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6. IS HEALING CERTAIN?

M-6.1. Healing is always certain. 2 It is impossible to let illusions be brought to truth and keep the illusions. 3 Truth demonstrates illusions have no value. 4 The teacher of God has seen the correction of his errors in the mind of the patient, recognizing it for what it is. 5 Having accepted the Atonement for himself, he has also accepted it for the patient. 6 Yet what if the patient uses sickness as a way of life, believing healing is the way to death? 7 When this is so, a sudden healing might precipitate intense depression, and a sense of loss so deep that the patient might even try to destroy himself. 8 Having nothing to live for, he may ask for death. 9 Healing must wait, for his protection.

M-6.2. Healing will always stand aside when it would be seen as threat. 2 The instant it is welcome it is there. 3 Where healing has been given it will be received. 4 And what is

time before the gifts of God? 5 We have referred many times in the text to the storehouse of treasures laid up equally for the giver and the receiver of God's gifts. 6 Not one is lost, for they can but increase. 7 No teacher of God should feel disappointed if he has offered healing and it does not appear to have been received. 8 It is not up to him to judge when his gift should be accepted. 9 Let him be certain it has been received, and trust that it will be accepted when it is recognized as a blessing and not a curse.

M-6.3. It is not the function of God's teachers to evaluate the outcome of their gifts. 2 It is merely their function to give them. 3 Once they have done that they have also given the outcome, for that is part of the gift. 4 No one can give if he is concerned with the result of giving. 5 That is a limitation on the giving itself, and neither the giver nor the receiver would have the gift. 6 Trust is an essential part of giving; in fact, it is the part that makes sharing possible, the part that guarantees the giver will not lose, but only gain. 7 Who gives a gift and then remains with it, to be sure it is used as the giver deems appropriate? 8 Such is not giving but imprisoning.

M-6.4. It is the relinquishing of all concern about the gift that makes it truly given. 2 And it is trust that makes true giving possible. 3 Healing is the change of mind that the Holy Spirit in the patient's mind is seeking for him. 4 And it is the Holy Spirit in the mind of the giver Who gives the gift to him. 5 How can it be lost? 6 How can it be ineffectual? 7 How can it be wasted? 8 God's treasure house can never be empty. 9 And if one gift is missing, it would not be full. 10 Yet is its fullness guaranteed by God. 11 What concern, then, can a teacher of God have about what becomes of his gifts? 12 Given by God to God, who in this holy exchange can receive less than everything?

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