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II. The Guiltless Son of God

T-13.II.1. The ultimate purpose of projection is always to get rid of guilt. 2 Yet, characteristically, the ego attempts to get rid of guilt from its viewpoint only, for much as the ego wants to retain guilt *you* find it intolerable, since guilt stands in the way of your remembering God, Whose pull is so strong that you cannot resist it. 3 On this issue, then, the deepest split of all occurs, for if you are to retain guilt, as the ego insists, *you cannot be you*. 4 Only by persuading you that it is you could the ego possibly induce you to project guilt, and thereby keep it in your mind.

T-13.II.2. Yet consider how strange a solution the ego's arrangement is. 2 You project guilt to get rid of it, but you are actually merely concealing it. 3 You do experience the guilt, but you have no idea why. 4 On the contrary, you associate it with a weird

assortment of "ego ideals," which the ego claims you have failed. 5 Yet you have no idea that you are failing the Son of God by seeing him as guilty. 6 Believing you are no longer you, you do not realize that you are failing yourself.

T-13.II.3. The darkest of your hidden cornerstones holds your belief in guilt from your awareness. 2 For in that dark and secret place is the realization that you have betrayed God's Son by condemning him to death. 3 You do not even suspect this murderous but insane idea lies hidden there, for the ego's destructive urge is so intense that nothing short of the crucifixion of God's Son can ultimately satisfy it. 4 It does not know who the Son of God is because it is blind. 5 Yet let it perceive guiltlessness anywhere, and it will try to destroy it because it is afraid.

T-13.II.4. Much of the ego's strange behavior is directly attributable to its definition of guilt. 2 To the ego, *the guiltless are guilty*. 3 Those who do not attack are its "enemies" because, by not valuing its interpretation of salvation, they are in an excellent position to let it go. 4 They have approached the darkest and deepest cornerstone in the ego's foundation, and while the ego can withstand your raising all else to question, it guards this one secret with its life, for its existence depends on keeping this secret. 5 So it is this secret that we must look upon, for the ego cannot protect you against truth, and in its presence the ego is dispelled.

T-13.II.5. In the calm light of truth, let us recognize that you believe you have crucified God's Son. 2 You have not admitted to this "terrible" secret because you would still wish to crucify him if you could find him. 3 Yet the wish has hidden him from you because it is very fearful, and so you are afraid to find him. 4 You have handled this wish to kill yourself by not knowing who you are, and identifying with something else. 5 You have projected guilt blindly and indiscriminately, but you have not uncovered its source. 6 For the ego does want to kill you, and if you identify with it you must believe its goal is yours.

T-13.II.6. I have said that the crucifixion is the symbol of the ego. 2 When it was confronted with the real guiltlessness of God's Son it did attempt to kill him, and the reason it gave was that guiltlessness is blasphemous to God. 3 To the ego, the *ego* is God, and guiltlessness must be interpreted as the final guilt that fully justifies murder. 4 You do not yet understand that any fear you may experience in connection with this course stems ultimately from this interpretation, but if you will consider your reactions to it you will become increasingly convinced that this is so.

T-13.II.7. This course has explicitly stated that its goal for you is happiness and peace. 2 Yet you are afraid of it. 3 You have been told again and again that it will set you free, yet you sometimes react as if it is trying to imprison you. 4 You often dismiss it more readily than you dismiss the ego's thought system. 5 To some extent, then, you must believe that by not learning the course you are protecting yourself. 6 And you do not realize that it is only your guiltlessness that *can* protect you.

T-13.II.8. The Atonement has always been interpreted as the release from guilt, and this is correct if it is understood. 2 Yet even when I interpret it for you, you may reject it and do not accept it for yourself. 3 You have perhaps recognized the futility of the ego and its

offerings, but though you do not want them, you may not yet look upon the alternative with gladness. 4 In the extreme, you are afraid of redemption and you believe it will kill you. 5 Make no mistake about the depth of this fear. 6 For you believe that, in the presence of truth, you might turn on yourself and destroy yourself.

T-13.II.9. Little child, this is not so. 2 Your "guilty secret" is nothing, and if you will but bring it to the light, the light will dispel it. 3 And then no dark cloud will remain between you and the remembrance of your Father, for you will remember His guiltless Son, who did not die because he is immortal. 4 And you will see that you were redeemed with him, and have never been separated from him. 5 In this understanding lies your remembering, for it is the recognition of love without fear. 6 There will be great joy in Heaven on your homecoming, and the joy will be yours. 7 For the redeemed son of man is the guiltless Son of God, and to recognize him *is* your redemption.

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