

It's About Time
Introduction to *A Course in Miracles*: Video # 2
with Master Teacher

Good morning. This is going to be the second in a series of mind training efforts to teach you the meaning and purpose of the *Course in Miracles*. How did it go? Those of you who shared, perhaps, the first attempts we made to introduce this dramatic evidence of a change of mind that's possible to you in that first two-hour episode maybe will have some experiences to share with us now. We hope that you do.

We're going to review in just a moment where we are to date. What we intend to do is proceed with the Workbook of *A Course in Miracles* to show you the manner in which the application can be made in the transformation of your mind to the certainty of your own perfection. So we've determined that it's a meditative technique or ability that you can evolve to, to release your mind from a definition of its previous associations. And it's this simple. And I hope that you've been practicing it since the last time we met.

Now, if you'll take the evidence... And we have the Workbook Lessons here, don't we? And we're going to review for just a moment what it was we hope began to happen to you within the privacy of your own conceptual association with yourself. For those of you who haven't seen the other video, we're at the Wisconsin Dells Miracles Healing Center, and this is the chapel, and right out there, there's a lot of healing going on.

For those of you who saw the first video, I might as well tell you this story. You may not be aware of it, but we are miracle healers, and there's a lot of healing going on here. Of course, we invite the world to come and experience the actual transformation of their mind that shows them that they're perfect as God created them. Sometimes it's a little difficult because we teach, as *Course in Miracles* teachers, the reasonableness of healing. See, to our minds, healing, to be very genuine, must include a whole rationale for why you are well. You're not well because you're not sick. You're not well because being perfect was able to overcome some obstacle. You are well miraculously because that's actually what you are. In that particular sense, what we're doing here right now in this mind training is healing. Isn't it? Talk to me. Yes. Yes.

They're worried about demonstrating here. So there were some reports because on the other video I said, there's healing going on here. For some particular reason, and I might as well share this with you – we can decide whether to leave it on the tape – the first two hours is efficacious for asthmatic victims. And you laugh and you say, “Well, why would that be true?” I don't know why it's true, but inevitably, when somebody suddenly has a tremendous healing who formerly, for twenty years, had suffered from asthma and cases of it, and they're watching me saying, “I love you,” or “Why aren't you relaxed,” and all of a

sudden they have sort of a one, final, violent attack...

It's interesting that the title of the first Lessons, the title of the first two hours, is "What the Hell's Going On Here?" So I think it could be – and this is just sort of a rationale for you – it could be that asthmatics very early, as kids, asked, "What the hell's going on here?" The ones that I knew did. And we all had a little bit of it, where they just feel the tension of their associations with themselves very early, and they say... There's a torque in their minds, "What the hell..?" And they literally lose their breath. They can't breathe. I suppose – and again, leave this open – that if we are teaching a technique of what you would call spiritual breathing... And certainly this has happened. And it didn't happen because I said, "You've got asthma, and I'm going to cure you," although if you'd like to believe that, it probably would be true. What it says is that we teach spiritual breath rather than physical breath. An asthmatic says, "What's going on here?" He cannot find the solution, so physically, he can't make a connection to his spiritual acumen.

I don't know if this... I just sometimes do that. Because I like to explain why someone that I'm looking at suddenly feels the love or light that I'm extending to him, and he's going, "Hmh! Hmh! Hmh!" And all of a sudden, he goes, "Hm-Ahhh," like that, and all of that is gone. What is it? He's healed. Is it miraculous? Yes. Did it have to do with his atomizer and tech..? No. What happened? He took a breath.

In a particular sense, all humans are asthmatic. They are unable, literally, to breathe the breath of God.

Do I look all right, out there?

"I thought you were going to do the Workbook of *A Course in Miracles*."

I am. I got to Lesson Number 7, where nothing I said means anything. An asthmatic is in a constant struggle with justification for himself that results in him being trapped. His fear is then increased and turns into a physical symptom, which is a good description of what physical disease is. Say, "Of course."

[All: Of course!]

Well, I know. Isn't it? So it's fear, taken out on the body. If you don't have our Miracles Healing Handbook, you might want to get it. I assure you that there's a tremendous amount of spontaneous remission going on, different, for example, than phenomenal healing, where everybody falls down and leaps out of wheelchairs, which is beautiful. We love it if they're healed. The teachings of Jesus of Nazareth are "Go and sin no more." The teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, when he healed dramatically, he would say, "Go and no longer be separate from God." And generally, his next sentence would be, "Don't tell anyone." He actually would say that. Because he didn't want to prove it phenomenally. Because, very simply, proving it phenomenally is a denial of the miracle.

Is this okay with you, there? We teach miraculous occurrences, not based on any conceptual justification at all, since the conceptual justification is the denial of the miracle. Into this impossible situation come the teachers. Now, if we took the first seven lessons – and we're going to look at them again – all you have really done, learned, in the healing process is to relinquish your own self-identity, which is what sickness is. Isn't it?

One of the strangest things to me... I might as well. You're letting me talk here. We can decide whether... This is what I do if you'll let me go. One of the strangest things that occur with me is the justification for sainthood. It came up with Sister Teresa, who is a miraculous healer. And she has demonstrated for fifty years that she actually goes out and heals. So now she's a candidate for sainthood if they can prove that she worked miracles. And that's perfectly okay with me, except the proof of the miracle is the denial of it. Guys, there isn't any question that Sister Teresa, beautiful soul, dedicated her life to healing, and how they're going to delay her so-called sainthood in order that perceptually it can be verified. Well, if it can be verified conceptually, they are teaching that there is an alternative to miraculous healing, which is sickness, and that's not true. Because if that's true, God is the cause of your sickness.

I'm into it, but... So are there miracles going on here all the time? Sure. That's what's going on right now, I hope. Did I get past that all right? Asthmatics? Those of you who have had asthmatic attacks know how un-funny it is when you can't breathe. Those of you who have had panic attacks... We have a noted psychiatrist sitting with us here who nods his head. Panic attacks, where you literally can't breathe. What is occurring is an episode of fear that you are unable to deal with within the confines of your own conceptual mind. The lessons we're about to do now, and this will be Lesson Number 7 on in, hopefully, up to wherever we're led. But the next seven Lessons are very crucial to this process of your awakening, because it says, we're going to lead you to a fear moment. Aren't we? It says that we are going to take your conceptual mind in this practice and get you for a moment to feel the fear of the relinquishment of your self-identity. Isn't it?

That will actually say this, going from Lesson Number 7 to Lesson Number 12, and we're going to do it. It's going to say, in the Workbook it's going to say, "I'm out practicing. These thoughts don't mean anything. I'm seeing only the past. Nothing I see... Oh!" See? Experience. Fearful or loving? Yes. Fearful or loving? Which is it? It's a moment when, for just a second, you lost the defense of yourself in the association. That's the whole teaching of *A Course in Miracles*, isn't it? Yes.

So I'm jumping it a little bit here because this is what I intend to do with you today. Those of you who felt the joy of this experience of the first seven Lessons and then began to be a little concerned about "What's happening to me?" which certainly you would have every right to be concerned about it, because for that

moment you felt a period of joy for which there was apparently no justification... And that might not be totally acceptable to you.

So we're proceeding now for the asthmatics from "What the hell is going on here?" which is the question you have asked, to the answer that is being given you, that the condition you're in demonstrates your capacity to transform from space/time, from this association, into the realization of the wholeness as God perfected you. Okay? Now we'll have just a little music. Mitch? And we're going to try to begin these actual Lessons.

This is for you. We began this series and reached Lesson Number 7, which says, *I see only the past*. I'm sitting here in this chair, in this location, in this place, and all I'm really seeing is what is already over and gone. Okay? Do you have your Workbook with you there so that you can look at it, out there? You take your Workbook. We're going to review the first seven Lessons, aren't we? It says that the idea for this is particularly difficult because you're used to sequencing the thoughts in your own mind. You're going to depend on what happened to you in the past, when you sat down with me here. Yet if you depend on what happened in the past, you're not going to be able to have to the holy instant experience, are you? Okay?

Some of you complain that I'm reviewing. I must tell you, all I do is review. The whole *Course in Miracles* is nothing but a constant review of the necessity for you to examine yourself in the relationship to who you think you are and release it. Isn't it? So that's what's happening here.

I see only the past. I'm sequencing in my own mind. I am being told, as I am telling you, it's not true. Time is not sequential. The entire continuity of all time and all space is going on at this moment in this place. Now, that's very difficult for you because as a human being constituted in a physical association of body that comes into this place, lives in a limited association and gets old and dies, the idea that all time is going on all the time, which is our entire teaching, or a quantum moment of realization of your wholeness, is difficult for you because your whole existence depends on sequencing time. I keep doing these Lessons.

You say, "Gee, I know that. Well, get on with it."

Get on with what? Get on with you, wanting to sequence in your mind the Lesson that I am offering you? What are you going to try to do? I'm doing Lessons 7 through 12 here. What are you going to do? Figure out what I'm saying to you? My purpose in sitting here – if you can get me to shut up – will be to bring about a change in your mind, so you won't be concerned about what you're saying but will have an experience of a holy instant.

All right? *I see only the past. It is the reason why nothing you see means anything* – Lesson 1. *It is the reason why you have given everything you see all the meaning that it has* – Lesson Number 2. It is the reason why you don't understand

anything that you see – Lesson Number 3. It is the reason why your thoughts don't mean anything and why they are like the things that you see. and it is the reason why you're never upset for the reasons that you think. And it the reason why you're upset because you see something that is not there.

Now are you up to date? Now, the next Lessons are going to proceed in the same manner, except some additional ideas are going to be offered to you that perhaps will help you. It's important to remember that our intention is that since our last meeting you have begun to practice this in your own association. Do you see? We trust that somewhere this may beginning to work with you, and you may begin to have a lot of questions about this. And we're available on the network to help you proceed more rapidly in your determination to find an entire solution to this impossible place. That's what we intend to do.

Now let's sit for a moment, and we'll begin with Lesson Number 8. *My mind is preoccupied with past thoughts.* I have an occupation of being a human being. I have an occupation of proceeding to death. I am occupied in my mind with justification for my existence. Everything that I do is leading me inalterably to – what? Death. I'm determined now in my mind to look for another solution. I'm going to begin by admitting that my mind is preoccupied. Are you ready? Your mind, up till this very moment, has been preoccupied with determining what I'm talking about. Yet I want to show you that what I'm talking about has nothing to do with what I'm trying to show you and that we are going to have an experience of the transformation of our minds. All right?

The idea is, of course, the reason why you see only the past, because your mind is preoccupied with the past. Ready? *No one really sees anything.* Humans? You really don't see anything. Do you? You're only seeing your own past. *He sees only his thoughts projected outward.* Okay. Now, the human mind, your mind's preoccupation with the past, is the cause of the misconceptions about time from which your seeing suffers. Obviously. You have a conception of sequential time. If you can't escape that conception of the past causing the present, you'll be preoccupied with trying to change – what? What's already gone. Can you imagine what the human condition does? Your mind is all filled with memories of what has occurred. You're reorganizing them based on your previous experiences and trying to determine what's going on now. What a particular place to be!

This says, *Your mind cannot grasp the present, which is the only time there is.* The only time there is, guys, is going to be right now. No matter how much you believe that somehow moments can be held onto and time can be stretched, it's not true. Everything in the universe, including your springing into Heaven in the beauty of your discovery you're perfect as God, is going on right now.

“You mean I'm springing into Heaven right now?”

Yes. How does it feel?

“Well, it doesn't feel like I'm springing into Heaven.”

Well, you are.

“No, I'm not.”

Yes, you are.

“No, my mind is preoccupied with past thoughts.”

Well, that's the reason it doesn't seem like you're springing into Heaven, but you are, because each moment that you don't preoccupy yourself with your past thoughts, you're springing. This world was over long ago. Remember what we said in the other Lesson? This world was over a long time ago.

Guys, I love this. If I can get you to share with me what's going on here – and you've got to excuse my enthusiasm... You know why? This makes sense to me. It makes perfect sense to me that at the speed of light, it's going to be over by the time I get it back. If I project from my mind or even think or look at something, the very minimum time it can take me is the speed of light. It may be moving at 186,000 miles a second, but there's still a distance between the time that I see it and when it comes back to me. So it's impossible that I can see anything perceptually that's not over. Do you want to argue with me about that? Write me or send me something on the Net, will you? I'm telling you that you're trapped in a demonstration of the expansion of the universe and you're trying to catch up to yourself. Okay? You know you can't catch up, and as you proceed further and further in the universe, what do you see? Further, further back in time. You're seeing what's already over. You couldn't possibly get anywhere doing that, could you? Be reasonable.

“Our new telescopes can see three thousand billion years in the past.”

You mean the further out you go, the further back you see? Why don't you start here, go back to where you started, spring out to after it's all over and look back at the Big Bang? I better... I'm going to cut this off the tape. That's what this says, that the universe in a holy instant is expanding all the time, but all you're seeing is the recession of it based on your own ideas. In the *Course* this is called, “the great reversal.” It's taking... Instead of trying to see the past – because the further out you look, the more past you'll see – it gets you to acknowledge that everything that has ever happened is contained in you. Isn't that nice?

Okay. *It therefore* – your conceptual mind – *cannot understand time*. It literally can't understand time. How could it? Each time it thinks about it, it's over. And it cannot in fact understand anything. Are you getting offended by this? I

suppose. What's more offensive than to be told that you really don't see anything, nothing you do means anything, you're never angry for the reasons you think you are, and you are, in fact, asleep in a dream and hallucinating? Did I get that far with you? Now are you going to shut me off?

Those of you who have felt the frustration of temporal association can understand the reasonableness of my discovery in my illumination by my search for an answer that I knew couldn't be in space/time. I didn't call it God. I didn't call it anything. But I sure as hell – this is the first Lessons, “What in the hell's going on?” – I knew that there had to be an alternative to the condition that I was in.

Now, it's interesting that when we get up to Lesson Number 11, it will actually present you with that spot where you finally admit the problem can't be solved. That's actually in the first twelve Lessons. Some of you call that a bottom, don't you? “I can't solve this.” The entire teaching of the *Course* is to lead you to the spot and progress each moment into “I can't solve it.” Why? It will be solved instantly? You'll be healed and perfect simply because there is no solution to this. Is this all right?

The one wholly true thought one can hold about the past – even conceptually – is what? Say it!

[All: It's over and gone.]

It's gone. Is the past gone? Yes. How do you bring it into your present condition?

“I remember it.”

So you remember something that is gone and make it now. You make it now and then predict your future based on your past? You're covering your now. This *Course*, hopefully, is showing you that at the moment that you don't cover the awareness of you with God, you're going to have a holy instant experience. Okay?

To think about it at all is therefore to think about illusions. I know there's a lot of battle goes on with you with “Why do you say it's illusionary?” I say it's illusionary because it's illusionary. We went through the Lesson that says, “I don't know what anything is or what I'm doing here or what caused me.” I don't know what that chair is. I really don't know what this is. I'm seeing it in an illusionary fashion because when I attempt to describe it, it turns into a rapidly changing molecular association of energy. As defined by our so-called scientific community, the human body is actually a molecular association of energy, changing constantly in our mind. Obviously, if you see it as a body, it must be illusionary because your eyes are illusionary in the association of the light form. Okay?

“You mean that all of that energy of hydrogen and oxygen and carbon is going on right now?”

That's what they tell us. I'm told that I'm nothing but space. I read an article this morning that emphatically said that the distance between your subatomic particles or the molecular association of your body is equivalent to 140,000 light years, based on the observation of relativity concerning smallness and bigness.

“I can't worry about that. I've got to go to work. I can't be concerned about that. I'm locked in this association.”

But you can't stop me from feeling the futility of it. I want you to feel the futility. I want you to demand from someone, “What the hell's going on here?” You couldn't have gotten this far, you couldn't be listening to this tape, unless you had begun to search in your own mind for an answer that you couldn't find here. Is that okay?

So we better get going here. We're only on Lesson Number 8, and the next thing you know, this will take all the rest of your life to... Is that true? Yes. If I can get you to eliminate your preoccupation, you'll begin to have holy instances that will accelerate your time factor, speed up time, because obviously, this is going to say, you're hell-bent on taking the old association and dragging it out in your own mind to demonstrate your body function. Class? Do you have that? So you can stretch that out fifty years or a hundred years or eight hundred years. What will you have? What's only over and gone, anyway. If I can get you for a moment to let it be over and gone, we can snip out whole segments. This is the principles of the miracle that are in the very beginning of the Text. Say, we're going to shorten time for you by clipping out the necessity for you in linear time to demonstrate a capacity to retain yourself in sequential time. Tell me you heard that. [Yes.]

Did you hear that out there? I'm going to take a whole segment of your mind that you've got all planned and laid out until you die. You ready for this? You're a lawyer out there. You're a doctor. You're doing something, and you're hell-bent on doing that in the performance of this body. And you're going to be – what? Successful at it. Where's it going to lead you to? Death. Everything that you're doing in this preoccupation can only lead to death because that's what it's designed to do. It's designed to limit you to a time factor of – how long? You can get wiped out any second, can't you? So you never really know how long it's going to be because you're going to be – what? Say, “Dead.”

[Dead.]

Sorry. This is going to disturb you a little bit, but you can't die. I know that you're going to use the justification of you're getting sick, like... There was a dramatic what you call remission occurred out in the Healing Center this morning simply by

somebody who had – I shouldn't get into healing, but I feel like it – who had the will to live. All we really did was give him an alternative purpose. I mean, he's got cancer. He had cancer. And all of a sudden we applied the power of our love for him and stimulated in him the power of love to live. Every MD that I've ever known said, some people live by the will of their need to live. Well, that's what this is. The only difference is, I want to give you a totality of will.

If I can get you in the direction where your purpose is to awaken and escape the world, you'll see the futility of death because death is futile. You will not be successful... I'm sorry, guys. I know those of you who think that you can die are... When you do, tell me what it's like, will you? Everybody tells me they're going to die, but nobody tells me what it's like when you're dead.

“Well, nobody knows what it's like when you're dead.”

Well, then, how do you know you're dead? You don't know you're dead, but you *do* know you are dying. Big deal. So everybody here knows they are dying, but nobody knows what it's like to be dead. Into this impossible situation come the teachers of God.

Get me back on the track here, will you? These are all sentences from the *Course in Miracles*. I mean, the idea that there's death and you can get sick in sequential time might have some value to describe what your life is, but it still cannot prove that your life is real unless you died and said, “See? I'm dead. Ha ha ha ha!” Some of you try to do that with me. Or you kill your brother to prove that there's such a thing as death. And the disturbing fact of these Lessons – and the joyful fact – is that I'm going to lead you to the spot that you know is inevitable in your association in time and tell you that it's impossible.

Okay, we better get at this, or you'll spring into light and be gone from here before I get a chance to teach you. You can always tell when it's late in time. If I'm coming here with an open mind to show you how ridiculous it is for you to be locked in this little time/space, and I suddenly appeared here, as the *Course in Miracles* did, and I said to you, “I came to tell you that there is no world, that you've been in a nightmare, that you've been hallucinating. You've been suffering from a condition of separation that's not true. I stopped by from outside of time to take you home,” and you said to me, “Boy, am I glad to hear that!” This is what this *Course in Miracles* says. And some of you actually are beginning to say to me, “Boy, am I glad to hear that.” Why? “I'm glad to hear I cannot suffer pain. I'm glad to hear there is no world. I'm glad to hear I don't have to lose the things I love. I'm glad to hear that God, a Perfect, Divine, Living Truth, has nothing to do with the crap of my own nightmare. That's what this says. And the direct sentence in the *Course* is: “Why aren't you happy to hear there is no world?”

How simple is salvation! All it says is, what didn't happen never could and never did and never will. The impossible, or separation from eternal love, did not occur. Why do you struggle with it? You're the struggle with it. That's why you

need this *Course in Miracles*, to offer you the solution not based on your determination to continue to struggle. Because you struggling to identify it and give it purpose are what are keeping you from seeing that you're still whole. Is that true? Could you hear that? Are you going to turn me off now?

"What do you mean, I'm struggling?"

I mean, you're struggling. Okay? I might as well read this to you. Then we're going to move on now. The one wholly true thing you can say about the past is that it's over and gone and doesn't mean anything. *To think about it at all is therefore to think about illusions.* Very few – until you, very few until you right now, very few until you... In that sense you've been selected. Can you understand, "chosen"? Jesus says in the *Course*, "I have chosen you to demonstrate an alternative to this world based on your acceptance of my resurrection. I am speaking to you from out of time, telling you that you can and did undergo the experience that I'm undergoing."

I apologize again to you. Every time we have... Teachers of the *Course in Miracles* who begin to have the experience, immediately begin to express the experience because it's not of this world, is it? And we're excited about the happiness we feel in the release of the defense of ourselves. I don't know how you can put up with Lesson Number 8. Humans? Because if you're really going to begin to practice this – this will say it in 9 and 10 – it's either going to irritate you a great deal... And inevitably, it's going to cause you some emotional upheaval because... Let's try this sentence. *Very few have realized what is actually entailed – entailed – in picturing the past – which is what your conceptual mind does – in anticipating the future* because it is not really thinking about anything. What is it? The mind is blank. You got your Workbooks? Your mind is actually blank. Conceptual mind is really – I'm sorry – not really doing anything. It never allows itself to still down sufficiently to say, "Wait a min-ute. What's going on here?" That's why this Workbook is so valuable to you, because this Lesson is going to say, when you're out in the middle of it it's going to say to you, "Oh oh. Wait a minute. The world I see is not real. I am seeing only the past. These thoughts I'm having do not mean anything." What happened? You had a holy instant.

...is actually blank. The purpose of the exercise – that your mind is preoccupied with past thoughts – is to train your mind to recognize when it is not really thinking at all, which is all the time. In the description of this, in case we don't get it, I'm expecting you to get through Lesson 13 today, somehow, despite all of my digressions. There's a point later on in here in the meditative, contemplative association of a contact with God where it will say to your mind, "Why don't you practice just looking at the world as though it's flowing by you?" Don't let the world out there have any effect on you at all. All illuminate, procedural, illuminate associations who begin to feel the wholeness of the currency of their mind will begin to see the world as just passing them by. It isn't that you don't see it. You do see it. You're able to look out and see all of these things that are happening, but you are in a new realm of association with yourself through the

experience that you have had. How many out there are beginning to have that experience? I hope so because that's our intent in this. It will make you – I'm doing the Lessons here – indescribably happy to realize that there is no world. Nothing could possibly make you happier than to discover that you aren't from here, that you're still home in Heaven and can be there.

While thoughtless ideas preoccupy your mind, the truth is blocked. Recognizing that your mind has been merely blank, rather than believing that it is filled with real ideas, is the first step to opening the way to vision. Got it? I know that... We're going to try this in a minute here. I know that you're looking around in your association for justification of your conceptual self. What this says, in the Biblical sense, that if your eye be single, if you can still for a moment, your body will be light. So we're teaching the resurrection of the moment that you still your conceptual mind sufficiently to have this experience, and it's a nice thing to happen. Okay?

Now, it says, *The exercise for today should be done with your eyes closed.* And this is because you actually can't see anything, anyway, and it's easier to recognize that no matter how vividly you may picture a thought, you are not seeing anything. That means picturing a thought out there or picturing a thought in your mind, because conceptual thinking is imagization. While I won't stop you from imaging, I'm offering you a more concerted association of creative purpose in the images to which you are presented. This is the whole basis of the *Course*. You're going to discover in your excitement that this plant here, this chair, means more to you than it did before. Why? You're able to see it now. Just for a second you're going, “Oh!”

And you say, “Oh, that's the Eastern tradition of seeing the heavens in a grain of sand.”

Big deal. Is it the Eastern tradition of seeing the universe in a grain of sand? Yes, but it's not the description of seeing the universe in a grain of sand; it's *seeing* the universe in a grain of sand. Why? The universe is in a grain of sand. Where do you think the universe is?

“Well, we don't believe in silicon life.”

I do. I was looking at... This is not life, guys. Carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, all locked into some sort of molecular association, while it can be described as life and certainly contains life in its entirety, is not life. We still don't have any proof there's life in the universe, even though there's a thousand billion stars, of which trillions could possibly have some life. We need exactly the right formulation of hydrogen and oxygen and breathing in order to be alive. That's absurd. I'm sorry about that. That's absurd. Guys, this is not what life is, and that's what this says. This says there isn't any such thing as this, except in your own mind. All right? Okay. Let's just try it, one more, and then we'll be done with this today.

No matter how vividly we express it, it really isn't anything. "I seem to be thinking about what I'm doing, bothering to listen to this tape, when it's really not going to get me anywhere because it's denying who I am and I want to hold on to who I am." Bless you. Until you come to the point where you're going to say, "I would like to have an experience of a direct contact with God, no hope is possible for you."

Would you like to have a direct contact with God? Let's have one. My mind is preoccupied with past thoughts? I seem to be thinking about how I'm going to convince you that I'm telling you the truth when actually I already know I'm telling you the truth but can't convince you unless you want to hear it. Obviously, if you would like to hear that you're whole and perfect as God, you will hear it. I can tell you that you're perfect, you're totally loving and that you're eternal, but unless you choose to hear it, there's no power in the universe that's going to make you hear this.

But I want you to be, at the very minimum, happy with who you are. If I don't give anything else but the excitement of the realization of increasing possibilities in your own conceptual self, I'll be happy, because the decision to die, if you decide to stick with it, there isn't anyone in the universe who's going to stop you from proving that you can die. And you'll prove it by dying. What will happen? You'll have to tell me. I don't know anyone that died and came back except said, "It's very much the same as being here." All right?

My mind is preoccupied with past thoughts. At this moment I intend to have an experience, and today, when I go out into the world, at least four or five times I'm going to go off by myself, I'm going to close my eyes and I'm going to say, "I'm going to release the world from what I thought it was," and just for a moment I'm going to experience the joy and peace of God. Let's try it.

Good. Good. Good. *You might find it helpful to include your irritation or any emotions that the idea for today may induce in the mind searching itself,* because you'll discover very early that you're very irritated with yourself. I'm sorry, guys. This is the inevitable process. Remember what we said about you're never upset for the reasons you think? I'm leading you to an admission that you're actually very upset and teaching you how to release that upsetness and let God see you as He sees you rather than trying to keep upset.

Remember what we said in Lesson Number 6? When you're upset, you'll continue to justify that upsetness and you will become – what? Preoccupied with it. And then you'll try to make good out of your upset, and you'll solve it and you'll be no longer upset, only to be upset instantly again because you're seeing only the past and are defining – what? Upsetness.

Ready? *I see nothing as it is now. This idea follows the two previous ones. But while you may be able to accept it intellectually, it is unlikely, until this moment, that it will mean anything to you. However, understanding is not necessary.* The admission that

you're seeing nothing as it is at this moment is what is important. *In fact...* See if you can get this. *In fact, the recognition that you do not understand is a prerequisite for undoing your false ideas.*

Now, allowing it to change in your own mind is where the value of it will be. Why? It's changing, anyway. I'm going to release now the necessity for me to defend myself in this rage that I'm experiencing about not being able to solve my problems. But I'm not going to go out there and begin to take out the consequences of my mind. I'm going to admit that I am the cause of this and that if I will relinquish for a moment, I am practicing this training of my mind to release the emotion of pain and fear and death that has bound me to this association. Okay?

It's a prerequisite. *These exercises are concerned with practice and not with understanding.* Obviously, if you knew that everything that you saw here was totally meaningless, if you knew that this little place that you're in is an hallucination, if you knew that, you wouldn't be here. So your recognition that you are not here occurs when you discover that you're not here. Or initially you discover that – what? You're not a part of this world. Isn't it?

How did it start? ÓI do not know what I am. I don't know what I'm doing. I'm not going to use my past experience to justify what I think I am. Instead, I going to begin to enjoy the immediacy of this association.Ó

It's difficult for the untrained mind to believe that what it seems to picture is literally not there. This idea can be quite disturbing to you and may meet with active resistance in a number forms. I don't know why it wouldn't. My message to you is, what you are seeing is not seeing, that you're not really confined to this body that you so rigorously protect, that it isn't necessary for you to defend yourself at all because God is perfect and whole and loving, and you are a total part of that. Okay?

This idea is going to disturb you. Remember, this does not preclude applying it. Because at any moment that you are really being concerned about your inability to solve the problem, if you take a moment and say, “Hell, I'm not seeing it as it is now, anyway. It's too late. I can't solve it. What will I do? I'll stop trying to solve it, and then another solution will have to be provided to me because the problem I'm seeing is not what the problem is.” Could you hear that? But it doesn't say that at the time you're irritated that you're going to be able to solve it. As a matter of fact, it's exactly the time when you can't. And that's why you need the practice.

“Why do I need to practice *I see nothing as it is now*” is because you see nothing as it is now and you would not be able to express *I see nothing as it is now* unless you knew what it *is* now. Who heard that? Nobody. This course is coming to you because actually you already know all this. You know perfectly well, now is the only time there is. Why? It's reasonable. It's very reasonable that if there is an eternal life and there is apparently a now, this now would be the time that there is. There wouldn't be any other

time. So the idea *I see nothing as it is now* obviously is a true statement. You can resent it and reject it, but I am teaching you that it's working all the time, anyway, because the truth of you is telling you, you're ridiculous.

The *Course* says, the truth who knows perfectly well who you are, that is growing very rapidly, is saying to you, "Why are you being ridiculous? Why are you here, suffering pain and death? I am an alternative for you that is you." This is the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world, to tell you that I am resurrected. I intend to stay with you until you do and did hear this." Jesus keeps saying that to the theologians in the New Testament. He says, "The time will come and did."

"Well, we better leave that in there, even though it apparently doesn't mean anything."

Why does Jesus say, "The time will come and did"? Or he'll say, "The time will come and is now." He does it all the time. He does it because this is what it is. He understands that the moment he expresses it, it's actually now. Isn't that fun? The time will come and did when you hear this and left the earth and it was over and gone. I'm presenting you with a condition whereby that can come about in you. Isn't that exciting?

I see nothing as it is now. "Oh, this is really something. I don't see the typewriter. I don't see the telephone. I don't see my arm. It's always too late for me, and I resent it. And I'm going to go back. I'm going to eye-for-an-eye it."

I have to do Jesus for a minute. For some reason or another, you think that Jesus teaches reciprocity of thought, that you've got to get even based on your own thoughts. His whole teaching is, in the New Covenant, is: Stop trying to get even. "You have heard it said, 'An eye for an eye.'" I can get revenge based on what I was, get in the future and get even with the guy. I saw a lady on television this morning. They finally killed the guy. For fifteen years she's been suffering because he was alive and had killed one of her loved ones. Guys? I don't want to talk about it. She finally was vindicated by his death, and her whole life is ruined and gone. Now she feels better, but she still doesn't feel very good. You know what she said? I'm leaving here today. You know what she said? "He didn't suffer enough when he died. He caused more suffering to me so that when they injected him, he wasn't made to suffer. He should have been impaled on a stake or something." I hate it. Pardon me.

Is that the human condition? Your need to get even, based on your old references, are what are keeping you here. Will that stop you from needing to get even? No. But it will show you the futility in not being able to, to the point where you'll say, "I'm going to stop trying to get even. There has to be an alternative to this not contained within my own ego drama." And it will come about in you. Okay?

I see nothing as it is now. Did I get to Lesson Number 9 already? Yes. Oh, yes. Oh, wow! *I am upset because I see a meaningless world.* I don't even know where I am. Okay. *It is difficult for the untrained mind to believe that what it seems to picture is not there.* But you remember this: *Each small step in time will clear a little of the darkness away, and understanding will finally come to lighten every corner of the mind that has been cleared of the debris that darkened it.* Isn't that nice? Is that Lesson Number 10? I think that's beautiful.

So you have conceptual debris in your mind based on genetic memories of your body association that you organize, project out from you and see in associations with the darkness of your own mind. Let's try to clear a little of the debris of your conceptual identity away so you can see more clearly. Okay? For the next few minutes... We're going to take a couple minutes' break here, because we're on *I see nothing as it is now*, and we're going to move very rapidly to *My thoughts do no mean anything*, and then, from there, on to *I am upset because I see a meaningless world*, which is an important part of this, and also *My meaningless thoughts are showing me a meaningless world*, which is the key to the entire teaching.

In the meantime let's try to still for a minute and see if we can have this miraculous experience that we have been directed to. I'm beginning to feel a peace that transcends my old self. I'm beginning to feel happy about this incredible miracle possibility. I'm glad that God is love, and I'm glad that I can love you unreservedly, not based on my need to identify you and suffer the consequences of my conceptual identification. I need your love, and you need mine. And we need to come together in love, which is the expression of our creative minds so that all of this darkness and death of this nightmare is going to fall away now.

Are you okay? Could you stick it out through all of my ramblings here? I'll do anything in the universe for you. But I'm determined that you can share with me a mission to show this little confinement in time that's it not true and that God loves you and that you're eternal in Heaven. We'll be back in just a second. Okay? We'll put up a little sign now that says, "To be continued..." Thank you.

The miracle minimizes the need for time. In the longitudinal or horizontal plane the recognition of the equality of the members of the Sonship appears to involve almost endless time. However, the miracle entails a sudden shift from horizontal to vertical perception. This introduces an interval from which the giver and receiver both emerge farther along in time than they would otherwise have been. The miracle thus has the unique property of abolishing time to the extent that it renders the interval of time it spans unnecessary. There is no relationship between the time a miracle takes and the time it covers. The miracle substitutes for learning that might have taken thousands of years. It does so by the underlying recognition of perfect equality of giver and receiver on which the miracle rests. The miracle shortens time by collapsing it, thus eliminating certain intervals within it. It does this, however, within the larger temporal sequence. [A

Welcome. You get a chance to hear what we do at intermission here. Listen. [Piano music plays.] You say, “Can I meditate to that music?” You bet. That's the whole purpose of our meditation, to allow you to have that experience. [Sings to music:] “No more doubts or fears. I found my way. 'Cause love came just in time. I found you just in time and turned my lonely life... My thoughts do not mean anything, and I'm so happy that that's true.”

Teaching somebody dependence on God until they discover it is what the futility of this teaching is. Do you see? If I'm offering you the peace of God, which is all I could really be doing, if you're not experiencing it, you couldn't possibly understand what the peace of God is, because the peace of God *is* what your understanding of it is. Isn't it? Listen. [Piano music plays. Sings to music:] “What do you do? Pick yourself up, brush yourself off...”

My thoughts don't mean anything. When I go out today, I'm going to say, “My thoughts really don't mean anything, but the last time that I looked at it, I was... It's going to be a little different this time. When I did the other Lesson, it said, 'These thoughts don't mean anything.' Now it's going to say, 'My thoughts...' That will make me real happy. My thoughts don't mean anything. All of my concerns about the care and turmoil of this place is totally meaningless. I'm going to be able to stay in this condition of love that I'm experiencing now till the end of time, until this whole time cycle is over.”

The aspect of this correctional phase begins with the idea that the thoughts of which you are aware are meaningless, outside rather than within, and express their past. Now we're going to show you that everything that's been going on in your conceptual mind doesn't have any meaning at all. Okay?

To recognize that there is no meaning to who you are is the moment of fear, not the moment of the realization. In the occurrence of the blanking of your mind – this will be Lesson Number 11 or 12 – your conceptual mind, your ego, is going to rush in and try to fill the blank that you felt. It's got to because suddenly you feel real happy and there has to be a reason for it. And that reason has to be the way your ego has defined it. Do you see that? It cannot not be because you *are* a definition of yourself. So the training to leave your mind blank all the time seems an impossible proposition. The reason that it is not impossible – this is how the miracle works – is because actually the concepts you have of yourself are always over and gone, anyway. And they are what have been the obstacle to who you really are. Do you see?

To recognize this is to recognize nothing when you see it and not to participate in it. I'm telling you this world that you see is totally meaningless and nothing and gone away, and all of a sudden you're going to go, “Uh oh. I'm starting to wake up. I'm starting to discover that there isn't any meaning here.”

My thoughts do not mean anything. This idea will help to release me from all that I now believe. In fact, if you find it helpful to do so, you might imagine that you are watching an oddly assorted procession going on all around you of which you are not a part. That's a nice place to be. You're learning not to fill in the joy and happiness that you're feeling in your contact with God.

The key to forgiveness lies in Lesson Number 11, which says very simply, *My meaningless thoughts are showing me a meaningless world. This is the first idea we have had that is related to a major phase in the correction process. It is the reversal of the thinking of the world.* This is true because it seems at though the world is determining for you the outcome of what you must be. Actually *today's idea introduces the concept that your thoughts determine the world that you see* and that they are meaningless. Because they are always gone. This is the point that you must come to in order to have the experience because it's a truthful point, if this is true. And that cannot be reached perceptually but must be reached by you in your own mind. Okay?

Be glad indeed to practice the idea in its initial form – “My meaningless thoughts are showing me a meaningless world” – even though it is not acceptable to you in your egotistical demonstration of yourself. I don't care about that. It's going to be meaningless whether you give it meaning or not, and your thoughts are going to be meaningless, no matter what you give them. And in that sense you need to practice.

Are you still with me here? The key to forgiveness is obviously that all the things that are happening to you don't have any meaning. The key to forgiveness cannot be to give them the grievance of yourself and then attempt to forgive them, which is all I see around here. Everybody wants to forgive, but they don't want to give up the idea that what's attacking them is only their own selves, and that's meaningless. Do you see? If you can actually be wronged in what you're doing, forgiveness will be impossible. The idea that you would have to say, “Well, I've been wronged and I know it, but the *Course in Miracles* or Jesus or the world tells me I'm going to have to forgive it,” is absurd. You will not be successful at it because there's nothing outside of your own mind. You got that? That will really help you.

Okay. *My meaningless thoughts are showing me a meaningless world. We're going to do it in a very leisurely manner here in just a minute because we want to practice it. Ready?*

What am I worried about? I've been in a dream and I'm waking up. And in that awakening I'm going to find the surety of who I am. Here we go. The thoughts are meaningless that I had. The world is meaningless. But suddenly I'm having an experience that, while still a dream, shows me a newness of myself in this association that is entirely different than what I experienced in my other world. *Course in Miracles*. I'm having that experience now. Wow.

We're up to 12. *I am upset because I see a meaningless world.* Everything that I

see upsets me because I have not been able to find in this world a purpose or meaning for me or why I am here. The joyous solution is that there's no purpose or meaning for you to be here at all. And that will make you very happy.

"I am upset because I see a meaningless world" contains a correction for a major perceptual distortion. You think that what upsets you is a frightening world, or a sad world, or a violent world, or an insane world. All of these are attributes you have given it to justify your fearful condition. What is really upsetting you is, somewhere within you, you have searched for the truth and have not been able to find it. At that moment when you couldn't find it, the solution had been given to you and you have left this place of pain and death, or what is it that you're looking for. It's impossible that what I am telling you has not already occurred in your own mind. And I'm talking to you. You. It's impossible that our joyful nostalgia, our memories together now of all of the things that have occurred in this beginning and end of time, no matter what we have done in this dream, it has been a meaningless attempt to give purpose to our human associations.

Will you share with me that you've been doing the same thing over and over again? You're always being presented with the same situations. You're always finding the same solutions that never worked. That's about as good a definition of the human condition as you're going to find, isn't it? *My meaningless thoughts are showing me a meaningless world.* "I know that there is another alternative to this, and I intend to find it." And I intend to offer it to you right now. Through this course in the training of your mind, I'm going to show you an alternative that has nothing to do with this world at all. Will you be able to define what that joyful alternative is? Of course not. How could you? Are you going to explain to the conceptual world the joy that you have discovered in your own happiness?

Remember yesterday, in the beginning Lessons. It's very important still, because of the nature of the chaos of this place, when you begin to have this experience, hold it gently in your mind. The healing process is going on, isn't it? And suddenly you're walking out into the world and you're all new inside, and it's a little bit fragile. Don't try to explain it to anyone. Why? It's going to grow more and more rapidly as you no longer try to make sense in your conceptual mind out about what doesn't make any sense. The idea that it doesn't make any sense will come to you through revelation that – what? It doesn't make any sense.

It would be very difficult for me to believe, if you're watching this video, that you haven't begun to look around in the world and see what's happening here and say, "This world doesn't make any sense." And everybody says to you, "Well, that's true, but let's struggle and make sense out of it." This teaching says, "Stop trying to make sense out of what doesn't make any sense." The idea that you could be separate from God is impossible. The idea that you could suffer pain and death and be alone somewhere in this whole universe of billions of stars is absolutely absurd. Don't try to make sense out of it and it won't make any sense because it doesn't. Why? *You* are the one that has tried to make sense out of what is senseless. You have heretofore represented a moment of

separation from the truth and love of what you are. No more. The heck with it!

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“I'm really upset because I see a meaningless world.” This is actually the condition that you've always been in. Yes. Everywhere you walk around, you're going, “Oh, shit! There isn't any meaning to this. I'm just going to have to do this today, and then I'm going to have to go home and do that. I've got to be sure my insurance is paid. I'm getting old and dying, and I'm going to have to bury all my relatives. But I'm hell-bent on justifying my association.” There's a tap on the shoulder because it's time for you

to hear an alternative. Suddenly some guy on the street corner hands you a little slip and says, "This is nonsense." You say, "What the hell does that mean?" It means this is nonsense. Why did he hand it to you at that time? It was time for you to hear it was nonsense. If this world is nothing but a construction of your own mind, everything that's going on around you can only tell you what you want to hear at the time you want to hear it. You ready for this? It's impossible that you're listening to me teach *A Course in Miracles* except that it be time for you to hear it. Are you going to deny it? Of course! Because you have established time to deny it's time for you to hear it. But that's not going to mean that it's not time, because it is. Why is it time now? It's the only time there is.

"You mean if I don't hear it now, I'm never going to hear it?"

Yes. I'm going to threaten you. This is your last chance. Is it really your last chance? Yes, but fortunately, your last chance is always over. If your last chance is always over, there's always one more chance. Isn't it? So now you say, "Ha ha ha! I got you. You told me it was my last chance, and I'm still here." And I say, "Wait till you try to turn your head."

So somewhere we had to kind of lead you into this gradually because this is going to lead you to a spot in your own mind in space/time where you're really going to have to face the futility that you have been expressing to yourself but somehow had put up a good front called the ego, that every time it was faced with the impossibility of you being separate from God, it established a formal association that justified the grievance or your competition – is what this next Lesson is going to say – with God and your reality.

A good world, a satisfying world, a bad world, a nice world. *I am upset because I see a meaningless world. What is meaningless is neither good nor bad. Why, then, should a meaningless world upset you? If you could accept the world is meaningless and let the truth be written upon it for you, you would become indescribably happy. Wow! That's a bottom. Can you see that? I'm at the bottom. And it says... I'll just finish it. But because it is meaningless – literally – you are impelled to write upon it what you would have it be. You can't stand the moment in your own space/time reference, the point where you have to decide not to attempt to give it meaning. Wow.*

*It is this you see in it. It is this that is meaningless in truth. And beneath your words is written the Word of God. The truth upsets you now, but when your words have been erased from your mind, you'll have a clean slate of a mirror of your mind that will give you a reflection of the truth of you. I'm going to lead you, if you'll let me, into that spot where fear apparently took the place of love. And the moment you were fearful, you experienced an idea that you were separate from the whole creative energy of reality and have been living that moment. The difficulty you have with *A Course in Miracles*, a whole mind, is that I must lead you inevitably to the spot in your conceptual association that you fear the most. You want to try it with me?*

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I didn't mean to get into that. What I wanted you to see is that if I can get you to see that this is just an illusion and that this body form that you see is just a reflection of your own mind, you will admit that your brother is masquerading just as you are. Can you hear that? It's a masquerade or an illusion that you have put up, containing thought forms that justify the correspondence of the human being. They're not true. Using – what? The power of our single reality, we attempt to identify ourselves separately. What an impossible situation!

You listen to me. It's not true. There isn't anything outside of you. The reflection that you're getting of what you think your brother is that you are now condemning and attacking is you. Got it? *It is you.* Stop doing it. It won't work. Will it?

“Well, it seems to be working good for me because I have no intention of releasing my grievance against the world.”

I don't blame you. I wouldn't, either. Why should you release the grievance when it's part of what you are. You depend on the grievance in order to keep the pain that you need in order to overcome it to be satisfied with yourself. You believe that a battle in your own self is necessary for you to be truthful and existent. You can't be alive unless you can exist and combat God.

Okay, this will be the final Lesson for this period, and it's Lesson Number 13, because this is the place that you must come to in this training device in order to see who you are. Ready? *A meaningless world engenders fear.* It is the engendering, the identity of a mind that is meaningless, that is making you fearful.

Today's idea is really another form of the preceding one, except that it is more specific as to the emotion that you are feeling. A meaningless world is impossible. Nothing without meaning exists. Once more. *Nothing without meaning exists.* Everything has a meaning that everything has given it. You who believe you are separate from God have given everything you see the meaning that you believe you are, and you're wrong. You're wrong. What you *think* you are is not what you are. But no one can change your mind for you because it is *your* mind that is justifying yourself in your own association, isn't it?

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Recognition of the meaninglessness of this world arouses intense anxiety in the separate ones. In the *Course in Miracles* Jesus calls you, “the separate ones.” Each one

of you is separate, isn't he, in his own mind. Okay. When you really look, like most of you are doing right now, at the meaninglessness of this world, it's going to make you very anxious. Why? Because it doesn't really have any meaning. So what you're going to have to do in order to deny this simple lesson is quickly give meaning to your old associations, aren't you, in order to retain that in your own mind.

Intense anxiety in all the separate ones. Why? Listen to me. *It represents a situation in which God and the ego – yourself – òchallengeÓ each other as to whose meaning is to be written in the empty space that meaninglessness provides.* See, the truth of the matter is, you know perfectly well if you look at me that you're going to get old and die. Should we use that? You know it and you just don't pay any attention. You say, "Something's liable to happen to me in just a moment. The guy that's coming at me at seventy miles an hour would win the balloon-blowing contest in the jail. He's completely drunk, and yet he has become my god. I quite literally have to depend on that guy not to just crank his wheel and kill me." Does he hold the power of my life in his hand? No wonder you're anxious. It's absolutely meaningless. So you keep crossing over. You get by this meaninglessness and you protect the little timid self, all right, that is in this meaningless spot that you have given meaning. What are you afraid of? God. I don't want to tell you that.

There was a happening yesterday at the Healing Center. We had a lot of healing going on. If you get the little Healers Handbook, it says you're afraid to be well. You literally are sick to demonstrate a purpose to this world. Could you hear that? You're sick and you're sick. You're sick in the body to demonstrate the reality of the body. If you couldn't get sick, you couldn't be here because you couldn't die. When a healing occurs out there, and there's a healing occurs, the guy suddenly sees an alternative whereby he doesn't have to be sick as he had defined himself. And he's suddenly well. And he goes, "Oh, my goodness!" Now, perhaps he's going to go back out into the world, but from that moment on, he acknowledges he has had a miraculous experience. All of the world immediately wants to know how he was able to have that experience based on their determination to deny it, to hold on to that. Yet for him the experience was very real. He saw the futility of it. He asked for the help of a miracle. He was given the miracle because he wanted it, not based on an alternative that he found within his own mind. That's the entirety of the teaching. I'm a little excited here.

We'll finish this up now. Recognizing the meaninglessness arouses intense anxiety in all the separate ones. *It represents a situation in which God and the ego òchallengeÓ each other as to whose meaning is to be written in the empty space that meaninglessness provides. The ego – your self-identity, your old memories – rushes in frantically to establish your own ideas there, fearful that the void may otherwise be used to demonstrate its own impotency and unreality.* Because you know perfectly well you're feeling the futility of not knowing who you are.

Is this too tough for you? That's Lesson Number 13. That's the absolute truth. You see that? Of course you're afraid of this, because if you void yourself

and don't fill it, you'll be intensely happy. But instead, you turn it around, feel, "No, it won't work," and enjoy it not working. I bet you couldn't hear that. You're going to prove... This is in the Text of the *Course in Miracles*. You are hell-bent on proving that you exist in reality, even unto death. You're going to demonstrate to me you can get cancer, have chemotherapy. You're going to lose the things that you love. You're going to exist in this condition, and you're going to die. And you are extremely good at doing it. In fact, nobody's better at doing it than you.

This is Chapter 31. The first page of the Text in Chapter 31 is said, you have trained yourself so religiously to justify your association that you've closed off any avenues of communication. You literally have shut off communication from the eternal life that's all around you. And when you're threatened by any direct communication, you're afraid of it. Can you hear this? The only thing that you as a human being have ever really been afraid of is direct communication. Out there? Say to me, "Direct communication." Yes.

[Direct communication.]

...to demonstrate its own impotency and unreality. And on this alone it is correct. It's correct that it has no power whatsoever. It is essential, therefore, that you learn to recognize the meaninglessness and accept it without fear. If you are fearful, it is certain that you will endow the world with attributes that it does not possess, and crowd it with images that do not exist. To the ego, the projections of your mind are safety devices, as they must also be to you who equate yourself with the strange guy that you think you are. Wow! Wow!

Close your eyes for a minute and say, "A meaningless world is going to engender fear because I think I'm in competition with God." You're not going to like that. You are in a condition of self-will, where you are hell-bent on demonstrating the power of your own mind to deny eternal happiness, and for most of you, that's ridiculous. That's the Lesson.

You may find it difficult to avoid resistance, in one form or another, to this concluding statement. What's the concluding statement? *I think I'm in competition in God.* I'm able to demonstrate my power. You ready? Don't underestimate the power of your mind, out there. You are capable of demonstrating to me that this is true. You are capable of proving to me that you can lose the things that you love. You? Did you hear that? You're capable of proving, attempting to prove to me – and I think it's ridiculous – that God somehow has caused you to tragically take away from me the things that I love and unjustly deny me and call it God's love. Shame on you! Shame on you. See how the power of your mind... Don't underestimate the power, Jesus says. Look what you've done. Despite all of the evidence that is being presented to you that this world is over in your own mind, you have persisted. And I'm talking to you out there because my concern is only about you. Isn't it? We've decided that you're going to listen to me personally in

your own house or in your own place and begin to take this *Course in Miracles* along with you wherever you go. Obviously, it's leading you into fear because that's where you emanate from. The idea that you... Some guys told me they didn't like me as a teacher because I led them into fear. No, I'm just reminding them that they *are* fear. Everything you do represents the defense of yourself. That will be all right.

Whatever form such resistance may take, remind yourself that you are really afraid of such a thought because of the ÓvengeanceÓ of the Òenemy.Ó What do you..? You're guilty of being you. You're going to have to finally lay down your arms and be forgiven by God, Who has already forgiven you and doesn't know anything about your activity of the denial of Him. Wow. Okay?

You're not expected to believe the statement at this point. And some of you may still think it's preposterous. But for those of us who are staying in this bottom, each time that we feel fear – this is the practice of this, of “Oh, what am I going to do about that?” – we let it go and we have a holy instant. Do you see that? And that's what we're having now.

So Lesson Number 13 of this mind training has led me to the point where I am beginning to practice, “I am upset because I see a meaningless world that has led me directly into fear. And I'm going to stand here for a moment and trust in God. Just for a moment I'm not going to bring all of the old stuff that I have held together in this body to give me a justification for my need to suffer and get old and die, as demonstrated by this world.” Everyone who comes here comes to die. Look at it with me. From the time you came into this continuum, you were told that life was temporal and that you were going to live in this cycle and you were going to die. And there was nothing you could do about it. Somewhere within this association you have seen the futility of this. You have then demanded an answer that was not found within your conceptual associations. Is that okay with you? And now you're beginning to have that experience.

What I'm telling you, if you'll trust me with this, is that all of your definitions about what you are or what I am are totally meaningless. You were badly taught. All of your teaching has been designed to keep you from hearing this. Is that okay with you? I don't care what it is. You? Jesus says, you are just hell-bent on proving that you're right about this, but you're not. You're wrong. The admission that you're wrong is the beginning of salvation, not because it's sinful but simply because you're wrong. You can't really be separate from God, but you were wrong in thinking that you could be. If you really could be separate, you would be very sinful. You like that idea because you believe that since you are very sinful or are separate, you can now practice coming back to God. That's not true. I'm saying to you that you've been wrong from the beginning. This world was over and gone a long time ago. And that's going to make you very happy.

I understand that the continuing practice of this to many human associations is intolerable, simply because the insurgence of the love of God is not tolerable to them. You would rather crouch down. This is direct... You would

rather crouch down in fear and follow the hearse – Jesus; this is lovely stuff – moaning and complaining that we all must die, honoring death, rather than simply saying, “No, I’m not going to follow that procedure in my mind. I’m going to stop here. I’m going to stand here for a moment, and I’m going to say – what? – This is an illusion. It’s not real. There is no such thing as death. I have been in this dream of death, and now I’m going to wake up and remember who I am.”

How about you, out there?

“Oh, that’s ridiculous. I know perfectly well who I am.”

You do? Good. All I can tell you is, whoever you think you are is who you’re going to be and you cannot not get the result of who you think you are. Now, if you want to say to me... I might as well end this. This is what this is going to say. If you want to say to me, “I don’t mind suffering loss. I don’t mind admitting that I can’t solve this problem. I don’t mind knowing that my children are going to grow up and abandon me. I don’t mind knowing that I can’t make any sense of this. I don’t mind knowing I’m going to die, anyway,” well, you don’t need me.

This is for you out there who are finally going to say, “I have had enough of this.” The title to this second series is “It’s About Time.” When you’re looking at this video, if you’ll say, “I think this is good. I’m going to go out and buy myself a copy of the *Course in Miracles* from out of time, and I’m going to begin to practice this. I know it isn’t true, and I know it’s not right, because I can look around here in the world and everybody tells me this is ridiculous. Everybody tells me that... If I say to you, you can use the power of your mind to instantly raise the dead and repair your brother, of course you’re going to deny it. That’s why you’re here. That’s why you need the power of the conversion of your mind of hatred and pain to the power of love. Why? Are you ready? They’re the same power.

The power... Since there’s only one power, the power that you are using to justify your pain in association is identical to the power that you will use to be godly. Are you ready? Which would you rather have? I’m going to wait while you answer me. I mean out there. Did you feel the joy? You listen. If you can begin to have the experience, you’ll immediately say, “I would rather believe I’m perfect and in Heaven than believe that the world is real.” Because why? You believe you can make a choice. I can’t take your choice away from you, but I can offer you – what? A real solution. The real solution will then be in your mind. You’ll convert the power that’s inherent in you as a conceptual association to deny this to a commitment to see that it is true. As soon as you do that, all of the power of the universe enters in with you in this because you are using the power of God. And using the power of God, or your mind, to stay separate from entirety cannot succeed. Is that okay with you? Does that make you happy?

“Well, how do you know this?”

Everybody knows it. Everybody in the universe knows who they are.

"I don't."

You're the only one.

"You mean in all the universe I'm the only one that doesn't know who he is?"

Yes. Why would it take more than association who didn't know who he was? Could you hear that? I mean, not knowing who you are would be the same as not knowing who you are, just as knowing who you are is the same as knowing who you are.

"Oh, you're much too altruistic for me. You don't give me any alternative."

Why would you want an alternative?

We're going to be proceeding with this if you would like to have another series. I don't know how successful this one was. Those of you who now are perhaps looking directly at this, it might be important to remind you that there's a healing going on right now. For those of you who have been suffering from the necessity to take the anger that you feel out on your body, which is what sickness is, isn't it, the anger that you felt results in this heart condition, results in this. You're going to finally say, "I'm not going to be angry anymore. I want the peace of God." And you'll be healed. And that's a part of what we have here in the Miracles Healing Center.

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"What's it the love of?"

Why do you have to ask that? You'll feel the joy. It's the love of God, if you need to know what it is, but... You will be what you are, which is the love of God. So is it any wonder that you're in the mood for love. [Reads lyrics:] "Why stop to think of whether this little dream might fade? We'll put our hearts together. Now we are one. Don't be afraid." Some of us discover how well the lyrics begin to fit into the... You know why that's true? Everything is in your own mind. But you can only hear it when you want to. Do you see?

And somebody said, "Well, 'I'm in the Mood for Love' is really not a very religious song." That's probably the most divine music. I'm trying to keep you in the mood for love all the time. That's the whole basis of this teaching. You think that you have to be ready to get in the mood, and that's why when you come home at night and somebody says to you, "I'm not in the mood," it irritates you. Isn't it?

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You believe that love, you have to be in a particular place and time in order to love. What an absurd idea! You have let your emotions take on form, and you're demonstrating the emotion, both of passion of love and hate, in a form association rather than simply letting yourself be loving. That's okay. Are you in the mood for a little love here? It's called your *Course in Miracles*. And all of a sudden you're going to say, "Wow! I don't know what that was but that makes me feel real good. Gee! Just for a second I felt very happy. Gee, I wish I could find that again." Stop trying to find it.

See? Let it go. The moment that you began to say, "What was that?" you denied the moment. The moment you identified how you were healed you denied the healing. You weren't healed by any devices of your own mind. You were healed through the grace and love of God, which is what you are. Are you hearing me out there? Can you hear me?

' Thank you for letting me show you how much I love you. The love that we're sharing right now doesn't have to do with this world. It has to do with the real world that's all around you, a world that has been eager to show you how much it loves you, and as you release this defense of yourself, what will be revealed to you are all of the associations in time that you have constructed that will be welcoming you home as you ascend together to Heaven. 'Cause our love is here to stay.

That's going to be our Lessons for today. So we started out with the first tape of introduction to miracles that said, "What the Hell's Going on Here?" This association has been "It's About Time." And these two hours, up to and including Lesson 14, which I'm going to include as we leave you here, remind you that this is a practice in your mind in a determination to find a solution to your unsolvable problem. Why? All of a sudden we're at Lesson 14. Ready? *God did not create a meaningless world.* God, your God, the God of truth and love, did not create a meaningless world. Okay?

You ready? God doesn't know anything about this. He creates perfectly and lovingly and eternally. He does not know about your condition and denial of the things that you love. So I hope you'll join us here in this sojourn from death to life, and I hope that you'll stand by for another episode that will begin, *God did not create a meaningless world.* There is another world that I am going to be able to see now through the love and forgiveness of my brother. And I will see in him a reflection of the truth of me.

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Heavenly Father, thank You for this sojourn in memory that has led us to the truth of our love for each other and You. Thank You for my personal function, to teach the world how much I love it and how much You love me and how much they love each other.

I'm glad that you are now going to take that space that's been offered to you and enjoy the freedom of the wholeness of eternal life. Miracle Healers? It's working. It's really beginning to work.

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