

DECODING & LIVING ACIM

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LESSON SUMMARY #6-10

LESSON 52.

Today's review covers these ideas:

W-52.1. (6) I am upset because I see what is not there.

2 Reality is never frightening. 3 It is impossible that **reality** could upset me. 4 Reality brings only perfect peace. 5 When I am upset, it is always because I have replaced reality with illusions I made up. 6 The illusions are upsetting because I have given **the illusions** reality, and thus regard reality as an illusion. 7 Nothing in God's creation is affected in any way by this confusion of mine **of giving the illusions reality, and thus regard reality as an illusion.** 8 I am always upset by nothing.

W-52.2. (7) I see only the past.

2 As I look about, I condemn the world I look upon. 3 I call this **condemning of the world I look upon**, as seeing. 4 I hold the past against everyone and everything, making them my enemies. 5 When I have forgiven myself and remembered Who I am, I will bless everyone and everything I see. 6 There will be no past, and therefore no enemies. 7 And I will look with love on all that I failed to see before.

W-52.3. (8) My mind is preoccupied with past thoughts.

2 I see only my own thoughts, and my mind is preoccupied with the past. 3 What, then, can I see as it is? 4 Let me remember that I look on the past to prevent the present from dawning on my mind. 5 Let me understand that I am trying to use time against God. 6 Let me learn to give the past away, realizing that **in giving away the past**, I am giving up nothing.

W-52.4. (9) I see nothing as it is now.

2 If I see nothing as it is now, it can truly be said that I see nothing. 3 I can see only what is now. 4 The choice is not whether to see the past or the present; the choice is merely whether to see or not. 5 What I have chosen to see **has been my mind's preoccupation with the past and this preoccupation** has cost me vision. 6 Now I would choose again, that I may see.

W-52.5. (10) My thoughts do not mean anything.

2 I have no private thoughts. 3 Yet it is only private thoughts of which I am aware. 4 What can these **private** thoughts mean? 5 **These private thoughts** do not exist, and so **these private thoughts** mean nothing. 6 Yet my mind is part of creation and part of its Creator. 7 Would I not rather join the thinking of the universe than to obscure all that is really mine with my pitiful and meaningless "private" thoughts?

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NOTES ON LESSON #52

1) If I am upset, it is because I have forgotten what I really am, which is a Child of God. I am caught up in my dream world of provisional reality and mistook the dream for reality and truth. I have forgotten that my current lifetime is part of my learning experience, which is designed to help reawaken my mind to its ability to choose again. This next time I can choose for the guidance of the Holy Spirit's thought system. I am upset because I believe that the movie that I have made up is real. I have forgotten my purpose, which is to remember what I truly am. I have forgotten that this dream of mine can be utilized by the Holy Spirit to help me remember what I am if I ask for His guidance.

2) As long as I am upset, I give credence to the ego's belief that I am a separate and limited ego-body. This upset helps keep me trapped in my provisional reality and away from my ability to reclaim my right to choose again. When I am upset, I have accepted the role of victim. Victims claim to be powerless to change their circumstances. This forgetting of my ability to choose again is exactly what my ego wants me to believe.

3) Our provisional world is a world based on our perceptions. Our current perceptions are clouded and colored by our past experiences. We utilize our past experiences to form our current belief system. From this belief system, which is based on the past, we project from our mind, what we wish to "see" and "experience". We project out into our dream world of provisional reality, thoughts that will confirm our present belief system. It is this predetermined thought projection that our senses pick up or perceive. Thus, our preoccupation with the past helps insure that our future will be perceived similarly to our current belief system. This is the basis for the saying, "whether you think you can or you think you can't, your right."

4) Our preoccupation with our perceived dream world of provisional reality prevents us "living in the now". In the Kingdom of the Mind of God, all things are eternal and there is no time and space; there is only a Oneness. Since we "live" in our own world of provisional reality, we need to at least try to live in the "now" of time. By the use of forgiveness for both our perceived brother and ourselves, we regain or slowly reawaken ourselves to what we really are. Forgiveness releases our mind's preoccupation with the past, and allows us to reclaim our lost awareness and focus on to the present, which is now.

5) Our provisional reality is based on our own private perceptions. This private world based on our individual viewpoint or perception is not shared with others nor, more importantly, it is not shared with the Mind of God. Because perception is based on individuality and separateness, it cannot be shared. The Mind of God is a Oneness and is, therefore, shared by all that God created, because the Kingdom is all of reality, Level #1. Creation is a sharing or an extension of what its creator truly is. The only "real" thoughts that a Son of God can have are thoughts shared with His Father. These thoughts are based on the Son knowing the oneness of what he truly is. Thoughts, which come from the erroneous belief of separation, come from limitation, which is not how God created His Son. These private thoughts of the split mind, which is under the guidance of the ego, have no basis in reality since they are not part of the Mind of God. Provisional reality appears to be real only in the mind of the perceiver. Change your perception and you change your provisional reality. You are asked by the Holy Spirit to choose again. Forgiveness is the means by which we choose again.