

## Allowance is Transformation

Allowance is the greatest of keys to the Kingdom. For allowance requires a rescinding – slowly, patiently at times, painfully at times – of every perception you have ever held of everyone and everything. It is the descent into complete recognition of your ignorance, a complete recognition of your joy-filled dependence on the corrective power of the Holy Spirit. (WM 304)

Allowance is the cultivation of a way of looking at the events of your life, not as obstacles to getting what you want, but as stepping stones. Each one presents you with a blessing of the lessons required to heal the obstacles – not to success, but to the presence of Love as the Source and ground of your being. (WM 61)

In the stage of allowance, we begin to cultivate an acceptance of all things in our experience. We begin to see that because we have made a commitment to awakening and incarnating only Christ, the universe is already conspiring to bring the people and events into our lives, on a moment to moment basis, that can best provide us with exactly what we most need to learn or become aware of.

And so, *messengers* are sent. That *messenger* could come in the form of someone whom you fall in love with, and there is something there for you to learn. It could be that you have been blocking yourself from feeling love for other people, and now someone finally comes that blasts down the door and you cannot help but feel that feeling.

The *messenger* could be someone who comes as the grain of sand within the oyster that causes the friction within you that nudges you from your sleep, and you realize that you have been operating out of some very dysfunctional patterns and that you have got to get a better grip upon the Truth of who you are. (WM 61) Through your *messengers*, that which causes you to finally be responsible and be honest about where you are will be brought up within you. (WM 62)

For instance, if you think, "Well, I never get angry anymore. After all, I'm a very spiritual person. I just got out of seminary and I know it all now. So, "I'll just live in heavenly bliss." And events begin to happen. Perhaps, as an example, a gay couple moves into your neighborhood and you discover that you have some very deeply seated perceptions that there is something wrong with that sexual orientation. They are *messengers*, sent to you by the universe to push you to look more deeply.

Allowance, then, is the cultivation of a quality of awareness in which you rest in the recognition that your life is no longer your own to dictate and control. But that rather, you have given it over to the Source of your own beingness, to that depth of wisdom in the depth of the ocean that knows best how to bring about what is required to push up the dross from within your consciousness, so that you can release it.

Allowance cultivates trust. Allowance is the way in which intention and desire come to work ever more fully in the third dimension of your experience – the field of time. Allowance is a submission, but not a naive submission. Allowance changes your perception of what you see as the world around you.

You begin to realize that you do not really live in a real world at all. You live in a field of vibrations and energies that is operated by the law of attraction or resonance. And you begin to be willing to allow certain things to fall out of your life, even family and friends, trusting that because of your desire and intention, what passes out of your life must be okay. For it will be replaced by new vibrational patterns which come in the form of messengers – events, places, persons and things – that can carry you on the upward spiral of awakening.

Allowance follows on the heels of desire. For when you desire the Kingdom above all things, you have no choice but to discover that **you must allow the world to be as the world is.** (WM 253)

For you have not known how the world is. You have only known your perceptions of it. But the Comforter will heal those perceptions. And that requires your little willingness to let your perceptions be changed.

As they are changed, the world magically becomes a different place. It does become transparent and harmless. It becomes virtually valueless, except for the value that the Comforter would give it, while it lasts.

Allowance, beloved friends, is a process of letting go and trusting. It is a process of saying:

I wonder what it would be like to just let things be as they are – to notice them and let them pass by?

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### **Allowance is the Doorway to Christ**

Allowance then, is the doorway through which Christ passes into the complete remembrance of Christ. Allowance brings a deepening sense of freedom – freedom from all circumstance. For it is your circumstances that you have *believed* have the power to imprison you.

But as you choose to relinquish your perception of the world or any circumstance, you discover that you are already abiding in freedom. The power – and that is what freedom is – is a power to create differently. And to create is the effect of what you will choose to see.

Allowance can be thought of as a resistance being melted from the nervous system, which is just an aspect of the mind anyway. Allowance is like the opening of the palms of the hands. Instead of holding on so tightly, you simply let go. What do you let go of? The habit of the need to be right, the habit of the need to perceive that the world is a fearful place. The habit of perceiving that you are in lack. The habit of perceiving that Christ must be far from you.

Anything that is unlike the Kingdom of Heaven is a habit well worth releasing by allowing it to be dissolved from your mind.

The essence of this lesson is the cultivation of allowance. It begins with the willingness to relinquish the lid you have placed upon your own mind, so that you become able, in innocence, to simply observe how it really is – what is really going on down in the basement, without judgment, without fear, without justification, without explanation. It is simply there. (WM 254)

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## **Forgiveness Is Another Word for Allowance**

In allowance, you cultivate the very quality of forgiveness. Without forgiveness, it is impossible to awaken into the realization of the Truth that is true always. Why? Because judgment is the opposite of the Kingdom. Where forgiveness is withheld, you are literally making a choice to be outside the Kingdom. You have used the power of the mind to make a decision, out of a desire to hold onto a perception, and thereby, you have generated direct experience. *You* are the one who has kicked yourself out of the garden.

Remember, then, that always forgiveness is essential. It is necessary for the atonement. Forgiveness is another word for allowance. We speak here not of a blind passivity, but of a relinquishment within one's own mind, and that is all. It is a willingness to see the complete neutrality of all events. It is a willingness to let the Comforter remind you that separation does not exist, that you cannot possibly make yourself guilty of sin and all the rest.

Forgiveness is a relinquishment of what you have decided is true about the world. It is, then, very much a self-centered practice. Of yourself, you cannot forgive your brother or sister for anything because, in reality, they have done nothing. Forgiveness is forgiveness of one's self for insisting on replacing Reality with your own version of it.

One who cultivates that ability to allow is cultivating, in truth, the very act of forgiveness. It is releasing the world from its insistence that its perceptions be held as right. It is releasing from *itself* the need to hold on to its perceptions. Therefore, allow all things. Trust all things. And thereby, embrace and transcend all things. (WM 253)

Allowance is like the petals of a flower opening to embrace the new dawn of a spring day. Allowance is like the melting of the ice that allows the river to flow. Allowance is like the removing of a cap from a bottle of sweet fragrance and enjoying it as deeply as you can. Allowance is the dissolution of fear. **Allowance is transformation.** (WM 254)

When you have come to allow all things, to trust all things, you will have embraced all things. Only that one who is *larger* than the thing that is embraced can do the embracing. Therefore, whenever you feel imprisoned, it is because you have made yourself *smaller* than the world you perceive.

And when you feel free, it is because you have remembered that you are the one from which all things have arisen. *You are* the Son of God. You are the vast sky in which all clouds and storms arise and pass away, while the sky remains unscathed – eternally changeless. *That* is freedom! And the cultivation of freedom is a free-will choice. It is the result of the desire for the Kingdom.

As you come to *truly* forgive yourself for every perception you have ever held about anyone or anything, you will come to discover that it means relinquishing perceptions of yourself as well. For you cannot awaken fully unless you include *yourself* in the circle of your forgiveness. Ultimately, of course, you come to see that the very practice of allowance is really the act of allowing yourself to be truly the Self that you are. You will no longer resist the process of purification, by whatever means the Comforter uses for you. It simply does not matter anymore:

Why resist it? All I want is God! (WM 255)

If it is dissolved in the mind in a split second, and you do not even notice it – fine. If it requires great tears and great experiences in the world – fine. What is the difference? They are really the same. It is because you have relinquished – through allowing ownership of your own pathway home. You have decided to let the Comforter *take* you home.

Because you desire the Kingdom above all else, it no longer matters *how* that process is experienced. You no longer complain that it seems to be taking too long. You simply enjoy yourself in the process itself.

You let the Comforter take you by the hand and retrace the steps you once made in error. **Each step requires allowance**, which is forgiveness born of desire that has been purified of desire for that which imprisons. And it is replaced with the desire for that which sets all things free.

Once your desire begins and becomes the Kingdom, the end of the journey is perfectly certain. School is out. That which the ego is cannot last. For the very universe, creation, the world around you will conspire – which simply means to breathe together – all things will conspire together under the hand of the Holy Spirit to create *precisely* what you require to be set completely free of all illusion. And secretly, you will have already agreed with the Comforter that it will be this way.

Allowance, then, is equally as important as desire, and is an aspect of that pathway, that foundation, whereby Christ remembers Christ and arises from the ego's ashes to walk upon this plane, and any plane, as the Truth that is true always.

Remember that it is only the ego that will compare and contrast. It is only the egoic mind that thinks about another's path and wonders if perhaps their path is better than your own path. There is *only* the life that you are directly experiencing. And through desire and allowance, that very life comes to be embraced as the *very means* by which the Comforter is dissolving illusion from your mind. Of course, it is all based on the humility of realizing that the ego cannot awaken itself; that the Comforter is that agency, given by grace, that knows how to bring you home.

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