

Your Function Is to Bless Creation with the Reality of the Love of Christ

(Support Material for Lesson 12)

Listen well: your work – if you wish to call it that – is not to seek and find love. It is merely to turn within to discover every obstacle that you have created to its presence, and to offer that obstacle to the great dissolver of dreams, the grace of the Holy Spirit. (WM 72)

Grace purifies the mind. Grace is a direct gift of your Father. It is that energy or power of Love that descends into a mind and heart that prepares a place for it. You could say that your greatest preparation is to admit that you do not know what anything is for. (WM 306)

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To me, the purpose of everything is to prove that my illusions about myself are real. It is for this purpose that I attempt to use everyone and everything. It is for this that I believe the world is for. Therefore I do not recognize its real purpose. The purpose I have given the world has led to a frightening picture of it. Let me open my mind to the world's real purpose by withdrawing the one I have given it, and learning the truth about it.

If you are feeling emotions, if you are feeling like you want to run, if you feel like you want to avoid taking responsibility for something that has been dropped in your lap, rest assured, right there is your edge. There is the place you need to turn back and embrace. (WM 306)

Once the journey has begun, the end is perfectly certain. Peace is the perfect goal. But there are few, still, who truly understand what peace is. It is not the avoidance of pain. It is not the avoidance of responsibility.

It is the doorway to the greatest of responsibilities in which the mind, the heart, the soul, and even the body, while it lasts, have been so purified of dissonance and become so aligned with the will of God, that one looks upon all things with the compassion of Christ. Such a one walks in this world of yours *unknown* by those around him or her. That one serves only the voice of the Holy Spirit. It is not the least bit concerned with others' reactivity.

The teacher of God accepts the words which are offered him, and gives as he receives. He does not control the direction of his speaking. He listens and hears and speaks. (M 53) A major hindrance in this aspect of his learning is the teacher of God's fear about the validity of what he hears. And what he hears may indeed be quite startling. It may also seem to be quite irrelevant to the presented problem as he perceives it, and may, in fact, confront the teacher with a situation that appears to be very embarrassing to him. All these are judgments that have no value. They are his own, coming from a shabby self-perception which he would leave behind. (M 54)

Judge not the words that come to you, but offer them in confidence. They are far wiser than your own. God's teachers have God's Word behind their symbols. And He Himself gives to the words they use the power of His Spirit, raising them from meaningless symbols to the Call of Heaven itself.

For the only goal of the awakened *Christ* – and *peace and Christ consciousness are one and the same* – is to be an agent through which the power of grace works to transform illusion. That Mind serves the atonement. That Mind may not be understood by others, but how can the insane understand the sane? (WM 307)

. . . Cultivate a deep love and respect for yourself, for you are not here to "fix" the world. You are not here to "fix" your brother or sister. It is only love that heals. And until you have loved yourself wholly by having purified the mind of every erroneous thought you have ever held – until you have loved yourself – you do not, in truth, love anyone or anything. Save in those brief moments when you let your guard down and the Love of God shines forth through you so quickly you do not even know what happened! . . . (WM 8)

The function of the holy Child of God remains eternally one: to bless creation and, thereby, restore it to the perfect reflection of God's presence. And God is but Love. Love embraces all things and trusts all things. Love. Love is the nature of your being. When you finally choose to awaken wholly, by welcoming Love back into your mind, and by becoming committed to resting *only* in loving thoughts, you will discover that illusions are just that – they contain no existence. You have been resting in the holy Mind of God eternally. (WM 218)

Decide to look upon all these things with perfect innocence. And say within the mind, which is to use the power of the mind to literally create perception, simply say, as you look at each object or person:

I do not know what this is for.

I do not know what my brother or sister needs. (WM 219)

And realize that it is not necessary to know, to interpret and to analyze.

Your function is to bless creation with the reality of the Love of Christ. Yet, that blessing will hold no power until you return to the beginning. The beginning is just that state of unknowing, of not knowing, of realizing your complete ignorance. For Christ does not store perceptions and knowledge. Christ, eternally in Love with all that God is, merely opens, receives and gives, knowing that that which is given comes not of him or herself, but rather *through* him or herself, from infinite mystery that I have called Abba, or Father.

When you decide to fully accept the one purpose given to you, in reality, there will be *nothing* that will block your way. Every step you take will, literally, take you through obstacles that dissolve as you approach them.

You may wonder how you can be at peace when, while you are in time, there is so much that must be done before the way to peace is open. Perhaps this seems impossible to you. But ask yourself if it is possible that God would have a plan for your salvation that does not work. Once you accept His plan as the one function that you would fulfill, there will be nothing else the Holy Spirit will not arrange for you without your effort. He will go before you making straight your path, and leaving in your way no stones to trip on, and no obstacles to bar your way. Nothing you need will be denied you. Not one seeming difficulty but will melt away before you reach it. You need take thought for nothing, careless of everything except the only purpose that you would fulfill. As that was given you, so will its fulfillment be. God's guarantee will hold against all obstacles, for it rests on certainty and not contingency. It rests on *you*. And what can be more certain than a Son of God? (T 433)

For because you abide in the Mind of God, you know no limitation. The realm of illusion – what appears to be solid matter, of people with different opinions – holds no power to prevent you from bringing forth the blessing that heals all illusion.

Creation, then, waits on your welcome. That requires that you choose to look upon all things in the world and of the world, and forgive it. Why? Until forgiveness is genuine, embracing is not possible. The attempt to embrace creation, while judgment is still held in the mind, merely brings a great frustration. It is like reaching for the carrot at the end of the stick and never being able to reach it.

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)

That is why we have spoken so much about the importance of forgiveness. It dissolves the barrier of fear between you and what you have come to perceive as other than, or outside, yourself. Forgiveness is the *bridge* that brings creation to you and you to it. And when you have joined with it through forgiveness, now the embrace is easy, for that creation rests in the palm of your hand.

Creation waits upon *you* because *it* is powerless. Being the extension or the reflection of thought, you are the literal creator of the world. That world exists nowhere, save within your own mind. (WM 220)

The first step in awakening is to allow into the mind this axiom of truth:

Nothing that you experience is caused by anything outside of you.

You experience only the effects of your own choice. (WM 5)

Therefore, what world must you embrace? Must you travel to some ancient monastery fifty thousand miles around the planet somewhere, two or three times, in order to find the creation that waits on your welcome? No. Must you go anywhere to discover the ability to bless and heal creation? No. The world that waits on your welcome is, quite literally, the thoughts and perceptions that you discover streaming through the field of your unique awareness, and that is all.

(WM 220)

Beloved friends, there *is* nothing outside of you. If you would know God's will for you, merely look upon what is arising within your own mind as a perception, and ask only this:

Am I willing now to use time constructively to embrace this creation passing through the field of my awareness, and bless it with the perfect Love of Christ?

First, embrace it through forgiveness, which returns it to its neutrality and powerlessness, and then, through that embrace, bless it, and thereby dissolve the illusory power that it seemed to hold.

You will discover that the pathway of awakening is not a pathway of avoidance, but a pathway of truthfulness. It is not a pathway of accomplishment and pride, but a pathway of releasing from the consciousness every hope and every wish to be special – to see yourself as having made progress – so that you can pound a fist upon the chest and spread the tail feathers. It is a transcendence of the hope of somehow getting God's attention, so that He will look upon you and say, "Oh, you have been such a good person. Yes, we will allow you into the Kingdom now." (WM 5)

It is a way in which you will come to cultivate – regardless of your inner experience or degree of awakening – the willingness and the art of returning to the simplicity of empty-headedness and not-knowingness with each and every breath. It is a way of life in which all things and all events become an aspect of your meditation and your prayer until there is established once again within you the Truth that is true always:

Not my will, but thine be done.

For of myself, I do nothing.

But the Father does all things through me. (WM 6)

Imagine then a state of being in which you walk through this world seemingly appearing like everyone else and yet, you are spacious within. You are empty within. In truth, you desire nothing, though you allow desire to move through you. And you recognize it as the voice of the Father guiding your personality, your emotions and even the body to the places, events, people and experiences through which the tapestry of the atonement – the at-one-ment – is being woven, through which all of the children of God are called home again.

I would ask that you close your eyes for just a moment. Take a deep breath into the body and let it go. As the breath leaves the body, hold the thought that there is nothing worth holding onto any longer that keeps your peace and happiness at arm's length. Become committed – fully committed – to the experience of happiness, even as you have been fully committed to unhappiness, limitation and lack. Give your Creator full permission to sweep the basement clean. There really is not anything down there worth defending or protecting. (WM 10)

It will come to pass that you will know the perfect peace of empty-headedness, not-knowingness. You will know what it means to be relieved of time and to be comforted by what is eternal. Never once let yourself think that you are alone. It is nonsense for you to think that I am not with you. You have asked. I have responded. We are in communication. That is the way it is. And that is the way it will be until the end of all illusion.

Peace be unto you always. Amen.

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