

Chapter 22.

SALVATION AND THE HOLY RELATIONSHIP

Introduction

T-22.in.1. Take pity on your **split-minded** self, so long enslaved. 2 Rejoice whom God hath joined have come together and need no longer look on sin apart. 3 No two can look on sin together, for they, **who believe they are separate**, could never see **sin** in the same place and time. 4 Sin is a strictly individual perception, seen in the other yet believed by each to be within himself. 5 And each one seems to make a different error, and one the other cannot understand. 6 Brother, **the error** is the same, made by the same, and forgiven for its maker in the same way. 7 The holiness of your relationship ~~for~~gives you and your brother, undoing the effects of what you both believed and saw **to be sin**. 8 And with **sin's effects gone** is the need for sin gone with **the undoing of sin's effects**.

Note # 1: Because we see ourselves as separate, each party in an egoic relationship has their own individual perception. Since each sees the relationship based on their individual belief in lack, each party has a different belief in what constitutes the “sin of lack”. Since both parties are coming from belief in lack, the error is the same. Only the form of the error appears to be different. In the holy relationship, each party comes from the belief that each lacks nothing. Since neither lacks anything, sharing of the oneness is possible. This creates a joining and extension. The ego's special relationship has been transformed into a holy relationship. This transformation removes the belief in the “sin of lack”. Each party is seen with the vision of Christ as unlimited spirit. The belief that God's Son is sinless has returned.

T-22.in.2. Who has need for sin? 2 Only the lonely and alone, who see their brothers different from themselves **have need of sin**. 3 It is this difference **that each brother is believed to be different or special that the ego sees. This egoic difference is** seen but not real. **This egoic difference** makes the need for sin, not real but seen, **thus, sin** seem justified. 4 And all this **egoic difference** would be real if sin were so. 5 For an unholy relationship is based on differences, where each one thinks the other has what he has not. 6 **In an unholy relationship, both parties** come together, each to complete himself and rob the other. 7 **Both parties** stay until they think that there is nothing left to steal, and then **both parties** move on. 8 And so **both parties in an unholy relationship** wander through a world of strangers, unlike themselves. **Since they believe they are different and not the Big “S” Self, both parties in an unholy relationship live** with their bodies perhaps under a common roof that shelters neither; in the same room and yet a world apart.

Note # 2: In the unholy relationship each party comes from their belief in separation and lack. Neither party can see past the body-form since they believe they are the body. Each party only gives to get. Since neither sees themselves as unlimited spirit, sacrifice is required to get anything. The relationship is conditional and is only maintained as long as each party believes that they have “outwitted and bested” the other party in the negotiation. When the relationship no longer is seen as a “good deal,” the parties quickly move on to what they now perceive as a better deal. Each deal is an attempt to steal from the other what they perceive they lack. Each attempts to make themselves more complete. Seeing themselves as form, neither party utilizes the vision of Christ. The egoic thought system rules this unholy special relationship.

T-22.in.3. A holy relationship starts from a different premise. 2 Each one has looked within and seen no lack **within themselves**. 3 Accepting his completion, he would extend **his completion** by joining with another, whole as himself. 4 He sees no difference between these selves, for differences are only of the body. 5 Therefore, **being already fully complete**, he looks on nothing he would take **from the other party who is also already complete**. 6 He denies not his own reality **as unlimited spirit** <because> it is the truth. 7 Just under Heaven does he stand, but close enough not to return to earth. 8 For this **holy relationship with his brother** has Heaven's Holiness. 9 How far from home can a relationship so like to Heaven be?

Note # 3: Creation, which is the extension of everything, is only possible with someone who knows they already are everything. Lacking nothing, there is nothing to get. In the holy relationship, the party understands that there is just the Oneness of everything. Instead of the egoic belief that you should “only give to get,” the holy relationship is based on the Law of God, which understands that “to give is to receive”. The thought system of the Holy Spirit rules the relationship.

T-22.in.4. Think what a holy relationship can teach! 2 Here **in the holy relationship** is belief in differences undone. 3 Here **in the holy relationship** is the faith in differences shifted to sameness. 4 And here **in the holy relationship** is sight of differences transformed to vision. p467 5 Reason now can lead you and your brother to the logical conclusion of your union. 6 **The holy relationship** must extend, as you extended when you and **your brother** joined. 7 **The holy relationship** must reach out beyond itself, as you reached out beyond the body, to let you and your brother be joined. 8 And now the sameness that you saw **in your brother** extends and finally removes all sense of differences **between brothers**, so that the sameness that lies beneath all **relationship** becomes apparent. 9 Here is the golden circle where you recognize the Son of God. 10 For what is born into a holy relationship can never end.

Note # 4: With vision, we look beyond the body-form to the Christ consciousness that we all share. This allows reason to replace the insanity of the ego. Realizing our unlimited spiritual nature as a shared Oneness, we only ask the question, “What would love have me do?” The holy relationship is based on the desire to extend love. It is unconditional. It understands that by seeing my brother as sinless, I claim sinlessness for myself. The circle of love, which is “to give is to receive,” is completed.

I. The Message of the Holy Relationship

T-22.I.1. Let reason take another step. 2 If you attack whom God would heal and hate the one **God** loves, then you and your Creator have a different will. 3 Yet if you <are> **God's Will**, what you must then believe is that you are not yourself **as God created you**. 4 You can indeed believe **that you are not yourself as God created you and have a different will**, and you do. 5 And you have faith in this **erroneous belief in a different will** and see much evidence on **this different will's** behalf that “**prove**” you are not **as God created you**. 6 And where, you wonder **in this illusion of separation** does your strange uneasiness, your sense of being disconnected, and your haunting fear of lack of meaning in yourself arise? 7 It is as though you wandered **into egoic thinking** without a plan of any kind except to wander off, for only that seems certain.

Note # 5: Because we are under the mistaken egoic belief that the separation was real, we think somehow that we are different from the Sonship that God created. We believe that we have lost our divine birthright and that our inheritance has been taken away by a vengeful god. The ego teaches that we are disconnected from our Source and have another will. The world of egoic perception was made to “prove” the reality of our separation and our specialness. The ego’s path for the recovery of our happiness has led us on a meaningless journey that appears to have no end in sight. Due to our mistaken belief that we could be something other than as God created us, we have good reason to believe that we are lost. There is nothing wrong with us, but we do need a different plan. We need to choose again. This time we need to follow the Voice for God, the Holy Spirit.

T-22.I.2. Yet we have heard a very similar description earlier, but **the description** was not of you, **the Christ**. 2 But still this strange idea of **the belief in separation**, which **the description of a different will** does accurately describe, you *<think>* is you. **The strange idea is that you do not know what you truly are and that you believe yourself to be a limited ego-body with a will different from God’s**. 3 Reason would tell you that the world you see through **egoic physical** eyes that are not **your Christ vision** must make no sense to you. 4 To whom would **bodily egoic** seeing such as this send back its messages? 5 Surely not you, **the Christ**, whose sight is wholly independent of the **bodily** eyes that look upon the world. 6 If this **bodily seeing** is not your vision, what can **the body** show to you? 7 The brain cannot interpret what your **Christ vision** sees. 8 This, **your Christ vision** *<you, the Christ consciousness part of your mind >* would understand. 9 The brain interprets to the body, of which **the brain** is a part. 10 But what **the brain** says you, **the Christ consciousness part of your mind**, cannot understand. 11 Yet you have listened to **the egoic brain**. 12 And long and hard you tried to understand **the egoic brain’s** messages.

Note # 6: Mind is not the same as the brain. In the physical body, the brain is the physical organ that appears to control our body. The brain, being form, cannot be home to mind, which is unlimited spirit. The ego tries to tell us that we are the body and that the brain is the same as the mind. This only makes the separation appear to be real. Being spirit any “information” collected by the body is not relevant to our spiritual nature. The physical senses only deceive. They are the attempt to cloak our true spiritual existence within a physical body. Brain and mind are not on the same level. They cannot communicate with each other. They speak totally different languages that are mutually exclusive. The bodily references and interpretations of the brain only bear witness for the illusion of separation.

T-22.I.3. You have not realized it is impossible to understand what fails entirely to reach you. 2 You have received no **egoic body-brain** messages at all you understand. 3 For you have listened to what can never communicate at all, **which is the body-brain**. 4 Think, then, what happens. 5 Denying **that you are unlimited spirit**, and firm in faith that you are something else, **which you call the egoic body**, this "something else" that you have made to be yourself becomes your sight. 6 Yet **the egoic body-brain** must be the "something else" that sees, and as *<not>* you. **And this something else explains this egoic body-brain’s** sight *<to>* you. p468 7 Your **Christ vision** would, of course, render this quite unnecessary. **Christ vision being real can be understood by our unlimited mind. The vision of Christ is beyond the egoic senses**. 8 Yet if your **spiritual** eyes are closed and you have called upon this **egoic** thing to lead you, asking **the egoic body** to explain to you

the world **the egoic body-brain** sees, you have no reason not to listen **to the egoic body-brain**, nor to suspect that what **the egoic body-brain** tells you is not true. 9 Reason would tell you **what the egoic body-brain tells you** cannot be true *<because>* you do not understand **the egoic body-brain**. 10 God has no secrets. 11 **God** does not lead you through a world of misery, waiting to tell you, at the journey's end, why **God** did this to you.

Note # 7: Our true reality is spirit. Spirit is Level #1, which is Heaven. The world of perception is Level #2, which is not real. Level #2 is our illusionary world of provisional reality. These two levels do not mix. Only the Holy Spirit is aware of both our true nature, Level #1, and our illusionary dream of separation, Level # 2. Therefore, only the Holy Spirit is in the unique position to make sense out of egoic-bodily perception. The Holy Spirit will reinterpret egoic perception into correct perception. Our Christ conscious self and the egoic mind do not communicate with each other. The ego does not communicate with anyone. Communication's purpose is to be understood. The ego's purpose is to confuse and separate. It is only because we have identified ourselves as a body that we have forgotten our true nature as spirit. Believing we are the body, we now believe the messages of the egoic thought system. The egoic thought system becomes our provisional reality. These messages of the egoic body-brain are only intended to deceive the mind into the mistake that mind or spiritual essence is the actual body's brain. We need to give all our perceived experiences over to the guidance of the Holy Spirit for His correction.

T-22.I.4. What could be secret from God's Will? 2 Yet you believe that you have secrets **from God**. 3 What could your secrets be except another "will" that is your own **will**, apart from **God's Will**? 4 Reason would tell you that this **belief you have a separate will from God's will** is no secret that need be hidden as a sin. 5 **This belief you have a separate will from God's will is** but a mistake indeed! 6 Let not your fear of sin protect **this belief that you have a separate will from God's will keep the mistake** from correction, for the attraction of guilt is only fear. 7 Here, **in fear** is the one emotion that you made, whatever it may seem to be. 8 **Fear** is the emotion of secrecy, of private thoughts and of the body. 9 **Fear** is the one emotion that opposes love, and **fear** always leads to sight of differences and loss of sameness. 10 **Fear** is the one emotion that keeps you blind, dependent on the **egoic little "s"** self you think you made to lead you through the world **the emotion of fear** made for you.

Note # 8: Before the belief in separation, there was only love. From the belief in separation arose the idea of fear, which was quickly followed by its cousins, sin and guilt. Sin, guilt and fear is the unholy trinity which forms the bedrock for the egoic thought system. One of our earliest fears was the original doubt that God's Son could not know what He is; that there might be something that was not God. This doubt birthed our world of perception. With the loss of certainty of what we were, knowledge was also misplaced.

T-22.I.5. Your sight, **the vision of Christ**, was given you **by the Creator**, along with everything that you can understand, **which is truth**. 2 You, **the Christ**, will perceive no difficulty in understanding what **Christ** vision tells you, for everyone sees only what he thinks he is. 3 And what your sight would show you, you, **the Christ**, will understand *<because>* **Christ vision** is the truth. 4 Only your **Christ** vision can convey to you what you, **the Christ**, can see. 5 **Truth** reaches you directly, without a need to be interpreted to

you. 6 What needs interpretation, **which is perception**, must be alien. 7 Nor will **perception** ever be made understandable by an interpreter, **which is the ego, which** you cannot understand.

Note # 9: Our ego and our Christ conscious mind cannot communicate with each other. Illusion and truth are not on the same radar screen. A dream exists only in the private world of the dreamer. It has no reality in the real world, which is the shared Mind of God. The Christ conscious mind knows only the truth of the real world. While we are under the influence of the egoic thought system, we appear to be only aware of the dream of separation. During this dream state, our Christ conscious part of the split-mind appears to be “asleep”. Thus, our Christ consciousness is unaware of the dream itself and is unable to wake the dreaming, egoic mind. The Christ remains in communion with the Father, although his communication seems to be drowned out by the voice of the ego. The Holy Spirit’s job is to help us silence the ego long enough for the Voice for God to be heard. Enlightenment does not rest on turning up the volume for the Voice for God but rather calls for the silencing of the egoic mind so that the Holy Spirit can be heard in the <now>.

T-22.I.6. Of all the messages you have received and failed to understand, this course alone is open to your understanding and can be understood. 2 This, **the truth**, is <your> language. 3 You do not understand **the truth of ACIM** yet only because your whole communication is like a baby's. 4 The sounds a baby makes and what he hears are highly unreliable, meaning different things to him at different times. 5 Neither the sounds **the baby** hears nor sights **the baby** sees are stable yet. 6 But what **the baby** hears and does not understand will be his native tongue, through which **the baby** will communicate with those around him, and they with him. 7 And the strange, shifting ones **the baby** sees about him will become to **the baby** his comforters, and **the baby** will recognize his home and see **his comforters** there with him. p469

Note # 10: While we remain split-minded, the baby, the awakened Christ consciousness, drifts in and out of the dream of separation. When we request guidance from the Holy Spirit, we get glimpses of the truth. In our special relationships, which are made holy by the Holy Spirit, we relearn to speak the language of the Christ. With each experience of love and forgiveness, the Voice for the Christ within grows clearer. Eventually the voice for truth will be the only voice we hear.

T-22.I.7. So in each holy relationship is the ability to communicate instead of separate reborn. 2 Yet a holy relationship, so recently reborn itself from an unholy relationship, and yet more ancient than the old illusion **of the unholy relationship** it has replaced, is like a baby now in its rebirth. 3 Still in this infant is your vision returned to you, and **this baby** will speak the language you can understand, **which is truth**. 4 **This baby** is not nurtured by the "egoic something else" you thought was you. 5 **This baby** was not given there **to the ego**, nor was **this baby** received by anything except yourself, **the Christ**. 6 For no two brothers can unite except through Christ, Whose vision sees **the brothers as one**.

Note # 11: In the unholy relationship, the ego claims that we are imperfect and, therefore, must steal from another what we believe we lack. This maintains the illusion of separation for both parties in the unholy relationship. No joining is possible between the two since

they perceive themselves to be bodies. In the holy relationship, we rediscover the truth about the Oneness that we share with our brother. By utilizing the tool of forgiveness, the Holy Spirit is able to reawaken the sleeping Christ conscious part of our mind to the truth. This reawakening process is not done alone since a relationship consists of at least two. Each party becomes an instrument for the reawakening of the Christ in his brother. The one mind, the Christ, which had been mistakenly perceived as separate, is now recognized as one. Both sleeping babies, you and your brother, benefit directly from the truth found in the special relationship that has been blessed by the truth.

T-22.I.8. Think what is given you, my holy brother. 2 This child will teach you what you do not understand, and make **what you do not understand, the truth of the Oneness**, plain. 3 For **this child's** will be no alien tongue. 4 **This child's** will need no interpreter to you, for it was you who taught **this child** what he knows *<because>* you knew **the truth**. 5 **This child, the Christ**, could not come to anyone but you, never to "**the egoic** something else." 6 Where Christ has entered no one is alone, for never could **the Christ** find a home in separate ones. 7 Yet must **this child** be reborn into His ancient home, **the Oneness of the Mind of God**, so seeming new and yet as old as He, a tiny newcomer, dependent on the holiness of your relationship to let Him, **the Christ** live.

Note # 12: Through our holy relationships, we recover our decision-making ability to choose the thought system for truth. With each blessed experience, the Holy Spirit gently reawakens the Christ within. Eventually, we will decide to abandon the egoic thought system and return to our heavenly home, which is the truth of the Oneness of the Mind of God. The Christ is the true and only home of the Father, the Sonship and Holy Spirit. It is the Oneness that is the One Self. In the world of perception, time and space, the Christ is dependent upon our decision-maker's relationship with the truth. What thought system will our decision-maker value and, therefore, follow?

T-22.I.9. Be certain God did not entrust His Son to the unworthy. 2 Nothing but what is part of **God** is worthy of being joined. 3 Nor is it possible that anything not part of **God** *<can>* join. 4 Communication must have been restored to those who join, for this **joining** they could not do through bodies. 5 What, then, has joined them? 6 Reason will tell you that they must have seen each other through a vision not of the body, **but rather through the Christ vision** and communicated in a language the body does not speak, **which is the truth of the Holy Spirit's thought system**. 7 Nor could **true vision or true communication** be a fearful sight or sound that drew them gently into one. 8 Rather, in each the other saw a perfect shelter where his Self, **the Christ**, could be reborn in safety and in peace. 9 Such did his reason tell him; such he believed *<because>* it was the truth.

Note # 13: In the holy relationship, each party becomes the other party's savior. By forgiving our brother, we receive forgiveness. When we look beyond egoic perception, we observe the Christ hidden within our brother. By granting freedom to our brother's Christ consciousness, we release our own Christ from the imprisonment of egoic victim consciousness. God has given each fragment of the Sonship the ability to reconnect to the whole. This reconnection to the Oneness does not require any change of what we are, but it does require that we stop denying the truth of what we are. I and my sisters and brothers are one and we are one with Our Mother-Father Creator. The ego, which is an illusion of nothingness, cannot return us to the truth about the Sonship. Only the Holy Spirit can.

T-22.I.10. Here is the first direct perception that you can make. **Minds that appeared separate are really joined as one and, therefore, the belief that we are separate ego-bodies is a mistaken illusion.** 2 You make it through awareness older than perception, **which is truth**, and yet reborn in just an instant. 3 For what is time to what was always so, **which is truth?** 4 Think what that instant brought; the recognition that the "egoic something else" you thought was you is an illusion. 5 And truth came instantly, to show you where your Big "S" Self, **the Christ**, must be. 6 It is denial of illusions that calls on truth, for to deny illusions is to recognize that fear is meaningless. 7 Into the holy home where fear is powerless love enters thankfully, grateful that **love** is one with you who joined to let **love** enter. p470

Note # 14: The healing of the split-mind is the restoration of the mind to truth. Following the thought system of the Holy Spirit brings about this restoration. It is reason that eventually leads us to the understanding that the egoic thought system has constantly failed to bring us happiness. Following the ego has only brought us pain. Eventually, reason tells us that there must be a better way. This is the call for the Holy Spirit's help. Illusion gives way to the truth that the Holy Spirit teaches. We are not a limited ego-body. We are unlimited spirit; a Oneness with God.

T-22.I.11. Christ comes to what is like Himself; the same, not different. 2 For **Christ** is always drawn unto Himself. 3 What is as like **Christ** as a holy relationship? 4 **And the holy relationship that** draws you and your brother together draws **Christ** to you. 5 Here **in the holy relationship** are **Christ's** sweetness and **Christ's** gentle innocence protected from attack. 6 And here **in the holy relationship** can **Christ** return in confidence, for faith in another is always faith in **Christ**. 7 You are indeed correct in looking on your brother as **Christ's** chosen home, for here you will with **Christ's Will** and with His Father's **Will**. 8 This **holy relationship of the Christ** is your Father's Will for you, and **your Big "S" Self will** with **your Father's Will**. 9 And who is drawn to Christ is drawn to God as surely as Both, **God and Christ**, are drawn to every holy relationship, the home prepared for **God and Christ** as earth is turned to Heaven.

Note # 15: God is life and life is creation. In the holy relationship, two are joined as one. This sharing extends creation. In the holy relationship, egoic making gives way to creation's extension. The Sonship was created to be co-creators with the Father-Mother-Creator. In heaven, Level #1 creation is the Sonship's function. While in the dream of separation, Level #2, the function of the split-minded is forgiveness. In the holy relationship, we become co-creators, which demonstrates that we have chosen to reclaim our divine inheritance. We have brought the truth of Heaven to our world of perception.

II. Your Brother's Sinlessness

T-22.II.1. The opposite of illusions is not disillusionment but truth. 2 Only to the ego, to which truth is meaningless, do **illusions and disillusionment** appear to be the only alternatives, and different from each other. 3 In truth, **illusions and disillusionment** are the same. 4 Both **illusions and disillusionment** bring the same amount of misery, though each one seems to be the way to lose the misery the other brings. 5 Every illusion carries pain and suffering in the dark folds of the heavy garments in which it hides **illusion's**

nothingness. 6 Yet by these dark and heavy garments are those who seek illusions covered, and hidden from the joy of truth.

Note # 16: Both illusions and disillusionment are based on the false. ACIM points out that although we can exchange one illusion with another, we are still suffering of the same delusion of claiming that we do not know what we are. The ego is constantly exchanging one promise of happiness for another. The ego changes the means to achieve happiness but the goal is always one step away. Being given everything by God, God's Son cannot find happiness in the illusion of littleness. Our happiness lies only in the truth that we are as God created us, perfect, whole and complete.

T-22.II.2. Truth is the opposite of illusions because **truth** offers joy. 2 What else but joy could be the opposite of misery? 3 To leave one kind of misery and seek another **form of misery** is hardly an escape **from misery**. 4 To change illusions is to make no change. 5 The search for joy in misery is senseless, for how could joy be found in misery? 6 All that is possible in the dark world of misery is to select some aspects out of **the world of misery**, see **the aspects** as different, and define the difference **in aspects of the world of misery** as joy. 7 Yet to perceive a difference where none exists will surely fail to make a difference.

Note # 17: We have only two possible choices, truth or illusion. Any choice but truth is a choice for the false. Egoic thinking would have you believe that we have multiple choices. It claims one illusion is different from another illusion and thus, is a different choice. Both choices are choices for the nothingness of the false. ACIM points out that any choice for the specialness of littleness is a decision to believe that the separation is real. An illusion is an illusion. Truth is truth. Any illusion, no matter the size, shape or form disappears when brought before the light of truth. An illusion cannot make God's Son happy.

T-22.II.3. Illusions carry only guilt and suffering, sickness and death, to their believers. 2 The form in which **illusions** are accepted is irrelevant. 3 No form of misery in reason's eyes can be confused with joy. 4 Joy is eternal. 5 You can be sure indeed that any seeming happiness that does not last is really fear. 6 Joy does not turn to sorrow, for the eternal cannot change. 7 But sorrow can be turned to joy, for time gives way to the eternal. p471 8 Only the timeless must remain unchanged, but everything in time, **which is the world of perception**, can change with time. 9 Yet if the change be real and not imagined, illusions must give way to truth, and not to other dreams that are but equally unreal. 10 **The exchanging one illusion for another illusion** is no difference.

Note # 18: Joy, happiness and peace are the Sonship's natural state and this is eternal. God's Will is that His Child be happy. Any time we are not in a state of internal peace, we are suffering from the fear of an illusion. We have abdicated our divine birthright as co-creator with our Father for the desire to be special. An illusion is any belief that something outside of our mind, which is part of the Mind of God, can affect or cause our "personal" experience. In the illusion that is the separation, time exists to give us the opportunity to correct the mistaken belief that our will could be separate from our Source's Will. In the world of perception, time is needed so that we can learn that we are the creator of all we perceive and that there is only the one shared Will of God. Only by freely accepting the

fact that our will is the Father's Will can a Son of God be happy. We cannot be joyous if we are limited.

T-22.II.4. Reason will tell you that the only way to escape from misery is to recognize **misery** *<and go the other way>*. 2 Truth is the same and misery the same, but **truth and misery** are different from each other in every way, in every instance and without exception. 3 To believe that one exception **to truth** can exist is to confuse what is the same with what is different **to truth, which is illusion**. 4 One illusion cherished and defended against the truth makes all truth meaningless, and all illusions real. 5 Such is the power of belief. 6 **Truth** cannot compromise. 7 And faith in innocence is faith in sin, if the belief excludes one living thing and holds **one living thing** out, apart from **faith in innocence's** forgiveness.

Note # 19: To believe in "sometimes" is to deny the eternal. Truth cannot be false sometimes. This is an internal contradiction of ACIM's definition for truth. Truth is changeless and everlasting and this is what makes truth real. Illusion or the unreal is anything that is subject to change. In the egoic world of perception, truth has been replaced with the true, the false and the sometimes. The "sometimes" makes the ego the arbitrator of truth. Truth just is. Truth cannot be made false by an egoic whim. We can choose to deny the truth, but we cannot change the truth. To withhold forgiveness from one part of a Oneness, is to withhold forgiveness from the whole. No part can be separated from the whole without the denial of the existence of the Oneness. If we choose to withhold forgiveness from one brother, we condemn ourselves to the same prison. We are our brother's jailer. Yet, the jailer cannot go home until all his prisoners have been freed. Thus, we are forever linked to our brother's freedom.

T-22.II.5. Both reason and the ego will tell you **that truth and illusion are different and mutually exclusive**, but what **reason and the ego** make of **the fact that truth cannot compromise** is not the same. 2 The ego will assure you now that it is impossible for you to see no guilt in anyone. 3 And if this seeing **no guilt in anyone** is the only means by which escape from guilt can be attained, then the belief in sin must be eternal. 4 Yet reason looks on this **seeing of no guilt in anyone in** another way, for reason sees the source of an idea as what will make **the idea** either true or false. 5 **The source of the idea is what makes the idea true or false and this** must be so, if the idea is like its source. 6 Therefore, says reason, if escape from guilt was given to the Holy Spirit as **the Holy Spirit's** purpose, and by **God** to Whom nothing **God** wills can be impossible, the means for **the achievement of the Holy Spirit's purpose's** attainment are more than possible. 7 **The means for the achievement of the Holy Spirit's purpose's attainment of escape from guilt** must be there, and you must have **the means for the achievement of the Holy Spirit's purpose's attainment**.

Note # 20: The ego claims that we are a limited ego-body and thus, sees limitation and sin. To the ego, it is impossible to believe that a brother or you could be sinless. The ego tells us that we owe our existence to sin and that sin is our natural state. Reason, however, looks to the idea's source to determine the accuracy of the idea. Reason knows that the Sonship's source is Its Creator. The Will of God is all-powerful. God's Will is that the Sonship be happy. Since the egoic thought system only brings misery, reason determines that there must be another way to achieve God's promised happiness. Reason understands

that God's Plan for our salvation and happiness must be true because the plan comes from God, Himself. Reason does not concern itself with how the Sonship's happiness will be obtained. Reason knows that since it is God's plan, the means to achieve the plan must exist.

The Holy Spirit's purpose is to reawaken our sleeping minds to the truth. Since the source for the idea of the Holy Spirit comes from God, the means to achieve the Holy Spirit's purpose must also exist. Reason does not concern itself with the "HOW or MEANS" for the plan's achievement. Reason looks to the idea's source knowing that if the source is the Will of God, it must be true. If any idea is in opposition to God's Will, it must be false. Reason understands that ideas never leave their source and that truth does not compromise.

T-22.II.6. This is a crucial period in this course, for here the separation of you, **your Big "S" Self**, and the ego must be made complete. 2 For if you have the means to let the Holy Spirit's purpose be accomplished, **the means** can be used. 3 And through their use will you gain faith in **the means that achieve the Holy Spirit's purpose. The Holy Spirit's purpose is to return the Sonship to the truth that God's Child is sinless.** 4 Yet to the ego **the means to achieve the Holy Spirit's purpose** must be impossible, and no one undertakes to do what holds no hope of ever being done. 5 <You, **Your Big "S" Self**>, know what your Creator wills is possible, but what you made, **the ego**, believes it is not so. 6 Now must you choose between **the truth that is your Big "S" Self** and an illusion of yourself **that is the ego**. 7 Not both, but one. 8 There is no point in trying to avoid this one decision **for either the truth or the illusion about your identity.** 9 **This decision that our identity is either egoic littleness or the Big "S" Self** must be made. 10 Faith and belief can fall to either side **of truth or illusion**, but reason tells you misery lies only on **illusion's** side and joy upon the **side for truth**.

Note # 21: ACIM states that our decision-maker must choose where it will place its faith. Ultimately, this choice for our identity is between the ego and the Christ consciousness. We must choose between the thought system of the ego versus the Holy Spirit's. Reason tells us that only by siding with God's plan, which is represented by the Holy Spirit, can joy, happiness and the peace of God be found. Whether we choose to place our faith in truth or illusion will determine how we perceive ourselves in time. As long as we value the false, time will be necessary.

T-22.II.7. Forsake not now your brother. 2 For you who are the same **as your brother** will not decide alone nor differently. 3 Either you give each other life or death; either you are each other's savior or his judge, offering him sanctuary or condemnation. p472 4 This course will be believed entirely or not at all. 5 For **ACIM** is wholly true or wholly false, and cannot be but partially believed. 6 And you will either escape from misery entirely or not at all. 7 Reason will tell you that there is no middle ground where you can pause uncertainly, waiting to choose between the joy of Heaven and the misery of hell. 8 Until you choose Heaven, you <are> in hell and misery.

Note # 22: Heaven is a choice away. This choice must be for the entire Sonship. It is not made alone and cannot exclude any part of the whole. You cannot escape the illusion of hell as long as you believe someone belongs there. It is your belief that hell is needed that gives hell its reality within your own mind. A Oneness of Everything cannot be outside of

hell, if we judge some part of the indivisible Oneness to be in hell. No part can be separated from the whole. Hell can only exist in the imagination of the insane-minded who believe the separation is real.

T-22.II.8. There is no part of Heaven you can take and weave into illusions. 2 Nor is there one illusion you can enter Heaven with. 3 A savior cannot be a judge, nor mercy condemnation. 4 And vision cannot damn, but only bless. 5 Whose function is to save, will save. 6 *<How>* **the Holy Spirit will accomplish God's plan for our return to Heaven** is beyond your understanding, but *<when>* **God's plan for our return to Heaven is accomplished it** must be your **free** choice. 7 For time you made, and time you can command. 8 You, **its maker**, are no more a slave to time than to the world you made.

Note # 23: Time, being in the world of perception, is something that we control. Time is the measure of change. It is up to us to decide when we will choose only to want the truth of God. When we are vigilant only for God's Will, we will decide to ask for and exclusively follow the thought system of the Holy Spirit. This is the only decision that we need to make to end time. ACIM introduction states that free will does not mean that we can establish the curriculum. The curriculum is for the Holy Spirit to determine. Free will means only that you can elect what you want to take at any given moment in time. How long must the Holy Spirit wait upon our decision to want only the truth?

T-22.II.9. Let us look closer at the whole illusion that what you made has power to enslave its maker. 2 This **illusion that what you made has power to enslave its maker** is the same belief that caused the separation. 3 **This illusion that what you made has power to enslave its maker** is the meaningless idea that thoughts can leave the thinker's mind, be different from **the thinker's mind** and in opposition to **the thinker's mind**. 4 If this were true, thoughts would not be the mind's extensions, but **the mind of the thinker's** enemies. 5 And here we see again another form of the same fundamental illusion we have seen many times before. 6 Only if it were possible the Son of God could leave his Father's Mind, make himself different and oppose **God's Will**, would it be possible that the **egoic little "s" self** he made, and all **that was made by this illusionary egoic self** should be his master.

Note # 24: ACIM states that effects can never become more powerful than their source. All power that an effect has is derived from its source. Since ideas never leave their source, the effect is always dependent on the mind that originated the idea for its existence. If that mind no longer supports the thought, the thought vanishes along with its effect. The ego would claim the thought's effect not only has a "mind" of its own, but also that the effect's "mind" can control or change the mind of its original creator. Reason tell us this is not so. An effect cannot change its cause.

T-22.II.10. Behold the great projection, **which is the world of your individual perception**, but look on **the projection of separation** with the decision that it must be healed, and not with fear. 2 Nothing you made has any power over you unless you still would be apart from your Creator, and with a will opposed to **your Creator's Will**. 3 For only if you would believe **God's Son** could be **God's enemy** does it seem possible that what **your illusionary ego** made is **your true reality**. 4 **Your egoic little "s" self** would condemn **God's joy, which must be the Sonship's joy** to misery, and make **the Sonship**

and God different. 5 And all the misery **your little “s” self** made has been your own **egoic illusion**. 6 Are you not glad to learn **all egoic illusion** is not true? 7 Is it not welcome news to hear not one of the **egoic** illusions that you made replaced the truth?

Note # 25: Since God’s Will is changeless, we are an effect of God’s Thoughts and cannot change our Source. We can only deny the truth of what we are but this denial cannot change the truth. This denial of the truth is the loss of knowledge. Uncertainty and doubt about our true identity birthed perception. Out of the dream of separation, space and time arose. Since the Mind of God does not share the thought of separation, this egoic illusion can have no reality and thus, no impact on the truth. Only within the egoic mind of the dreamer does the dream appear to have any power. When we decide to awaken from the dream of separation, the dream and all the various forms that the illusion appears as during the dream will disappear into the nothingness from which they arose.

T-22.II.11. Only <your> **egoic** thoughts have been impossible. 2 Salvation cannot be **impossible**. 3 It <is> impossible to look upon your savior as your enemy and recognize him **as your savior**. 4 Yet it is possible to recognize **your savior** for what he is, if God would have it so. 5 What God has given to your holy relationship is there. 6 For what **God** gave the Holy Spirit to give to you <the Holy Spirit gave>. 7 Would you not look upon the savior that has been given you? p473 8 And would you not exchange, in gratitude, the function of an executioner you gave **your brother** for the one **your brother** has in truth, **which is to be your savior**? 9 Receive of **your brother** what God has given **your brother** for you, **which is your salvation**. Receive not from **your brother** what you tried to give yourself, **which is the belief in the illusion of sin, littleness, death and the body**.

Note # 26: In the holy relationship, we see the sinlessness of our brother and thus, know our own sinlessness. Since to give is to receive, our brother becomes our savior. The holy relationship is part of God’s plan for the reawakening of the Sonship. This plan cannot fail. We need only accept the Atonement for ourselves and get out of the way of the Holy Spirit so He can complete His function of returning the Sonship to right-mindedness.

T-22.II.12. Beyond the body that you interposed between you and your brother, and shining in the golden light that reaches **the body** from the bright, endless circle that extends forever, is your holy relationship, beloved of God Himself. 2 How still **your holy relationship** rests, in time and yet beyond, immortal yet on earth. 3 How great the power that lies in **your holy relationship**. 4 Time waits upon **your holy relationship’s** will, and earth will be as **your holy relationship** would have **earth** be. 5 Here is no separate will, nor the desire that anything be separate. 6 **Your holy relationship’s** will has no exceptions, and what **your holy relationship** wills is true. 7 Every illusion brought to **your holy relationship’s** forgiveness is gently overlooked and disappears. 8 For at **your holy relationship’s** center Christ has been reborn, to light **Christ’s** home with vision that overlooks the world. 9 Would you not have **Christ’s** holy home be **your home** as well? 10 No misery is here in **Christ’s home**, but only joy.

Note # 27: Light is a symbol for the relationship between God and His Creation. Light is love and love is the truth of the One Self. “Light” emanates from love’s expression. God is Love and love requires relationships to be experienced and known. Our holy relationship with our brother is our relationship to Our Creator. All parts are joined in the Oneness of

the holographic Mind of God and no “part” can be separate. Your holy relationship with your brother appears in time. Yet, because it is an extension of creation, it is saved by the Holy Spirit and will be return to Heaven. Thus, the holy relationship extends beyond time and is eternal. Relationships of forgiveness and love can be shared. The actual form or means that these relationships appear within is irrelevant. Only content, the expression or cry for love, is important. In the unholy relationship, fear, not love, is the underlying emotion or content.

T-22.II.13. All you need do to dwell in quiet here with Christ is share **Christ** vision **with your brothers**. 2 Quickly and gladly is **Christ** vision given anyone who is but willing to see his brother sinless. 3 And no one can remain beyond this willingness **to see your brothers as sinless** if you would be released entirely from all effects of sin. 4 Would you have partial forgiveness for yourself? 5 Can you reach Heaven while a single sin still tempts you to remain in misery? 6 Heaven is the home of perfect purity, and God created **perfect purity and Heaven** for you. 7 Look on your holy brother, sinless as yourself, and let **your brother** lead you there **to Heaven and your perfect purity**.

Note # 28: By granting sinlessness to our brother, we grant it to ourselves. Love allows all to be free and thus, does not judge. Love excludes no one and, therefore, no one can be seen as sinful if we are to know ourselves as perfect purity. No part of the Sonship can be left outside the Oneness of the Mind of God.

III. Reason and the Forms of Error

T-22.III.1. The introduction of reason into the ego's thought system is the beginning of **the egoic thought system's** undoing, for reason and the ego are contradictory. 2 Nor is it possible for **reason and the ego** to coexist in your awareness. 3 For reason's goal is to make plain, and therefore obvious. 4 You can <see> reason. 5 This is not a play on words, for here is the beginning of a vision that has meaning. 6 Vision is sense, quite literally. 7 If **vision** is not the body's sight, **vision** <must> be understood. 8 For **vision** is plain, and what is obvious is not ambiguous. 9 **Vision** can be understood. 10 And here do reason and the ego separate, to go their separate ways.

Note # 29: Vision allows us to apply reason to a given experience or awareness. Vision looks past form to the content. The Vision of Christ understands content and is not bogged down by the form it may appear within. Content is reduced down to the purpose for the awareness. Am I responding out of fear or love? What would love have me do? Is this relationship an expression of love or a cry for love? Egoic seeing focuses on bodily form and, therefore, comes from fear and limitation. By focusing on the form, the ego keeps us within the illusion of the dream. We are taking the illusion seriously instead of questioning that is the underlying lesson this experience would have me learn and, therefore, teach. Reason is aware that form is of no consequence to the underlying content. Reason understands that reality must be based on truth, not illusion. The ego's goal is to maintain the illusion that God's Child is limited. Vision coupled with reason, looks past illusionary form in search of the content. It is this content which supports the truth of the One Self.

T-22.III.2. The ego's whole continuance depends on **the ego's** belief **that** you cannot learn this course. p474 2 Share this belief **that you cannot learn ACIM**, and reason will be unable to see your errors and make way for **the correction of your errors**. 3 For reason

sees through errors, telling you what you thought was real is not. 4 Reason can see the difference between sin and mistakes, because **reason** wants correction. 5 Therefore, **reason** tells you what you thought was uncorrectable can be corrected, and thus **what you thought was uncorrectable** must have been an error, **not a sin**. 6 The ego's opposition to correction leads to **the ego's** fixed belief in sin and disregard of errors. 7 **The ego** looks on nothing that can be corrected. 8 Thus does the ego damn, and reason save.

Note # 30: If sin is real, it requires punishment. To the ego, sin requires sin's punishment since it is very real to the split-minded. The ego sees the witnesses for sin wherever it looks. The ego has a vested interest in its belief in sin, which is the bedrock of the egoic thought system. When sin arrives, it brings its "kissing cousin" of guilt and fear. This unholy trinity of sin, guilt and fear spawns our belief in limitation and victim consciousness. Unlike sin, an error or mistake only requires correction. If we understand that what we thought was a sin is only an error, our guilt and fear also disappear. Reason leads us to the abandonment of the thought system of the ego because it dispels from our awareness any belief in sin, guilt and fear when it corrects the error.

T-22.III.3. Reason is not salvation in itself, but **reason** makes way for peace and brings you to a state of mind in which salvation can be given you. 2 Sin is a block, set like a heavy gate, locked and without a key, across the road to peace. 3 No one who looks on **sin** without the help of reason would try to pass **sin's locked gate**. 4 The body's eyes behold **sin's locked gate** as solid granite, so thick it would be madness to attempt to pass **sin's blockage**. 5 Yet reason sees through **sin's locked gate** easily, because **sin** is an error. 6 The form **the error** takes cannot conceal **sin's** emptiness from reason's eyes.

Note # 31: Reason looks past form to content. Reason knows God did not create sin, for there is no sin in God or His Creations. Any thought that would support the belief that God's Child could sin must be an error in thinking. This idea can only be an illusion, whose source, the thought itself, needs to be corrected. Mistakes only require correction. Reason tells the thinker to choose again.

T-22.III.4. Only the form of error attracts the ego. 2 Meaning, **the ego** does not recognize, and **the ego** does not see if **the error** is there or not. 3 Everything the body's eyes can see is a mistake, an error in perception, a distorted fragment of the whole without the meaning that the whole would give. 4 And yet mistakes, regardless of their form, can be corrected. 5 Sin is but error in a special form the ego venerates. 6 **The ego** would preserve all errors and make **errors into** sins. 7 For here **in making errors into sin** is **the ego's** own stability, **the ego's** heavy anchor in the shifting world **the ego** made; the rock on which **the ego's** church is built. And **here in making errors into sin** is where **the ego's** worshippers are bound to bodies, believing the body's freedom is their own **freedom**.

Note # 32: The belief that we are sinners keeps us in victim consciousness. Remove our belief that we have sinned and we no longer have any reason to fear God. Our world of perception was made as a place where our split-mind could hide from a God that it now perceived as fearful due to our supposed committing of original "sin," which is the "authority problem." When reason transforms "sin" into a mistake that only requires correction, all fear of punishment is removed. Now we have no reason to fear God. Due to our innocence, we once again we feel worthy to accept the love of our Creator.

T-22.III.5. Reason will tell you that the form of error is not what makes **something** a mistake **or a sin**. 2 If what the form conceals is a mistake, the form cannot prevent correction. 3 The body's eyes see only form. 4 **The body** cannot see beyond what **the body's eyes** were made to see. 5 And **the body's eyes** were made to look on error and not see past **the form**. 6 **The body's eyes** is indeed a strange perception, for **the body eyes** can see only illusions, unable to look beyond the granite block of sin, and stopping at the outside form of nothing. 7 To this distorted form of **egoic** vision the outside of everything, the wall that stands between you and the truth, is wholly true. 8 Yet how can sight that stops at nothingness, as if **illusion's nothingness** were a solid wall, see truly? 9 **The body's sight** is held back by form, having been made to guarantee that nothing else but form will be perceived.

Note # 33: The body is part of the illusion of separation. By choosing to look with the body's physical senses, we place our mind into the dream and make the dream's form appear real. This identification of our mind as the body prevents us from realizing that we are the dreamer. Reason looks past the dream's form and sees the reality that supports the truth. Reason understands that we are the dreamer and, therefore, the form that the dream appears in is of no consequence to the underlying content. Only the erroneous thought that we are a body needs to be corrected. This thought is not a sin but a correctable mistake. An illusion cannot sin against anything that is real since an illusion has no reality outside the mind of the dreamers themselves.

T-22.III.6. These **bodily** eyes, made not to see, will never see. 2 For the idea **the body's eyes** represent left not its maker, and **the ego** is their maker that sees through **the body's eyes**. p475 3 What was **the body** maker's goal but not to see? 4 For **the inability to see correctly** the body's eyes are perfect means. **The body's eyes were not made by the ego** for seeing. **The body's eyes were made by the ego to distort all we perceive**. 5 See how the body's eyes rest on externals and cannot go beyond **the externals of form**. 6 Watch how **the body's eyes** stop at nothingness, unable to go beyond the form to meaning. 7 Nothing so blinding as perception of form. 8 For sight of form means understanding has been obscured.

Note # 34: The goal of the body and the physical senses is to make the illusion of the separation appear real. They were made by the ego to deceive and, therefore, are witnesses for the false. Bodily form is the ego's veil that obscures the truth of your spiritual essence. We are not a limited ego-body. We are unlimited spirit, perfect, whole and complete.

T-22.III.7. Only mistakes have different forms, and so **the forms** can deceive. 2 You can change form *<because>* **form** is not true. 3 **Form** could not be reality *<because>* **form** can be changed. 4 Reason will tell you that if form is not reality **form** must be an illusion, and **form** is not there to see. 5 And if you see **form** you must be mistaken, for you are seeing what can *<not>* be real as if **the form** were **real**. 6 What cannot see beyond what is not there must be distorted perception, and must perceive illusions as the truth. 7 **Could the body's eyes that perceive illusion as the truth** recognize the truth?

Note # 35: Nothing within an illusion can have any power to change the truth. The entire illusion need not be analyzed in every detail. Once we realize that there is an error in logic,

we need go no further into the study of the illusion. All the conclusions that follow from erroneous logic can be dismissed. To resolve the problem, the erroneous flaw in logic needs correction at its source. The ultimate source of the problem is the belief that there could be something outside God's Will. Realize God's Will is our will and the problem in logic is resolved.

T-22.III.8. Let not the form of his mistakes keep you from **your brother** whose holiness is **your holiness**. 2 Let not the vision of **your brother's** holiness, the sight of which would show you your forgiveness, be kept from you by what the body's eyes can see. 3 Let your awareness of your brother not be blocked by your perception of **your brother's** sins and of his body. 4 What is there in **your brother** that you would attack except what you associate with **your brother's** body, which you believe can sin? 5 Beyond **your brother's** errors is his holiness and your salvation. 6 You gave **your brother** not his holiness, but tried to see your sins in **your brother** to save yourself. 7 And yet, **your brother's** holiness *<is>* your forgiveness. 8 Can you be saved by making **your brother** sinful, when **your brother's** holiness is your salvation?

Note # 36: Mind cannot attack. Bodies can be used by the mind to attack and bodies can appear to have sinned. It is our belief that we are a body and can be harmed that supports the idea of sin in the world of perception. When we realize that we are not a body, we recover the vision of Christ. We look past the veil of the body and recognize the unlimited spirit in our brother. What appeared to be separate ego-bodies now is seen as a mind that can and is joined as one.

T-22.III.9. A holy relationship, however newly born, must value holiness above all else. 2 Unholy values will produce confusion, and **unholy values will produce confusion** in awareness. 3 In an unholy relationship, each **party** is valued because **each party** seems to justify the other's sin. 4 Each **party** sees within the other what impels him to sin against his **own** will. 5 And thus **each party** lays his sins upon the other, and is attracted to **the other party** to perpetuate his **own** sins. 6 And so it must become impossible for each **party** to see himself as causing **his own** sin by his **own** desire to have sin **made** real. 7 Yet reason sees a holy relationship as what **the holy relationship** is; a common state of mind, where both **parties** give errors gladly to correction, that both **parties** may happily be healed as one. p476

Note # 37: In a holy relationship each party is seen as whole. Lacking nothing, sin is not possible. Erroneous thinking is possible and, if found, the error needs only to be given over to the Holy Spirit for correction. Both parties are desirous of the support of truth and, therefore, any error in thinking is quickly given over to the thought system of the Holy Spirit. Any error in perception is transformed into correct perception that witnesses for the truth of the One Self.

IV. The Branching of the Road

T-22.IV.1. When you come to the place where the branch in the road is quite apparent, you cannot go ahead. 2 You must go either one way or the other. 3 For now if you go straight ahead, the way you went before you reached the branch, you will go nowhere. 4 The whole purpose of coming this far **on our journey to the return to truth and knowledge** was to decide which branch you will take now. 5 The way you came no longer

matters. 6 **The old road you previously traveled** can no longer serve you. 7 No one who reaches **this branch in the road** can make the wrong decision, although he can delay **the decision to continue past the branch**. 8 And there is no part of the journey that seems more hopeless and futile than standing where the road branches, and not deciding on which way to go.

Note # 38: We have traveled along our journey of separation long enough to be able to conclude that there must be a better way. Reason has demonstrated that the egoic thought system is broken. Although we can delay the decision for the thought system of the Holy Spirit, it has become impossible to go back to total victim consciousness. Our decision-maker has been awakened. We now realize that we possess within ourselves the decision making power to choose again.

T-22.IV.2. It is but the first few steps along the right way that seem hard, for you have **already chosen for the thought system of the Holy Spirit**, although you still may think you can go back and make the other choice **for the egoic thought system that entraps you in victim consciousness**. 2 This is not so **that you can choose for the egoic thought system**. 3 A choice made with the power of Heaven to uphold **the choice for the Holy Spirit's thought system** cannot be undone. 4 Your way is decided. 5 There will be nothing you will not be told, if you acknowledge **the decision to follow the Holy Spirit**.

Note # 39: As soon as the mad idea of separation arose, God already had the plan for the return to knowledge for all who choose to experience the illusion of doubting what they are. The mad idea was the thought that it was possible to be something other than the extension of the Creator. The Holy Spirit was given the function of reawakening any sleeping minds to the truth. Since the plan for salvation is God's, the results are certain. The Holy Spirit will act as our guide. Our acceptance of the Atonement for ourselves will bring us home to the truth.

T-22.IV.3. And so you and your brother stand, here in this holy place, before the veil of sin that hangs between you and the face of Christ. 2 Let **the veil that appears to separate you and your brother** be lifted! 3 Raise **the veil that appears to separate** together with your brother, for it is but a veil that stands between you. 4 Either you or your brother alone will see **the veil that appears to separate yourselves** as a solid block, nor realize how thin the drapery that separates you now. 5 Yet **the belief in separation** is almost over in your awareness, and peace has reached you even here, before the veil. 6 Think what will happen after **the veil that appears to separate has been lifted**. 7 The Love of Christ will light your face, and shine from **your face** into a darkened world that needs the light. 8 And from this holy place **the Christ** will return with you, not leaving **the once dark world** nor you. 9 You will become **the Holy Spirit's** messenger, returning **the Christ** unto Himself.

Note # 40: When we accept the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we allow the Holy Spirit to transform our misperception into correct perception. We become messengers for the truth that we are the Christ. Since to give is to receive, our thoughts of forgiveness are shared with our brother. By sharing thought, minds are joined. We cannot progress on the journey to the return to knowledge by ourselves. We must travel with our brother along this path.

T-22.IV.4. Think of the loveliness that you will see, who walk with **the Christ!** 2 And think how beautiful will you and your brother look to the other! 3 How happy you will be to be together, after such a long and lonely journey where you walked alone. 4 The gates of Heaven, open now for you, will you now open to the sorrowful. 5 And none who looks upon the Christ in you but will rejoice. 6 How beautiful the sight you saw beyond the veil, which you will bring to light the tired eyes of those as weary now as once you were. 7 How thankful will they be to see you come among them, **who forgot their Christ vision,** offering Christ's forgiveness to dispel their faith in sin.

Note # 41: The removal of the veil that separated our brothers from each other is the dispelling the erroneous belief that we are a body. With Christ vision restored, we look past bodily form to the content, the Love of Christ, which is the shared Mind of God. With vision, we can help our brothers correct the belief that they could be less than perfect, whole and complete.

T-22.IV.5. Every mistake you and your brother make, the other will gently have corrected for you. p477 2 For in his sight, **his Christ vision,** your loveliness is his salvation, which he would protect from harm. 3 And you will be your brother's strong protector from everything that seems to rise between you both. 4 So shall you walk the world with me, whose message has not yet been given everyone. 5 For you are here to let **the message of the Sonship's sinlessness** be received. 6 God's offer still is open, yet **God's offer for salvation, the Atonement,** waits acceptance. 7 From you who have accepted **the Atonement** is **God's offer for salvation** received. 8 Into your hand, joined with your brother's, is **God's offer for salvation** safely given, for you who share **God's offer for salvation** have become **the plan's** willing guardian and protector.

Note # 42: When we align with the purpose of the Holy Spirit, which is to reawaken all sleeping minds to the truth, we become messengers for our brother's sinlessness. By granting our brother his sinlessness, we receive our own. Each party acts as the protector of the remembrance of the guiltlessness of each other. Sharing this thought of the sinlessness and guiltlessness of the Sonship joins into one united mind, these minds which appeared to be separate.

T-22.IV.6. To all who share the Love of God the grace is given to be the givers of what they have received, **which is God's grace.** 2 And so **all who share the Love of God** learn that **God's grace** is theirs forever. 3 All barriers disappear before **those who share God's Love's** coming, as every obstacle was finally surmounted that seemed to rise and block their way before. 4 This veil you and your brother lift together opens the way to truth to more than you. 5 Those who would let illusions be lifted from their minds are this world's saviors, walking the world with their Redeemer, **the Christ,** and carrying **the Holy Spirit's** message of hope and freedom and release from suffering to everyone who needs a miracle to save him.

Note # 43: By sharing the Love of God, we prove that we have the Love of God. Unless we are willing to share everything, we are still under the delusion of lack and limitation. To free ourselves of the belief in sin, guilt and fear, we must be willing to share that same belief with all. We cannot be free if we insist on imprisoning one brother in sin. Being his

jailer, we must remain in the same prison to guard against his possible escape. The jailer and the prisoner are joined as one imprisoned mind.

T-22.IV.7. How easy is it to offer this miracle of **God's grace and our brother's sinlessness** to everyone! 2 No one who has received **the miracle** for himself could find **the miracle** difficult. 3 For by receiving **the miracle of God's grace that he is sinlessness**, he learned **the miracle of sinlessness** was not given to him alone **but to all**. 4 Such is the function of a holy relationship; to receive together and give as you received. 5 Standing before the veil, it still seems difficult **to understand that we give and receive together**. 6 But hold out your hand, joined with your brother's, and touch this heavy-seeming block, and you will learn how easily your fingers slip through **the veil of separation's** nothingness. 7 **The veil of separation** is no solid wall. 8 And only an illusion stands between you and your brother, and the holy **One Self** you share together.

Note # 44: Since the belief that we could be separate from the Oneness was never part of the Mind of God, it has no reality. Being an illusion held only within the mind of the dreamer, the dreamer needs only to reawaken to reality. Once awakened, the truth will reappear. Illusion cannot change Truth. By correcting the error at its source, all effects of the error disappear. The idea that we are a separate ego-body in competition with other ego-bodies appears real only within the dream of separation.

V. Weakness and Defensiveness

T-22.V.1. How does one overcome illusions? 2 Surely not by force or anger, nor by opposing **the illusion** in any way. 3 Merely by letting reason tell you that **the illusions** contradict reality. 4 **The illusions** go against what must be true. 5 The opposition comes from **the illusions, themselves**, and not reality. 6 Reality opposes nothing. 7 What merely is **reality**, needs no defense, and **reality** offers **no defense**. 8 Only illusions need defenses because of **illusion's** weakness. 9 And how can it be difficult to walk the way of truth when only **the weakness of illusions** interferes? 10 *<You, your Big "S" Self>*, are the strong one in this seeming conflict **between truth and illusions**. p478 11 And you, **your Big "S" Self**, need no defense. 12 Everything that needs defense **is an illusion** you do not want, for anything that needs defense will weaken you.

Note # 45: We are only strong when we are under the guidance of the thought system of the Holy Spirit. If we are in egoic thinking, we will associate ourselves with the illusion of the small "s" self and, therefore, believe that limitation is real. The insane do not know that they are insane. Yet, no matter how deep into egoic victim consciousness we sink, we will always possess deep within us the decision-making ability to choose again. It is the decision-maker that must decide which thought system the split-mind would choose to follow. To believe in anything but truth will strength our belief that we are limited ego-bodies in competition with other ego-bodies.

T-22.V.2. Consider what the ego wants defenses for. 2 **The ego** always **wants** to justify what goes against the truth, flies in the face of reason and makes no sense. 3 Can this **egoic denial of the truth** *<be>* justified? 4 What can this **egoic denial of the truth** be except an invitation to insanity, to save you from the truth? 5 And what would you be saved from but what you fear, **which is the truth**? 6 Belief in sin needs great defense, and **belief in sin** comes at enormous cost. **Both truth and happiness is sacrificed for our**

belief in sin. 7 All that the Holy Spirit offers must be defended against and sacrificed **due to our belief in sin.** 8 For sin is carved into a block out of your peace, and laid between you and **your peace's** return.

Note # 46: We sacrifice our divine birthright's happiness for the egoic desire to be right. What is tragic is that what we are fighting for is not truth but, rather, our right to claim that the false is the truth. If we reject the ego's thought system, we can accept only the truth. By accepting the truth, we get to be both happy and right. Truth just is and God's Will is that we be happy. No illusion can change truth or God's Will.

T-22.V.3. Yet how can peace be so fragmented? 2 **Peace** is still whole, and nothing has been taken from **peace.** 3 See how the means and the material of evil dreams are nothing. 4 In truth you and your brother stand together, with nothing in between. 5 God holds your hands, and what can separate whom **God** has joined as one with **God, Himself?** 6 It is your Father Whom you would defend against. 7 Yet it remains impossible to keep love out. 8 God rests with you in quiet, undefended and wholly undefending, for in this quiet state alone is strength and power. 9 Here **in the quiet state of truth** can no weakness enter, for here **in the quiet state of truth** is no attack and therefore no illusions. 10 Love rests in certainty. 11 Only uncertainty can be defensive. 12 And all uncertainty is doubt about yourself.

Note # 47: God's home is the Christ. God is truth and truth is certain. Due to our belief in separation, our egoic little "s"self doubted that we were an extension of the Creator and thus, not a part of the Oneness in the Mind of God. Our Christ consciousness still rests in knowledge and knows the truth. It is only our egoic consciousness that wants illusion to replace the reality of truth. Truth needs not attack illusions because to do so would be making the illusion appear to be real. How could you attack nothingness? Instead, we must bring illusion into the light of truth. When it happens, the illusion disappears. The entire egoic thought system is designed to prevent illusions from ever being examined under the light of truth. This is why ACIM does not attempt to teach love but rather to remove all the obstacles we have placed to block love's presence. Remove the belief that we are a body and the truth reappears. The truth was never missing; we just were unable to see past the illusion. The sun always shines even when it appears to be covered by clouds. The truth is the sun; the clouds only illusions.

T-22.V.4. How weak is fear; how little and how meaningless. 2 How insignificant **is fear** before the quiet strength of those whom love has joined! 3 **Fear** is your "enemy,"—a frightened mouse that would attack the universe. 4 How likely is it that **the frightened mouse of fear** will succeed **in its attack on Heaven's truth?** 5 Can it be difficult to disregard **fear's** feeble squeaks that tell of **truth's** omnipotence, and would drown out the hymn of praise to **truth's** Creator that every heart throughout the universe forever sings as one? 6 Which is the stronger, **an illusion of fear or truth?** 7 Is it this tiny mouse **of fear** or everything that God created? 8 You and your brother are not joined together by this mouse **of fear,** but by the Will of God. 9 And can a mouse betray whom God has joined?

Note # 48: ACIM points out that the illusions that arise from our fears are powerless against the truth of God. Nothing can impact the eternal truth or change God's Will.

T-22.V.5. If you but recognized how little stands between you and your awareness of your union with your brother! 2 Be not deceived by the illusions **that fear** presents of size and thickness, weight, solidity and firmness of foundation. 3 Yes, to the body's eyes **the illusions** looks like an enormous solid body, immovable as is a mountain. 4 Yet within you is a Force **for truth, which is the Will of God that resides in your Christ consciousness** that no illusions can resist. 5 This body only seems to be immovable; this Force **of the power of God** is irresistible in truth. 6 What, then, must happen when **the illusions of fear and the power of truth** come together? p479 7 Can the illusion of immovability be long defended from what is quietly passed through and gone beyond the illusion, **which is the Christ vision of truth?**

Note # 49: The illusion of form is powerless against the ability of Christ vision to see only what supports the truth. In the world of perception, the illusions of fear arose from our belief that we are the body and that the mind is the brain. We believe the body is full of sin, guilt and fear. It is the body's lot in life to suffer pain and ultimately die. If the egoic body has a soul, it must burn in hell. Is it any wonder, since we believe in the egoic version of "truth" that claims we are a sinner, that we fear God? To the ego, its egoic god must certainly condemn sinners to eternal damnation. Christ vision looks past the nothingness of the illusionary body to the reality that we are unlimited spirit. When we see both our brother and ourselves as the unlimited spirit of a Oneness of everything, what is there to fear?

T-22.V.6. Forget not, when you feel the need arise to be defensive about anything, you have identified yourself with an illusion. 2 And therefore, **because you have identified yourselves with an illusion, you** feel that you are weak because you are alone. 3 This **belief that you are separate** is the cost of all illusions. 4 Not one **illusion** but rests on the belief that you are separate. 5 Not one **illusion** does not seem to stand, heavy and solid and immovable, between you and your brother. 6 And **there is no illusion** that truth cannot pass over lightly, and so easily that you must be convinced, in spite of what you thought **the illusion** was, that **the illusion** is nothing. 7 If you forgive your brother, this **replacement of illusion with truth** *<must>* happen. 8 For it is your unwillingness to overlook what seems to stand between you and your brother, **your belief that you are the body**, that makes **the illusion of the body** look impenetrable, and defends **the ego's fearful** illusion of **the body's** immovability.

Note # 50: The body is the ego's symbol for sin and limitation. All of our fears are associated with our identification that we are the body. If we saw ourselves as unlimited spirit, what would we fear? What can be outside a Oneness of everything that we could fear? It is our belief that there is something else other than our own oneness that generates fear. The body is the ego's proof that the separation is real. The body demonstrates that we are not one with our brother. While on earth the Holy Spirit utilizes the egoic body as a neutral communication device. Under the thought system of the Holy Spirit, thoughts are generated from the mind that directs the body to communicate love and teach love. The mind, not the body, is the source for the communication. The body is merely the radio tower through which the signal is transmitted. We need to look past the radio tower's form and focus on the contents of the message of the unity of the Christ consciousness. We are that One Self.

VI. The Light of the Holy Relationship

T-22.VI.1. Do you want freedom of the body or of the mind? 2 For both **freedom of the body and the mind** you cannot have. 3 Which do you value, **freedom of the body or the mind**? 4 Which is your goal, **freedom of the body or the mind**? 5 For one you see as means; the other, end. 6 And one must serve the other and lead to **the other's** predominance, increasing **the other's** importance by diminishing its own **importance**. 7 Means serve the end, and as the end is reached the value of the means decreases, eclipsed entirely when **the means** are recognized as functionless. 8 No one but yearns for freedom and tries to find **freedom**. 9 Yet he will seek for **freedom** where he believes **freedom** is and can be found. 10 He will believe **freedom** possible of mind or body, and he will make the other, **either the mind or body**, serve his choice as means to find **the freedom for the one he values**.

Note # 51: We cannot serve two masters. Whichever of the two potential masters that we value, we will serve. Our choice is between the two thought systems of the ego and the Holy Spirit. These two thought systems vie for influence over our decision-making mind. The body and the mind are the symbols or battleground that represents each thought system's core belief. Are we a limited ego-body or unlimited mind or spirit? Which belief do we value? If we value the body, our mind will become the tool or servant that serves the perceived needs of the body. If we side with the truth that we are unlimited spirit, we will allow the Holy Spirit to utilize the body as a communication device to teach only love and the unity of our One Self. Whatever goal we value and desire most, the other one will become a servant for or the means to the achievement of the primary goal of the other. As long as we see ourselves as the body, our mind will follow the egoic thought system and pursue the ego's goal of "proving" that the Son of God is a sinful limited ego-body and that the separation was real.

T-22.VI.2. Where freedom of the body has been chosen, the mind is used as means whose value lies in **the mind's** ability to contrive ways to achieve the body's freedom. 2 Yet freedom of the body has no meaning, and so the mind is dedicated to serve illusions. 3 **The choice to seek freedom for an illusionary body** is a situation so contradictory and so impossible that anyone who chooses this **goal of freedom for an illusionary body** has no idea of what is valuable. 4 **This confusion of valuing the body over the mind** is so profound it cannot be described. **Yet** even in this confusion of **what you value** the Holy Spirit waits in gentle patience, as certain of the outcome as **the Holy Spirit** is sure of His Creator's Love. 5 **The Holy Spirit** knows this mad decision of **valuing the body over the mind** was made by one, **the split-minded Sonship**, as dear to His Creator as love is to itself.

Note # 52: Since we are here in time and space, we must have valued the body over the mind. The egoic thought system is the superficial attempt to grant freedom to an illusionary body. Yet this is only what the ego tells us its objective is. The ego's actual goal is the continuation of the belief that our mind lacks any power to choose again. Due to our egoic mind's belief that we are the body, our mind has slipped into a state of victim consciousness. The mind's power to create has degraded into the power to make only illusions. Creation requires extending thoughts that are shared with our Creator. Making involves fear-based thoughts of exclusion that are alien to the loving thoughts of God and thus, are not shared. Making occurs within the imaginary world of perception's time and

space. Yet, even this power to “make” is belittled by our ego as we claim we are powerless to act as the creator and cause of our world of provisional reality. We claim to be the effect of outside forces beyond our control. Illusions are made out of the belief that we are limited ego-bodies. Illusions are not real because they are not shared with the Mind of God. By choosing for the egoic thought system, our decision-maker has opted for littleness over magnitude. We have valued the specialness of the little “s” self over the Big “S” Self’s Oneness. The mind is now the servant of the egoic body. The mind pursues the insane egoic goal of making the illusion of separation replace the truth of the One Self.

T-22.VI.3. Be not disturbed at all to think how **the Holy Spirit** can change the role of means and end so easily in what God loves, and would have free forever, **which is God’s Creation, the Sonship.** p480 2 But be you rather grateful that you can be the means to serve **the Holy Spirit’s** end. 3 **Your becoming the means to serve the Holy Spirit’s end** is the only service that leads to freedom. 4 To serve this end the body must be perceived as sinless, because the goal is sinlessness. 5 The lack of contradiction **between the sinlessness of the illusionary body and truth of the sinlessness of the mind** makes the soft transition from means to end as easy as is the shift from hate to gratitude before forgiving eyes. 6 You will be sanctified by your brother, using your body only to serve the sinless. 7 And it will be impossible for you to hate **the body** what serves **your brother**, whom you would heal.

Note # 53: The body possesses no power to sin. As such, the body cannot be sinful or sinless since all power comes directly from the mind. During the transitory process of returning the split-minded to right-mindedness, the Holy Spirit must work within the illusion of the dream itself. By seeing the body as sinless, we can easily jump to the truth that our mind is sinless. Since we identify a brother and ourselves as a body, it is helpful to remove our underlying belief that the body is the home of sin. The Holy Spirit will reinterpret whatever perceived experiences we are willing to turn over for his guidance. The “sinless” body becomes a teaching device utilized by the Holy Spirit to communicate only love.

T-22.VI.4. This holy relationship, lovely in its innocence, mighty in strength, and blazing with a light far brighter than the sun that lights the sky you see, is chosen of your Father as a means for **God’s Own plan for salvation.** 2 Be thankful that **the holy relationship** serves **your egoic plan for your salvation** not at all. 3 Nothing entrusted to **the holy relationship** can be misused, and nothing given **the holy relationship** but will be used. 4 This holy relationship has the power to heal all pain, regardless of **pain’s** form. 5 Neither you nor your brother alone can serve at all. 6 Only in your joint will does healing lie. 7 For here **in your joint will is** your healing, and here **in your joint will** will you accept Atonement. 8 And in your healing is the Sonship healed *<because>* your will and your brother’s **will** are joined.

Note # 54: In the holy relationship both parties are seen as whole and complete. Being everything the minds of both parties can join to extend love and forgiveness. In the unholy relationship, the parties are seen as limited and lacking. The objective of the unholy relationship is to take from the other party. Sharing is not possible since each is perceived as a limited ego-body. If we ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit’s thought system, the ego’s special relationship can be transformed into a holy one. The ego’s special

relationship made holy forms the means by which the Holy Spirit teaches the split-minded the truth that we are only love and thus, the sinless extensions of the Mind of God.

T-22.VI.5. Before a holy relationship there is no sin. 2 The form of error is no longer seen, and reason, joined with love, looks quietly on all confusion, observing merely, "This was a mistake." 3 And then the same Atonement you accepted in your relationship corrects the error **by acknowledging that we are sinless**, and lays a part of Heaven in its place. 4 How blessed are you who let this gift be given! 5 Each **sinless** part of Heaven that you bring is given you. 6 And every empty place in Heaven that you fill again with the eternal light you bring, shines now on you. 7 The means of sinlessness can know no fear because **the sinless** carry only love with them.

Note # 55: The holy relationship allows Christ vision to look past form to the content. It sees the truth of the sinless nature of our brother and our own sinlessness. By seeing our brother as sinless and guiltless, we grant this same freedom to ourselves. By giving, we receive. Our loving experiences are shared and thus, real. The Holy Spirit saves all these loving thoughts for us in Heaven.

T-22.VI.6. Child of peace, the light, **which is the truth**, *<has>* come to you. 2 The light you bring you do not recognize, and yet you will remember **this light**. 3 Who can deny himself the vision of **sinlessness** that he brings to others? 4 And who would fail to recognize a gift of a **sinless brother** that he let be laid in Heaven through himself? 5 The gentle service that you give the Holy Spirit is service to yourself. 6 You who are now **the Holy Spirit's** means must love all that **the Holy Spirit** loves. 7 And what you bring is your remembrance of everything that is eternal. 8 No trace of anything in time can long remain in a mind that serves the timeless. 9 And no illusion can disturb the peace of a **holy** relationship that has become the means of peace.

Note # 56: In the holy relationship, we grant forgiveness and see the other party as sinless. Giving this, we also receive and accept that same truth for ourselves. Love is eternal and nothing can disrupt the peace of the holy relationship.

T-22.VI.7. When you have looked upon your brother with complete forgiveness, from which no error is excluded and nothing kept hidden, what mistake can there be anywhere you cannot overlook? p481 2 What form of suffering could block your sight, preventing you from seeing past **the form to its content**? 3 And what illusion could there be you will not recognize as a mistake; a shadow through which you walk completely undismayed? 4 God would let nothing interfere with those whose wills are **God's Will**, and they will recognize their wills are **God's Will**, *<because>* they serve **God's Will**. 5 And serve **God's Will** willingly. 6 And could remembrance of what they are be long delayed **to those who look upon a brother with complete forgiveness and thus, follow God's Will**?

Note # 57: Choosing to remember the truth about your brother will bring about the remembrance of the truth about yourself. We will remember that our will and our Creator's Will is one.

T-22.VI.8. You will see your value through your brother's eyes, and each one is released as he beholds his **brother as savior** in place of the attacker who he thought was

there. 2 Through this releasing of the perceived “attacker” who he thought was there is the world released. 3 This **granting of forgiveness to the perceived “attacker”** is your part in bringing peace. 4 For you have asked what is your function here, and have been answered **that your function is to forgive**. 5 Seek not to change **your function of forgiveness**, nor to substitute another goal. 6 This **function of forgiveness** was given you, and only this. 7 Accept this **function of forgiveness** and serve it willingly, for what the Holy Spirit does with gifts you give your brother, to whom **the Holy Spirit offers these gifts**, and where and when, is up to **the Holy Spirit**. 8 **The Holy Spirit** will bestow **these gifts of forgiveness** where they are received and welcomed. 9 **The Holy Spirit** will use every one of **these gifts of forgiveness** for peace. 10 Nor will one little smile or willingness to overlook the tiniest mistake be lost to anyone.

Note # 58: Since the Holy Spirit is aware of God’s overall plan for salvation, we should not interfere with the Holy Spirit’s function, which is the leading of the Sonship back to the truth. We do not know how all the parts fit together. To interfere with the Holy Spirit’s function is an egoic attempt to replace God’s plan with the ego’s plan for salvation. No loving or forgiving thought will be left unused by the Holy Spirit. We may not be aware of how our forgiveness is used and we must not let our egoic judgment limit how, when or where it should be used. Our only function in God’s plan of salvation is to grant our brother forgiveness and letting the Holy Spirit handle the details.

T-22.VI.9. What can it be but universal blessing to look on what your Father loves with charity? 2 Extension of forgiveness is the Holy Spirit’s function. 3 Leave this **extension of forgiveness to the Holy Spirit**. 4 Let your concern be only that you give to **the Holy Spirit gifts of forgiveness**, which can be extended. 5 Save no dark secrets that **the Holy Spirit** cannot use, but offer Him the tiny gifts **the Holy Spirit** can extend forever. 6 **The Holy Spirit** will take each **gift of forgiveness** and make of **each gift** a potent force for peace. 7 **The Holy Spirit** will withhold no blessing from **each gift of forgiveness and love**, nor limit **each gift** in any way. 8 **The Holy Spirit** will join to **each gift** all the power that God has given **the Holy Spirit**, to make each little gift of love a source of healing for everyone. 9 Each little gift you offer to your brother lights up the world. 10 Be not concerned with darkness; look away from **darkness** and toward your brother. 11 And let the darkness be dispelled by **the Holy Spirit** Who knows the light, and lays **the light** gently in each quiet smile of faith and confidence with which you bless your brother.

Note # 59: Again, ACIM warns us to let the Holy Spirit do His job. We grant forgiveness to a brother and the Holy Spirit extends our gift of forgiveness to the entire Sonship. Being clueless, the ego does not know how or what forgiveness is for.

T-22.VI.10. On your learning depends the welfare of the world. 2 And it is only **egoic** arrogance that would deny the power of your will. 3 Think you the Will of God is powerless? 4 Is this humility? 5 You do not see what this **egoic** belief **that would deny the power of your will** has done. 6 You see yourself as vulnerable, frail and easily destroyed, and at the mercy of countless attackers more powerful than you. 7 Let us look straight at how this **egoic error of the denial of the power of your will** came about, for here lies buried the heavy anchor that seems to keep the fear of God in place, immovable and solid as a rock. p482 8 While this **egoic error of the denial of the power of your will** remains, so will **your will’s powerlessness** seem to be.

Note # 60: We must relearn the truth about ourselves. We are an extension of the Mind of God. All the power of God is granted the Sonship for we are one with God. Our power to create comes from following God's Will, which is our true will. When we see ourselves as something other than a co-creator with God's Will, we deny our creative ability. We "make" when we follow the egoic belief system that claims we are limited ego-bodies. Our egoic little "s" self can do nothing but make up illusions. Yet, through our Big "S" Self, the Christ, God does everything. This is the acknowledgment that the Christ is the home of God and the seat of all power.

T-22.VI.11. Who can attack the Son of God and not attack his Father? 2 How can God's Son be weak and frail and easily destroyed unless his Father is **also weak**? 3 You do not see that every sin and every condemnation that you perceive and justify <is> an attack upon your Father. 4 And that is why **sin** has not happened, nor could **sin** be real **since the Father is not weak**. 5 You do not see that this **egoic belief in the Son's weak and sinful nature** is your ego's attempt to **make the separation appear real** because you think the Father and the Son are separate. 6 And you must think that **the Father and the Son** are separate, because of fear. 7 For it seems safer to attack another or yourself than to attack the great Creator of the universe, Whose power you know.

Note # 61: The ego realizes that the ego's thought system rests on the belief that the separation is real. This is the only way that the Sonship could ever have usurped the Will of God. The ego also states that we are separate from our brothers. The body is the "proof" that this illusion is real. Since we believe that we are a limited ego-body in competition with other ego-bodies, it makes sense that we are justified in attacking and stealing from our brother in order to survive. It is easier to believe that we can defeat and take from our brother than to take from God. The ego tells us that an attack on our brother is not an attack on God since each is a separate entity. ACIM points out that since the separation never happened, there remains only the Oneness. Thus, to attack any part of the Oneness is to attack the whole.

T-22.VI.12. If you were one with God and recognized this oneness, you would know His power is **your power**. 2 But you will not remember this **oneness and joint power with God** while you believe attack of any kind means anything. 3 **Attack** is unjustified in any form, because **attack** has no meaning. 4 The only way **attack** could be justified is if you and your brother were separate from the other, and all were separate from your Creator. 5 For only then would it be possible to attack a part of the creation without the whole, the Son without the Father; and to attack another without yourself, or hurt yourself without the other feeling pain. 6 And this belief **that the separation of the Oneness into individualized parts is real is what** you want. 7 Yet wherein lies **this belief's** value, except in the desire to attack **an individual part** in safety? 8 Attack is neither safe nor dangerous. 9 **Attack** is impossible. 10 And **attack is impossible** because the universe is one. 11 You would not choose attack on **the oneness of each part's** reality if it were not essential to attack to see **each part** separated from its maker. 12 And thus **due to the egoic belief in separation**, it seems as if love could attack and become fearful.

Note # 62: If we realized that we are the Oneness of everything, we would realize there is nothing to attack. The Laws of God state that the whole cannot be subdivided into separate

parts. The Mind of God is holographic in nature. Each part contains the whole. The egoic world of perception, however, focuses on form. In the world of form, which is but an illusion, each part is less than the whole and, therefore, can be separated from the whole. Believing we are separate from the whole, each part is free to attack another part while claiming immunity from the consequence of our attack upon the whole. We believe that we can attack a brother and still claim we love the God that created the one we hate.

T-22.VI.13. Only the different can attack. 2 So you conclude *<because>* you can attack, you and your brother must be different. 3 Yet does the Holy Spirit explain this differently. 4 *<Because>* you and your brother are not different, you cannot attack. 5 Either position is a logical conclusion. 6 Either **position** could be maintained, but never both **positions**. 7 The only question to be answered in order to decide which must be true is whether you and your brother are different. 8 From the position of what you **egoically** understand you seem to be **different with separate bodies**, and therefore can attack. 9 Of the alternatives, this seems more natural and more in line with your experience **based on our own belief that you are the body**. 10 And therefore it is necessary that you have other experiences, more in line with truth, to teach you what *<is>* natural and true, **which is that you are not the body but rather joined as one unified mind**.

Note # 63: Since we deny that we are the dreamer of the illusion of separation, we naturally believe that we are a bodily form. Form cannot be shared and, therefore, must be separate. The Holy Spirit awakens us to the fact that we are mind and are only dreaming. Knowing the truth, the Holy Spirit prompts us to gently awaken so that we can remember the truth about ourselves as a unified thought in the Mind of God. Minds, being thought, are joined. There are no private thoughts.

T-22.VI.14. This **providing you with more experiences in line with the truth of the Oneness of Mind** is the function of your holy relationship. 2 For what one thinks, the other **brother** will experience with him. p483 3 What can this mean except your mind and your brother's are one **mind**? 4 Look not with fear upon this happy fact **that your mind and brother's mind are joined, and think** not that **this joining of minds** lays a heavy burden on you. 5 For when you have accepted **this joining of minds** with gladness, you will realize that your relationship is a reflection of the union of the Creator and His Son. 6 From loving minds there *<is>* no separation. 7 And every thought in one **mind** brings gladness to the other **mind** because they are the same **mind**. 8 Joy is unlimited, because each shining thought of love extends its being and creates more of itself. 9 There is no difference anywhere in **mind**, for every thought is like itself.

Note # 64: In the holy relationship, we look past the bodily forms and realize that minds are joined. We learn the truth about ourselves when we experience the joining of two apparently separate minds into the one mind. The Holy Spirit uses the holy relationship as the means to teach this lesson of joining and oneness. This whole and holy experience strengthens our faith in the thought system of the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit's transformation of each unholy relationship into a holy relationship, we experience the relinquishing of conflict and fear and receive the inner peace of love and forgiveness. The more relationships that we turn over to the Holy Spirit, the greater the joy and peace we allow ourselves to experience in present time. We realize that we are not a body but that

our happiness can only be found by extending love and forgiveness to all. By granting forgiveness, we receive forgiveness.

T-22.VI.15. The light that joins you and your brother shines throughout the universe, and because **the light** joins you and him, so **the light** makes you and him one with your Creator. 2 And in **the Creator** is all creation joined. 3 Would you regret you cannot fear alone, when your relationship can also teach the power of love is there, which makes all fear impossible? 4 Do not attempt to keep a little of the ego with this gift **of the holy relationship**. 5 For **the holy relationship** was given you to be used, and not obscured. 6 What teaches you that you cannot separate denies the ego. 7 Let truth decide if you and your brother be different or the same, and **let the holy relationship** teach you which is true. p484

Note # 65: In the world of perception, the holy relationship most clearly represents the truth of what we are. In the holy relationship, two parties realize that they are already complete and also that they are not the body. Being unlimited mind or spirit, what appeared to be two separate bodily forms existing in the illusion of time and space, are now joined has one mind to extend and experience only love and forgiveness. This is the creative process of extension. The holy relationship is the gift that the Holy Spirit can utilize to help awaken the entire Sonship. The miracle is the change in perception within the mind of the perceiver, which transforms the egoic unholy special relationship into a holy one. The holy relationship teaches the truth about our brother and ourselves. We are all the One Self within the holographic Mind of God.