

3 DAYS TO AWAKENING

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*Here is Part II for YOU, DEAR ONE,
Who wants the Peace of mind, and nothing else;
You Who CANNOT not-know Your Self
and rejoices in this discovery.*

*This book is especially recommended for
anyone who has been educated in a Western-
Christian way and has made contact with any
of the Eastern teachings.*

*I dedicate this book in gratitude to YOU
Who is - as my brother - my Savior.*

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Foreword

Three Days to Awakening. Rhetoric? A good inquiry! Definition? If you like to define. Poetic or philosophical? Another definition, though you're getting closer now. Experience? Well now, the question is, can you step in? For in such case, no further comment.

Read again this book's title, dear reader. *Three Days to your Awakening*? Yes! And suddenly, your mirror is before you! Having read the *Introduction* and *chapters of Day One* and continuing now with *Day Two*, you discover yourself stepping right through your very own looking glass, into a new discovery of yourself. Rather, let me say, recovery of your *Self*.

Based on the Christian teachings of *A Course in Miracles*, yet addressing as well principles of eastern tradition, *Three Days to Awakening*, teaching that *only One Love IS*, offers you a very personal opportunity for (let's call it) an 'unraveling' of yourself. Yet don't be concerned, as a high level of reconstruction follows. And so I invite you to join with the author in a memory of 'descent' into *your apparent objective world of separation* from everything and everyone; from God Himself (Day 1), recognition of the futility of the experience of separate identity, followed by your subsequent *surrender* (Day 2), and finally, though always only right now, your *Resurrection and recognition of your eternal nature* (Day 3).

And so *Three Days to Awakening* guides you into a present memory of your *Self*. The use of *Jesus'* words from *A Course in Miracles* throughout much of *Devavan's* book

adds a depth of love and memory that helps to catalyze this experience. Since *A Course in Miracles* is an invaluable focus and transformational gift in my life personally, the treasure was that I found my own heart and dedication even more impassioned to read and experience the Course's *Text* and *Workbook* lessons. I was inevitably filled with an even greater richness of the experience of *Christ's Love*, and it is clearly out of such love that all true *Experience* emanates. *Three Days to Awakening* leads you, the reader, to this and graciously encourages you to undergo your own discovery of the power of the *Course*, to fully embrace and live the daily lessons of the *Workbook*, to read the *Text*. The magnitude of its offering is an unsurpassable gift; and so it is out of my own love that I join in this invitation to you.

I believe it is important to mention as well, that though reference is consistently made in this book to the *Course*, there is most definitely a clear relevance for readers and students of Eastern traditions. Having had a rather extensive experience with Eastern teachings himself, the author fully incorporates Eastern concepts generally considered useful on one's 'path to enlightenment.' Eastern practices of 'Inquiry', transcendence, surrender, etc. are looked at. Their effectiveness and limitations are talked about. Most importantly, I feel, it is made apparent how all is useful and integrated into a final experience of forgiveness, healing and wholeness; remembrance of *Self*. This, of course again, is the teaching of *Jesus*, and the vernacular is inconsequential, for it is the Experience that is universal and applies to both East and West. The Eastern method of Inquiry finally is, in fact, only another way of

remembering one's necessity for this same forgiveness. And so finally, as well, all ends with a real experience of total inclusiveness of everyone and everything as the Love that you are. Yet this really is no different than saying that all ends in *A Course in Miracles*.

A lightness, but as well depth, occurs throughout *Three Days to Awakening* through the author's insertion of aphorisms which had been written within the course of his life experiences. From one such aphorism (at the beginning of Day 2):

A little bird, quite frail and loving, wanted to fly to the stars. It did not know in which direction. The sky was so empty and vast, so unknown and yet so attractive. And it also did not know about flying...

Further along, this aphorism continues:

Suddenly the whole nest fell apart and the little bird was very much afraid to fall from the high tree top to the ground.

She decided to be very still, not to have any thought, not to make any effort and to accept the end just as it would be.

And there – the last wish was realized. This split second was enough to recognize that she was Flying, always was, and always would be able to Fly.

Now the little bird could also see that she had never been nor could ever be separate from the stars. In fact everything always was sharing that common Source, as well as the Flying.

Stars and Flying is as you are – we all are.

In surrender, all this that appears to be an obstacle, to be separate, disappears.

“All this that appears to be an obstacle, to be separate, disappears.” Here is where you are lead.

Indeed! An insight does finally come as result of your experience within *Day One*, where you found yourself "*Looking for a Way Out of Here*" (Vol. 1).

Let's look back at *Day 1* once again. In *Day 1* the 'obstacle' appears to consist of endless multiplicity; a world of separated and scattered, meaningless ambitions, associated competition, vanities, hatred, war, and on and on. An infinity of separate, egoic identities seem finally to yield no reasonable hope for a real resolution for your world.

Yet within the reading of *Day 1*, you are finally hit with the same *Voice* the author himself relates as having heard: "Just admit and recognize with all your believing in obstacles that you are an *Obstacle* in its entirety, and salvation is yours that very instant."

One more time, from the aphorism: *In surrender all this that appears to be an obstacle, to be separate, disappears*. And so in your recognition of yourself as the *Obstacle* in its entirety, do you disappear?

As you continue through the book, it is impossible that you will not have a true experience of the depth of the meaning of this simple thought. What will result as well will be a tremendous healing that includes not just yourself, but your entire apparent world. It will occur as you resolutely determine to not just read the words of *Three Days to Awakening*, but remain willing to experience the offered Alternative to your individually defined and therefore separate 'human self'.

What if you are not separate? What if your 'physical' body is merely a device your mind has constructed for an experience that, let's say, worked out 'not so well'? Or at least not as anticipated? As *Einstein* has put it, "Time is an illusion;" ...and space too. And how about 'you' then as you perceive yourself in your world? For that matter... how about your world?

"It becomes a first step and necessity for those believing to be separate to check the borderline, the imagined drawn boundary between that image out there and what you define as 'yourself'. Is there really such a boundary that defines a limit to any imagined physical body or even subtler bodies, an in- or outside perception, any objects or expressions seemingly separate from yourself?" (Day 1, I. The Waking Call for Peace)

"*The whole universe is nothing but thought, and YOU as you think of you is but a thought.*" (Day 1, V. Dreaming the Awakening – Dreaming Yourself Out of Here)

"Feeling a sense of SEPARATION is what an unforgiven thought is." (Day 1, V. Dreaming the Awakening – Dreaming Yourself Out of Here)

At this point, a true understanding of *Forgiveness* becomes important. Forgiveness, throughout its offering in *A Course in Miracles* as well as *Three Days to Awakening*, is not the acknowledgment that someone "out there" has done something wrong, and now you are willing to forgive him or her. In coming into an understanding of this, *Day 2* is upon you, the second action of mind that must and does occur. What has changed? *How* you see the world, yourself, and everyone playing a role - being a part of it.

Those readers unfamiliar with a true understanding and experience of forgiveness surely will not want to miss this discovery, for its offering is rich. And as this truer meaning is accepted by you, as you experience a willingness to adventure with HIM out of your old world and ideas into the whole new reality it offers – well, whatever hole you might have been in; *be awake* to its perhaps unexpected disappearance into a rather... hmmm... let me say “radiant light.” You certainly will begin to experience yourself lifted from an old and heavy identity that no longer serves you.

Read on! Discover what ‘atonement’ really is. Don’t be afraid to admit the impossibility of your human condition. Come into a true *Experience of God* and remembrance of *yourSelf* as the *Divine Light* that you are. As you continue to read with your expanding, open, and forgiving heart and mind, it is impossible this will not occur for you. You will begin to include and integrate everyone and everything as a whole part of what you are – this is your process of ‘at-one-ment’, of remembrance of your *One Self, Divine Self*. Healing occurs, and it appears the nature of its occurrence is miraculous. You discover that such “miracles” have always been within the very nature of you.

Throughout *Day 2, Three Days to Awakening* continues to lead you to such experience, working with and expanding on *Jesus’* teachings in *A Course in Miracles*, yet within the context of the author’s own expressions and related personal stories. You find yourself releasing all your denials of God, the entirety of your constructed,

illusory dream experience, leading you at last to your *Day Three revelatory Experience*, your *Waking up from the dream*.

This is the conversion of your world into a *Real World*, one based singularly on Love. You awaken. For a moment, perhaps you cry in the remembrance of something so beautiful....

To conclude, dear reader – whoever you are, let me suggest that as you read this book you allow yourself – as I did – to come into an *experience* where you find yourself asking, “Who is speaking in this book?” “Who is reading?” “Where is this *beauty* I feel that is spoken of with words, though the words themselves are nothing in truth? Yet I feel the words. I know the *Essence* behind them. And yes, I know this author. We have met ‘time and time again’, and yet ever and always, in no time.”

Will you be free enough to cry in the beauty and memory of *yourSelf*? For it is in this moment that you did remember.

Christina Terra

A goose felt for millions of years that it would be a goose,

Just thought for millions of year that there would be the bondage of a cage; just dreamed ‘I am a goose’.

In Being quiet without any effort, now – here –, mind relaxes, body relaxes, no more past. No body, no identity, but Awareness Itself, myself as You, existence in Its Source.

The goose is out, in fact never has been in the cage. (Preview - Day 3)

Introduction

Welcome to your experience of *Day 2*. You have acknowledged your human problem of being here as one of being separate from yourself and your *Source, God*, and have come to understand that you are in need of a real solution. You started to make progress by no longer pretending to 'be fine' with this painful and devastating condition of separation, and have now made a firm decision to *change your mind* and *your thinking* about yourself, everyone and everything.

As we shared in Volume 1 of this *Three Days to Awakening, Day One – Looking for a Way Out of Here*, we have come to understand that the entire world as it is perceived by the human conceptual mind could not present us with a real solution to this one and only problem, this sense of separation from our *Source*. The experienced darkness and fear-driven insanity in the depths of every human split-mind has literally 'burnt out' the flame that kept the conditioned and indoctrinated personality worth living for, and seemingly towards a better future.

With increasing anxiety and desperation, such minds could no longer maintain such darkened state of mind and realized that the question rather became one of 'life or death'. Lucky and blessed minds saw no other chance than to investigate into the source of this problem. Often,

unfortunately, a mind in such state might not see any light anywhere and be on the verge of self-annihilation through a variety of destructive thoughts; whether it be through the means of substances like alcohol, drugs, pills etc. or through choices that lead to lethal diseases, accidents and death: they all were forms of the sense of “I don’t want to be here anymore.”

They all stood and stand for the self-imposed and -provoked ‘suicide’ of what was believed to still ‘live within’. Advanced minds, in their extended memory, have seen this continuing narrative and hopelessness play out over generations. As human beings trapped in such a conceptual frame we thought that we had come here onto this earth planet just to suffer the consequences of such ‘bad karma’ or even believed that we deserved to be punished this way.

This chaotic attitude within one’s own mind continued as long as we nourished and maintained such a narrative. To remain part of this ‘sleeping herd’ on its way to its demise made less and less sense the more we started to question the source and reality of the problem. Searching for a way out of such dilemma was our experience of *Day 1*. We came to the recognition that “There must be a better way, an alternative. There must be a way-out!” We were sharing in the first Volume a variety of approaches that determine this thought-reversal, this so called desired transformation of mind.

We came about a way, an offer from *Out-of-Time*, given to the world by *Christ-Mind* that facilitates this change to a new perception through a mind training program called “the *Workbook of A Course in Miracles*”: 365

lessons practiced throughout an entire year. It came about through a contact with a reflection of our own divine Self, a demonstration of our *Christ-Self* within our own dream sequence. We called and recognized this whole Self as our *Teacher, Master, Holy Spirit, Christ Himself, Jesus*, or simply *God's Son, The One, The Old Man* or *Dear One* – to mention just a few of such names. However the name, He has taken on the role of being in charge of the success of this change, and has been entrusted to be *The Guide* out of this maze of endless and impossible searching.

We learned to trust *Him* by the *Grace* that *He* brought and brings with *Him*, and it had and has to come from *Him* so that finally following His invitation to call off the search is understood, and instead become very focused and determined to change our own mind about the meanings we had given to everything and everyone. An initial Light Experience strengthened us until we gave up and let go completely. Therefore this *Second Day* stands for this experience of complete undoing and surrender of one's self concept.

Though there is nothing to surrender in truth as there is nothing to forgive in reality, and we have a glimpse of “there is no-one here to surrender anything,” the *experience* opens up for the recognition of Oneness of Self and unlimited Being. On *Day 2* we consciously realize what has been truly given us, what has opened up in our minds, and thus wants to be shared. All sharing of the gifts of *the Way, the Truth and the Life* are actions of forgiveness and love, expressing this *change of mind* as it occurs in us.

Whether a blessed conversation about our numerous transformative experiences, or a demonstration of the

Light that shines through a spark of self-realization, a full-on or near-death experience, an instantaneous collapse of the time-space sequence, or a sudden shift in the perception and recognition of the illusory nature of the world, all have as their basis what we can call *Spirit, universal Power, Light, Love, limitless and unifying energy, a Miracle in action*. It is this overwhelming manifestation and expression of God's Mind that replaces and has already replaced perception altogether.

It is the discovery that is called in the Bible "*It is raised to a spiritual Body.... The Last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.*" On Day 2 we learn and share that "*the corruptible must put on Incorruption, and the mortal must put on Immortality.*" It is about this change that we heard of in 1Corinthians 15. It is this 'dying' to one's old and tired self, to one's own self-concept that was held real – though always just an assumption, an erroneous thought about oneself – that is constantly *being reborn* moment by moment. This led finally to an awakening from the dream to "what life really is," to eternal Life.

This is what is called and described in the *Three Days to Awakening* as *Day Three*, the recognition of one's true Self, our Resurrection to *Christ Mind*, to the *Divine Man* within. *Day 3* will be presented in this series of books in its own Volume 3, and will have as its emphasis the certainty of the Knowledge of who we truly ARE; that we are *whole and perfect as God created us*, and that time is no longer passing. All we see is a reflection of this *God-realization* within us, that freedom that allows us to bless everyone and everything, every being on earth and in the entire universe.

In this sacred recognition of 'Who I Am' all is seen without the veil of guilt and sin, revealing that *fear has no meaning or reality*, and the mind lives in the acceptance that the human self has disappeared and thus has become the *holy Son of God*. God's Love is felt with everyone at any time, in all situations and ways. The true Mind is constantly in the realization that "there is no world, there is no death, the Son of God is free, and with him everyone." Of this I cannot really speak, although there is a repetitive attempt to speak and describe the *Unheard* and *Indescribable*.

More details to these divine *Actions of Mind* as they are described here as *Day One, Two* and *Three* can be found in the chapter "What is this all about?" in Volume 1 (*Day One – Looking for a Way Out of Here*) of *3 Days to Awakening*. In order to bring further clarification of the terms used in this series as well as in *A Course in Miracles*, I would like to present an introduction and share with you what is meant in the 'new understanding' of terms that we have used throughout thousands of years of the Judaic and Christian tradition.

Clarification of terms

Jesus of Nazareth says in His Course in Miracles, *This is not a Course in philosophical speculations, nor is it concerned with terminology. It is concerned only with Atonement, or the correction of perception....*

All terms are potentially controversial, and those who seek controversy will find it. Yet those who seek clarification will find it as well. They must, however, be willing to overlook

controversy, recognizing that it is a defense against truth in the form of delaying maneuver.

Theological considerations as such are necessarily controversial, since they depend on belief and can therefore be accepted or rejected. A universal theology is impossible, but a universal Experience is not only possible but necessary. It is this Experience toward which the course is directed.

In the final pages of *A Course in Miracles* there are *Clarifications of terms* that are also used in this book. They include the terms: *Mind – Spirit* (which includes as well the terms of *Soul*, *right/wrong-mindedness* and *Consciousness*), *The Ego – The Miracle*, *Forgiveness – The Face of Christ*, *True Perception – Knowledge*, *Jesus – Christ* and *the Holy Spirit*. Further clarifications are found in the *Workbook* (Part II) of the *Course* as introductions to the lessons 221-365. They can be found as instructions for a theme of special relevance, entitled in such question format as:

‘What is... Forgiveness? ... Salvation? ... the World? ... Sin? ... the Body? ... the Christ? ... the Holy Spirit? ... the Real World? ... the Second Coming? ... the Last Judgment? ... Creation? ... the Ego? ... a Miracle?’ and ‘What Am I?’

The clarifications given in the *Course* for the above terms hardly occupy a page each. Yet, I have never seen in any other books dealing with these issues such clarity as is found in these brief statements.

My own need to clarify terms – as you can find in this book – comes from a time long before I myself decided to compile texts and aphorisms for a book. In letting go of preconceived ideas from the past, not asserting any claim

of being right nor intending to initiate discussion, these definitions should first of all simply help the reader to overcome barriers of language and understanding. In some cases I'll refer to the different meanings used by Eastern or Western scholars. Yet the contents of these definitions are based only on my own personal *Awakening Experience*.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... And the Word (became flesh, and) dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.... And of his fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No-one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him. (JOHN 1:1, 1:14, 1:16-18)*

*In parentheses () because the Word did not become flesh. The Creative Reality of God has never changed. See also Text, Ch. 8, VII.

The *Word* means *Created Action*. Therefore all words in this book should only be seen as 'finger-pointers', and in this sense they are only of secondary focus. But the healing Life-Force behind and in these words, and "in moving the finger towards the *Moon*," pointing to truth, is the *Message* in Itself, and thus the declaration and celebration of your own truth, the only Singular Reality, that *You are the ONE*.

The following descriptions of terms may be used for a clearer understanding:

- **MIND** ...is thought, and either true or false; real or unreal (i.e. conceptual).

The idea of *conceptual mind* is considered as the limited and ever changing thinking, perceiving, feeling, and the faculty of expressing yourself. These are *projected* thoughts, reflecting such ideas as... liking and disliking, longing for something, expecting, desiring and rejecting, fearing, doubting, comparing and judging, accusing and condemning, evaluating, seeing opposites like Yin-Yang perspectives, good or bad, beautiful or ugly, right or wrong, real or unreal, inside or outside appearances, concepts coming from a dualistic or even a state of unified recognition.

The mind in its limitation is believed to be the same as the “I-sense,” the “ego,” which is nothing but a bundle of imaginary thought-form-associations in the denial of your true Self, representing the past.

All bodies, forms and world-appearances and all perceived manifestations are only images in the mind, existing only conceptually as thoughts. They represent the idea of death. Again, the conceptual mind exists only as a fiction and with no second or separate reality. Only the Mind with which you are thinking with God has reality.

By its own inquiry and devotion to the truth, the mind opens up to its natural state and gets finally restored to its only *Singular Reality* Which is *God's Mind*. In the Eastern Advaita tradition this opening and recognition of the non-existence of conceptual thoughts is also termed *No-Mind*. In this state revelation can be personally experienced as the Light of God's Mind that penetrates through the veil of nothingness and darkness (that are the grievances made up by the ego's idle wishes), shines it away and reflects a forgiven world, a world of Light. This

recognition – based on a personal Experience – is also called *Enlightenment* or *Illumination*. Recognizing your truth, the mind is experienced as Light, eternally creative, extending, ever present and perfect: divine. That is why the Mind, Which is thinking Light, the Thoughts of God, is synonymous for What you truly Are: God's Creation, Super-Consciousness.

The *Open Heart* as another verbal expression for the Experience of the Awakened Reality of Yourself, of Being the Son of God, is literally the same as the *Open Mind*, sharing One Mind with God. To be *open-minded* or *right-minded* is a term used for your stepping back and letting HIM, as the Holy Spirit in your mind, lead the way. In an 'open minded' communication no-one is left here to acknowledge or look for a particular expression. Such mind is still, at rest, in peace with its own images in its non-conceptual expression of all, a celebration of pure love, in joy and happiness with everyone and everything beyond any identified emotional feelings. It simply IS, does not know about a next moment in time and is not concerned about a future revelation of something, but gives all so that God's-Presence can be recognized as being revealed now.

In knowing yourself to be Mind, you no longer hold as real what you believe happened in a past moment. Your recognition is only of being Here-Now. Once the Light is recognized for an instant, IT permeates into every "corner" of the perceiving and conceptual mind. The One knowing of the opening, Who is you, has merged with the entirety of your self-made mind and universal mind. All time of all times is experienced simultaneously in one instant. This,

once more, is called Illumination, Enlightenment or Experience of God; *God is the Mind with which you think*. To such a Mind all is possible and available, and everything is seen in Light as One.

- **SENSATIONS** like seeing, smelling, touching, etc. are the link between the perceived objects – as the body is – and the perceiving mind. The interneuronal correspondences that are believed to be responsible for the functioning of sensations exist only because you have determined the course of perceptions in this way. These thoughts are not in the brain or other parts of the body, but in your mind. *You have given everything you see or perceive in any way all the meaning that it has for you*. Your sense organs, neural transmissions, your brain and all physiological functions around sense-perceptions are *completely neutral, nothing in themselves*.

The recognition of what it is you see, smell, touch, etc. as well as the emotions you choose for experiencing an event, happens solely in your mind by your *specified thoughts*, and NOT in your body. The thoughts of limited perceptions are *translated by the Holy Spirit simultaneously* with your awareness of them into *thoughts of love, joy and peace, the Thoughts of God*.

- **BODY** ...is nothing but a dream, an *idea of separation* that takes on many forms:

- as a perceived form – moving, experienced as coming and going; only temporarily existing during an imagined time-interval of birth to death, though in subtle forms it might even be experienced through meditative practices as forever existing ‘gravitation-free’;

- defined by shape, structure or boundary in comparison and in evaluation with an other body;

- as the abode of the 'ego', seemingly inducing, as result of the identification "I am a body," a definition which effects experiences of bondage, limitations, pain, loss and death. The ego holds the body dear.

- In the manifold 'realities' of a real-appearing universe, the body is mistakenly seen as a seemingly separate entity which is opposite to, or added to the Soul-Spirit (divine Consciousness), living in a 'cause-competition' with the Creative Mind, with God.

Judged to be the source of sin the body wrongly is also considered to be the cause of suffering, unending in its repetition until it is finally removed by the idea of death. The body is the symbol of the idea of death, but in itself is absolutely neutral because it is only an idea in your mind.

At His bottom experience of His own holy temple, no trouble arise for the Son of GOD so long as the body is recognized and seen as a *Light-Body*, an expanding open space here and now, in which the Self is recognized.

Considered as One's own best friend, what is also mistakenly called the 'body's wisdom' (within the open mind) really is nowhere else than in the mind. As long as it is useful, the body is a serviceable instrument through which the mind can operate. Thus transformed, the body can be used as a device for re-installing communication with the Holy Spirit. HE then uses the body as a vehicle

which helps forgiveness to be extended to the all inclusive goal that it must reach, according to God's Plan. All wisdom, which is of the mind, is but pure and innocent information contained freely in every atom, every molecule and cell.

With its singular creative information every cell and organ of the body can be rejuvenated, in fact is replaced every moment according to the specific memory you have given to each cell. This rejuvenation has nothing to do with the idle wish of prolonging the body's age in time, but is the conversion of the *corruptible* (perishable) body into an *Incorruptible Light-Body* through your physical resurrection. Not influenced any more by changes and any other ideas of death, not memorizing time, the body cannot get sick or grow old. It supports in this state of 'now-ness' one's own recognition of what it really is, which is *being nothing at all*. The mind, now free of the body, shines God's Eternal Light. Thus the body with its limits is no more. It has disappeared because except for the moment of conversion you have no need of it anymore and *lose it every moment from all you thought it was*.

● **REASON, INTELLECT** is the free will that God has given you as His Son for the undoing of insanity.

It is also the decision making "I" that is conscious of all thinking movements in the mind, e.g. doing and moving, experiencing consequences of acting and not-acting, celebrating or suffering. It is able to cope with the mind's images independent of instinctive programmed reactions. Through the intellect you can go beyond your "animal" inheritance that would hold you here in the world in bondage to a new experience of yourself, a

complete alternative to everything you ever have gone through.

Your intellect exists prior to the learned conceptual thinking and sensing faculty of the mind and is defined as your 'self-defining' capacity, the *conscious, self will-Power* that cannot not-be in communication with the Holy Spirit. Your little *self-will* which expresses itself in your attempts of reintegration of matter into *Spirit-Consciousness*, or illusions and ignorance into truth has truly never had an independent power, separate from God. This Power is truly of the Holy Spirit Who is nowhere else but in your mind.

The intellect's true nature is the Light of God, of Intelligence, the Self, recognizing Itself by and in Itself, in all, in your accepting the *Will of God* as Yours. It is realized in the thought "*There is no Will but God's,*" deciding to not decide any more. God's Will is recognized in His own Son's Mind, reflected as a miracle or simply the intuitively knowing and natural expression of Being yourself without a need for justification to remain part of the world.

- **GOD** is the I AM that you Are in the remembrance, the experience, that you are not a body and that there is no world. God is Eternal Life in you Who knows not of death.

God-Presence, in the Eastern teachings often mentioned as the *Divine-Self*, is in truth indefinable, unexplainable and inexpressible through words or gestures within a human limited identity. Conceptually God is an idea in your mind.

As a religious idea based on past conditioning, God is held as an *idol of worship* to the believer of the idea. Whether held and acknowledged as one or in a multiple manifestation, the devotee assigns God(s) with human characteristics, including a physical appearance. Based on this concept God is believed to have created this world and His Son in it. God 'seeing' that His Son has become sinful by the temptation of the devil (or demons), He casts Him out of paradise and since then accepts Him in his suffering in the world as well as in his dying. The devotees who believe themselves to be a body that can die or reincarnate thus hold God outside themselves, in a place they call "heaven," a place they desire to reach after death. Because they believe in the existence and threat of "hell," a place opposite to heaven where the evil and sinful go, they maintain good intentions to live in a righteous and rightful way, according to the laws of their holy scriptures. They also have faith in interpretations of the scriptures that are taught to them by their religious leaders and the establishments they acknowledge as the only source of truth. Behind what a "believer" holds to be true in his consciousness is the hidden grievance that God condemned His own Son to suffer in the world in order to gain a rightful place in "heaven." Consequently HE punishes all sinners in His 'justified' wrath He holds against His own Creation, with sickness and finally death.

These are the insane concepts of the ego's teachings to remain separate from God, Who truly is the Source of all Love, Your Creator.

There is One God, ... all encompassing, all loving, eternally creative.

Beyond the conceptual mind, senses, body, and intellect, God is present as *the One, Creative Power, the All Observing Consciousness, without observer or observed, the Essence, the all pervasive Substratum of everything, the Self in all selves. God is in everything I see.*

In the various mystical schools, God or the Self is expressed in many different ways and named according to their philosophical background,

e.g. as pure Beingness, Spirit, Supreme Consciousness, Awareness, Singular Reality, God's Mind, Intelligence, Creation, the Father, the perfectly Created Son of God in the likeness of His Father, the Divine Mother, Divinity ItSelf etc.. In the Eastern traditions God is also described as Being No-thing but All or the Emptiness of Fullness. Language does not matter in the recognition that Creation has only One Name of God; God Which is not named, *One Meaning, and a single Source Which unifies all things within Itself. God has given you the Name, the Word and the one Identity Which all things share.* It is His Created Action experienced in your own mind as His Mind, His Will.

You are *experiencing* God whenever you experience Love, Compassion, Laughter and Joy, Gratitude, Silence, Stillness of mind, Peace, the Presence in dancing, singing, speaking, moving... in everything. And this always was and still is the greatest threat for all established religious institutions; that everything is perfect and divine. *There is no sin, the Son of God is guiltless and still as He was created by Love Itself.*

God is the only Reality there is. ... What is all-encompassing can have no opposite.

For a more detailed clarification of the words we have used in this book, I recommend you study first the *Manual for Teachers*, the *Workbook* and the *Clarification of Terms* as parts of *A Course in Miracles*. More detailed descriptions are found in its first part, the *Text*, as I use them in this book.

A *complete clarification* can only be achieved by undergoing a *transformational Experience* where conceptual understanding is replaced by Knowing. For this *final journey* I invite you to come to the *Circle of Light*, a *Circle of Atonement*, a *Miracles Healing Center*, an *Academy*, a *Holy Instant* and *Experience of Forgiveness, Love, Light* and *Gratitude* and participate in an ongoing program offered everyone who wants to have this Experience for himself personally.

Information on this and a contact possibility can be found on the author's website: <https://devavan.com>.

– Day Two –

Choosing to Follow the Call Now

Expressing this title in a form of a Koan: “How the Bird Lets It All Go and Learns to Fly without Wings.”

A little bird, quite frail and loving, wanted to fly to the stars.

It did not know to take off in which direction.

*The sky was so empty and vast, so unknown and yet so attractive.
And it also did not know about flying. Anxiously it crawled back
into the little nest, passed the time with all kinds of doing, and
waited until its brothers would return so that it could ask them
about the stars.*

*When at night they snuggled up and entrusted themselves to one
another with muesli-grains, the little bird knew that it had only
this wish left to be free. Even when it woke in the morning at
sunrise, this wish remained, and she was convinced to set out to
reach the stars.*

*Suddenly the whole nest fell apart and the little bird was very
much afraid to fall from this high tree-top to the ground.
She decided to be very still, not to have any thought, not to make
any effort and to accept the end just as it would be.*

And there... the last wish was realized.

*This split-second was enough to recognize that she was Flying,
always was, and always would be able to Fly. Now the little bird
could also See that she had never been nor could ever be separate
from the stars.*

In fact everything always was sharing that common Source, as well as the Flying. Stars are and Flying is... as you are, we all are.

In surrender, all this that appears to be an obstacle, to be separate, disappears.

In Love – without imagination – you are Whole, at Home.

What does destiny mean?

To follow the wheel of death, disguised as feet of a body, or even a car, or invitations from fellow-travelers?

Not to know where it will lead you?

What do you want to come of it?

Not to doubt that every situation in this world is perfect for salvation, with nothing needed to change but your mind!

To be open to the truth of the 'everythingness' of ALL..., and by this to live in the revelation of the only Reality.

To surrender everything to God, this very moment, now... that It happens in all of your happenings, that It can deepen by Itself without leaving any trace, even without knowing Its depth.

You have come here to follow His guidance and have trust that you may go 'everywhere'.

By accepting the Atonement for yourself, you are 'sent' to your own self-made images which seem to be 'out there', yet are all parts of yourself, your own mind.

What else can be done then but to celebrate, heal, forgive, love and bless each other as One Self?!

I don't know anything about destiny!

Destiny – a word created by those who cannot accept Life as It is?

What is the use in naming a moment, already certain in God, "destiny"? Though it has been named, it can be nothing other than Eternal Life.

Life is, however, not as this world appears to be – a dream of death – 'created' by yourself! Life is whole as the Self is, eternal, unlimited.

Life is the only event, a simultaneous, seemingly ongoing process of never ending changes; this 'here' is not Life! Life is living

*without opposite, because you share One Source with everyone.
And this is unchangeable.*

*LIFE IS all pervasive. There is nothing which is outside Life, and so
inside me "NOTHING" HAS NEVER EXISTED and EVERYTHING WILL
EXIST FOREVER.*

*Is there any manifestation of this "world of death" that can give
you happiness? By relating with desires of this world, having the
feeling "this is my body," and attachment to it, fear will be your
reality. Where there is "I," there is "you."*

*Whenever there are two, there is suffering. You are free to play in
'leela' or 'maya', 'nirvana' or 'samsara'.*

*(Leela - divine play as part of the Mind of God; maya - mind
dominated by illusions; nirvana - eternal Life, Heaven; samsara -
worldly dream of pain, suffering, loss and death).*

*In the world it is all the same insanity! In Reality there is but
Sanity. Just decide once for the real "you" and SEE ... LOVE. It does
not need words, It has no message, story or sense, It cannot be
described by scriptures or philosophies, no word can explain what
It IS.*

*Yet, a few words read from expressions of His loved Son, a little
laughter about the joke of unique manifestation, a fire burning
inside out of LOVING the truth and Silence, and... IT is here, this
Silence, this Beingness, changeless by form and name, looking at
Itself, seeing One Mind.*

*'No-mind' is the Mind of God in Which no past thought arises.
Where there is no past thought, there is NO world! Nothing has
ever existed! Only the un-born Omnipresence of the Thought of
GOD is.*

I. Surrender to God – Co-Creating with Him

*A blue bird is flying from wire to wire.
The Sun gives Light to all and shows Its fire.
By turning effortlessly to the Sun the bird is burnt in that instant, as
well as the wire, and becomes that Sun Itself. No need to move....
Whatever comes flying already belongs to this burning Fire.
I feel sad when I look at the world, and yet I have to tell you...
Just the Sun's Light IS.
Nothing, all this 'here', has 'never' existed.
I can stand still a moment with those feelings ... and be free.*

Thank You, Father.

With the end of *Day 1* also all learning really ended. In my God dependency, my surrendering to HIM, there was and is no-one left to learn something or teach anybody. It is really a “being with all of myself” and a last “in-the-mind-looking” and recognizing what was and is always there, the Light God shares with me and everyone.

If parts of this chapter read like a teaching, I apologize right here at the beginning. My intention at this point is to offer my remembrance of the *means* that brought about my healing experience. And so I would like to share with you my remembrance of personal experiences reflecting my acceptance of the At-ONE-ment for myself. This includes my certainty that there is no need to continue imagining the world you see to still be here.

All time is going on simultaneously all the time, now, and therefore I can use everything in my mind to offer you my memory of how we left this place together. Included in this memory is what we decided to no longer value; to be done with. So will I use my experience and appear to still

question you as if you have forgotten. But truly we are not separate, as we never really were, and so you were with me in my Awakening and know perfectly well what I am talking about.

Once during visiting friends on *Big Island*, Hawaii, I had an extraordinary experience while swimming in the sea in a bay we visited on a shiny and warm November afternoon. I came to remember what importance *surrender* plays in salvation.

Thus begins *Day 2* with a personal story I still can remember very well. Without coming from a personal experience, any attempt to conceptually describe this *Second Day* would be meaningless. It is the *day of experiencing* that *I am not a body*; that *I am free* and *there is no death*. I could not succeed in my attempts to die. The action of mind underlying this experience I call *surrender* or *God dependency*.

Before I start with a short description of what happened to me on that day, I have to say that as a human conceptual mind I did not know what ‘surrender’ means. I had collected some spiritual ideas about it to replace my old ideas of being victimized by my world – but that was more or less the horizon on which I operated. Of course, I have many memories of remembering how I came to this devastating experience that ‘led’ to my awakening, yet truly *there is no link of memory to the past*, because *there simply is no past*. I can say that *surrender* was my last action of mind I had as a human being before I left this world and resurrected, the very last thought within a conceptual mind structure, within the “matrix.” Truth is that my awakening from the *dream of death* has nothing to do with

any idea of “past memory” at all. Reasonably understood, surrender can be called “the last illusion” or better “the undoing of the last illusion.”

What happened to me on that late afternoon and what I came to realize was incredible, for up to that moment I never had any intention *to surrender*, but tried everything to survive.

My friends stayed on the beach and I decided to go for a swim. The waves were too tempting and I could not refuse it to run and jump into the waves' rhythmic thrusts, playing them as a child. The challenge that excited me was to swim through or ride over them and wait for the next ones. As soon as I managed to swim through them I noticed that each time after they broke I was pulled further out into the sea. My struggle thus began. Now I had not only to manage the waves which would crash within their own time intervals towards me, and each time breaking above me spun me as a washing machine would do, but I also had to swim against the current that pulled me away from the beach further into the ocean.

Since I was a confident swimmer I figured that this would be no problem at all. After 10-15 minutes of trying everything to surmount just a distance of about a house block to the beach, I noticed that I had not moved at all. After any distance I managed to swim toward the beach, I was immediately pulled out again by the pounding waves. I had already taken in a few sips of seawater and felt nauseous, and I started to perceive the weakness of my body's movements.

I realized that I needed help and was looking around me. The surfers were too far away to see me and my friends were obviously immersed in a conversation and equally unaware of

my plight. I was also clear that, if I were to wave to them for help and they then came in to where I was, we would be trapped together. I decided to not involve them though I could hardly lift my arms any more.

I was utterly exhausted and just paddled on my back in between the waves breaking in. I was at the end of finding a solution. I thought, "This is it? This is how 'I' end?" These thoughts let me panic for a moment and I tried with my last efforts to swim harder with the waves in order to reach the 'beach-side' of them. Nothing worked.

I had no choice left. I gave up. I thought, "o.k., God, have me. O.k., sea, I am yours. Do what you like!" I did not make any effort to stay above the waves when they broke above my head and felt how I was being tumbled around under the water.

This happened several times and while I was 'waiting' to finally drown with the next wave, I still was backstroking in slow motion, and my body staying above the surface. Suddenly I noticed that I was moving towards the beach, where I arrived utterly exhausted within a minute.

The current of the sea underneath me must have pushed me through the collapsing crowns of the waves. Utterly exhausted, I recognized that I could not die. I realized that power is not of the body, nor in the body, but only in the mind. I don't know how long I sat there, tears rolling down my face. When I was able to tell my friends the story they remembered that once in this little bay more than a thousand indigenous people camped out here and were surprised by a huge wave which dragged most of them out into the sea where they drowned.

I knew and had no doubt that I experienced a miracle which offered me another chance to see things and myself differently.

The miracle was the re-established communication with God that occurred once *I gave up and let Him lead the way*. Before this I thought I would know myself without the need of integration of the fear and terror at the bottom of myself. Though I knew all through this experience that I am not a body and that the dream could not really affect or harm me, there was no way to escape my own thoughts within the dream except by giving up. Can you hear this?!

It is impossible to know your Self without *turning your will over to God*. This is what SURRENDER is and nothing else. You are quite hesitant with this necessity, feeling confused as result of your belief that there is another reality you must maintain. You value this “other” reality for you made it yourself, and gave it to your brother in order to keep yourself in separation. It is a past idea. All the resistance to surrender is of the past. Listen carefully!

This fearful dream is over. I am just reviewing what happened a long time ago, though it might appear in your mind as if it were real to you now. And in the attempt to justify this belief in separation, which is but the wish to die, you may even feel this invitation to surrender to be a threat and challenge rather than a blessing, yet surrender is the bridge to life. Just look at your thoughts when a brother asks you for help or when your physical participation is required, especially those actions that you consider might exhaust you. How is it even possible for you to be tempted to believe in a choice which refuses to

give help, thus making your dream images real? What does it matter? As long as you have not undergone an Experience of one *Singular Reality*, you will believe in having a CHOICE and will choose between the meaningless self-made options you hold in your mind.

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