

Allowance Is the Greatest of Keys to the Kingdom

We have spoken often of the keys to the Kingdom: desire, intention, allowance, surrender. In allowance, you go through a period of deep undoing, in which you disconnect the wiring that has led you to *insist* on the rightness of the interpretations that you have created and then linked to events that the physical body-mind has perceived. (WM 353)

So as allowance is perfected, one has come to see that their whole world, everything they have constructed, has been undone. That is, your perception of belief, your perception of feeling nature, your perception of what is, has been undone. The mind is unraveled. (WM 354)

Become willing to be one who cultivates the ability to allow all things. The mind that is free can do this. The mind that is imprisoned cannot. For the mind that is imprisoned *is* so because it insists that what it perceives should become different *in itself*, but that the perceiver need not change. And that is the very essence of imprisonment. (WM 253)

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.

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.

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?

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.

From the body's level of perception, the thinking mind in association with the body creates interpretations of what it believes it is seeing. And now, your attention, your awareness is already twice removed from reality. First, you have become hoodwinked, thinking that what the body's eyes show you is what is truly real and significant. (WM 353)

If you identify with that level of perception, you can only conclude that you are separate, one from another. When you see events happening, it is absolutely impossible to see the subtle interconnection of all events. You fall into the trap of forgetting that you live in the universe. And universe means simply one turning, or one song – one event occurring, like an ocean is but one event, expressing as many waves. So too, do all events in the field of space and time, in the field of physical matter merely emerge from that *one* universe.

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.

As allowance comes to completion, something quite magical occurs. It is beyond all comprehension of the thinking mind. The ego could never comprehend this! It is as though something that was existing because it was contracted in fear dies and dissolves like the mist before a rising sun. And all that is left is a quiet spaciousness in which awareness has been purified. (WM 354)

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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What is the difference between allowance and forgiveness?

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.

Forgiveness recognizes what you thought your brother did to you has not occurred. It does not pardon sins and make them real. It sees there was no sin. And in that view are all your sins forgiven. What is sin, except a false idea about God's Son? Forgiveness merely sees its falsity, and therefore lets it go. What then is free to take its place is now the Will of God. (W 401)

There is nothing to forgive. No one can hurt the Son of God. His guilt is wholly without cause, and being without cause, cannot exist. (T 275)

The holy instant does not replace the need for learning, for the Holy Spirit must not leave you as your Teacher until the holy instant has extended far beyond time. For a teaching assignment such as His, He must use everything in this world for your release. He must side with every sign or token of your willingness to learn of Him what the truth must be. He is swift to utilize whatever you offer Him on behalf of this. His concern and care for you are limitless. In the face of your fear of forgiveness, which He perceives as clearly as He knows forgiveness is release, He will teach you to remember that forgiveness is not loss, but your salvation. And that in complete forgiveness, in which you recognize that there is nothing to forgive, you are absolved completely. (T 320)

Therefore, in truth, understand well. Forgiveness is essential. What has not been forgiven in others, has not been forgiven in you. But not by a God who sits outside of you, for He never judges. What you have not forgiven in another or in the world is but a reflection of what you carry within as a burden that you cannot forgive of yourself. (WM 26)

You have an interesting saying in your world: "It takes one to know one." Do you think you would even be able to judge another if there was not something within you being elicited that triggers within you the belief that you know exactly what that other one is up to? That is why you judge them. Sometimes you judge harshly because you fear that energy in yourself. Or you remember how hurtful you have been when you have acted from that energy.

But when you have forgiven yourself, rest assured, you will know what it means to walk in this world yet not be of this world. You will be able to feel the energy or the activities that any other soul may freely choose. You will discern that energy, you will understand that energy, and you will see through it and still see the face of Christ before you.

You will not react, which literally means to act again, as you did in the past. Instead, even if you are being persecuted (or to speak from personal experience, to be nailed upon a cross), you will have cultivated the ability to love. And in all situations, no matter what another is doing, your first response will be to enter into the quiet stillness within and merely ask the Holy Spirit:

What would you have me say?

What is most appropriate for this other soul in this moment?

For when forgiveness has purified the mind and the heart and the emotional field of your own being, you will discover that you exist only to extend Love. (WM 27)

You are the savior of the world. In each situation, your role is to ask the Holy Spirit how you can serve the atonement, the correction, the healing that yet needs to be acquired within another soul. So even if one hates you, you will not respond with defensiveness, but with curiosity, with innocent witnessing. Even if your hands have nails going through them, I tell you truthfully that it is possible to still enter the quiet sanctuary of the heart and to ask of the Holy Spirit:

What would you have me say or do that can serve the healing of my brother or sister's heart?

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What affect does allowance have on us?

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.***

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 enjoin 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.

Beloved friends, there are many of you that have come to taste the truth of what I am to say. ***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 requires cultivation *in time*. When there has been the desire for healing and awakening, rest assured, that already your Father, through the Holy Spirit, is working to reshape every moment of your *experience – every single moment*. So that the correct teachers, the correct lessons, the correct books, even the correct weather can come to force you to look at your edges of unhappiness, your edges of judgment, your edges of insecurity, your edges of fear-based definitions of what Love is, what it should look like, and what its effects should be.

In other words, the entire world that you have made in error must be brought to the surface of the mind for correction.

Allowance is sweet above the taste of honey. For allowance is that realm in which miracles can finally begin to occur. What is a miracle? It is not really a change at all. It is merely the recognition of what has always been – that there is a Love, a *power*, that would live through you, that would guide you in all things, that you need not be the captain of the ship, you need only be willing to take the cruise.

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