Holy Spirit** would have you see and teach as **the Holy Spirit** does, and through **the Holy Spirit**. 8 Yet what **the Holy Spirit** knows you do not know, though it, **what the Holy Spirit knows, is your reality**.

NOTE # 111: The Holy Spirit's home is the Christ within our mind. The Christ and the Holy Spirit share the same thought system since there is a shared Oneness. This Oneness is also shared with the Father. Since we are use to thinking in terms of duality, ACIM utilizes the Holy Trinity as separate parts for discussion purposes only. The Oneness of this Trinity has never been lost. In our dream of separation, we appear to have lost the reality of what we are. This has not been lost, but merely forgotten by the dreamer who has associated himself with the dream itself. The knowledge of what we are is preserve in **the Christ** consciousness of our shared Mind. We can appear to imagine ourselves to be lost in time, but we remain holy, perfect and One in eternity.

T-13.X.8. <Now> it is given you to heal and teach, to make what will be <now.> 2 As yet it is not now **for you remain trapped in our past misperceptions**. 3 The Son of God believes that he is lost in guilt, alone in a dark world where pain is pressing everywhere upon him from without. 4 When **the split-minded** has looked within and seen the radiance there, **the split-minded** will remember how much his Father loves him. 5 And it will seem incredible that **the split-minded** ever thought his Father loved him not, and looked upon him, **God's Son**, as condemned. 6 The moment that you realize guilt is insane, wholly unjustified and wholly without reason, you will not fear to look upon the Atonement and accept **the Atonement** wholly.

NOTE # 112: We fear the Atonement because the ego's thought system has convinced us that we are indeed sinners and, therefore, deserve punishment and death. Because of this, the split-mind is terrified that the acceptance of the Atonement would result in its destruction by God. This belief of destruction is a part of the ego's misperception of what God is. To the ego, God is something that is the opposite of love. The god of the ego is a petty, unforgiving, revengeful god that requires sacrifice to be appeased. This is why the Holy Spirit must help us undo all that the ego has taught us so we can reawaken to our divine inheritance.

T-13.X.9. You who have been unmerciful to yourself do not remember your Father's Love. 2 And looking without mercy upon your brothers, you do not remember how much you love **God, your Father**. 3 Yet **this mutual love** is forever true. 4 In shining peace within you is the perfect purity in which you were created. 5 Fear not to look upon the lovely truth in you. 6 Look through the cloud of guilt that dims your vision, and look past darkness to the holy place where you will see the light. 7 The altar to your Father is as pure as **your Father**, Who raised **the altar** to Himself. 8 Nothing can keep from you what Christ would have you see. 9 **Christ's Will** is like His Father's, and **Christ** offers mercy to every child of God, as **Christ's Father** would have you do. p264

NOTE # 113: The altar to the Father is the truth of what you are. It is the Christ that we have hidden deep within our apparent split-mind. The Christ is the shared extension of what God is.

T-13.X.10. Release **your belief in your brother's guilt so that** you would be released **from your own self-imposed guilt.** 2 There is no other way to look within and see the light of love, shining as steadily and as surely as God Himself has always loved His Son. 3 *<And as His Son loves **God, the Father.**>* 4 There is no fear in love, for love is guiltless. 5 You who have always loved your Father can have no fear, for any reason, to look within and see your holiness. 6 You cannot be as you believed you were. 7 Your guilt is without reason because **your guilt** is not in the Mind of God, where you are. 8 And this *<is>* reason, which the Holy Spirit would restore to you. 9 **The Holy Spirit** would remove only illusions. 10 All else **the Holy Spirit** would have you see. 11 And in Christ's vision **the Holy Spirit** would show you the perfect purity that is forever within God's Son.

NOTE # 114: The Holy Spirit will restore your mind from insanity to reason and sanity by undoing your belief that you could ever be something other than God's Son, perfect, whole and complete. In order to do this, you must relearn your oneness with your brother. When you forgive your brother of the wrong that you thought he did to you, you free yourself. For the Law of God is that giving is receiving.

T-13.X.11. You cannot enter into real relationships with any of God's Sons unless you love all **parts of the Sonship** and **love them** equally. 2 Love is not special. 3 If you single out part of the Sonship for your love, you are imposing guilt on all your relationships and making **all your relationships** unreal. 4 You can love only as God loves. 5 Seek not to love unlike **God**, for there is no love apart from **God's Love**. 6 Until you recognize that this is true **that you can love only as God loves and there is no love apart from God's Love**, you will have no idea what love is like. 7 No one who condemns a brother can see himself as guiltless and in the peace of God. 8 If he is guiltless and in peace and sees it not, he is delusional, and has not looked upon himself **as he truly is**. 9 To him I say: 10 *Behold the Son of God, and look upon his purity and be still.* 11 *In quiet look upon **the Son of God's** holiness, and offer thanks unto his Father that no guilt has ever touched him.*

NOTE # 115: The Sonship is also a Oneness. As long as we perceive guilt anywhere, we are denying our divine inheritance. We can deny the truth about ourselves but we cannot change the Will of God. God created or extended Himself to His Son and His Son must share the Oneness of the Father. To be anything less than whole would be to make the Father incomplete. This is not possible for the eternal is changeless.

T-13.X.12. No illusion that you have ever held against **one of God's Sons** has touched his innocence in any way. 2 **The Son of God's** shining purity, wholly untouched by guilt and wholly loving, is bright within you. 3 Let us look upon **God's Son**, together and love him. 4 For in love of **God's Son who is your brother** is your guiltlessness. 5 But look upon yourself, and gladness and appreciation for what you see will banish guilt forever. 6 I thank You, Father, for the purity of Your most holy Son, whom You have created guiltless forever.

NOTE # 116: All of God's creations share equally in their total Oneness. There is no specialness among God's Children for they all share equally in God's love. God knows no separation, since God is all there is. There is only the extension of God's Love, which is the Sonship.

T-13.X.13. Like you, my faith and my belief are centered on what I treasure. 2 The difference is that I love <only> what God loves with me, and because of this I treasure you beyond the value that you set on yourself, even unto the worth that God has placed upon you. 3 I love all that **God** created, and all my faith and my belief I offer unto **all that God created**. p265 4 My faith in you is as strong as all the love I give my Father. 5 My trust in you is without limit, and without the fear that you will hear me not. 6 I thank the Father for your loveliness, and for the many gifts that you will let me offer to the Kingdom in honor of its wholeness that is of God.

NOTE # 117: Jesus is confirming our shared Christ consciousness with the Sonship. Jesus only has pure Love for the Father. Jesus loves us like the Father because Jesus knows we are in the Father. This is the confirmation by Jesus that we are worthy of love because we are God's Love extended. I and the Father are One.

T-13.X.14. Praise be to you who make the Father One with His Own Son. 2 Alone we are all lowly, but together we shine with brightness so intense that none of us alone can even think of **our brightness**. 3 Before the glorious radiance of the Kingdom guilt melts away, and **guilt** transformed into kindness will never more be what **guilt** was. 4 Every reaction you experience will be so purified that **every reaction you experience** is fitting as a hymn of praise unto your Father. 5 See only praise of **God** in what **God** has created, for **God** will never cease **God's** praise of you. 6 United in this praise we stand before the gates of Heaven where we will surely enter in our sinlessness. 7 God loves you. 8 Could I, then, lack faith in you and love **God** perfectly?

NOTE # 118: When we believe that we are special, we believe ourselves to be a little "s" self. When we see with the Vision of Christ, we realize that we are unlimited spirit and not a limited ego-body. When we reclaim the big "S" Self, we reaffirm our Oneness in the Mind of God. Jesus knows us as His equal. We are part of the wholeness that is the Sonship. Jesus knows that God's Will is all-powerful and, therefore, our return from the dream is both certain and our true reality.

XI. The Peace of Heaven

T-13.XI.1. Forgetfulness and sleep and even death become the ego's best advice for dealing with the perceived and harsh intrusion of guilt on peace. 2 Yet no one sees himself in conflict and ravaged by a cruel war unless he believes that both opponents in the war are real. **Peace and guilt, truth and illusion, are the opponents in this "war" upon your Big "S" Self.** 3 Believing **that both opponents in the war are real**, he must escape, for such a war would surely end his peace of mind, and so destroy him. 4 Yet if he could but realize the war is between real and unreal powers, he could look upon himself and see his freedom. 5 No one finds himself ravaged and torn in endless battles if he himself perceives **these battles to be between real and unreal powers and thus**, as wholly without meaning.

NOTE #119: The ego would like us to believe that we have real enemies that are “out to get us”. Since our dream world of provisional reality is not real in the Mind of God, the dream itself has no power to change reality. The ego’s goal for this world of perception is to get the dreamer to believe that the dream is real. Without this belief, the dream would hold no real terror to the dreamer. It would be like going to a scary movie. While watching a movie, we tend to get caught up in the movie but we always know that we are merely witnessing projected light upon a screen. The goal of the ego is that we never recover our decision-making ability, which would allow us to decide to leave the theater if we don’t like the movie. The ego does not want us to rediscover that we can change the reel in the projector of our mind. This rediscovery would allow us to escape from victim consciousness.

T-13.XI.2. God would not have His Son embattled, and so His Son's imagined "enemy" is totally unreal. 2 You are but trying to escape a bitter war, **in which you played the part of a limited ego-body of the small “s” self**, from which you *<have>* **already** escaped. 3 The war is gone. **You have heard the voice for God. The Holy Spirit is calling you home.** 4 For you have heard the hymn of freedom rising unto Heaven. 5 Gladness and joy belong to God for your release, because you **did not make your release from this imagined war. God did.** 6 Yet as you made not freedom, so you made not a war that could endanger freedom. 7 Nothing destructive ever was or will be. 8 The war, the guilt, the past are gone as one into the unreality from which they, **the imagined war, guilt and past** came.

NOTE #120: Due to our belief in the separation, both guilt and the idea that we could do something other than the Will of God appeared real to the dreamer. Both of these concepts are not true. God never shared our belief and, therefore, our dream had no reality in the Mind of God. God always knew His Son to be perfect, whole and complete. God gave and placed within our mind, the Holy Spirit as our protector to safe guard God’s Son during the Sonship “voyage of rediscovery.” The role of the Holy Spirit is to gently reawaken the sleeping child without increasing fear in the child. The Holy Spirit will do nothing that would make the nightmare seem real to the child. Although the child sleeps, we still have free will. It is up to the child to control his own self-generated fear and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit’s thought system. We wanted to experience the dream of separation. The Holy Spirit will not awaken us without our permission. Because our will is God’s Will, this request for our awaking must be honored and is inevitable. In the real world, which is the Mind of God, we always are perfect, whole and complete.

T-13.XI.3. When we are all united in Heaven, you will value nothing that you value here **in the world of individual perception.** 2 For nothing that you value here **in the world of individual perception**, do you value wholly, and so you do not value **these things** at all. p266 3 Value is where God placed **value**, and the value of what God esteems cannot be judged, for **the value of what God esteems** has been established **by God.** 4 **What God esteems** is wholly of value. 5 **What God esteems** can merely be appreciated or not. 6 To value **what God esteems** partially is not to know its value. 7 In Heaven is everything God values, and nothing else. 8 Heaven is perfectly unambiguous. 9 Everything is clear and bright, and calls forth one response, **which is the love, joy and peace of the Mind of God.** 10 There is no darkness and there is no contrast. 11 There is no variation. 12 There is no interruption. 13 There is a sense of peace so deep that no dream in this world of

individual perception has ever brought even a dim imagining of what **the peace of Heaven** is.

NOTE # 121: What God esteems is His Son. The Son is perfect, whole and complete, as is the Son's Father. God's Will is that His Son be happy and know the peace and joy that is the Father.

T-13.XI.4. Nothing in this world can give this peace, for nothing in this world is wholly shared. 2 Perfect perception can merely show you what is capable of being wholly shared. 3 **Perfect perception** can also show you the results of sharing, while you still remember the results of not sharing. 4 The Holy Spirit points quietly to the contrast, knowing that you will finally let **the Holy Spirit** judge the difference for you, allowing **the Holy Spirit** to demonstrate which must be true. 5 **The Holy Spirit** has perfect faith in your final judgment, because **the Holy Spirit** knows that **the Holy Spirit** will make **your final judgment** for you. 6 To doubt this would be to doubt that **the Holy Spirit's** mission will be fulfilled. 7 How is this possible, when **the Holy Spirit's** mission of **returning you to truth is given from God?**

NOTE # 122: Form cannot be shared because that would cause diminishment to the "owner" of the item. More importantly, it would be giving reality to the idea that there is something outside of you and, therefore, you would not be a Oneness. This cannot be the truth of what you are.

The home of the Holy Spirit is the Christ in you. Although for simplicities purposes, ACIM tries to explain to us this concept in a dualistic matter, in reality, there is just a Oneness even in the Holy Trinity. For ACIM purposes, the Holy Spirit is aware of both our dream and the truth. Therefore, only the Holy Spirit can judge because only the Holy Spirit knows "all the facts." The Holy Spirit's judgment comes from knowledge and correct perception. Because we believe that we are limited due to our belief in the separation, we have lost knowledge. The only judgment that we should make is that we are incapable of judging anything. Therefore, ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance. The Holy Spirit will allow the Vision of Christ to reawaken our split-mind. Only the Holy Spirit can reinterpret our perceived experience correctly based on God's Plan for the return of the Sonship to knowledge.

T-13.XI.5. You whose mind is darkened by doubt and guilt, remember this: God gave the Holy Spirit to you, and gave **the Holy Spirit** the mission to remove all doubt and every trace of guilt that **God's** dear Son has laid upon himself. 2 It is impossible that this mission **to remove all doubt and guilt could fail.** 3 Nothing can prevent what God would have accomplished from accomplishment. 4 Whatever your reactions to the Holy Spirit's Voice may be, whatever voice, **either the ego's or the Holy Spirit's, that** you choose to listen to, whatever strange thoughts may occur to you, God's Will <is> done. **Our egoic thoughts that you could do something other than God's Will has no power to change God's Will.** 5 You will find the peace in which **God** has established you, because **God** does not change His Mind. 6 **God's Mind** is invariable as the peace in which you dwell, and of which the Holy Spirit reminds you **that you dwell in the Peace of God.**

NOTE # 123: God's Will is changeless for it is eternal and real. We can deny the truth, but we cannot change the truth. God's Will is truth.

T-13.XI.6. You will not remember change and shift in Heaven. 2 You have need of contrast only here **in your world of perception, which has become your provisional reality** 3 Contrast and differences are necessary teaching aids, for by **contrast and differences** you learn what to avoid and what to seek. 4 When you have learned **what to avoid and what to seek**, you will find the answer that makes the need for any differences disappear. 5 Truth comes of **truth's** own will unto **truth's** own. 6 When you have learned that you belong to truth, **truth** will flow lightly over you without a difference of any kind. 7 For you will need no contrast to help you realize that **truth** is what you want, and only **truth**. 8 Fear not the Holy Spirit will fail in what your Father has given **the Holy Spirit** to do, **which is to return you to the truth of what you are**. 9 The Will of God can fail in nothing. p267

NOTE # 124: God is truth. Being truth, which is changeless, the Holy Spirit's mission is to return the Sonship to the truth about itself. Being an extension of our Father, we must also be truth. We will and must return to the knowledge that we are a shared Oneness in the Mind of God.

In the world of perception, we have the idea that there is something other than a Oneness. This results in our perceiving differences. The ego utilizes these differences as witnesses that the separation must be true. The Holy Spirit utilizes these perceived differences to return you to the truth that you are a shared Oneness by teaching forgiveness. Thus, these perceived differences and contrasts are utilized by the Holy Spirit as learning devices to help you reevaluate which thought system you choose to follow. In the world of perception, all events are neutral. It is only how we choose to perceive them that colors the event as something good or bad. These contrasting viewpoints help us determine which voice we are to follow. The ego's thought system is based on the false belief in limitation. You are not the limited-ego body that you have chosen to identify yourself to be. The Holy Spirit's thought system is based on the truth that you are unlimited spirit. When we understand the truth of what we are, all thoughts of limitation will disappear

T-13.XI.7. Have faith in only this one thing, **which is the truth of the Holy Spirit**, and this **faith** will be sufficient: God wills you be in Heaven, and nothing can keep you from **being in Heaven or Heaven** from you. 2 Your wildest misperceptions, your weird imaginings, your blackest nightmares all mean nothing. 3 **Your misperceptions** will not prevail against the peace God wills for you. 4 The Holy Spirit will restore your sanity because insanity is not the Will of God. 5 If that suffices **the Holy Spirit**, it is enough for you. 6 You will not keep what God would have removed, because **your misperceptions** breaks communication with you with whom **God** would communicate. 7 **God's** Voice, **which is the Holy Spirit's** <will> be heard.

NOTE # 125: God's Will cannot be usurped. In the world of perception, the body is a communication device. The body, like everything in the world of perception, is neutral. The body is a learning device. It was our identifying our true unlimited spirit as being the body that birthed the thought of separation.

T-13.XI.8. The Communication Link, **which is the Holy Spirit** that God Himself placed within you, joining your mind with **God's Mind**, cannot be broken. 2 You may believe you want **the Communication Link with God's Mind** broken, and this belief does

interfere with the deep peace in which the sweet and constant communication God would share with you is known. 3 Yet **God's** channels of reaching out cannot be wholly closed and separated from **the Christ in you**. 4 Peace will be yours because **God's** peace still flows to you from **God** Whose Will is peace. 5 You have **God's peace**, now. 6 The Holy Spirit will teach you how to use **God's peace**, and by extending **God's peace**, to learn that **God's peace** is in you. 7 God willed you Heaven, and will always will you nothing else **but Heaven**. 8 The Holy Spirit knows only of **God's** Will. 9 There is no chance that Heaven will not be yours, for God is sure, and what **God** wills is as sure as **God** is.

NOTE # 126: God's channel for reaching the split-minded dreamer is the Holy Spirit and the Christ consciousness. The Christ consciousness is that part of the split mind that remembers God and what you really are. The Christ part of our split-mind is the home of the Holy Spirit. While we are dreaming, we identify ourselves as being limited ego-bodies. The Christ maintains correct mindedness and provides us with perfect, correct perception when we follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

T-13.XI.9. You will learn salvation because you will learn how to save. 2 It will not be possible to exempt yourself from what the Holy Spirit wants to teach you. 3 Salvation is as sure as God. 4 **God's** certainty suffices. 5 Learn that even the darkest nightmare that disturbs the mind of God's sleeping Son holds no power over **God's sleeping Son**. 6 **God's sleeping Son** will learn the lesson of awaking. 7 God watches over **His sleeping Son** and light surrounds **God's sleeping Son**.

NOTE # 127: We are never outside the Grace of God. The Holy Spirit will reawaken us to reclaim our divine birthright as God's Son. Our divine inheritance can be denied but it can never be lost.

T-13.XI.10. Can God's Son lose himself in dreams, when God has placed within **God's sleeping Son** the glad Call to waken and be glad? 2 **God's sleeping Son** cannot separate himself from what is in him, **which is the call to reawaken to the remembrance of God and be the Christ**. 3 **God's sleeping Son's** sleep will not withstand the **Holy Spirit's** Call to wake. 4 The mission of redemption will be fulfilled as surely as the creation will remain unchanged throughout eternity. 5 You do not have to know that Heaven is yours to make it so. 6 **That Heaven is yours** *<is>* so. 7 Yet to know **that Heaven is yours**, the Will of God must be accepted as your will.

NOTE # 128: Everything is in the Mind of God. When God extended Himself, He gave everything because He is everything. Thus, our will and God's Will are the same Will. Heaven is the state of mind in which Truth reigns unopposed. When we remember God, we know the truth and reawaken in heaven, which is the holographic Mind of God, from which we never left. Knowledge has been restored to the Sonship.

T-13.XI.11. The Holy Spirit will undo for you everything you have learned **from the ego's thought system, which** teaches that what is not true must be reconciled with truth. 2 This **egoic belief that what is not true must be reconciled with truth** is the reconciliation **that** the ego would substitute for your reconciliation to sanity and to peace. p268 3 The Holy Spirit has a very different kind of reconciliation in **the Holy Spirit's** Mind for you,

and one **the Holy Spirit** will effect as surely as the ego will not effect what **the ego** attempts. 4 Failure is of the ego, not of God. 5 From **God** you cannot wander, and there is no possibility that the plan the Holy Spirit offers <to> everyone, for the salvation <of> everyone, will not be perfectly accomplished. 6 You will be released, and you will not remember anything you made that was not created for you and by you in return. 7 For how can you remember what was never true, or not remember what has always been? 8 It is this reconciliation with truth, and only truth, in which the peace of Heaven lies. **Utilizing the Holy Spirit's guidance, we remember only the truth, which results in the disappearance of any recollection of the false. This is the only sane way to reconcile the false with the true.** p269

NOTE # 129: The ego would have us try to reconcile an untruth and somehow make the untruth become true. The Holy Spirit's method is simply to recognize that untruth has no reality and thus, dismiss the untruth. The Holy Spirit does not try to make an illusion into the truth. Instead, the Holy Spirit encourages the dreaming child to wake up and let the dream disappear. Only the truth remains. In the world of perception, events are only neutral learning devices. They have no life or reality of their own. When we attempt to make our dream world real, we are trying to reconcile an illusion with truth. We then fall into the ego's trap of identifying our unlimited spirit with being a limited body. Form cannot be shared. It is only the shared thoughts of forgiveness and love that have been saved in Heaven. Only the shared thoughts of forgiveness and love are our real creations. We cannot share something that we are not, since that would imply that we were something other than perfect, whole and complete. Our function in the playschool of provisional reality is to learn forgiveness. Our function in Heaven is to be co-creators with God, Who is only Love.