

Chapter 14. TEACHING FOR TRUTH

Introduction

T-14.in.1. Yes, you are blessed indeed. 2 Yet in this world you do not know **that you are blessed indeed**. 3 But you have the means for learning **that you are blessed indeed** and seeing **that you are blessed indeed** quite clearly. 4 The Holy Spirit uses logic as easily and as well as does the ego, except that **the Holy Spirit's** conclusions are not insane. 5 **The Holy Spirit's conclusions** take a direction exactly opposite **the conclusions of the insane ego's thought system**, pointing as clearly to Heaven as the ego points to darkness and to death. 6 We have followed much of the ego's logic, and have seen **the ego's** logical conclusions. 7 And having seen **the ego's logical conclusions**, we have realized that **the ego's logical conclusions** cannot be seen except in illusions, for there alone **in illusions the ego's seemingly clear conclusions' can** be clearly seen **for the insanity that they are**. 8 Let us now turn away from **the ego's insane thought system**, and follow the simple logic by which the Holy Spirit teaches the simple conclusions that speak for truth, and only truth.

Note # 1: ACIM is about to contrast the sane thought system of the Holy Spirit to the insane thought system of the ego.

I. The Conditions of Learning

T-14.I.1. If you are blessed and do not know **you are blessed**, you need to learn it must be so. 2 The knowledge **that you are blessed** is not taught, but its conditions **of you being blessed** must be acquired for it is **the conditions of you being blessed** that have been thrown away. 3 You can learn to bless, and cannot give what you have not. 4 If, then, you offer blessing, **being blessed** must have come first to yourself. 5 And you must also have accepted **being blessed** as yours, for how else could you give **blessings** away? 6 That is why miracles offer *<you>* the testimony that you are blessed. 7 If what you offer is complete forgiveness you must have let guilt go, accepting the Atonement for yourself and learning you are guiltless. 8 How could you learn what has been done for you, unknown to you, unless you do what you would have to do if **being blessed** *<had>* been done for you?

Note # 2: ACIM states that we fail to act as a Son of God because we have forgotten and denied what we truly are. Because we do not realize our true nature, we do not even attempt to test our capability of doing a given task. Like Lambert, the sheepish lion, we act like a sheep because we have allowed the ego to raise us as a sheep. We actually are unlimited spirit, but we fail to act like it. We believe that we are limited ego-bodies. We mistakenly identify ourselves as the body form, rather than as our true spiritual reality.

T-14.I.2. Indirect proof of truth is needed in a world made of denial and without direction. 2 You will perceive the need for this **indirect proof of truth** if you realize that to deny is the decision not to know. 3 The logic of the world must therefore lead to nothing, for **the goal of this illusionary world** is nothing. 4 If you decide to have and give and be nothing except a dream, you must direct your thoughts unto **the oblivion of the dream**. 5 And if you have and give and are everything, and all this, **your divine birthright of being everything**, has been denied, your thought system is closed off and wholly separated from the truth. p270 6 This *<is>* an insane world **of illusion**, and do not underestimate the extent of **this world of illusion's** insanity. 7 There is no area of your perception that **the belief in**

limitation and separation, which is the thought system of the ego, has not touched, and your dream *<is>* sacred to you. 8 That is why God placed the Holy Spirit in you, where you placed the dream.

Note # 3: We believe that we are separate from God and that we also have a will other than God's Will. We placed this belief deep within our own split mind and it has become the egoic thought system. As soon as this belief was taken seriously by the Sonship (ACIM states "the Son forgot to laugh"), God placed that answer to this idea of the separation in our mind. The answer is within our Christ consciousness and is part of our mind. The Holy Spirit's Atonement principle is God's answer for the mind that now believes it is separate from the Mind of God. The Holy Spirit teaches us this answer and the answer is the Atonement principle. The answer was placed within our mind because the source of the problem arose within our mind. To correct the problem properly, you need to heal the cause of the problem, instead of putting a bandage over the cause's effect.

T-14.I.3. **Egoic** seeing is always outward. 2 Were your thoughts wholly of you, the thought system you made would be forever dark. 3 The thoughts the mind of God's Son projects or extends have all the power that **the mind of God's Son** gives to **these thoughts**. 4 The thoughts **God's Son** shares with God are beyond **God's Son's** belief, but those **thoughts made by the egoic little "s" self** *<are>* **the egoic little "s" self's** beliefs. 5 And it is these **self-made erroneous beliefs the egoic little "s" self** and not the truth, that **the little "s" self** has chosen to defend and love. 6 **These self-made erroneous beliefs of the egoic little "s" self** will not be taken from **the split minded**. 7 But **these self-made erroneous egoic beliefs** can be given up *<by>* **the split minded** for the Source of their undoing is in **God's Son's own split mind**. 8 There is nothing in the world to teach **God's split minded Son** that the logic of the world is totally insane and leads to nothing. 9 Yet in **the split minded** who made this insane logic there is One, **which is the Holy Spirit**, Who knows **that these self-made erroneous egoic beliefs made up this illusionary world and lead to nothing**, for **the Holy Spirit** knows everything.

Note # 4: Because we are among the trees, we cannot see the forest. Only the Holy Spirit has the proper perspective to see over the trees and know that we are in a forest of illusion. The Holy Spirit is both aware of the dream that we perceive as our provisional reality and, also, the truth about what we are, which is perfect, whole and complete. We, the dreamer, have taken our dream seriously and, therefore, believe it to be reality. Identifying ourselves with the dream, we appear to be limited by the dream. We can never find any witnesses within our own perception of the dream, which would demonstrate that we are not the dream. This is why the Holy Spirit's guidance is needed. If asked, the Holy Spirit takes the events of the dream and reinterprets them so that we can reawaken to the truth of our divine birthright. The Holy Spirit utilizes the tool of forgiveness for this purpose.

T-14.I.4. Any direction that would lead you where the Holy Spirit leads you not, goes nowhere. 2 Anything you deny that **the Holy Spirit** knows to be true you have denied yourself, and **the Holy Spirit** must therefore teach you not to deny **the truth about what you are, unlimited spirit in the Mind of God**. 3 Undoing *<is>* indirect, as doing is. 4 You were created only to create, neither to see nor do. 5 **To see or do** are but indirect expressions of the will to live, which has been blocked by the capricious and unholy whim of death and murder that your Father does not share with you. 6 You have set yourself the

task of sharing what cannot be shared, **which is the untrue belief that you are something other than as God created you and, therefore, are limited.** 7 And while you think it possible to learn to do **something other than be as God created you and therefore limit yourself**, you will not believe all that *<is>* possible to learn to do.

Note # 5: Again, if you believe that you are limited, you will project thoughts that are based on limitation. We project or make our world based on our beliefs of separation, limitation, sin, guilt and fear. We have prejudged and now seek to verify the existence of our own projected images through the physical senses. The ego then claims that these imagined forms are the “proof” that confirms our previously determined beliefs in limitation. The ego then declares that the source of these projected images is outside us and, therefore, we did not make them and are powerless to change them. This leaves our mind in victim consciousness. We cannot find the resolution of a dream problem until we wake up to the fact that it is only a dream that has no effect on the real world. The Kingdom or the Mind of God remains unaffected by the dream of separation. When we reawaken, our dream disappears.

T-14.I.5. The Holy Spirit, therefore, must begin **the Holy Spirit’s** teaching by showing you what you can never learn. 2 **The Holy Spirit’s** message is not indirect, but **the Holy Spirit** must introduce the simple truth into a thought system, **which is based on the insane logic of the ego**, which has become so twisted and so complex you cannot see that **the ego’s thought system** means nothing. 3 **The Holy Spirit** merely looks at **the foundation of the ego’s thought system** and dismisses **the ego’s thought system**. 4 But you who cannot undo what you have made, **which is the ego’s thought system**, nor escape the heavy burden of **the dullness of the ego’s thought system** that lies upon your mind, cannot see through **the ego’s thought system**. 5 **The ego’s thought system** deceives you, because you chose to deceive yourself. 6 Those who choose to be deceived will merely attack direct approaches, because **direct approaches** seem to encroach upon **the deception of the ego’s thought system** and strike at **the ego’s thought system**. p271

Note # 6: The Holy Spirit will not do anything that would increase our fear or make the dream appear to be real. If the Holy Spirit were to use a “direct approach” like slapping us across the head and telling us we are stupid, two things would happen. The first would be the confirmation that since we are “stupid”, we cannot be perfect, whole and complete. The second result would be to increase our fear. Being told by the Holy Spirit that we are stupid, we would be even more fearful than we were when the exercise first began. This is why the Holy Spirit waits patiently to be asked to help, rather than force correction upon an unwilling student. By reinterpreting the events, the Holy Spirit, can allow your Christ consciousness to recover Its ability to act as the decision-maker. You are now asked to choose again, this time allowing the choice to be based on the Vision of Christ, which is under the realm of the thought system of the Holy Spirit. _

II. The Happy Learner

T-14.II.1. The Holy Spirit needs a happy learner, in whom **the Holy Spirit’s** mission can be happily accomplished. 2 You who are steadfastly devoted to misery must first recognize that you are miserable and not happy. 3 The Holy Spirit cannot teach without this contrast **between misery and happiness**, for you believe that misery *<is>* happiness. 4 This **belief that misery <is> happiness** has so confused you that you have undertaken to

learn to do what you can never do, believing that unless you learn **to do what you can never do, which is to make misery equal to happiness**, you will not be happy. 5 You do not realize that the foundation on which this most peculiar learning goal depends means absolutely nothing. 6 Yet **this goal, which is to make misery equal to happiness**, may still make sense to you. 7 Have faith in nothing and you will find the "treasure" that you seek **which is nothing**. 8 Yet you will add another burden to your already burdened mind. 9 You will believe that nothing is of value, and will value **nothing, which are your illusions**. 10 A little piece of glass, a speck of dust, a body or a war are one to you. 11 For if you value one thing made of **illusions, which are nothing**, you have believed that nothing can be precious, and that you *<can>* learn how to make the untrue true.

Note # 7: The goal of the ego's thought system is to create the illusion that what you perceive is real. Therefore, the ego strives to make illusions, which are not true or real, into truth. Since you have already been given everything through God's extension of Himself, the ego, which always desires specialness, must attempt to convince you that you are something other than a Oneness. Anything that is not found in the Mind of God, which is based on truth, is nothing.

T-14.II.2. The Holy Spirit, seeing where you are but knowing you are elsewhere, begins **the Holy Spirit's** lesson in simplicity with the fundamental teaching that *<truth>* is true. 2 This **fundamental teaching that <truth> is true** is the hardest lesson you will ever learn, and in the end the only one **lesson you will ever learn**. 3 Simplicity is very difficult for twisted minds. 4 Consider all the distortions you have made of nothing; all the strange forms and feelings and actions and reactions that you have woven out of it, **the illusionary world of your perception**. 5 Nothing is so alien to you as the simple truth, and nothing are you less inclined to listen to **than the simple truth that truth is true**. 6 The contrast between what is true and what is not is perfectly apparent, yet you do not see **the contrast between what is true and what is false**. 7 The simple and the obvious are not apparent to those who would make palaces and royal robes of nothing, believing they are kings with golden crowns because of **they believe that their imagined dream world is real**.

Note # 8: If we believe that the dream is real, we have no reason to question the reality of the dream itself. This means that the Holy Spirit must correct our perception by reawakening us to the truth that we are only dreaming that we are separate from God. This reawakening process does not try to make the dream real; rather it makes the dream disappear into the nothingness from which it arose. Dreams cannot overcome the light of truth.

T-14.II.3. All this, **your belief in the realness of your illusionary world of provisional reality**, the Holy Spirit sees, and teaches, simply, that all **your belief in the reality of your illusionary world** is not true. 2 To those unhappy learners who would teach themselves nothing, and delude themselves into believing that **nothing** is not nothing, the Holy Spirit says, with steadfast quietness:

*3 The truth is true. 4 Nothing else matters, nothing else is real, and everything beside **truth** is not there. 5 Let Me, **the Holy Spirit**, make the one distinction for you that you cannot make, but need to learn (**that truth is true**). 6 Your faith in nothing is deceiving you. 7 Offer your faith to Me, **the Holy Spirit**, and I will place **your faith** gently in the holy place*

where your faith belongs. p272 8 You will find no deception there in the holy place where your faith belongs, but only the simple truth. 9 And you will love the simple truth because you will understand the simple truth that truth is true.

Note # 9: The Holy Spirit's thought system is based on the truth that you are God's perfect Son. You are unlimited spirit. The ego's thought system is based on the idea that you are a limited ego-body in competition with other ego-bodies and live in a world of lack. As long as we believe that we are part of the ego's world of lack, we will never question the logic of the ego's thought system. Unless we realize that the ego's major premise is false, we will assume that the false idea that we are a limited ego-body is true. This is why the Holy Spirit needs only to teach the truth about our divine birthright. Truth is true, and the ego's belief system, which is based on false beliefs, must collapse.

Faith is the power behind a given belief. It is your mind's faith or lack of faith that gives a belief its "reality." The more faith you have in a particular belief, the more constantly "true" it will become for you. Without faith in a belief, the belief is powerless since it is transformed into a whimsical wish or fantasy. Your mind has failed to activate it by refusing to utilize your own mind's creative powers.

T-14.II.4. Like you, the Holy Spirit did not make truth. 2 Like God, **the Holy Spirit** knows **the truth** to be true. 3 **The Holy Spirit** brings the light of truth into the darkness, and lets **the light of truth** shine on you. 4 And as **the light of truth** shines, your brothers see **the light of truth**, and realizing that this light is not what you have made. **Your brothers** see in you more than you see. 5 **Your brothers** will be happy learners of the lesson this light brings to **your brothers**, because **the lesson that truth is true** teaches **your brothers** release from **the false illusions of** nothing and from all the works of nothing. 6 The heavy chains **of false illusions** that seem to bind **your brothers** to despair **are** not see as nothing until you bring the light, **which is the lesson that truth is true**, to **your brothers**. 7 And then **your brothers** see the chains **of these false illusions** have disappeared, and so **the chains** <must> have been nothing. 8 And you will see **that the chains were nothing** with **your brothers**. 9 Because you taught **your brothers** gladness and release **from the egoic illusion that the false could be made true**, **your brothers** will become your teachers in release and gladness.

Note # 10: By seeing and teaching the truth about the Oneness of the Sonship, all parts of the Sonship benefit. When there is only one, to give is to receive. By projecting forgiving and loving thoughts, these same thoughts are returned to us. By seeing and telling the truth about your brother, you learn the truth about yourself. Your faith is no longer being misplaced to make the false appear real.

T-14.II.5. When you teach anyone that truth is true, you learn **that truth is true** with him. 2 And so you learn that what seemed hardest was the easiest. 3 Learn to be a happy learner. 4 You will never learn how to make nothing everything. 5 Yet see that **"to make nothing everything"** has been your goal, and recognize how foolish it, **the ego's goal "to make nothing everything,"** has been. 6 Be glad **the ego's goal "to make nothing everything,"** is undone, for when you look at **the ego's goal "to make nothing everything,"** in simple honesty, **the ego's goal** <is> undone. 7 I said before, "Be not content with nothing," for you have believed that nothing could content you. 8 <It is not so> **that nothing could content you since you have been given everything**

Note # 11: ACIM makes the point that being an extension of God, the Father, you are everything. Being everything, how can you be happy being something less than yourself? How and why would you trade the happiness of being everything, for the nothingness of an illusionary dream that brings only misery?

T-14.II.6. If you would be a happy learner, you must give everything you have learned **from the ego's thought system** to the Holy Spirit, to be unlearned for you. 2 And then begin to learn the joyous lessons that come quickly on the firm foundation that truth is true. 3 For what is **built there based on the Holy Spirit's thought system** *<is>* true, and built on truth. 4 The universe of learning will open up before you in all its gracious simplicity. 5 With truth before you, you will not look back.

Note # 12: Once we realize that the thought system of the ego is based on erroneous thinking, we will abandon its falseness for truth. Once we get the major premise correct, that we are perfect, whole and complete, the rest falls into place. The return to knowledge is guaranteed to us as soon as we realize our guiltlessness as God's Son and we accept the Atonement for ourselves.

T-14.II.7. The happy learner meets the conditions of learning here **in our world of perception**, as **the happy learner** meets the conditions of knowledge in the Kingdom. 2 All this lies in the Holy Spirit's plan to free you from the past, and open up the way to freedom for you. 3 For truth *<is>* true. 4 What else could ever be, or ever was? 5 This simple lesson **that truth *<is>* true** holds the key to the dark door **that you invented to prevent your return to knowledge and the Kingdom. It is this door** that you believe is locked forever. 6 You made this door of nothing, and behind **this door, that you invented to prevent your return to knowledge and the Kingdom,** *<is>* nothing. 7 The key is only the light that shines away the shapes and forms and fears of nothing. 8 Accept this key to freedom from the hands of Christ, Who gives **this key to freedom** to you, that you may join **Christ** in the holy task of bringing light. 9 For, like your brothers, you do not realize the light has come and freed you from the sleep of darkness. p273

Note # 13: Truth dispels illusion. The only barrier to the return to the Kingdom lies within our split-mind. Correct your false belief that we can be something other than the Will of God, and all illusions disappear. The Christ consciousness will once again become the decision-maker in our mind. The Christ in us knows that we share only one mind, and that is the One Mind of God.

T-14.II.8. Behold your brothers in their freedom, and learn of **your brothers** how to be free of darkness. 2 The light in you will waken **your brothers**, and **your brothers** will not leave you asleep. 3 The vision of Christ is given the very instant that **vision of Christ** is perceived. 4 Where everything is clear, **everything** is all holy. 5 The quietness of **the lesson that truth *<is>* true is simple and in yet this lesson's** simplicity is so compelling that you will realize it is impossible to deny the simple truth. 6 For there is nothing else **but truth**. 7 God is everywhere, and His Son is in **God** with everything. 8 Can he sing the dirge of sorrow when this is true?

Note # 14: By reawakening to the truth about what we are, we are returned to the Oneness of God. Extension is God's Law and we have never left the Mind of God. We can deny this truth, but our denial will not make the truth become false. Truth is unchangeable and eternal. We have been, and always will be, God's beloved Child, perfect, whole and complete. This is the truth that the Holy Spirit teaches us.

III. The Decision for Guiltlessness

T-14.III.1. The happy learner cannot feel guilty about learning. 2 This is so essential to learning that **a happy learner cannot feel guilty about learning and that this** should never be forgotten. 3 The guiltless learner learns easily because his thoughts are free. 4 Yet, **that a guiltless learner learns easily because his thoughts are free** entails the recognition that guilt is interference, not salvation, and **guilt** serves no useful function at all.

Note # 15: Guilt places limits on thought and thus, impedes the free flow of thought.

T-14.III.2. Perhaps you are accustomed to using guiltlessness merely to offset the pain of guilt, and do not look upon **guiltlessness** as having value in itself. 2 You believe that guilt and guiltlessness are both of value, each representing an escape from what the other, **guilt or guiltlessness**, does not offer you. 3 You do not want either alone, for without both **guilt and guiltlessness** you do not see yourself as whole and therefore happy. 4 Yet you are whole only in your guiltlessness, and only in your guiltlessness can you be happy. 5 There is no conflict here **in your guiltlessness**. 6 To wish for guilt in any way, in any form, will lose appreciation of the value of your guiltlessness, and push **appreciation of the value of your guiltlessness** from your sight.

Note # 16: The ego has a vested interest in our belief in guilt. Guilt comes from the belief that we have usurped God's Will and are now separate from God. This usurping of God's authority, births our belief in individuality and our specialness. Unfortunately for us, the ego's belief in guilt results in pain for now we must be punished for our attack on God. Under the ego's belief system, we are constantly attempting to get rid of the pain that results from our guilt. Under the ego's thought system, we utilize projection to get rid of this guilt by claiming that we are guiltless and that we are, therefore, innocent victims. Seeing ourselves as an effect, rather than a cause, the ego maintains its control over us. We continue to believe that we lack the ability to choose again.

Truth has no opposites. If guiltlessness is true, it's opposite, which is guilt, can have no reality in the Mind of God. It is only in our world of perception that opposites appear to exist. A Oneness can know no opposites since it is everything.

T-14.III.3. There is no compromise that you can make with guilt, and escape the pain that only guiltlessness allays. 2 Learning is **the key element of living here in our world of individual perception**, as creating is being in Heaven. 3 Whenever the pain of guilt seems to attract you, remember that if you yield to **guilt**, you are deciding against your happiness, and will not learn how to be happy. 4 Say therefore, to yourself, gently, but with the conviction born of the Love of God and of His Son:

5 What I experience I will make manifest.

6 If I am guiltless, I have nothing to fear.

*7 I choose to testify to my acceptance of the Atonement, not to **the Atonement's** rejection.*
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*8 I would accept my guiltlessness by making **my guiltlessness** manifest and sharing **my guiltlessness**.*

9 Let me bring peace to God's Son from his Father.

Note # 17: Prior to the mad idea that there was a will different from the Father's Will, there was only a shared Oneness. God's Son, being an extension of the Father, created like the Father. Beingness is the nature of God and creation. Being is what is shared. Creation is sharing. With the belief in separation, knowledge was lost to the now split-minded little "s" self. The split-mind had now replaced the power of creation, with the power of decision. This power of decision arose when the belief in the Oneness had been shattered. Prior to this loss of knowledge, there was only truth and, therefore, no alternative or opposite choice existed. With the birth of perception, however, there was something to perceive and, therefore, something to decide about. Now, with a perceived something outside ourselves, there was something we could learn because we no longer believed we were perfect, whole and complete. Our private illusionary world of provisional reality now became a classroom for learning. Living is learning in our private world. Existence is what we think we are after the separation. . The Holy Spirit utilizes our power of decision to reinterpret our current experiences so that we can learn to choose again and reclaim our divine birthright, which is a state of being. The ego utilizes our power of decision for the self- crucifixion of God's Son. The Atonement corrects the belief that the separation occurred and, therefore, the Atonement declares that we have always been and continue to be guiltless.

T-14.III.4. Each day, each hour and minute, even each second, you are deciding between the crucifixion and the resurrection; between the ego and the Holy Spirit. 2 The ego is the choice for guilt; the Holy Spirit the choice for guiltlessness. 3 The power of decision is all that is yours. 4 What you can decide between is fixed, because there are no alternatives except truth and illusion. 5 And there is no overlap between **truth and illusion**, because **truth and illusion** are opposites, which cannot be reconciled, and cannot both be true. 6 You are guilty or guiltless, bound or free, unhappy or happy.

Note # 18: The egoic thought system utilizes the decision for its belief in guilt as justification for crucifying ourselves. The Holy Spirit's thought system is designed so that the Christ consciousness part of our mind can regain its power of decision. Once this is done, we can choose again and reclaim, or resurrect, our divine inheritance. There can be no happiness as long as we compromise with the belief that there is guilt in the world as we perceive it. Truth is true and all illusions must be dissolved before we can reclaim our divine birthright. Only in the world of perception do opposites appear to exist. This is why ACIM states that there is no overlap between truth and illusions.

T-14.III.5. The miracle teaches you that you have chosen guiltlessness, freedom and joy. 2 **The miracle** is not a cause, but **the miracle** is an effect. 3 **The miracle** is the natural result of choosing right, attesting to your happiness that comes from choosing to be free of guilt. 4 Everyone you offer healing to returns **the miracle of guiltlessness to you**. 5 Everyone you attack keeps **guilt** and cherishes **guilt** by holding **guilt** against you. 6 Whether he does **hold guilt against you**, or does **not hold guilt against you**, it will not make **any** difference; **for** you will think he does **hold guilt against you**. 7 It is impossible

to offer what you do not want without this penalty **of what you do not want being return onto you.** 8 The cost of giving <is> receiving. 9 Either **the cost of giving** is a penalty from which you suffer, or the **cost of giving is a happy purchase** of a treasure to hold dear.

Giving is receiving.

Note # 19: Giving is receiving because that is how projection works. Projection differs from creation since it comes from a sense of lack. Projection is exclusive, not inclusive. We try to give away or transfer our own deep-seated guilt to our brother. But by giving guilt, we receive guilt. God's Law is that what we give, we will receive. Because this is God's Law, in the world of perception, what we give, we also receive. Only by seeing our brother as guiltless is our own guiltlessness returned to us. A thought never leaves the mind of the thinker. Thoughts can be shared, but there is no such thing as an idle thought. Our thoughts become our experiences.

T-14.III.6. No penalty is ever asked of God's Son except by himself and of himself. 2 Every chance given **God's Son** to heal is another opportunity to replace darkness with light and fear with love. 3 If **God's Son** refuses **to replace darkness with light and fear with love**, he binds himself to darkness, because he did not choose to free his brother and enter light with **his brother**. 4 By giving power to nothing, **God's Son** throws away the joyous opportunity to learn that nothing has no power. 5 And by not dispelling darkness, **God's Son** became afraid of darkness and of light. 6 The joy of learning that darkness has no power over the Son of God is the happy lesson the Holy Spirit teaches, and would have you teach with Him. 7 **That darkness has no power over the Son of God is the Holy Spirit's joy to teach this lesson**, as **this lesson that darkness has no power over the Son of God will be your joy to also teach.**

Note # 20: Because the Atonement principle has always protected the Sonship's guiltlessness, nothing that we perceived outside the Mind of God is real. There is no punishment required by God since the Father only knows His Son as perfect, whole and complete. Only our belief in the ego's thought system makes us believe that the ego's "god of revenge" must require some sort of penance. The Holy Spirit would teach us that the ego, itself, is unreal and, therefore, nothing. The ego, being nothing, cannot have any power over the Son of God who was created perfect, whole and complete. It is only our belief in guilt that gives our ego any power over us. This apparent power of the ego comes only from our belief and decision to abdicate our divine birthright. The ego, itself, has no power over the mind. The Holy Spirit requests that we choose love over the ego's belief in fear.

T-14.III.7. The way to teach this simple lesson **that darkness has no power over the Son of God and, therefore, we must choose love over fear** is merely this: Guiltlessness is invulnerability. 2 Therefore, make your invulnerability manifest to everyone. 3 Teach him that **you are invulnerable**, whatever he may try to do to you, your perfect freedom from the belief that you can be harmed shows him that he is guiltless. 4 **Your brother** can do nothing that can hurt you, and by refusing to allow **your brother** to think he can **hurt you**, you teach **your brother** that the Atonement, which you have accepted for yourself, is also his **Atonement**. p275 5 There is nothing to forgive. 6 No one can hurt the Son of God. 7 **You and your brother's** guilt is wholly without cause, and being without cause, **guilt** cannot exist.

Note # 21: The Atonement acknowledges that God's Will is changeless. God created us guiltless like Himself. We will always remain perfect, whole and complete since this is God's Will. God is the only Cause and the only Source and no illusion that we have imagined can change the reality of the Mind of God.

T-14.III.8. God is the only Cause, and guilt is not of **God**. 2 Teach no one he has hurt you, for if you do **teach that someone has hurt you**, you teach yourself that what is not of God has power over you. 3 *<The causeless cannot be.>* 4 Do not attest to **the false belief that the causeless can exist in reality** and do not foster belief in **the existence of the causeless** in any mind. 5 Remember always that mind is one, and cause is one. **There is one Cause and one Mind and it is God's.** 6 You will learn communication with this oneness only when you learn to deny the causeless, and accept the Cause of God as **your cause**. 7 The power that God has given to His Son *<is>* his Son's **power**, and nothing else can His Son, **the Christ**, see or choose to look upon without imposing on himself the penalty of guilt, in place of all the happy teaching the Holy Spirit would gladly offer him, **who now suffers from split-mindedness and no longer sees himself as the Christ.**

Note # 22: The separation is referred to as the authority problem. The separation is the result of the mad idea that the child could somehow be self-created and give birth to itself. That something was created from nothing. Our denial of the Fatherhood of God is the authority problem. It claims that something other than the Mind of God is possible and that we are that something. This error resulted into our descent from knowledge into the illusionary world of perception. We became a decision maker because we denied the knowledge of our true Source and Creator. The Christ consciousness is the home of right-mindedness and the home of the Holy Spirit. The Christ in us has never lost the truth of what we are or the remembrance of the Father as our Creator. The split-minded person has abdicated his power of creation to the thought system of the ego. Believing the separation to be real, the split-mind now believes that there is lack. The split-minded have exchanged the power of creation, which is sharing and represents the power of God within us, for the limiting power of decision, which claims we are something other than as God created us. The power of decision can lead to exclusion, which can never be part of the Mind of God. When the decision-maker identifies itself with the ego's thought system, it rejects the Love of God. When God's Love has been denied by the split-minded child, it has been replaced by the ego's own unholy trinity of sin, guilt and fear.

The Holy Spirit teaches the split-minded to reclaim their divine birthright and to choose for the remembrances of God. God is Love. Nothing exists outside of the Mind of God. The belief in separation is unreal and causeless since the belief in separation is not part of God's Will. The Sonship, which is an extension of God, must remain guiltless, for the eternal is by definition, changeless. There is just the Oneness. We will once again remember God when we cease to deny our divine birthright inherited from our Source. Accept that the Mind of God birthed us, and we will understand that we are of the Mind of God. There is only One Mind and One Will.

T-14.III.9. Whenever you choose to make decisions for yourself you are thinking destructively, and the decision **you make by yourself** will be wrong. 2 **The decision you make by yourself** will hurt you because **this new decision is based on your erroneous concept that you are self-created. The belief that you are somehow self-created led to**

the decision that you can do something contrary to God's Will. 3 It is not true that you can make decisions by yourself or for yourself alone. 4 No thought of God's Son can be separate or isolated in **the thought's** effects. 5 Every decision is made for the whole Sonship, directed in and out, and influencing a constellation larger than anything you ever dreamed of.

Note # 23: Our thoughts affect the entirety of the Sonship. In reality, there are no private thoughts. Private thoughts are not shared and, therefore, are not real. They cannot be true in the Mind of God. Private thoughts appear real to the perceiver and affect only the perceiver's perception of their illusionary world of provisional reality.

T-14.III.10. Those who accept the Atonement <are> invulnerable. 2 But those who believe they are guilty will respond to guilt, **because those who believe they are guilty** think **guilt** is salvation, and, **therefore, those who believe they are guilty** will not refuse to see **guilt** and **they will** side with guilt. **Those who believe they are guilty will also refuse to side with the Atonement and their own invulnerability. They will believe they are self-created and, therefore, can do something contrary to God's Will** 3 **Those who believe they are guilty** believe that increasing guilt is self-protection. 4 And **those who believe they are guilty** will fail to understand the simple fact that what they do not want, **which is their belief in guilt**, must hurt them. 5 All this arises because **those who believe they are guilty** do not believe that what they want is good. 6 Yet **free will** was given them because **free will** is holy, and will bring to them all that they need, coming as naturally as peace that knows no limits. **Since self-creation is impossible, having a will different from the Father's is equally impossible. Since both never happened in the Mind of God, our true will, which is found in our Christ consciousness, is the Will of God. Our free will is the shared Will of God.** 7 There is nothing their **free will** fails to provide that offers them anything of value. 8 Yet because they **believe they are something other than the Christ, they** do not understand their **free will is really the shared Will of God. The Holy Spirit** quietly understands **their free will** for them **who believe that they are guilty and have separated from God**, and gives them what they **truly** want without effort, strain, or the impossible burden of deciding what they want and need alone. **What they truly want is the return to right-mindedness. Christ consciousness is shared and is invulnerable for it is the acceptance of the Will of God.**

Note # 24: Because we have lost knowledge, we are incapable of knowing what we want. We have mistakenly identified our real self with the dream. We have slipped into the belief that we are something other than perfect, whole and complete. The Christ consciousness is the remembrance for God. The Christ appears to be asleep but in reality, our decision-maker is not listening to it. Our decision-maker has chosen to follow the guidance of the ego. Free will does not mean that we can establish the curriculum for the return to the Oneness. God has already established the curriculum. Free will does mean that we can elect what parts of the course we choose to take at any given time. With the return to the thought system of the Holy Spirit, the vision of Christ will be reclaimed freely by the decision-making part of our mind. We will then freely choose God's Will as our own will. The Atonement is the remedy to the mad idea that our true identity could be something that was limited. Neither God nor His Creations can lack since They are everything. The Oneness of God is always perfect, whole and complete.

T-14.III.11. It will never happen that you must make decisions for yourself. 2 You are not bereft of help, and Help, **which is the Holy Spirit**, knows the answer. 3 Would you be content with little, which is all that you alone can offer yourself, when **the Holy Spirit**, Who gives you everything, will simply offer **everything** to you? 4 **The Holy Spirit** will never ask what you have done to make you worthy of the gift of God, **which is everything**. 5 Ask it (**the question of why you are worthy of God's Love**) not therefore of yourself. 6 Instead, accept **the Holy Spirit's** answer, for **the Holy Spirit** knows that you are worthy of everything God wills for you. 7 Do not try to escape the gift of God **that the Holy Spirit** so freely and so gladly offers you. 8 **The Holy Spirit** offers you but what God gave **the Holy Spirit** for you. 9 You need not decide whether or not you are deserving of **God's Gift of our divine birthright**. 10 God knows you are.

Note # 25: The Father knows our reality, which is eternal, changeless and true. God placed the Holy Spirit within our Christ consciousness so that we would be invulnerable to any thought of misperception. Time, which is only found in the world of form, arose out of our own misperception. In the world of time, we believe that we are limited ego-bodies. The Holy Spirit, Who is aware of both our perception and our reality, will return us to whole-mindedness. Thus, we return to the Kingdom, which in eternity has always been our home. The Atonement proves the Son's guiltlessness. The Holy Spirit teaches us to realize that the truth is always true. It teaches us that what is unreal must be always false and, therefore, nothing. Our illusions about ourselves have no power over the truth, which is the shared Mind of God.

T-14.III.12. Would you deny the truth of God's decision **that you are perfect, whole and complete**, and place your pitiful appraisal of yourself in place of **God's** calm and unswerving value of His Son, **the Big "S" Self**? 2 Nothing can shake God's conviction of the perfect purity of everything that **God** created, for **everything that God created** *<is>* wholly pure. 3 Do not decide against **your perfect purity**, for being of **God, your perfect purity** must be true. 4 Peace abides in every mind that quietly accepts the plan God set for its Atonement, relinquishing its own **self-made plan for its salvation, which was authored by the ego**. 5 You know not of salvation, for you do not understand **salvation**. 6 Make no decisions about what **salvation** is or where **salvation** lies, but ask the Holy Spirit everything, and leave all decisions to **the Holy Spirit's** gentle counsel.

Note # 26: Since we do not understand what we are, we are in no position to know what we truly want. Only the Holy Spirit knows that we truly seek the return to whole-mindedness. Ask the Holy Spirit who knows the truth and He will reinterpret all that the ego sees with the vision of Christ.

T-14.III.13. **The Holy Spirit is the One** Who knows the plan of God that God would have you follow. **The Holy Spirit** can teach you what **God's plan** is. 2 Only **the Holy Spirit's** wisdom is capable of guiding you to follow **God's plan of salvation**. 3 Every decision you undertake alone but signifies that you would define what salvation *<is,>* and what you would be saved *<from.>* 4 The Holy Spirit knows that all salvation is escape from guilt. 5 You have no other "enemy" **than your escape from self-inflicted guilt**, and against this strange distortion of the purity of the Son of God the Holy Spirit is your only Friend. 6 **The Holy Spirit** is the strong protector of the innocence that sets you free. 7 And

it is **the Holy Spirit's** decision to undo everything that would obscure your innocence from your unclouded mind.

Note # 27: God's plan for salvation is the removal of all our self-inflicted guilt. The Atonement removes guilt because it corrects the error of our belief that the separation was real. We cannot be guilty of something that never was a part of the Mind of God. Dreams are not real and, therefore, cannot alter the truth.

T-14.III.14. Let **the Holy Spirit**, therefore, be the only Guide that you would follow to salvation. 2 **The Holy Spirit** knows the way, and leads you gladly on **the way to our recovery of our guiltlessness**. 3 With **the Holy Spirit** you will not fail to learn that what God wills for you *<is>* your will. 4 Without **the Holy Spirit's** guidance you will think you know alone, and will decide against your peace as surely as you decided that salvation lay in you alone. 5 Salvation is of **the Holy Spirit** to Whom God gave **the salvation of your guiltlessness** for you. 6 **The Holy Spirit** has not forgotten **your guiltlessness**. 7 Forget **the Holy Spirit** not and **the Holy Spirit** will make every decision for you, for your salvation and the peace of God in you.

Note # 28: Without the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to follow the thought system of the ego. Coming from lack, the ego tells us to look outside ourselves for salvation. Since the error of the belief in separation arose from our mind, the correction must be found within our mind. The Holy Spirit reawakens the Christ conscious part of our split-mind so that the decision-maker can choose again. This time, siding for the remembrance of God, which is the thought system of the Holy Spirit.

T-14.III.15. Seek not to appraise the worth of God's Son whom **God** created holy, for to do so is to evaluate his Father and judge against **His Father**. 2 And you *<will>* feel guilty for this imagined crime of **judge against God, Your Father**, which no one in this world or Heaven could possibly commit. 3 The Holy Spirit teaches only that the "sin" of self-replacement on the throne of God is not a source of guilt. p277 4 What cannot happen (**this imagined crime of judge against God**) can have no effects to fear. 5 Be quiet in your faith in **God** Who loves you, and would lead you out of insanity. 6 Madness may be your choice, but not your reality. 7 Never forget the Love of God, Who has remembered you. 8 For it is quite impossible that **God** could ever let His Son drop from the loving Mind wherein **His Son** was created, and where **His Son** abode was fixed in perfect peace forever.

Note # 29: God does not punish someone He Loves. We should not try to punish ourselves because we imagined that we deny the love of God. God's love for His Son is eternal. We can deny God's Love but we cannot change it. For God's endless love of the Sonship is the Will of God. The Christ in us always abides in the Mind of God, which is our home. God's Love cannot be earned; instead, God's Love freely flows unceasingly to all of His Creation.

T-14.III.16. Say to the Holy Spirit only, "Decide for me," and it is done. 2 For **the Holy Spirit's** decisions are reflections of what God knows about you, and in this light, error of any kind becomes impossible. 3 Why would you struggle so frantically to anticipate all you cannot know, when all knowledge lies behind every decision the Holy Spirit makes for you? 4 Learn of **the Holy Spirit's** wisdom and **the Holy Spirit's** Love, and teach **the Holy**

Spirit's answer to everyone who struggles in the dark. 5 For you decide for **everyone who struggles** and for yourself.

Note # 30: The decision-maker needs only to realize that lacking knowledge of what it is, the decision-maker is incapable of knowing what is in its own best interest. The decision-maker must decide to turn everything over to the Holy Spirit. Only the Holy Spirit can guide us home. Since the Sonship is part of the shared Mind of God, by making the decision to remember God, we affect the consciousness of the entire Sonship. Although we believe that we are separate from our brother, we remain connected through the Mind of God.

T-14.III.17. How gracious it is to decide all things through **the Holy Spirit's wisdom** Whose equal Love is given equally to all alike! 2 **The Holy Spirit** leaves you no one outside you. 3 And so **the Holy Spirit** gives you what is yours, because your Father would have you share **what is yours** with **your Father**. 4 In everything be led by **the Holy Spirit**, and do not reconsider. 5 Trust **the Holy Spirit** to answer quickly, surely, and with Love for everyone who will be touched in any way by the decision. 6 And everyone will be **touch by the decision**. 7 Would you take unto yourself the sole responsibility for deciding what can bring only good to everyone? 8 Would you know this?

Note # 31: Because the Sonship is actually a shared oneness, every decision made effects the collective consciousness of the whole. This is a large responsibility for anyone. Since we do not know what we are, ACIM tells us to follow someone that does know the truth. Ask the Holy Spirit and He will make the proper decision. Only the Holy Spirit is aware of the interconnectedness of the Sonship and how the parts interrelate to each other.

T-14.III.18. You taught yourself the most unnatural habit of not communicating with your Creator. 2 Yet you remain in close communication with **your Creator**, and with everything that is within **your Creator**, as it is within yourself. 3 Unlearn **the ego's belief in** isolation through **the Holy Spirit's** loving guidance, and learn of all the happy communication that you have thrown away but could not lose.

Note # 32: The Christ consciousness part of our split-mind has always remained in communication with God. Communication is sharing. Anything that we create through love and forgiveness is shared and is communicated with God. The Holy Spirit saves all our true creations for us and protects them for our return to the Kingdom where we will once again accept our function as co-creator with our Father.

T-14.III.19. Whenever you are in doubt what you should do, think of **the Holy Spirit** Presence in you, and tell yourself this, and only this:

*2 He, **the Holy Spirit**, leadeth me and knows the way, which I know not.*

*3 Yet He, **the Holy Spirit**, will never keep from me what **the Holy Spirit** would have me learn.*

*4 And so I trust **the Holy Spirit** to communicate to me all that **the Holy Spirit** knows for me.*

5 Then let **the Holy Spirit** teach you quietly how to perceive your guiltlessness, which is already there. p278

Note # 33: When we claim to be the little “s” self, we are powerless. When we follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, which knows the Will of our Father, all the power of God follows through His Son. We thus, become invulnerable, as we were created.

IV. Your Function in the Atonement

T-14.IV.1. When you accept a brother's guiltlessness you will see the Atonement in **your brother. The Atonement is the acceptance of the guiltlessness of the Sonship.** 2 For by proclaiming **the guiltlessness in your brother** you make **guiltlessness** yours, and you will see what you sought, **which is the Atonement and your guiltlessness.** 3 You will not see the symbol of your brother's guiltlessness shining within him while you still believe **your brother's guiltlessness** is not there **within your brother.** 4 **Your brother's** guiltlessness is <your> Atonement. 5 Grant **your brother his guiltlessness** to him, and you will see the truth of what you have acknowledged **that your brother is guiltless.** 6 Yet truth **of guiltlessness** is offered first to be received, even as God gave **truth of guiltlessness** first to His Son. 7 The first in time means nothing, but the First in eternity is God the Father, Who is both First and One. 8 Beyond the First there is no other, for there is no order, no second or third, and nothing but the First.

Note # 34: God is the First and One cause of everything. What God created is eternal and real. Time is not known in eternity since the real is changeless. Time is meaningless in Heaven. Only in the dream world of perception does time serve some purpose. We make in time because what is made is not real and is subject to modification as our viewpoints change. Time allows us to relearn what we have chosen to forget and finally choose again for the certainty of truth. Time will slip into the nothingness from which it arose when we return to knowledge. There will be no change to measure since only the oneness of truth is real. Having served its purpose, time will disappear along with our dream world of perception.

The Atonement is the acceptance of the guiltless of God and all His Creations. The Sonship has maintained its innocence and thus, remains sinless.

T-14.IV.2. You who belong to the First Cause, created by **God** like unto Himself and part of **God**, are more than merely guiltless. 2 The state of guiltlessness is only the condition in which what is not there has been removed from the disordered mind that thought **what is not there was really to be found within its own disordered mind.** 3 This state **of guiltlessness**, and only this, must you attain, with God beside you. 4 For until you do **attain the state of guiltlessness**, you will still think that you are separate from **God.** 5 You can perhaps feel **God's** Presence next to you, but cannot know that you are one with **God.** 6 This **oneness with God** cannot be taught. 7 Learning applies only to the condition in which it happens of itself.

Note # 35: Guiltlessness is merely the returning to the truth about you. God knows the Sonship is guiltless. It is only God's Son that is under the insane belief that he has sinned and has separated from his Source, which is the Father.

T-14.IV.3. When you have let all that obscured the truth in your most holy mind be undone for you, and therefore stand in grace before your Father, **your Father** will give Himself to you as **your Father** has always done. 2 Giving Himself is all **your Father** knows, and so **giving Himself** is all knowledge. 3 For what **God** knows not cannot be, and therefore cannot be given. 4 Ask not to be forgiven, for this has already been accomplished. 5 Ask, rather, to learn how to forgive, and to restore what always was, **which was your guiltlessness**, to your unforgiving mind. 6 Atonement becomes real and visible to those who use **Atonement, which is the acceptance of guiltlessness**. 7 On earth **the acceptance of guiltlessness** is your only function, and you must learn that **the acceptance of guiltlessness** is all you want to learn. 8 You will feel guilty till you learn **the acceptance of guiltlessness**. 9 For in the end, whatever form **guilt** takes, your guilt arises from your failure to fulfill your function in God's Mind with **your entire mind**. 10 Can you escape this guilt by failing to fulfill your function here?

Note # 36: Guilt arises from our belief in sin. Sin, like guilt is unreal God knows that sin is impossible and is not part of the Mind of God. Since we made up sin by our belief in the separation, we must learn the unreality of sin. From our belief in sin, guilt and fear, we birthed the dream world of our provisional reality. Only in this dream can we learn how to recover our guiltlessness since it is only in this dream world that we could be “guilty”. The Holy Spirit is the only teacher that has knowledge and can teach us how to undo the dream of guilt. This lesson is taught in the dream by the tool of forgiveness. The tool of forgiveness recognizes that what we thought happened was unreal and, therefore, there is nothing to forgive. Since there is nothing to forgive, there is nothing to be guilty of. Sin, guilt and fear all disappear with the acceptance of the guiltlessness of the Sonship. Time has served its purpose and we awaken from the dream. Forgiveness is our function as long as our mind is split. The acceptance of the Atonement for ourselves is what we are here to learn. The Atonement undoes the illusion within our split-mind that sin, guilt and fear have reality in the real world, which is found only in the Mind of God.

Forgiveness is accepting and sharing the guiltlessness of all. This guiltlessness must be granted and extended within our own mind to God, the Sonship and yourself. There can be no exceptions.

T-14.IV.4. You need not understand creation to do what must be done before that knowledge would be meaningful to you. 2 God breaks no barriers; neither did **God** make **barriers**. 3 When you release **barriers** they are gone. 4 God will not fail, nor ever has **failed** in anything. p279 5 Decide that God is right and **your perceptions and judgments** are wrong about yourself. 6 **God** created you out of Himself, but still within **Himself**. 7 **God** knows what you are. 8 Remember that there is no second to **God**. 9 **Since there is no second to God**, there cannot be anyone without **God's** Holiness, nor anyone unworthy of **God's** perfect Love. 10 Fail not in your function of loving in a loveless place made out of darkness and deceit, **which is your made-up world of individual perception**, for thus are darkness and deceit undone. 11 Fail not yourself, but instead offer to God and you **God's** blameless Son. 12 For this small gift of appreciation for His Love, God will Himself exchange your gift for His **gift**.

Note # 37: There is nothing outside of God; God is everything. Creation by God is an extension of Himself, which is the Oneness. There are no barriers in a Oneness. We create barriers when we believe that there is something outside the Mind and Will of God. We

believe that we are a second cause and that we can change what God created thus, imposing our will and changing eternity. There is only the First Cause, God. Extension can only give or share what it is. Accept your divine birthright and guilt, sin and fear must disappear because this unholy trinity is not found in God. By accepting the Atonement for ourselves, we release our mind from our belief in the reality of sin, guilt and fear. Forgive our brother and we forgive ourselves. The denial of the reality of our dream is our gift to Our Father. It is merely the acceptance of the truth about what we are. It is the acceptance of our inherited divine birthright. It is the acceptance of the Father as the First and only Cause. In exchange for this acceptance of the truth, we cease our self-denial of being the Oneness of everything that we truly are.

T-14.IV.5. Before you make any decisions for yourself, remember that you have decided against your function in Heaven, **which is extension of creation**, and then consider carefully whether you want to make decisions here **in your world of individual perception**. 2 Your function here **in your world of individual perception** is only to decide against deciding what you want, in recognition that you do not know. 3 How, then, can you decide what you should do? 4 Leave all decisions to the One, **the Holy Spirit**, Who speaks for God, and for your function as **the Holy Spirit** knows **your function, which is forgiveness**. 5 So will **the Holy Spirit** teach you to remove the awful burden you have laid upon yourself by loving not the Son of God, and trying to teach **the Son of God** guilt instead of love. 6 Give up this frantic and insane attempt **which teaches guilt to God's Son, for this attempt** cheats you of the joy of living with your God and Father, and of waking gladly to His Love and Holiness that join together as the truth in you, making you one with **God**.

Note # 38: ACIM states that since we have lost knowledge, we no longer realize our divine nature as unlimited spirit. We think that we are limited ego-bodies. We have made up an entire dream world to prove that we are limited. Since we have denied what we are, we cannot know what we really want. When we believe that the dream is real, we will cling to our claim of littleness because that is what we believe we are. Only the Holy Spirit knows the truth and, therefore, we need His help to undo what our egoic thought system has taught us. Lacking knowledge, we need to decide that we are not of sound mind to know what we want. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us back to the reality of the truth, which is that we remain God's beloved Son.

T-14.IV.6. When you have learned how to decide with God, all decisions become as easy and as right as breathing. 2 There is no effort, and you will be led as gently as if you were being carried down a quiet path in summer. 3 Only your own volition seems to make deciding hard. 4 The Holy Spirit will not delay in answering your every question what to do. 5 **The Holy Spirit** knows. 6 And **the Holy Spirit** will tell you, and then do it for you. 7 You who are tired will find **allowing the Holy Spirit to decide for you**, is more restful than sleep. 8 For you can bring your guilt into sleeping, but **you cannot bring your guilt into allowing the Holy Spirit to decide for you**.

Note # 39: We must ask for the Holy Spirit's help, for having free will, the Holy Spirit will not "force" Himself upon an unwilling mind.

T-14.IV.7. Unless you are guiltless you cannot know God, Whose Will is that you know **God, Who is guiltless**. 2 Therefore, you <must> be guiltless. 3 Yet if you do not accept the necessary conditions for knowing **God**, you have **egoically** denied **God** and do not recognize **God**, though **God** is all around you. 4 **God** cannot be known without **God's** Son, whose guiltlessness is the condition for knowing **God**. 5 Accepting **God's** Son as guilty is denial of the Father so complete, that knowledge is swept away from recognition in the very mind where God Himself has placed **knowledge**. 6 If you would but listen, and learn how impossible this is! p280 7 Do not endow **God** with attributes you **egoically** understand. 8 You made **God** not, and anything you **egoically** understand is not of **God**.

Note # 40: The ego has made up a myth about what God is. The god of the ego is made in the image of the ego. As such, the mythical god of the ego is petty, revengeful, unforgiving and very judgmental and limited. Rather than the Son of God being created in the image of the God, which is a Loving Father-Mother figure, we have made the egoic God into the worst qualities that we believe ourselves to be. We believe God to be imperfect, not whole and very incomplete. This is what the ego tells us we are. The ego implies that creation or extension is similar to how God creates. So, like its petty father, the son must also be petty. The ego thus, makes up a false image of a god, and then extends this false image upon you. This means that you are self-created since the ego made the image of god. This egoic image of god then in turn made you yet you are the ego. Thus, to the ego, which claims self-creation for the son, the notion of what god must be is predicted on how the ego sees you. Therefore, the god of a limited son must also be a limited god.

ACIM states that we are created in God's loving image and, therefore, must be perfect, whole and complete. There is no guilt in the Mind of God, which is the Sonship's home.

T-14.IV.8. Your task is not to make reality. 2 **Reality** is here without your making, but **reality** is not without you. 3 You who have tried to throw yourself away and valued God so little, hear me speak for **God** and for yourself, **which is the Big "S" Self**. 4 You cannot understand how much your Father loves you, for there is no parallel in your experience of the world to help you understand **how much your Father loves you**. 5 There is nothing on earth with which **you** can compare **how much your Father loves you**, and nothing you have ever felt apart from **God** resembles **how much your Father loves you** ever so faintly. 6 You cannot even give a blessing in perfect gentleness. 7 Would you know of One, **your Father**, Who gives forever, and Who knows of nothing except giving?

Note # 41: God, being unconditional Love, gives everything and asks for nothing in return.

T-14.IV.9. The children of Heaven live in the light of the blessing of their Father, because **the children of Heaven** know that **the children of Heaven** are sinless. 2 The Atonement was established as the means of restoring guiltlessness to minds that have denied **their guiltlessness**, and thus denied Heaven to themselves. 3 Atonement teaches you the true condition of the Son of God. 4 **Atonement** does not teach you what you are, or what your Father is. 5 The Holy Spirit, Who remembers **what you are** for you, merely teaches you how to remove the blocks that stand between you and what you know. 6 **The Holy Spirit's** memory is **your memory**. 7 If you remember what you have **egoically** made,

you are remembering nothing. 8 Remembrance of reality is in **the Holy Spirit**, and therefore in you.

Note # 42: Heaven resides in the Mind of God. When we believe in sin, guilt and fear, we have placed ourselves in an illusionary world outside the Mind of God. Sin, guilt and fear were never real and, therefore, the Atonement testifies to the unreality of the dream of the split-minded. The Atonement is the denial of the false, which only leaves the truth to become visible to the split minded. Reality is the return to the remembrance of God.

T-14.IV.10. The guiltless and the guilty are totally incapable of understanding one another. 2 Each perceives the other as like himself, making both unable to communicate, because each sees the other unlike the way **the other** sees himself. 3 God can communicate only to the Holy Spirit in your mind, because only **the Holy Spirit** shares the knowledge of what you are with God. 4 And only the Holy Spirit can answer God for you, for only **the Holy Spirit** knows what God is. 5 Everything else that you have placed within your **sleeping** mind cannot exist, for what is not in communication with the Mind of God has never been. 6 Communication with God is life. 7 Nothing without it, (**Life, which is communication with God**), is at all. p281

Note # 43: True communication comes from a foundation that is based on truth. Those who believe in guilt do not understand the truth about the guiltlessness of reality. They misinterpret everything because their thought system is based on the illusion of guilt. The Holy Spirit is the mediator between Level # 1 and Level # 2. Level # 2 is the dream world of individual perception. Level # 1 is the reality of Truth, which is heaven or the Kingdom. Only the Holy Spirit is aware of what we experience in Level # 2's dream world of individual perception and also is aware of the reality of the truth of Level # 1. Because of this, only the Holy Spirit can communicate, or bridge the gap between these two levels. By following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will cross the bridge back to the gates of heaven and God will take the final step in our return to knowledge. Forgiveness is the tool that the Holy Spirit utilizes to bridge this gap between truth and illusion, perception and knowledge.

V. The Circle of Atonement

T-14.V.1. The only part of your mind that has reality is the part that links you still with God. 2 Would you have all of **your mind** transformed into a radiant message of God's Love, to share with all the lonely ones who have denied **God and God's Love**? 3 *<God makes this possible>* **for you to transform your mind into a radiant message of God's Love** 4 Would you deny **God's** yearning to be known? 5 You yearn for **God**, as **God** for you. 6 This **mutual yearning** is forever changeless. 7 Accept, then, the immutable **that you yearn for God as God yearns for you**. 8 Leave the world of death behind, and return quietly to Heaven. 9 There is nothing of value here **in the world of death** and everything of value there **in Heaven**. 10 Listen to the Holy Spirit, and to God through **the Holy Spirit**. 11 **The Holy Spirit** speaks of you to *<you.>* 12 There is no guilt in you, for God is blessed in His Son, **the Christ**, as the Son is blessed in **God**.

Note # 44: The Christ part of our split mind has never left its source, which is the Mind of God. Tonight when you are asleep and dreaming you may visit the planet of Mars but when you awake the next morning, you will realize you never left your bed. The split-

minded are like this example. The Christ-mind remains in the bed of the Mind of God. The egoic mind dreams that it is separated from the Mind of God and is actually in the dream world of death, which in this example is represented by Mars. When we awaken, we realize that our real mind, the Christ-mind, never left its home, which is Heaven or the Mind of God. You are not judged guilty for anything that you had dreamed happened while you “defended” yourself in the dream world of Mars. Dreams have no reality once you have awakened.

T-14.V.2. Everyone has a special part to play in the Atonement, but the message given to each one is always the same; *<God's Son is guiltless.>* 2 Each one teaches the message differently, and learns **the message that God's Son is guiltless** differently. 3 Yet until he teaches **the message that God's Son is guiltless** and learns **the message that God's Son is guiltless**, he will suffer the pain of dim awareness that his true function remains unfulfilled in him. **Our true function is to grant ourselves forgiveness for denying ourselves the experience of receiving God's Love. It is the restoration of our split-mind to the sanity of the Oneness.** 4 The burden of guilt is heavy, but God would not have you bound by **the burden of guilt for not fulfilling your function.** 5 God's plan for your awaking is as perfect as **your egoic plan** is fallible. 6 You know not what you do, but **the Holy Spirit**, Who knows is with you. 7 **The Holy Spirit's** gentleness is yours, and all the love you share with God, **the Holy Spirit** holds in trust for you. 8 **The Holy Spirit** would teach you nothing except how to be happy.

Note # 45: Our true function is to grant ourselves forgiveness for denying ourselves the experience of receiving God's Love. In the dream world of provisional reality, our function is the restoration of our split-mind to the sanity of the Oneness. After the return to whole-mindedness, our function in Heaven is to create like our Father and thus, extend the Mind of God.

God's plan for the salvation of His split-minded son is simple. Forgive and be forgiven; for as you give, you will receive. God's gift to His Son is that the truth is changeless and eternal. God's Will is that we be happy.

T-14.V.3. Blessed Son of a wholly blessing Father, joy was created for you. 2 Who can condemn whom God has blessed? 3 There is nothing in the Mind of God that does not share **God's** shining innocence. 4 Creation is the natural extension of perfect purity. 5 Your only calling here is to devote yourself, with active willingness, to the denial of guilt in all its forms. 6 To accuse is *<not to understand.>* 7 The happy learners of the Atonement become the teachers of the innocence that is the right of all that God created. 8 **Do not deny any part of the Sonship** what is their due, for you will not withhold **what is their due** from them alone. **You will also be denying your own guiltlessness and innocence, which is the Sonship's due or divine birthright.**

Note # 46: Being an extension of God, the Sonship must be totally guiltless, like God, its Creator. The “innocence of God” refers to that which does not exist. God is everything and has everything and knows everything. God does not know what does not exist. It is in not knowing what does not exist that God's state of innocence rests. We are like our Creator and must also be innocence. Yet, we have chosen to deny our innocence in our egoic attempt to make what does not exist, which is the false, into the real.

T-14.V.4. The inheritance of the Kingdom is the right of God's Son, given **God's Son** in his creation. 2 Do not try to steal **the divine birthright of innocence** from **God's Son**, or you will ask for guilt and will experience **guilt**. 3 Protect **God's Son's** purity from every thought that would steal **the Sonship's purity** away and keep **God's Son's purity** from his **split-minded** sight. 4 Bring innocence to light, in answer to the call of the Atonement. 5 Never allow purity to remain hidden, but **allow purity to** shine away the heavy veils of guilt within which the Son of God has hidden himself from his own sight. p282

Note # 47: We have cloaked the Sonship in heavy garments that are meant to hide the Christ in each part of the Sonship. These garments are made from our belief in sin, guilt and fear. The belief in sin, guilt and fear prevent us from accessing the Vision of Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit and He will remove all barriers to our ability to access the Christ in us. The acceptance of the Sonship's guiltless removes all these barriers.

T-14.V.5. We are all joined in the Atonement here, and nothing else can unite us in this world **but the Atonement**. 2 So will the world of separation slip away, and full communication be restored between the Father and the Son. 3 The miracle acknowledges the guiltlessness that must have been denied to produce the need of healing. 4 Do not withhold this glad acknowledgment of **guiltlessness**, for hope of happiness and release from suffering of every kind lie in **the acknowledgment of guiltlessness, which is the Atonement**. 5 Who is there but wishes to be free of pain? 6 He may not yet have learned how to exchange guilt for innocence, nor realize that only in this exchange of **guilt for innocence** can freedom from pain be his. 7 Yet those who have failed to learn need teaching, not attack. 8 To attack those who have need of teaching is to fail to learn from **those who have need of teaching**.

Note # 48: Teach the guiltlessness of God's Son to every brother and you reclaim your own guiltlessness and innocence. God's gift is simply forgive to be forgiven, for as you give, you receive. When we listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will hear this message.

T-14.V.6. Teachers of innocence, each in his own way, have joined together, taking their part in the unified curriculum of the Atonement. 2 There is no unity of learning goals apart from **the unified curriculum of the Atonement, which teaches the guiltlessness of God's Son**. 3 There is no conflict in this curriculum, which has one aim, **which is the teaching of the guiltlessness of God's Son** however it is taught. 4 Each effort made on **the unified curriculum of the Atonement's** behalf is offered for the single purpose of release from guilt, to the eternal glory of God and **God's** creation. 5 And every teaching that points to this points straight to Heaven, and the peace of God. 6 There is no pain, no trial, no fear that teaching **the guiltlessness of God's Son** can fail to overcome. 7 The power of God Himself supports this teaching of **the guiltlessness of God's Son** and guarantees its **teaching's** limitless results.

Note # 49: The teaching of the guiltlessness of God's Son, which is the Atonement principle, dissolves the ego's thought system, which is comprised on the unholy alliance of sin, guilt and fear.

T-14.V.7. Join your own efforts to the power that cannot fail and must result in peace, **which is the Atonement**. 2 No one can be untouched by teaching such as this, **the guiltlessness of God's Son**. 3 You will not see yourself beyond the power of God if you teach only **the guiltlessness of God's Son**. 4 You will not be exempt from the effects of this most holy lesson, which seeks but to restore what is the right of God's creation. 5 From everyone whom you accord release from guilt you will inevitably learn your innocence. 6 The circle of Atonement has no end. 7 And you will find ever-increasing confidence in your safe inclusion in the circle with everyone you bring within **the circle of Atonement's** safety and **the circle of Atonement's** perfect peace.

Note # 50: The goal of the miracle worker is to accept the Atonement for himself. By giving or teaching the Atonement, you receive the Atonement. For God's Plan is that by forgiving, you are forgiven, for as you give, you receive. By giving guiltlessness to our brother, we, in turn, receive and accept our innocence.

T-14.V.8. Peace, then, be unto everyone who becomes a teacher of peace. 2 For peace is the acknowledgment of perfect purity, from which no one is excluded. 3 Within **perfect purity's** holy circle is everyone whom God created as His Son. 4 Joy is **perfect purity's** unifying attribute, with no one left outside to suffer guilt alone. 5 The power of God draws everyone to **the circle of Atonement's** safe embrace of love and union. 6 Stand quietly within this circle, and attract all tortured minds to join with you in the safety of **the circle of Atonement's** peace and holiness. 7 Abide with me within **the circle of Atonement** as a teacher of Atonement, not a **teacher** of guilt. p283

Note # 51: When we attack another, which is anytime we fail to see only the face of Christ in our brother, we are teaching, or projecting guilt. Assuming our brother has not accepted the Atonement for himself, this guilt will stick to our brother and will return to us. To give is to receive. In our world of individual perception, there are only two emotions, love or fear. We cannot teach both. The teaching of guiltlessness is the voice for the remembrance of God. When we teach guiltlessness, we align ourselves with the Holy Spirit and all the Power of God is give to us. We acknowledge both our own and our brother's innocence.

T-14.V.9. Blessed are you who teach with me. 2 Our power comes not of us, but of our Father. 3 In guiltlessness we know **our Father**, as **our Father** knows us guiltless. 4 I stand within the circle of **Atonement**, calling you to peace. 5 Teach peace with me, and stand with me on holy ground. 6 Remember for everyone your Father's power that **your Father** has given **to the Sonship**. 7 Believe not that you cannot teach **your Father's** perfect peace **to every part of the Sonship**. 8 Stand not outside, but join with me within **the circle of Atonement**. 9 Fail not the only purpose to which my teaching calls you, **which is the acknowledgement of the guiltlessness of the Sonship, God's Son**. 10 Restore to God His Son as **God** created him, by teaching **the split-minded** his innocence.

Note # 52: Jesus is acknowledging that we all have an equal role to play in the God's Plan for the return of His Son to knowledge and the Kingdom. We are all joined in a common goal and purpose. The denial to any part of the Sonship of our divine birthright is to deny our inheritance to all the Sonship.

T-14.V.10. The crucifixion had no part in the Atonement. 2 Only the resurrection became my part in **the Atonement** 3 **The resurrection** is the symbol of the release from guilt by guiltlessness. 4 Whom you perceive as guilty you would crucify. 5 Yet you restore guiltlessness to whomever you see as guiltless. 6 Crucifixion is always the ego's aim. 7 **The ego** sees everyone as guilty, and by **the ego's** condemnation **the ego** would kill. 8 The Holy Spirit sees only guiltlessness, and in **the Holy Spirit's** gentleness **the Holy Spirit** would release **your split-mind** from fear and re-establish the reign of love. 9 The power of love is in **the Holy Spirit's** gentleness, which is of God and therefore cannot crucify nor suffer crucifixion. 10 The temple you restore becomes your altar, for **your altar** was rebuilt through you. 11 And everything you give to God is yours. 12 Thus **God** creates, and thus must you restore **the split minded to the altar of the Christ**

Note # 53: The ego's thought system crucifies or attacks the unity of the Sonship and God. These attacks increase our belief in guilt. The Holy Spirit's thought system proclaims God's Son as innocent and guiltless. The acceptance of our guiltlessness removes the misperceptions within our mind that have been hiding the Christ within us. The Christ is the part of our mind that is the remembrance of God.

T-14.V.11. Each one you see you place within the holy circle of Atonement or leave outside **the holy circle of Atonement**, judging him fit for crucifixion or for redemption. 2 If you bring him into the circle of purity, you will rest there with him **within the circle of purity**. 3 If you leave him without, you join him there **outside the circle of purity**. 4 Judge not except in **the quietness of the Holy Spirit**, which is not of **your egoic little "s" self**. 5 Refuse to accept anyone as without the blessing of Atonement, and bring him into **the circle of Atonement** by blessing him. 6 Holiness must be shared, for therein **the sharing** lies everything that makes it holy. 7 Come gladly to the holy circle, and look out in peace on all who think they are outside. 8 Cast no one out **of the holy circle of purity**, for here is what he seeks along with you. 9 Come, let us join him in the holy place of peace which is for all of us, united as one within the Cause of peace. **This Cause is the Mind of God.**
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Note # 54: We are told in sentence # 4 to "judge not except in quietness, which is not of you." This is why we are told to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance. Only the Holy Spirit has knowledge of all things and can judge properly the events that we perceive. The Atonement is the call to the return of the Sonship to the right-mindedness of the Christ. The Christ has never left the unified Mind of God. The Sonship's return to the Oneness can leave no brother behind in the darkness of the ego's thought system that demands littleness. When we quiet our egoic mind's self-talk, we will hear in the silence the voice of the Holy Spirit.

VI. The Light of Communication

T-14.VI.1. The journey that we undertake together is the exchange of dark for light, of ignorance for understanding. 2 Nothing you understand is fearful. 3 It is only in darkness and in ignorance that you perceive the frightening, and shrink away from **what you do not understand** to further darkness. 4 And yet it is only the hidden that can terrify, not for what **the hidden** is, but for its hiddenness. 5 The obscure is frightening because you do not understand **the obscure's** meaning. 6 If you did **understand the obscure's meaning**, it would be clear and you would be no longer in the dark. 7 Nothing has hidden value, for what is hidden cannot be shared, and so **the value of what is hidden is** unknown. 8 The

hidden is kept apart, but value always lies in joint appreciation. 9 What is concealed cannot be loved, and so **what is concealed** must be feared.

Note # 55: Only what is shared is real. Creation is sharing. When we hide something, we are attempting to exclude.

T-14.VI.2. The quiet light in which the Holy Spirit dwells within you is merely perfect openness, in which nothing is hidden and therefore nothing is fearful. 2 Attack will always yield to love if **attack** is brought to love, not hidden from **love**. 3 There is no darkness that the light of love will not dispel, unless **the darkness** is concealed from love's beneficence. 4 What is kept apart from love cannot share **love's** healing power, because **what is kept apart from love** has been separated off and kept in darkness. 5 The sentinels of darkness watch over **what is kept apart from love** carefully, and you who made these guardians of illusion out of nothing are now afraid of **these guardians of illusion**.

Note # 56: These guardians of illusion protect your belief in your littleness. Sin, guilt and fear are some of the major guardians for the little "s" self.

T-14.VI.3. Would you continue to give imagined power to these strange ideas of safety? 2 **These strange ideas of safety** are neither safe nor unsafe. 3 **These strange ideas of safety** do not protect; neither do they attack. 4 **These strange ideas of safety** do nothing at all, being nothing at all. 5 As guardians of darkness and of ignorance look to them only for fear, for what **these strange ideas of safety** keep obscure *<is>* fearful. 6 But let them go, and what was fearful will be so no longer. 7 Without protection of obscurity only the light of love remains, for only **the light of love** has meaning and can live in light. 8 Everything else must disappear.

Note # 57: ACIM states that we need to bring everything into the light of love. Understanding is love. We do not understand the fearful for we have lost knowledge. We need to bring all our experiences to the light of the thought system of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will reinterpret everything we perceive with the light of love. It is our job to control our fear and remember to ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Without this guidance, we will not be able to break the cycle of ignorance. We cannot bring the light of understanding by following the thought system of the ego. The thought system of the ego is the source of the sin, guilt and fear and, therefore, has a vested interest in maintaining the darkness. The ego is the home of fear and attack and knows nothing of love. Since the ego is not shared nor created by God, it is nothing and begets only nothing, for it is not real.

T-14.VI.4. Death yields to life simply because destruction is not true. 2 The light of guiltlessness shines guilt away because, when **guiltlessness and guilt** are brought together, the truth of **guiltlessness** must make the falsity of its opposite, **guilt**, perfectly clear. 3 Keep not guilt and guiltlessness apart, for your belief that you can have both **guiltlessness and guilt** is meaningless. 4 All you have done by keeping **guiltlessness and guilt** apart is lose their meaning by confusing **guiltlessness and guilt** with each other. 5 And so you do not realize that only one, **guiltlessness**, means anything. 6 The other, **guilt**, is wholly without sense of any kind.

Note # 58: Truth is true and what is false has no reality. God made us guiltless and, therefore, the idea that the Son of God could be guilty must be false. One of God's greatest gifts to His Son is that God cannot see His Son as anything other than perfect, whole and complete. This is the result of God's innocence. The Innocence of God refers to that which does not exist. Thus God does not know the false. Our egoic belief that we could be the little "s" self is totally rejected and not part of the Mind of God. God's gift of His changeless Innocence to His Son is our protection from our self-imposed denial of the light of God's Love. If we were guilty, God, being a Oneness, would also have to be guilty. The child cannot change its creator. An effect cannot change its cause.

T-14.VI.5. You have regarded the separation as a means for breaking your communication with your Father. p285 2 The Holy Spirit reinterprets **the separation** as a means of re-establishing **your communication with your Father which** was not broken, but *<has>* been made obscure. 3 All things you made have use to **the Holy Spirit**, for **the Holy Spirit's** most holy purpose. 4 **The Holy Spirit** knows you are not separate from God, but **the Holy Spirit** perceives much in your mind that lets you think you are **separate from God**. 5 All **that makes you perceive that you are separate from God** and nothing else, would **the Holy Spirit** separate from you. 6 The power of decision, which you made in place of the power of creation, **the Holy Spirit** would teach you how to use **the power of decision** on your behalf. 7 You who made **the power of decision** to crucify yourself must learn of **the Holy Spirit** how to apply **the power of decision** to the holy cause of restoration.

Note # 59: Prior to our descent into the belief in separation, there was no power of decision. There was only a oneness. So what was there to decide? There was creation but this is only the extension of the Oneness. When we decided for the mad idea of believing that we could be something other than what God created, we exchanged the power of creation for the power of the decision-maker. We decided that there could be something outside the One Self. We believed that we could do something other than share or extend love, which is the Mind of God. We believed that we could contract or exclude something from the oneness due to our desire to be special. The goal of the Holy Spirit is to reinterpret the world of individual perception to realign with the truth. The egoic world was made for the expressed purpose of keeping God's love from us. The Holy Spirit utilizes this world of illusion by reinterpreting all events into neutral learning devices, which reawaken the communication of the Christ-mind with God's Mind. The Holy Spirit reawakens and encourages the decision-maker within us to freely choose the thought system of the Holy Spirit over the ego's thought system. This is the call for the remembrance of God.

T-14.VI.6. You who speak in dark and devious symbols do not understand the language you have made. 2 **The language you have made** has no meaning, for **this language's** purpose is not communication, but rather the disruption of communication. 3 If the purpose of language is communication, how can this tongue, **which was made to disrupt communication**, mean anything? 4 Yet even this strange and twisted effort to communicate through not communicating holds enough of love to make **this twisted language** meaningful if its Interpreter is not its maker **but rather the Holy Spirit**. 5 You who made **this twisted language** are but expressing conflict, from which the Holy Spirit would release you. 6 Leave what you would communicate to **the Holy Spirit**. 7 **The Holy Spirit** will interpret **this twisted language** to you with perfect clarity, for **the Holy Spirit**

knows with Whom you are in perfect communication, **which is God through the Christ part of your mind.**

Note # 60: Everything in the world of perception is a neutral learning device. It is the decision-maker that colors these events with either love or fear. This coloration of the neutral event is the choice of the decision-maker. Because of our descent down the ladder of knowledge into perception, we now find ourselves not believing that we even have any control over the events within our own dream world. We have slipped deeply into victim consciousness and forgotten that we are, in fact, the dreamer. We no longer believe we are the cause of the events, but rather, that we are an effect of everything outside ourselves. The Holy Spirit's job is first to reawaken the decision-maker within us. By succeeding in this task of reawakening the decision-maker within us, we can begin to recover our power to choose again. Our goal is not to make the decision, but rather, to realize that in our current state of confusion we do not even know what we are. Thus, it is in our best interest to hand over the task of actually making the decision to someone that knows the truth about what we truly are. The Holy Spirit is the only One Who can correctly decide on our behalf since only the Holy Spirit knows both the truth and our perceived illusion.

T-14.VI.7. You know not what you say, and so you know not what is said to you. 2 Yet your Interpreter, **the Holy Spirit**, perceives the meaning in your alien language. 3 **The Holy Spirit** will not attempt to communicate the meaningless. 4 But **the Holy Spirit** will separate out all that has meaning, dropping off the rest and offering your true communication to those who would communicate as truly with you. 5 You speak two languages at once, and this **speaking with two languages at once** must lead to unintelligibility. 6 Yet if one means nothing and the other everything, only that one is possible for purposes of communication. 7 The other **one that means nothing** but interferes with **the purposes of communication.**

Note # 61: These two languages are the language of fear and the language of love. The language of love speaks truthfully and is the language of the Father, the Holy Spirit and the Christ, the big "S" Self. The language of fear is the thought system of the ego. It is the voice for littleness and the small "s" self. It is the voice for the separation and its allies are sin, guilt and fear. It is the voice for all that is untrue and not part of the Mind of God.

T-14.VI.8. The Holy Spirit's function is entirely communication. 2 **The Holy Spirit** therefore must remove whatever interferes with communication in order to restore **communication.** 3 Therefore, keep no source of interference from **the Holy Spirit's** sight, for **the Holy Spirit** will not attack your sentinels **of guilt.** 4 But bring **your sentinels of guilt** to **the Holy Spirit** and let **the Holy Spirit's** gentleness teach you that, in the light, **your sentinels of guilt** are not fearful, and cannot serve to guard the dark doors behind which nothing at all is carefully concealed. 5 We must open all doors and let the light come streaming through. 6 There are no hidden chambers in God's temple. 7 **The gates of God's temple** are open wide to greet **God's** Son. 8 No one can fail to come where God has called him, if he close not the door himself upon his Father's welcome. p286

Note # 62: Having the power of the decision-maker does not give us the power to make what is false, into truth. Truth is unaffected by what we believe for truth is fixed and changeless in the Mind of God. The decision-maker does have the ability to choose to deny

the truth. This denial of the truth does not change the truth but it allows you to choose not to recognize the truth within yourself. Only we can choose the self-imposed exile from Heaven that the denial of the truth brings to us. We can deny God's Love for us but we cannot change God's Love. Perhaps, the refusal of God to see His Son as something other than perfect, whole and complete, is God's greatest gift to His Son. This is God's innocence. Our salvation rests on this changelessness of God's Love for His Son. We do not earn God's Love. It is just given totally and freely to all. God's Plan for salvation is simple. Forgive to be forgiven, for as you give, you receive.

VII. Sharing Perception with the Holy Spirit

T-14.VII.1. What do you want? 2 Light or darkness, knowledge or ignorance are yours, but not both. 3 Opposites must be brought together, not kept apart. 4 For their separation is only in your mind, and **opposites** are reconciled by union, as you are **reconciled by union**. 5 In union, everything that is not real must disappear, for truth *<is>* union. 6 As darkness disappears in light, so ignorance fades away when knowledge dawns. 7 Perception is the medium by which ignorance is brought to knowledge. 8 Yet the perception must be without deceit, for otherwise **perception with deceit** becomes the messenger of ignorance rather than a helper in the search for truth.

Note # 63: ACIM wants us to compare the thought system of the ego, which represents darkness and ignorance, against the thought system of Holy Spirit, which represents light and comes from knowledge. If we place them side-by-side, our ability to choose for our happiness over our need to be right, even if we are wrong, becomes apparent. The decision for truth will be easily recognized.

T-14.VII.2. The search for truth is but the honest searching out of everything that interferes with truth. 2 Truth *<is.>* 3 **Truth** can neither be lost nor sought nor found. 4 **Truth** is there, wherever you are, being within you. 5 Yet **truth** can be recognized or unrecognized, real or false to you. 6 If you hide **truth**, **truth** becomes unreal to you *<because>* you hid **truth** and surrounded **truth** with fear. 7 Under each cornerstone of fear on which you have erected your insane system of belief, the truth lies hidden. 8 Yet you cannot know **that truth lies hidden under each cornerstone of fear** for by hiding truth in fear, you see no reason to believe that the more you look at fear the less you see **fear**, and the clearer **the truth that fear** conceals becomes. **What becomes clear is the truth that was hidden and concealed by your fear.**

Note # 64: By examining our fears, the truth becomes clear. We fail to examine our fear because we are afraid to look fear in the eye. ACIM states that if you can control your fear long enough to look at the source of the fear, fear will be undone by the truth. By asking for the Holy Spirit's guidance, the Holy Spirit reinterprets what we perceived wrongly, into correct perception. Our task is to control our fear and ask for guidance. The Holy Spirit cannot remove our fear, but He can shine the light of truth upon our fear and it will fade away. Fear is based on our belief that we are limited ego bodies, in competition with other ego bodies and, therefore, can be hurt. This is the thought system of the ego. The Holy Spirit speaks the truth that we are unlimited spirit that lacks nothing and cannot be hurt.

T-14.VII.3. It is not possible to convince the unknowing that they, **the unknowing**, know. 2 From **the unknowing's** point of view it is not true **that they know**. 3 Yet it is true

that they know because God knows **all**. 4 These are clearly opposite viewpoints on what the "unknowing" are. 5 To God, unknowing is impossible. 6 **Unknowing** is therefore not a point of view at all, but merely a belief in something that does not exist. 7 **Unknowing** is only this belief that the unknowing have, and by **holding this false belief** they, **the unknowing**, are wrong about themselves. 8 **The unknowing** have **mistakenly chosen to** defined themselves as they were not created. 9 Yet, their creation by **God** was not a point of view, but rather a certainty. 10 Uncertainty brought to certainty does not retain any conviction of reality.

Note # 65: ACIM points out that we can believe any untruth about ourselves and act accordingly, but false beliefs cannot change the truth. Truth is found eternally in the Mind of God. Our limiting beliefs will impact what the believer of the limitation will attempt to do. If I believe that man was not meant to fly because he does not have wings, I will never choose to explore the possibilities for flight. My beliefs, not reality, limit what I am capable of doing. Argue for your limitations and you get to keep them.

T-14.VII.4. Our emphasis has been on bringing what is undesirable to the desirable; what you do not want to what you do **want**. 2 You will realize that salvation must come to you this way **by direct comparison between opposites**, if you consider what dissociation is. 3 Dissociation is a distorted process of thinking whereby two systems of belief which cannot coexist are both maintained. 4 If **the two systems of belief** are brought together, their joint acceptance becomes impossible. 5 But if one is kept in darkness from the other **belief system**, their separation seems to keep them both alive and equal in their reality. 6 Their joining **of the two opposing systems of beliefs** thus becomes the source of fear, for if they meet, acceptance must be withdrawn from one of them. p287 7 You cannot have both **belief systems**, for each denies the other. 8 **If kept apart**, this fact **that each thought system denies the other** is lost from **your sight**, for each **thought system is** in a separate place **and** can be endowed with firm belief. 9 Bring **each thought system** together, **side-by-side**, and the fact of their complete incompatibility is instantly apparent. 10 One **belief** will go, because the other **belief** is seen in the same place.

Note # 66: ACIM wants us to compare the thought system of the ego and the Holy Spirit side-by-side. If we do this, our decision-making ability will be recovered and we will freely choose for the truth of what we are. We will realize that if our goal is happiness, then our will and God's Will must be the same.

T-14.VII.5. Light cannot enter darkness when a mind believes in darkness, and will not let **darkness** go. 2 Truth does not struggle against ignorance, and love does not attack fear. 3 What needs no protection, **which is truth and love**, does not defend itself. 4 Defense is of your making. 5 God knows **defense** not. 6 The Holy Spirit uses defenses on behalf of truth only because you made **defenses** against **truth**. 7 **The Holy Spirit's** perception of **your defenses against the truth is reinterpreted** according to **the Holy Spirit's** purpose. **This reinterpretation** merely changes **your defenses against the truth** into a call for **the truth that you have attacked with your defenses**. 8 Defenses, like everything you made, must be gently turned to your own good, translated by the Holy Spirit from means of self-destruction to means of preservation and release. 9 **The Holy Spirit's** task is mighty, but the power of God is with **the Holy Spirit**. 10 Therefore, to **the Holy Spirit, It's task, which is the return to truth**, is so easy that **It's task of the return to truth** was

accomplished the instant it was given **the Holy Spirit by God** for you. 11 Do not delay in your return to peace by wondering how **the Holy Spirit** can fulfill what God has given **the Holy Spirit** to do. 12 Leave that to **the Holy Spirit** Who knows. 13 You are not asked to do mighty tasks yourself. 14 You are merely asked to do the little that **the Holy Spirit** suggests you do, trusting **the Holy Spirit** only to the small extent of believing that, if **the Holy Spirit** asks **you to do something**, you can do it. 15 You will see how easily all that **the Holy Spirit** asks can be accomplished.

Note # 67: The small task that the Holy Spirit asks of us is to ask for His guidance and then follow it. Because we lack knowledge of what we are, we are not capable of judging what is in our best interest. We believe the dream is true. Because of this belief, we will fail to even consider the possibility that we could just awaken from our false nightmare. The Holy Spirit, if asked, will reinterpret all misperception into correct perception. We need to realize that the world of perception was made by the split-minded for the explicit purpose of making the separation appear real. The truth cannot be found in the illusion of the dream. It can only be found by bringing the illusion to the light and reawakening from the dream, itself. Only the Holy Spirit stands outside the dream yet is also aware of our delusional state for only the Holy Spirit knows the truth. The Holy Spirit will gently reawaken the sleeping son to the truth about the Son of God's divine birthright. In our innocence lies the strength of God.

T-14.VII.6. The Holy Spirit asks of you but this; bring to Him every secret you have locked away from **the Holy Spirit**. 2 Open every door to **the Holy Spirit**, and bid **the Holy Spirit** enter the darkness and lighten **the darkness** away. 3 At your request **the Holy Spirit** enters gladly. 4 **The Holy Spirit** brings the light to darkness if you make the darkness open to **the Holy Spirit**. 5 But what you hide **the Holy Spirit** cannot look upon. 6 **The Holy Spirit** sees for you, and unless you look with **the Holy Spirit**, **the Holy Spirit** cannot see. 7 The vision of Christ is not for **the Holy Spirit** alone, but for **the Christ within** you. 8 Bring, therefore, all your dark and secret thoughts to **the Holy Spirit**, and look upon **these dark and secret thoughts** with **the Holy Spirit**. 9 **The Holy Spirit** holds the light, and your **egoic little "s" self**, the darkness. 10 They, **light and darkness, truth and ignorance**, cannot coexist when both **the Holy Spirit and You, the big "S" Self**, together look on **truth and ignorance**. 11 **The Holy Spirit's** judgment must prevail, and **the Holy Spirit** will give **His judgment** to you as you join your perception to **the Holy Spirit's perception and ignorance will disappear**.

Note # 68: The Holy Spirit's home in your mind is the Christ consciousness. The Christ is what we truly are. The Holy Spirit's reinterpretation of your misperceptions, are brought before the Christ in you. If you allow yourself to see with the vision of Christ, the truth will be apparent, and the decision-maker within you will be asked to choose again. This time the decision-maker's choice will be for truth over illusion.

T-14.VII.7. Joining with **the Holy Spirit** in seeing is the way in which you learn to share with **the Holy Spirit** the interpretation of perception that leads to knowledge. 2 You cannot see alone. 3 Sharing perception with **the Holy Spirit**, Whom God has given you, teaches you how to recognize what you see. p288 4 **Sharing perception with the Holy Spirit** is the recognition that nothing you see means anything alone. 5 Seeing with **the Holy Spirit** will show you that all meaning, including yours, comes not from double

vision, but from the gentle fusing of everything into <one> meaning, <one> emotion and <one> purpose. **This is the remembrance of God.** 6 God has one purpose which **God** shares with you. 7 The single vision which the Holy Spirit offers you will bring this oneness to your mind with clarity and brightness so intense you could not wish, for all the world, not to accept what God would have you have. 8 Behold your will, accepting **your will** as **God's Will**, with all **God's Love** as yours. 9 All honor to you through **the Holy Spirit**, and through **the Holy Spirit** unto God.

Note # 69: The Holy Spirit is the communicator between God and the split-minded son. ACIM states we need to give all our perceptions to the Holy Spirit for His correct judgment or interpretation of what they truly mean. We cannot see alone because our past erroneous viewpoints cloud or actually make our present misperceptions. The ego's thought system is always placing its emphasis on the past. By utilizing past misperception to observe the present, the ego helps insure that the future will be a duplication of the past and we will remain in victim consciousness. The Holy Spirit's emphasis is on the <now.> With the past misperceptions released, the Holy Spirit can turn the present moment into a learning lesson that will help us reawaken to the oneness that we share. God's will for His Son is to be happy. When we understand the failure of the ego's thought system to bring us happiness, we will freely reject the ego's need to be special. Our egoic specialness has cost us our happiness.

Everything in the world of perception is a neutral learning device. If we believe ourselves to be limited ego-bodies, we will always side with the ego. Since we do tend to believe that we are limited because everything in the physical universe of form points in that direction, we need to be leery of our own judgments. ACIM states clearly that we cannot hope to rediscover the truth, unless we ask for the help of someone who knows the truth. We must ask someone who is outside of our own limited and very restricted egoic point of view. The Holy Spirit is that someone. We cannot see alone. We need the Holy Spirit's guidance to reawaken the vision of Christ that lays dormant within us as long as we still remain under the influence or darkness of the ego's thought system. Once we can compare the results of these two thought systems side-by-side, we will freely make a choice for our happiness. We will realize that we can only be happy by choosing to follow the Will of God, for both our wills and God's Will are truly One.

VIII. The Holy Meeting Place

T-14.VIII.1. In the darkness you have obscured the glory God gave you, and the power **God** bestowed upon **God's** guiltless Son. 2 All this **glory and power God gave you** lies hidden in every darkened place, shrouded in guilt and in the dark denial of innocence. 3 Behind the dark doors you have closed lies nothing, because nothing can obscure the gift of God, **which is the power God gave you.** 4 It is the closing of the doors that interferes with recognition of the power of God that shines in you. 5 Banish not power from your mind, but let all that would hide your glory be brought to the judgment of the Holy Spirit, and there **what hides your glory is** undone. 6 Whom **the Holy Spirit** would save for glory <is> saved for **glory.** 7 **The Holy Spirit** has promised the Father that through **the Holy Spirit** you would be released from littleness to glory. 8 To what **the Holy Spirit** promised God **the Holy Spirit** is wholly faithful, for **the Holy Spirit** shares with God the promise that was given **the Holy Spirit** to share with you.

Note # 70: God established and placed the Holy Spirit within us in order to insure our return to right-mindedness and our acceptance of all the power of the Big “S” Self. The message of the Holy Spirit is shared with us and cannot fail for this mission has the power of God behind it. The Holy Spirit’s message of the Atonement speaks of our innocence, guiltlessness and sinlessness.

T-14.VIII.2. The Holy Spirit shares the promise of your glory and power still, for you. 2 Everything that promises otherwise, great or small, however much or little valued, **the Holy Spirit** will replace with the one promise given unto **the Holy Spirit** to lay upon the altar to your Father and **God’s Son**. 3 No altar stands to God without **God’s Son**. 4 And nothing brought there **to the common altar to your Father and God’s Son** that is not equally worthy of Both **the Father and the Son**, but will be replaced by gifts wholly acceptable to Father and to Son. 5 Can you offer guilt to God? 6 You cannot, then, offer **guilt to God’s Son**. 7 For **the Father and the Son** are not apart, and gifts to One are offered to the Other. 8 You know not God because you know not this **shared Oneness**. 9 And yet you, **the Christ**, do know God and also this **shared Oneness**. 10 All this **shared Oneness** is safe within you, where the Holy Spirit shines. 11 **The Holy Spirit** shines not in division, but in the meeting place where God, united with His Son, speaks to **God’s Son** through **the Holy Spirit**. 12 Communication between what cannot be divided cannot cease. p289 13 The holy meeting place of the unseparated Father and His Son lies in the Holy Spirit and in you, **the Christ**. 14 All interference in the communication that God Himself wills with His Son is quite impossible here **in the Christ**. 15 Unbroken and uninterrupted love flows constantly between the Father and the Son, as Both would have **this constant flow of love** be. 16 And so it is.

Note # 71: Even though we appear to have lost our shared Oneness with our Father, this is not our reality. The reality of the shared Oneness remains in the Christ mind. It is here, in the home of the Holy Spirit that the mutual flow of love and understanding remain constant in eternity. We can deny and choose to forget this truth in the dream of individual perception, but we cannot change the truth of its eternal reality.

T-14.VIII.3. Let your mind wander not through darkened corridors, away from light’s center. 2 You and your brother may choose to lead yourselves astray, but you can be brought together only by the Guide, **the Holy Spirit**, appointed for you. 3 **The Holy Spirit** will surely lead you to where God and His Son await your recognition. 4 **God and God’s Son** are joined in giving you the gift of oneness, before which all separation vanishes. 5 Unite with what you are, **God Himself**. 6 You cannot join with anything except reality. 7 God’s glory and His Son’s **glory** belong to you in truth. 8 **This shared glory with God** has no opposite, and nothing else can you bestow upon yourself **than this shared glory with God**.

Note # 72: Nothing can oppose God’s Will. God shares all His power and glory with His creations because that is what extension or creation is. We can deny God’s gifts but this does not change the Will of God for His Son. We remain like our Father; perfect, whole and complete, for this is the truth, which never can change. God’s child is eternally innocent.

T-14.VIII.4. There is no substitute for truth. 2 And truth will make this plain to you as you are brought into the place where you must meet with truth. 3 And there you must be led, through gentle understanding which can lead you nowhere else **but to the place of truth**. 4 Where God is, there are you. 5 Such is the truth. 6 Nothing can change the knowledge, given you by God, into unknowingness. 7 Everything God created knows its Creator. 8 For **by this knowing of its Creator** is how creation is accomplished by the Creator and by His creations. 9 In the holy meeting place, **which is Heaven**, are joined the Father and His creations, and the creations of His Son with Them together. 10 There is one link that joins **the Father and His creations, and the creations of His Son** all together, holding Them in the oneness out of which creation happens.

Note # 73: God is truth. With the return of the Son to truth, the Son will reclaim the Son's rightful place in heaven. Heaven is real. Heaven is the home, or abode, of truth. Heaven is not a place, but a state of Mind. The Son's creations are what the Son extended, or created, out of the knowledge of His true nature, the Big "S" Self. Creation is shared and is inclusion. Creation is not what the little "s" self made through projection. Projection is based on exclusion and is, therefore, not real nor to be found in the Mind of God.

T-14.VIII.5. The link with which the Father joins Himself to those **the Father** gives the power to create can never be dissolved. 2 Heaven itself is union with all of creation, and with its one Creator, **the Father**. 3 And Heaven remains the Will of God for you. 4 Lay no gifts other than this **shared union of creation** upon your altars, for nothing can coexist with **the shared Oneness**. 5 Here your little offerings are brought together with the gift of God, and only what is worthy of the Father will be accepted by the Son, for whom **these offerings** is intended. 6 To whom God gives Himself, **God** <is> given. 7 Your little gifts will vanish on the altar, where **God** has placed His Own **gift upon the altar**. **The gift of God is all the power and glory, which is God, which God extends to His creations. It is the power of creation.** . p290

Note # 74: God gives Himself totally to His creations. God holds nothing back, since that would be a limitation on the Father, Himself. God is not limited. God extends everything to His Son. The Sonship has the power to create and utilizes this power when we co-create with God. The Sonship's creations must also be unlimited since that is what we truly are as the Big "S" Self. Heaven is the eternal and is the shared home of all of creation. Heaven is the truth, which is the holographic Mind of God. There is nothing outside the Mind of God. This is the Oneness and the Will of God, which is shared by all of creation. All "parts" of creation share the holographic nature of the Oneness. There is only union in the Mind of God.

Only our gifts of forgiveness and love are worthy of the Christ, God's Son. These gifts are saved by the Holy Spirit and are part of the Kingdom of Heaven. With the return to knowledge, we will rediscover our true creations. The Son has all the creative power of the Father. The only difference is that the Father is the First Cause. The Son can have "children" who themselves have "children", but the Sonship cannot birth the Father, since the Father is the First and One Source. All else is an ultimate effect of the Father. Thus, in heaven our function is to co-create with our Father. We extend the Oneness of Everything, which is the One Self.

IX. The Reflection of Holiness

T-14.IX.1. The Atonement does not make holy. 2 You were created holy. 3 **The Atonement** merely brings unholiness to holiness; or what you made to what you are. 4 Bringing illusion to truth, or the ego to God, is the Holy Spirit's only function. 5 Keep not your making from your Father, for hiding **your making from your Father** has cost you knowledge of **your Father** and **knowledge** of yourself. 6 The knowledge of **both your Father and yourself** is safe, but where is your safety apart from **this knowledge**? 7 The making of time to take the place of timelessness lay in the decision to be not as you are. 8 Thus truth was made past, and the present was dedicated to illusion. 9 And the past, too, was changed and interposed between what always was and now. 10 The past that you remember never was, and represents only the denial of what always was.

Note # 75: Time was born with the acceptance of the mad idea by the Sonship that God's Son could be something other than perfect, whole and complete. Prior to this, there was only the Oneness. Since the idea of the separation is not part of the Mind of God, it is not real. Time was birthed with perception. Time, which measures change, had no function in eternity since there was no change to measure. When the Sonship returns to whole-mindedness, the need for time will disappear. The ego utilizes time to help maintain the illusion that you are different from the Oneness. The Holy Spirit utilizes time to correct your illusion about what you are and thus, return you to knowledge.

T-14.IX.2. Bringing the ego to God is but to bring error **of the ego**, to truth, **which is of God. This is** where **error** stands corrected because **error** is the opposite of what it meets, **which is the truth of God.** 2 **Error and the ego** are undone because the contradiction can no longer stand. 3 How long can contradiction stand when its impossible nature is clearly revealed? 4 What disappears in light is not attacked. 5 **What disappears in light** merely vanishes because **error** is not true. 6 Different realities are meaningless, for reality must be one. 7 **Reality** cannot change with time or mood or chance. 8 **Reality's** changelessness is what makes **reality** real. 9 **Reality's changelessness** cannot be undone. 10 Undoing is for unreality. 11 And this **undoing of the unreality of error is what** reality will do for you.

Note # 76: Truth will undo illusion when the thought system of the ego is compared to the Holy Spirit's thought system. God's Son is changeless and, therefore, guilty of nothing. By following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, you will inevitably accept the Atonement for yourself.

T-14.IX.3. Merely by being what **the truth** is, does truth release you from everything that **the truth** is not. 2 The Atonement is so gentle you need but whisper to **the Atonement**, and all **the Atonement's** power will rush to your assistance and support. 3 You are not frail with God beside you. 4 Yet without **God** you are nothing. 5 The Atonement offers you God. 6 The gift of **your guiltlessness** that you refused is held by **God** in you, **the Christ.** 7 The Holy Spirit holds **the gift of guiltlessness** there for you. 8 God has not left **His** altar, though **God's** worshippers placed other gods upon **the altar.** 9 The temple still is holy, for the Presence that dwells within **the temple, the Christ** *<is>* Holiness.

Note # 77: The Son of God remains holy because that is the changeless Will of God. We can deny that we are made in our Father's image. Indeed, we can even deny God's

Fatherhood, but our denial does not change the truth. Perhaps the greatest gift the Father gave us is that of God's Innocence. The innocent cannot know what does not exist. Thus, our Creator has never bought into our limiting belief that His Creation, the Sonship, could be anything other than like the Father, perfect, whole and complete. Our Father's knowledge of the truth about His Son insures that we remain guiltless and that our self-imposed denial of the truth will be brief. The Holy Spirit is the Voice for God that awakes the split-minded back to the oneness of the truth of reality and the Kingdom.

T-14.IX.4. In the temple, Holiness waits quietly for the return of them **who represents our whole-minded Big "S" Self that loves Holiness.** 2 The Presence knows they **that are currently split-minded** will return to purity and to grace. 3 The graciousness of God will take them **that are currently split-minded** gently in, and cover all their sense of pain and loss with the immortal assurance of their Father's Love. 4 There, fear of death will be replaced with joy of life. **They that are currently split-minded will be healed.** 5 For God is life, and they **that are currently split-minded,** abide in life. 6 Life is as holy as the Holiness by which **life** was created. p291 7 The Presence of Holiness lives in everything that lives, for Holiness created life, and leaves not what the **Holiness of God** created holy as Itself.

Note # 78: We are the shared Oneness of God. Everything that is created is an extension of the One. All our power to create comes from the shared power of the Mind of God. The Christ remains in the Mind of God and never loses the Love of God or the Christ's love for Its Creator. God is Life. Anything outside of the Mind of God is "dead" since what could be outside everything except the illusion of nothingness. Holiness means wholeness, which is God and the everything that comprises God. The "Everything" is indivisible, changeless and eternal.

T-14.IX.5. In this world you can become a spotless mirror, in which the Holiness of your Creator shines forth from you to all around you. 2 You can reflect Heaven here. 3 Yet no reflections of the images of other gods **that would arise from the ego's thought system** must dim the mirror that would hold God's reflection in **a mirror that reflects only the truth of Heaven.** 4 Earth can reflect Heaven or hell; **Earth can reflect** God or the ego. 5 You need but leave the mirror clean and clear of all the images of hidden darkness **caused by egoic consciousness that** you have drawn upon **your mirror.** 6 God will shine upon **your mirror, which is a reflection of God,** Himself. 7 Only the clear reflection of Himself can be perceived upon **your mirror.**

Note # 79: When we allow all egoic thinking to disappear from the mind of the decision-maker, we reclaim our divine birthright. When error has been removed from our split-mind, the whole-mindedness of our Christ consciousness will radiate what we are, which is the perfect reflection of the Creator and First Cause.

T-14.IX.6. Reflections are seen in light. 2 In darkness **reflections** are obscure, and **reflection's** meaning seems to lie only in shifting interpretations, rather than in themselves. 3 The reflection of God needs no interpretation. 4 **The reflection of God** is clear. 5 Clean but the mirror, and the message that shines forth from what the mirror holds out for everyone to see, no one can fail to understand. 6 **The mirror's reflection of God** is the

message that the Holy Spirit is holding to the mirror that is in him, **the split-minded**. 7 **The split-minded** recognizes **the message of the Holy Spirit** because he, **the split-minded**, has been taught his need for **the message of the Holy Spirit**, but knows not where to look to find **the message for the remembrance for God**. 8 Let him, **the split-minded**, then, see **the message for the remembrance for God** in you and share **the Holy Spirit's message** with you.

Note # 80: The truth of what you are will be reawakened in you through the use of the thought system of the Holy Spirit. Give all your egoic misperceptions to the Holy Spirit so that the Holy Spirit can reinterpret and correct the errors in your thinking. This will allow the decision-maker within you to choose again. For to give, is to receive. When we forgive we wipe away egoic thinking from the mirror within our mind. This mirror should reflect only the Will of God within our mind. The Christ conscious part of the split-mind knows that our will and God's will are the same. The remembrance of God is the message of the Holy Spirit. It asks us to reclaim our divine birthright and our shared inheritance with the entire Sonship.

T-14.IX.7. Could you but realize for a single instant the power of healing that the reflection of God, shining in you, can bring to all the world, you could not wait to make the mirror of your mind clean to receive the image of the holiness that heals the world. 2 The image of holiness that shines in your mind is not obscure, and will not change. 3 **The image's meaning** to those who look upon it is not obscure, for everyone perceives **the image's meaning, which is the remembrance of God**, as the same. 4 All bring their different problems to **the image's** healing light, and all their problems find but healing there **in the remembrance of God**.

Note # 81: Remember God as your Creator and all the power that is of God is given onto you. God, being perfect love, shares this with you. Healing is simply the removal of all feelings and beliefs that you could be something other than as God created you. Healing wipes away all delusions that you are a little "s" self and, therefore, removes all obstacles that were hiding the light that you are. Healing is the return to whole-mindedness. The perfectness of the Father is reflected from you because it is you. The Big "S" Self, the Christ, shines forth.

T-14.IX.8. The response of holiness to any form of error is always the same. 2 There is no contradiction in what holiness calls forth. 3 **Holiness's** one response is healing, without regard for what **error** is brought to **holiness**. 4 Those who have learned to offer only healing, because of the reflection of holiness in them, are ready at last for Heaven. 5 There **in heaven**, holiness is not a reflection, but rather the actual condition of what was but reflected to them, **who offer only healing here on earth**. 6 God is no image, and **God's** creations, as part of **God**, hold **God** in them in truth. 7 They, **who offer only healing here on earth**, do not merely reflect truth, for they **who offer only healing here, <are>** truth.
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Note # 82: The world of perception, if given to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, becomes a temporary learning device. It becomes a tool that the Holy Spirit utilizes for the remembrance for God. If given to the thought system of the ego, the world of perception becomes a tool that the ego utilizes to bear false witness to its erroneous belief that we are

limited ego-bodies in competition with other separate ego-bodies. The Holy Spirit, if asked, will correct our egoic misperceptions into correct perception. Correct perception will teach us the underlying unity of ourselves with our brothers. The Laws of God dictate that to give is to receive. This is why the Atonement's message to the split-minded son is that the son must forgive to be forgiven, for as you give you receive. Forgiveness is the "windex" or cleaning solvent that removes all beliefs born out of guilt from the mind of the split-minded. Forgiveness removes the ego's unholy trinity of sin, guilt and fear. With the removal of sin, guilt and fear, the world of perception becomes more reflective of reality, which is the truth found in the Kingdom or Heaven.

X. The Equality of Miracles

T-14.X.1. When no perception stands between God and **God's** creations, or between **God's** children and their own **children**, the knowledge of creation must continue forever. 2 The reflections you accept into the mirror of your mind in time but bring eternity nearer or farther. 3 But eternity itself is beyond all time. 4 Reach out of time and touch **eternity**, with the help of **eternity's** reflection in you. 5 And you will turn from time to holiness, as surely as the reflection of holiness calls everyone to lay all guilt aside. 6 Reflect the peace of Heaven here **in your world of perception**, and bring this world **of individual perception** to Heaven. 7 For the reflection of truth draws everyone to truth, and as they enter into **truth** they leave all reflections behind.

Note # 83: Truth just is. Truth comes from knowledge, which is changeless. The world of individual perception is based upon the concept that separation is possible. Separation is impossible for nothing exists outside the shared Mind of God. Since we lack knowledge, the closest that we can come to experiencing heaven's reality while in the world of perception, time and space is to perceive correctly. Correct or true perception reflects the truth but the perceiver does not "know" the truth. For knowing is being. And to perceive by definition is something less than knowledge. Perception involves thinking. Knowledge just is. This is why the world of perception can only reflect the truth of heaven. For how can nothing, which is what this world of limitation is, be a symbol for the truth? An illusion, even if it represents the reality of truth, is still an illusion. An illusion can symbolize our image of the truth but it is not the truth. It is merely a learning device so that the truth can shine forth and be understood and, therefore, correctly perceived.

T-14.X.2. In Heaven, reality is shared and not reflected. 2 By sharing **the reflection of Heaven's reality** here **in the world of perception**, **Heaven's** truth becomes the only perception the Son of God accepts. 3 And thus, remembrance of his Father dawns on him, and he can no longer be satisfied with anything but his own reality. 4 You on earth have no conception of limitlessness, for the world you seem to live in is a world of limits. 5 In this world, it is not true that anything without order of difficulty can occur. 6 The miracle, **which recognizes that there is no order of difficulty within miracles**, therefore, has a unique function, and is motivated by a unique Teacher, **the Holy Spirit**, Who brings the laws of another world, **Heaven**, to this **world of perception**. 7 The miracle is the one thing you can do **on earth** that transcends order **of difficulty**, being based not on differences but on equality.

Note # 84: The miracle contracts time because the Holy Spirit does not require any time to correct error. The only time required is to determine how long you will insist on the denial

of reality or truth. The miracle does not change the truth. It merely brings illusions into the light, which results in the ego's thought system dissolving into the nothingness from which it arose. The miracle is based on the truth that there is no inequality in a shared oneness. In a shared Oneness, there is nothing outside the whole. The miracle transcends time since it only removes the imagined blocks we have placed to hide the truth. It does not change the truth; it only changes misperception into correct perception.

T-14.X.3. Miracles are not in competition, and the number of **miracles** that you can do is limitless. 2 **Miracles** can be simultaneous and legion. 3 This is not difficult to understand, once you conceive of **miracles** as possible at all. 4 What is more difficult to grasp is the lack of order of difficulty that stamps the miracle as something that must come from elsewhere, not from here **in the world of form and perception, in which order of difficulty appears everywhere.** 5 From the world's viewpoint, this **lack of order of difficulty** is impossible.

Note # 85: This world of form was made to obscure the truth. Again, the thought system of the ego is the opposite of the Holy Spirit's. In the world of perception, we see that there is a difference between tasks and that some tasks are more difficult to accomplish than others. To the Holy Spirit, there is no order of difficulty because there is only the changeless truth. The Holy Spirit realizes that illusions do not change truth. Illusions can have no reality of their own. All illusions disappear when brought into the light of truth. Heaven has no order of difficulty since Heaven is the Love of God, which is the truth. The "laws of perception" have no power over the Laws of God. The Holy Spirit simply knows that, "Nothing real can be threatened. Nothing unreal exists. Herein lies the peace of God." Due to this truth, all illusions then simple melt away.

T-14.X.4. Perhaps you have been aware of lack of competition among your thoughts, which even though **your thoughts** may conflict, **your thoughts** can occur together and in great numbers. 2 You may indeed be so used to this **multiplicity of thoughts** that it causes you little surprise. 3 Yet you are also used to classifying some of your thoughts as more important, larger or better, wiser, or more productive and valuable than others **thoughts.** 4 This **varying degree of importance you place of upon your numerous thoughts** is true of the thoughts that cross the mind of those who think they live apart. 5 For some are reflections of Heaven, while others are motivated by the ego, which but seems to think.

Note # 86: Since our mind is split, our thoughts come from two different thought systems. There does appear to be differences in the importance of our numerous and often conflicting thoughts. Since one is based on truth and the other on illusion, there can be no real value on illusions except in the discovery that illusions cannot change truth. Because we believe that we are a limited ego-body, the thoughts of the ego must be given to the Holy Spirit so that these ideas that bear witness to the false idea that we are separate can be brought into the light of truth. Our split-mind is too identified with form to be able to overcome the illusion of the dream of separation. Being caught up in the belief that we are limited ego-bodies, our mind accepts that there must be degrees of difficulty because the thought system is based on differences, not equality and oneness. The Christ consciousness is aware of the truth. The ego or lower mind is aware of the illusion.

T-14.X.5. The result is a weaving, changing pattern that never rests and is never still. 1 The **changing pattern** shifts unceasingly across the mirror of your mind, and the reflections of Heaven last but a moment and grow dim, as darkness blots **the reflections of Heaven** out. 2 Where there was light, darkness removes **light** in an instant, and alternating patterns of light and darkness sweep constantly across your mind. 3 The little sanity that still remains is held together by a sense of order that you establish. 4 Yet the very fact that you can do this, and bring any order into chaos shows you that you are not an ego, and that more than an ego must be in you. 5 For the ego *<is>* chaos, and if **the ego** were all of you, no order at all would be possible. 6 Yet though the order you impose upon your mind limits the ego, **the order you impose upon your mind** also limits you. 7 To order is to judge, and to arrange by judgment. 8 Therefore **the order you impose upon your mind, which is based on judgment**, is not your function, but the Holy Spirit's **function**.

Note # 87: Being split-minded and without knowledge, we are incapable of judging anything correctly. If we do not know what we are, how can we know what is in our best interest. Believing that we are a limited ego-body in competition with other ego-bodies, we fail to see the unity of creation. Believing in separation, we believe we have differing goals. Only the Holy Spirit can judge, as only the Holy Spirit knows both the truth of what we are and what we dream we are. The function of the Holy Spirit is to turn our misperception into correct perception. Only the Holy Spirit understands the “Big Picture” and the role we are to play in it. ACIM states that the only judgment that we should make is that we are incapable of judging correctly. We should let the Holy Spirit do all our judging for us until we cease identifying ourselves as being within the dream of separation.

T-14.X.6. It will seem difficult for you to learn that you have no basis at all for ordering your thoughts. 1 This lesson **that you have no basis at all for ordering your thoughts**, the Holy Spirit teaches by giving you the shining examples of miracles to show you that your way of ordering is wrong, but that a better way is offered you. 2 The miracle offers exactly the same response to every call for help. 3 **The miracle** does not judge the call for help. 4 **The miracle** merely recognizes what **the call for help** is, and answers accordingly. 5 **The miracle** does not consider which call is louder or greater or more important. 6 You may wonder how you who are still bound to judgment can be asked to do that which requires no judgment of your own. 7 The answer is very simple. 8 The power of God, and not of you, engenders miracles. 9 The miracle itself is but the witness that you have the power of God in you. 10 That is the reason why the miracle gives equal blessing to all who share in **the miracle**, and that is also why everyone shares in **the miracle**. 11 The power of God is limitless. 12 And being always maximal, **the power of God, which is represented in the miracle**, offers everything to every call from anyone. 13 There is no order of difficulty here. 14 A call for help is given help.

Note # 88: The miracle comes from the power of God, not from us. When we ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, all God's power is available to us.

T-14.X.7. The only judgment involved is the Holy Spirit's one division into two categories; one of love, and the other the call for love. 1 You cannot safely make this division **into the two categories; one of love and the other the call for love**, for you are much too confused either to recognize love, or to believe that everything else is nothing but a call for love. 2 You are too bound to form, and not to content. 3 What you consider

content is not content at all. 5 **What you consider content** is merely form, and nothing else. 6 For you do not respond to what a brother really offers you, but only to the particular perception of his offering by which the ego judges **the brother's offering**.

Note # 89: Believing we are limited and in competition with our brother, we cannot judge what we perceive correctly. Relying on past misperception, we reach incorrect judgments of what we currently experience. Our viewpoint comes from the ego and, therefore, we perceive everything to be an attack. These alleged attacks upon us justify our own retaliatory attack in self-defense against what the ego perceives as a threat to its existence.

T-14.X.8. The ego is incapable of understanding content, and is totally unconcerned with **content**. p294 2 To the ego, if the form is acceptable the content must be **acceptable**. 3 Otherwise **the ego** will attack the form. 4 If you believe you understand something of the "dynamics" of the ego, let me assure you that you understand nothing of **the "dynamics" of the ego**. 5 For of yourself you could not understand **the "dynamics" of the ego**. 6 The study of the ego is not the study of the mind. 7 In fact, the ego enjoys studying itself, and thoroughly approves the undertakings of students who would "analyze" **the ego**, thus approving **the ego's** importance. 8 Yet **the students who study the ego** but study form with meaningless content. 9 For their teacher, **which is the ego**, is senseless, though careful to conceal this fact behind impressive sounding words, but which lack any consistent sense when **the words** are put together.

Note # 90: The ego wants us to get caught up in the form of this world because form arose out of the idea that we were separate. The Holy Spirit reinterprets form into the idea that everything in the ego's world of perception must be either love or a cry for love. To the Holy Spirit, any apparent attack by a brother upon another is a cry for love and, therefore, should be responded to with love rather than attack. To the ego this would justify a counter-attack in order to defend the ego's need to be right. All apparent form is either a demonstration of love or a cry for love. Love or a cry for love is the content that is hidden beneath all experience in the world of perception.

If we choose to study the ego, we confirm the ego's existence and its reality. This strengthens our belief that the separation is real.

T-14.X.9. This **total unconcern with content** is characteristic of the ego's judgments. 2 Separately, **the ego's judgments** seem to hold, but put **the ego's judgments** together and the system of thought that arises from joining **the ego's judgments** is incoherent and utterly chaotic. 3 For form is not enough for meaning, and the underlying lack of content makes a cohesive system impossible. 4 Separation therefore remains the ego's chosen condition. 5 For no one alone can judge the ego truly. 6 Yet when two or more join together in searching for truth, the ego can no longer defend **the ego's** lack of content. 7 The fact of union tells them **that they are joined together and that the ego's thought system** is not true.

Note # 91: The ego's thought system is based on separation, which births conflict and competition. The goal of the ego is to keep the split-minded apart so that they continue to believe that they are not connected to another and have no common purpose or goal. Love is unknown to the ego and, therefore, the ego is incapable of understanding that love or the cry for love could be the underlying content or message behind any form of experience that

the ego perceives. Since God is love, we, the Sonship, must be love. The ego's thought system, which knows nothing of love, cannot make sense to the Holy Spirit Who knows us as God's loving Son. The Holy Spirit simply bypasses and ignores the insane ego and realigns our mind's thinking to the truth.

T-14.X.10. It is impossible to remember God in secret and alone. 2 For remembering **God** means you are not alone, and are willing to remember **that you are not alone**. 3 Take no thought for yourself, for no thought you hold *<is>* for yourself. 4 If you would remember your Father, let the Holy Spirit order your thoughts and give only the answer with which **the Holy Spirit** answers you. 5 Everyone seeks for love as you do, but knows **love** not unless he joins with you in seeking **love**. 6 If you undertake the search together, you bring with you a light so powerful that what you see is given meaning. 7 The lonely journey fails because **the lonely journey** has excluded what **love** would find.

Note # 92: We cannot find love by exclusion. Love is inclusive and requires more than one in the world of form. The world of form was made to exclude. We cannot find love in the world of form unless we include something to love. Love must be shared; therefore, we cannot find love alone. Since love is a shared joining, the journey for love cannot be made alone.

T-14.X.11. As God communicates to the Holy Spirit in you, so does the Holy Spirit translate **God's** communications through you, so you can understand **God's communications to you**. 2 God has no secret communications, for everything of **God** is perfectly open and freely accessible to all, being for all. 3 Nothing lives in secret, and what you would hide from the Holy Spirit is nothing. 4 Every interpretation you would lay upon a brother is senseless. 5 Let the Holy Spirit show **your brother** to you, and teach you both **your brother's** love and **your brother's** call for love. 6 Neither his mind nor **your mind** holds more than these two orders of thought. **In the world of perception there is only love or a cry for love.** .

Note # 93: God communicates with us through the constant flow of His Love to His Creations. True communication is shared with all. In the world of perception, we believe that we can have private thought. There can be no private thought that we withhold from the Holy Spirit. If we are to accept the Atonement for ourselves, we need to give all our experience over to the Holy Spirit for proper interpretation. The ego judges incorrectly since it lacks knowledge and is concerned with form and ignores content. Yet, the Holy Spirit translates everything in the world of perception as either love or a cry for love. Form is ignored and the Holy Spirit observes content. Love or a cry for love is the underlying content of all we perceive and forgiveness and love are the lessons to be remembered. For these are the only thoughts that reflect the truth and are real in our mind. Attack thoughts arise from the ego's belief in lack and separation. The nothingness of egoic illusions must give way to the light of truth.

T-14.X.12. The miracle is the recognition that this is true. 2 Where there is love, your brother must give **love** to you because of what **love** is. 3 But where there is a call for love, you must give **love** because of what you are. p295 4 Earlier I said this course will teach you how to remember what you are, restoring to you your Identity. 5 We have already learned

that this Identity is shared. 6 The miracle becomes the means of sharing **your Identity, which is love**. 7 By supplying your Identity wherever **your Identity** is not recognized, you will recognize **your Identity**. 8 And God Himself, Who wills to be with His Son forever, will bless each recognition of His Son with all the Love **God** holds for him. 9 Nor will the power of all **God's** Love be absent from any miracle you offer to **God's** Son. 10 How, then, can there be any order of difficulty among **the miracles**?

Note # 94: To remember God, Who is love, is to be loved. Love does not exclude, therefore, everything that is real is part of the Mind of God and is to be loved. We cannot deny love to a brother and not deny love to ourselves, for to give is to receive. The miracle recognizes that in the world of perception, form must not be mistaken for the underlying content. The content or message, which is actually being communicated during the experience, is either love or a cry for love. With the unity of the Sonship, all misperception can be handled the same. No illusion can stand up to the light of the truth, which holds the Power of God.

XI. The Test of Truth

T-14.XI.1. Yet the essential thing is learning that *<you do not know.>* 2 Knowledge is power, and all power is of God. 3 You who have tried to keep power for yourself have "lost" **power**. 4 You still have the power, but you have interposed so much between **power** and your awareness of **power** that you cannot use **power**. 5 Everything you have taught yourself has made your power more and more obscure to you. 6 You know not what **power** is, nor where. 7 You have made a semblance of power and a show of strength so pitiful that **what you have made of your power** must fail you. 8 For power is not a seeming strength, and truth is beyond semblance of any kind. 9 Yet all that stands between you and the power of God in you is but your learning of the false, and of your attempts to undo the true.

Note # 95: All power comes from God. When we deny what we are, which is a creation of God, we deny our inherited birthright. By denying the Fatherhood of God, we deny that we are an extension of all of the power that is of God. We deny the truth and argue for our littleness. The little "s" self lives in fear and, therefore, cannot create like God because it believes itself to be limited. Instead of creating, we utilize our mind for projection, which is a process of exclusion. Projection is based on the ego's belief in lack. We believe that we are limited ego-bodies and, therefore, sharing is impossible. When we believe we are a body, we learn from the ego's thought system that any form of sharing requires sacrifice. True love requires no sacrifice.

T-14.XI.2. Be willing, then, for all of **your learning of the false** to be undone, and be glad that you are not bound to **your false egoic learning** forever. 2 For you have taught yourself how to imprison the Son of God, a lesson so unthinkable that only the insane, in deepest sleep, could even dream of **how to imprison the Son of God**. 3 Can God learn how not to be God? 4 And can His Son, given all power by **God**, learn to be powerless? 5 What have you taught yourself that you can possibly prefer to keep, in place of what you *<have>* and what you *<are?>*

Note # 96: The egoic thought system teaches that we wish to be a little "s" self, rather than the Oneness of the Christ. To be everything is to be what we are, the Big "S" Self. If we remembered the truth, we would not choose specialness over the right to be happy. The

Holy Spirit's task is to guide us through the unlearning process of everything the ego has taught us. Once the ego's thought system is brought into the light of truth, we will freely choose happiness over specialness. We will reclaim our place in the Mind of God and realize our will and the Father's Will are One.

T-14.XI.3. Atonement teaches you how to escape forever from everything that you have taught yourself in the past, by showing you only what you are <now.> 2 Learning has been accomplished before **learning's** effects are manifest. 3 Learning is therefore in the past, but **past learned** influence determines the present by giving **the present** whatever meaning **the past** holds for you. 4 **Yet, in fact,** <Your> learning gives the present no meaning at all. 5 Nothing you have ever learned can help you understand the present, or teach you how to undo the past p296. 6 Your past is what you have taught yourself. 7 <Let> **your past** all go. 8 Do not attempt to understand any event or anything or anyone in **the past's** "light," for the darkness in which you try to see can only obscure. 9 Put no confidence at all in darkness **from the past to** illuminate your understanding, for if you do you contradict the light, and thereby think you see the darkness. 10 Yet darkness cannot be seen, for **darkness** is nothing more than a condition in which seeing becomes impossible.

Note # 97: The focus of time for the ego is in the past. If the present is viewed from the reference point of past misperceptions, the ego can insure that the past "mislearnings" will generate the same misperceptions in the present and future. The Holy Spirit's emphasis is on the present or the <now>. If we do not carry past misperceptions into the present, we will be able to see the present experience as a neutral learning device and decide to choose differently.

T-14.XI.4. You who have not yet brought all of the darkness you have taught yourself into the light in you, can hardly judge the truth and value of this course. 2 Yet God did not abandon you. 3 And so you have another lesson sent from **God**, already learned for every child of light by **the Holy Spirit** to Whom God gave **the lesson**. 4 This lesson shines with God's glory, for in **this lesson** lies **God's** power, which **God** shares so gladly with His Son. 5 Learn of **God's** happiness, which is **your happiness**. 6 But to accomplish **this learning that God's happiness is your happiness**, all your dark **egoic** lessons must be brought willingly to truth, and joyously laid down by hands open to receive, not **hands** closed to take. 7 Every dark **egoic** lesson that you bring to **the Holy Spirit** Who teaches light **the Holy Spirit** will accept from you, because you do not want **the egoic lessons of darkness**. 8 And **the Holy Spirit** will gladly exchange each one for the bright lesson **the Holy Spirit** has learned for you. 9 Never believe that any lesson you have learned apart from **the Holy Spirit** means anything.

Note # 98: Give our misperception to the Holy Spirit and He will reinterpret them correctly. The Holy Spirit only teaches the truth about what you and your brother by bringing the ego's misperception into the light of love and forgiveness. The Holy Spirit proclaims the guiltlessness of God's Son. Without the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are unable to rediscover our guiltlessness. We believe the ego which teaches that we have sinned and so we deserve punishment. Since we believe in sin, guilt and fear, we fail to question the sanity of the ego's thought system.

T-14.XI.5. You have one test, as sure as God, by which to recognize if what you learned is true. 2 **This test is** if you are wholly free of fear of any kind, and if all those who meet or even think of you share in your perfect peace, then you can be sure that you have learned God's lesson, and not your own **egoic lesson**. 3 Unless all this is true, there are dark lessons in your mind that hurt and hinder you, and everyone around you. 4 The absence of perfect peace means but one thing: You think you do not will for God's Son what his Father wills for him. 5 Every dark lesson teaches **you that your will differs from God's Will**, in one form or another. 6 And each bright lesson with which the Holy Spirit will replace the dark ones you do not accept, teaches you that you will with the Father and His Son, **the Christ**.

Note # 99: The test is the perfect peace of God. If anyone in your world of perception, including yourself, fails to share in the peace of God, then you still harbor guilt within you. The absence of perfect peace means that you think your will for God's Son is different than what his Father wills for him. Fear cannot be undone until the Sonship's guiltlessness has been accepted unconditionally. The Holy Spirit teaches the unity of both the Sonship and the Father. Being of One Mind, They have the same shared Will. Nothing exists outside the Mind of God.

T-14.XI.6. Do not be concerned about how you can learn a lesson so completely different from everything that you have taught yourself. 2 How would you know? 3 Your part is very simple. 4 You need only recognize that everything you learned **from the thought system of the ego**, you do not want. 5 Ask to be taught **by the Holy Spirit**, and do not use your **past egoic** experiences to confirm what you have learned **from your egoic past**. 6 When your peace is threatened or disturbed in any way, say to yourself: p297

*7 I do not know what anything, including this, means. 8 And so I do not know how to respond to **this experience or anything**. 9 And I will not use my own past **egoic** learning as the light to guide me now.*

10 By this refusal to attempt to teach yourself what you do not know, the Guide, **the Holy Spirit**, Whom God has given you will speak to you. 11 **The Christ** will take His rightful place in your awareness the instant you abandon **the attempt to teach yourself**, and offer **this experience to the Holy Spirit**.

Note # 100: ACIM states that we need to realize that we do not know that we do not know. We need to realize that we operate under the egoic belief system that does not even know what we are. It is a system whose goal is to keep you ignorant to the idea that you are ignorant. If you do not know that there are other possibilities and options, you will remain in victim consciousness. We will remain at the level of learning, which would be called unconscious incompetence. There are four levels of learning.

The four levels of understanding or learning are:

- 1) **Unconscious Incompetence:** You don't know that you don't know. i.e., someone who doesn't know that he can't ride a bike.
- 2) **Conscious Incompetence:** You know that you don't know. i.e., trying to ride a bike, you fall off. Now you know, you don't know how to ride a bike

- 3) **Conscious Competence:** You need to be consciously aware of the task in order to perform it. i.e., when you first learn to ride a bike you need to focus your attention on the task at hand. Being attentive and careful, you succeed at riding the bike.
- 4) **Unconscious Competence.** You can perform the task automatically without any conscious effort. i.e., riding a bike after you have mastered the task.

The ego's goal is to keep us unconsciously incompetent so that we remain mindless. It does this through victim consciousness. The ego does not want us to reclaim our mind's ability to act as the decision-maker.

The Holy Spirit's thought system is designed to help us at least reach the level of conscious incompetence. At this level we can at least decide to choose again and quickly move up the competency ladder.

T-14.XI.7. You cannot be your guide to miracles, for it is your **egoic self** who made **miracles** necessary. 2 And because you did **make miracles necessary**, the means on which you can depend for miracles has been provided for you. 3 God's Son can make no needs his Father will not meet, if **God's split-minded Son will** but turn to **God** ever so little. 4 Yet **the Father** cannot compel His Son to turn to **the Father** and remain **God**, Himself. 5 It is impossible that God lose His Identity, for if **God did lose His Identity**, you would lose **your identity**. 6 And being **your identity**, **God** cannot change Himself, for your Identity is changeless. 7 The miracle acknowledges **God's** changelessness by seeing **God's** Son as he always was, and not as he would make himself. 8 The miracle brings the effects that only guiltlessness can bring, and thus establishes the fact that guiltlessness must be **God's Son**.

Note # 101: The Christ is the home of the Father. They are One. Perhaps the greatest gift that the Father gave to the Sonship is God's own innocence. Since God does not know what does not exist, you imagined dreams cannot affect truth's reality. Our imagined and insane dreams can do nothing to change the reality that the Sonship is an extension of the Father and always perfect, whole and complete like His Father. This is what protects the guiltlessness of the Sonship. We can pretend that we are something that we are not, but we cannot change our perfect nature as host of our Father. We have made a play school where we can pretend that we are limited and separate, but when we get tired of playing the game of specialness, we will lay down our toys and return to the real world of union with God. God has guaranteed that His Children cannot hurt themselves because their toy guns have no real bullets. We can pretend we are good or bad guys. We can pretend that we even die; yet, this pretending can never change what we are because we have always been, and always will be like our Father, changeless, perfect, whole and complete.

Projection is the egoic tool that the split-mind utilizes for image making. These projected images are what we perceive to be our provisional reality.

T-14.XI.8. How can you, so firmly bound to guilt and committed so to remain **in guilt**, establish for yourself your guiltlessness? 2 **It** is impossible for you who believe you are guilty to establish for yourself your own guiltlessness. 3 But be sure that you are willing to acknowledge that **to establish for yourself your own guiltlessness when you believe you are guilty** *<is>* impossible. 4 It is only because you think that you can run some little part, or deal with certain aspects of your life alone, that the guidance of the Holy Spirit is limited. 5 Thus would you make **the Holy Spirit's guidance** undependable, and use this fancied undependability as an excuse for keeping certain dark lessons from **the Holy**

Spirit. 6 And by so limiting the guidance that you would accept **from the Holy Spirit**, you are unable to depend on miracles to answer all your problems for you.

Note # 102: As long as we fail to understand that we are totally unable to self-correct, we will insist that we can self-direct our own relearning process of what we are. We will believe that there are degrees of difficulty and that some matters can be handled by ourselves alone. We will fail to turn all of our experiences over to the Holy Spirit. Thus, we will believe that the thought system of the Holy Spirit is ineffective simply because we have failed to request the Holy Spirit's guidance of everything that matters. ACIM states that we need to control our fears and turn everything that matters over to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has been given the mission to return the split-minded to right-mindedness. The Holy Spirit cannot fail in this mission for the power of God guarantees its success. The only thing that delays the return of the Son to the remembrance of God is the Son's claim that there is something outside the Mind of God. God's Will cannot be mocked since there is nothing outside the Will of God. When we refuse to give all our perceptions over to the Holy Spirit, it is due to our desire to maintain egoic specialness. We still place value on certain aspects of egoic specialness and we wish to continue to claim that we are the arbitrators of truth.

T-14.XI.9. Do you think that what the Holy Spirit would have you give **the Holy Spirit** would withhold from you? 2 You have no problems that **the Holy Spirit** cannot solve by offering you a miracle. 3 Miracles are for you. 4 And every fear or pain or trial you have has been undone. 5 **The Holy Spirit** has brought all of **your fear, pain or trial** to light. **The Holy Spirit** having accepted **all your fear, pain or trial on behalf of you**, has recognized that **your fear, pain or trial** never were real. 6 There are no dark lessons **the Holy Spirit** has not already lightened for you. 7 The **egoic** lessons you would teach yourself **the Holy Spirit** has corrected already. 8 **The egoic lessons you would teach yourself** do not exist in **the Holy Spirit's** Mind at all. 9 For the past binds **the Holy Spirit** not, and therefore **the past** binds not you. 10 **The Holy Spirit** does not see time as you do. 11 And each miracle **the Holy Spirit** offers you corrects your use of time, and makes **your use of time, the Holy Spirit's use of time.** p298

Note # 103: The Holy Spirit utilizes time to correct errors. Errors exist only in your mind's belief in the past. It is your belief in the past that the ego focuses upon because this guarantees that in the present you will continue to rerun your past egoic programs, thus insuring the same results. The Holy Spirit removes past misperception from your vision so that you become only aware of the <now>. Without your past baggage, the decision-maker in you can choose again.

T-14.XI.10. **The Holy Spirit** Who has freed you from the past would teach you are free of **your past.** 2 **The Holy Spirit** would but have you accept **the Holy Spirit's** accomplishments as **your accomplishments**, because **the Holy Spirit** did **these accomplishments** for your behalf. 3 And because **the Holy Spirit** did **these accomplishments on your behalf**, **these accomplishments <are> your accomplishments.** 4 **The Holy Spirit** has made you free of what you **egoically** made. 5 You can deny **the Holy Spirit**, but you cannot call on **the Holy Spirit** in vain. 6 **The Holy Spirit** always gives **the Holy Spirit's** gifts in place of **your egoic gifts, which you made to attempt to prove your belief in your own littleness.** 7 **The Holy Spirit** would

establish **the Holy Spirit's** bright teaching so firmly in your mind, that no dark lesson of guilt can abide in what **the Holy Spirit** has established as holy by **the Holy Spirit's** Presence. 8 Thank God that **the Holy Spirit** is there and works through you. 9 And all **the Holy Spirit's** works are **your works**. 10 **The Holy Spirit** offers you a miracle with every **miracle** you let **the Holy Spirit** do through you.

Note # 104: The Holy Spirit will not fail to fulfill His function of correcting our split-minded thinking if we ask for His Guidance. Because we have free will, the Holy Spirit will wait to be asked before He can teach us the truth about our true-shared nature of the One Self. By asking for guidance, we become happy learners of the Atonement principle that the Holy Spirit teaches.

T-14.XI.11. God's Son will always be indivisible. 2 As we are held as one in God, so do we learn as one in **God**. 3 God's Teacher, **the Holy Spirit**, is as like to His Creator as is His Son, and through His Teacher, **the Holy Spirit**, does God proclaim His Oneness and His Son's **Oneness**. 4 Listen in silence, and do not raise your voice against **the Holy Spirit**. 5 For **the Holy Spirit** teaches the miracle of oneness, and before **the Holy Spirit's** lesson division disappears. 6 Teach like **the Holy Spirit** here **on earth**, and you will remember that you have always created like your Father **created**. 7 The miracle of creation has never ceased, having the holy stamp of immortality upon **the miracle of creation**. 8 This **shared Oneness** is the Will of God for all creation, and all creation joins in willing this **same shared Oneness of God for all creation**.

Note # 105: The Holy Spirit does not actually teach oneness, but rather removes all the blocks we have placed to block the remembrance of the Oneness that we are. Once the blocks have been removed from our mind, we simply recall what we really are. The Holy Spirit does not have to teach us what we naturally are. It merely must gently reawaken the Son of God from what the split-minded erroneously thought we had become. We always remain perfect, whole and complete, but during the dream of specialness, we identify ourselves as actually being a body in the dream of separation. We remain the shared Oneness of the Mind of God. Created like our Father, the Son of God has been given the same power to extend the Christ to His own creations. Thus, the Father, the First Cause, "becomes" a "Grandparent" to His Son's Children. All parts share the Oneness of the Mind of God. Creation continues to extend Itself eternally and infinitely. For this is the Will of God.

T-14.XI.12. Those who remember always that they know nothing, and who have become willing to learn everything, will learn **everything**. 2 But whenever they trust themselves, **they fail to remember that they know nothing and, therefore,** they will not learn. 3 They **who fail to remember that they know nothing** have destroyed their motivation for learning by thinking they already know. 4 Think not you understand anything until you pass the test of perfect peace, for peace and understanding go together and never can be found alone. 5 **Peace and understanding** each brings the other with it, for it is the law of God **that peace and understanding not be separate**. 6 **Peace and understanding** are cause and effect, each to the other, so where one is absent the other cannot be.

Note # 106: The test to know that learning is truth is that true learning will bring you peace. If you do not recover peace from the lesson, you can be sure that you have chosen the ego's thought system as your teacher. For the ego always teaches guilt through attack. The thought system of the Holy Spirit always teaches the Peace of God. Peace and understanding are always found together. They are what the Holy Spirit teaches. The ego always teaches attack through its use of sin, guilt, and fear.

The Holy Spirit requires a happy learner who wants Its guidance. If we believe that we already know but actually are ignorant of the truth, we are at the level of unconscious incompetence. At this level of unconscious incompetence, we fail to know that we don't know and, therefore, we see no need to ask for the Holy Spirit's help. This level of understanding and learning, unconscious incompetence, is where the ego wants us to remain. The Holy Spirit needs us to be at the minimum level of conscious incompetence. At this level of conscious incompetence, we know that we do not know and, therefore, can ask for help from the Holy Spirit. We can allow the decision-maker to choose again. We are no longer trapped in victim consciousness.

Line # 6 states, "Peace and understanding are cause and effect, each to the other, so where one is absent the other cannot be." Similarly the Father is Cause and the Sonship is the Effect. We complete God. Cause and Effect are so interconnected that you cannot have one without the other. This is the inseparability of the Oneness. Only extension, not separation is possible.

T-14.XI.13. Only those who recognize they cannot know unless the effects of understanding are with them, can really learn at all. 2 For **to recognize the effects of understanding**, it must be peace they want, and nothing else. 3 Whenever you think you **egoically** know, peace will depart from you, because you have abandoned the Teacher of peace, **which is the Holy Spirit**. 4 Whenever you fully realize that you know not, peace will return, for you will have invited Him, **the Teacher of peace**, to do so by abandoning the ego on behalf of **the Holy Spirit**. 5 Call not upon the ego for anything; it is only this **abandoning of the ego on behalf of the Holy Spirit** that you need do. 6 The Holy Spirit will, of Himself, fill every mind that so makes room for **the Holy Spirit**.

Note # 107: Give all your beliefs of limitation to the Holy Spirit and those limiting beliefs will be dissolved into the nothingness. The nothingness of your limiting beliefs birthed the mad idea that your will could be different from the shared Will of the Father. The peace and understanding that is our divine birthright will not be denied us since the function of the Holy Spirit is to return us to whole-mindedness. Understanding and peace are the forerunners to the return to knowledge. God will take this final step to the return of knowledge on our behalf. Therefore, we cannot fail. Our role is merely to offer all of our perceptions to the Holy Spirit and accept the Atonement for ourselves.

T-14.XI.14. If you want peace you must abandon the teacher of attack, **which is the ego**. 2 The Teacher of peace, **the Holy Spirit**, will never abandon you. 3 You can desert **the Holy Spirit** but **the Holy Spirit** will never reciprocate, for **the Holy Spirit's** faith in you is **the Holy Spirit's** understanding. p299 4 **The Holy Spirit's understanding of you as the Christ** is as firm as is **the Holy Spirit's** faith in His Creator, and **the Holy Spirit** knows that faith in His Creator must encompass faith in His creation, **God's Son**. 5 In this consistency lies **God's** Holiness, which **God** cannot abandon, for it is not **God's** Will to **abandon His Holiness**. 6 With your perfection ever in **God's** sight, **God** gives the gift of

peace to everyone who perceives the need for peace, and who would have **peace**. 7 Make way for peace, and it will come. 8 For understanding is in you, and from **understanding** peace must come.

Note # 108: To obtain the understanding and the peace that the Father wants for His Son, we must unlearn everything that the egoic thought system has taught us. This unlearning process is the function of the Holy Spirit. It is not our function to teach the undoing of the ego, since we lack knowledge of what we are. Believing that we are a limited-ego body, we cannot self-correct this same error. We are oblivious to even the realization that we have committed this error. Only the Holy Spirit can correct our misperception because only the Holy Spirit knows the truth about what we are and is also aware of the dream we have entrapped ourselves within. God has never abandoned His Son. The idea of the Holy Spirit came into being at the time of the separation to counteract the belief that God's Son was not guiltless. If asked, the Holy Spirit will correct the error of guilt by teaching the Atonement to the split-minded. Peace and understanding are the natural result of the lessons taught by the thought system of the Holy Spirit. Our innocence is reclaimed.

T-14.XI.15. The power of God, from which **understanding and peace** both arise, is yours as surely as **understanding and peace** is **God's**. 2 You think you know **God** not, only because, alone, it is impossible to know **God**. 3 Yet see the mighty works that **God** will do through you, and you must be convinced you did **these mighty works** through **God**. 4 It is impossible to deny the Source of effects so powerful **that these mighty works** could not be of **your egoic little "s" self**. 5 Leave room for **God**, and you will find yourself so filled with power that nothing will prevail against your peace. 6 And this will be the test by which you recognize that you have understood. p300

Note # 109: Of myself, my little "s" self, I can do nothing. But if I accept my divine birthright and be the Big "S" Self, God can do everything through me. This is not arrogance on my part. It is merely the acceptance of truth. The height of arrogance is when we deny God's Fatherhood and claim to make ourselves limited and little. Because we, the Sonship, are all interconnected, we cannot know God alone. Ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. His guidance will reunite the Sonship and reclaim our denied remembrance for God. The return of peace and understanding to our minds will demonstrate that we are following the correct Teacher, the Holy Spirit, and not the ego's thought system.

Our inner peace is the litmus test that determines with whom our decision-maker is siding. If our inner peace is lost, we have slipped into fearful egoic thinking. We need to quiet our egoic chatter and choose again. Be aware that the ego will always answer first so it is important that once we have chosen again, we recheck our feelings. If inner-peace has not been restored, we need to rerun the procedure until our peace of mind has returned.