

Welcome to The Little Garden. We present classes in many formats to help with your study of *A Course in Miracles*. Our goal is to inspire students of *A Course in Miracles* to read and study the Course for themselves, and to practice it as written.

[Previous Section](#)

[Next Section](#)

[Table of Contents](#)

[Search the Course](#)

[We invite you to comment on this section.](#)

[The Little Garden Home](#)

I. The Origins of Separation

T-2.I.1. To extend is a fundamental aspect of God which He gave to His Son. 2 In the creation, God extended Himself to His creations and imbued them with the same loving Will to create. 3 You have not only been fully created, but have also been created perfect. 4 There is no emptiness in you. 5 Because of your likeness to your Creator you are creative. 6 No child of God can lose this ability because it is inherent in what he is, but he can use it inappropriately by projecting. 7 The inappropriate use of extension, or projection, occurs when you believe that some emptiness or lack exists in you, and that you can fill it with your own ideas instead of truth. 8 This process involves the following steps:

9 First, you believe that what God created can be changed by your own mind.

10 Second, you believe that what is perfect can be rendered imperfect or lacking.

11 Third, you believe that you can distort the creations of God, including yourself.
12 Fourth, you believe that you can create yourself, and that the direction of your own creation is up to you.

T-2.I.2. These related distortions represent a picture of what actually occurred in the separation, or the "detour into fear." 2 None of this existed before the separation, nor does it actually exist now. 3 Everything God created is like Him. 4 Extension, as undertaken by God, is similar to the inner radiance that the children of the Father inherit from Him. 5 Its real source is internal. 6 This is as true of the Son as of the Father. 7 In this sense the creation includes both the creation of the Son by God, and the Son's creations when his mind is healed. 8 This requires God's endowment of the Son with free will, because all loving creation is freely given in one continuous line, in which all aspects are of the same order.

T-2.I.3. The Garden of Eden, or the pre-separation condition, was a state of mind in which nothing was needed. 2 When Adam listened to the "lies of the serpent," all he heard was untruth. 3 You do not have to continue to believe what is not true unless you choose to do so. 7 4 All that can literally disappear in the twinkling of an eye because it is merely a misperception. 5 What is seen in dreams seems to be very real. 6 Yet the Bible says that a deep sleep fell upon Adam, and nowhere is there reference to his waking up. 7 The world has not yet experienced any comprehensive reawakening or rebirth. 8 Such a rebirth is impossible as long as you continue to project or miscreate. 9 It still remains within you, however, to extend as God extended His Spirit to you. 10 In reality this is your only choice, because your free will was given you for your joy in creating the perfect.

T-2.I.4. All fear is ultimately reducible to the basic misperception that you have the ability to usurp the power of God. 2 Of course, you neither can nor have been able to do this. 3 Here is the real basis for your escape from fear. 4 The escape is brought about by your acceptance of the Atonement, which enables you to realize that your errors never really occurred. 5 Only after the deep sleep fell upon Adam could he experience nightmares. 6 If a light is suddenly turned on while someone is dreaming a fearful dream, he may initially interpret the light itself as part of his dream and be afraid of it. 7 However, when he awakens, the light is correctly perceived as the release from the dream, which is then no longer accorded reality. 8 This release does not depend on illusions. 9 The knowledge that illuminates not only sets you free, but also shows you clearly that you *are* free.

T-2.I.5. Whatever lies you may believe are of no concern to the miracle, which can heal any of them with equal ease. 2 It makes no distinctions among misperceptions. 3 Its sole concern is to distinguish between truth on the one hand, and error on the other. 4 Some miracles may seem to be of greater magnitude than others. 5 But remember the first principle in this course; there is no order of difficulty in miracles. 6 In reality you are perfectly unaffected by all expressions of lack of love. 7 These can be from yourself and others, from yourself to others, or from others to you. 8 Peace is an attribute *in* you. 9 You cannot find it outside. 10 Illness is some form of external searching. 11 Health is inner peace. 12 It enables you to remain unshaken by lack of love from without and

capable, through your acceptance of miracles, of correcting the conditions proceeding from lack of love in others. 8

[Previous Section](#)

[Next Section](#)

[Table of Contents](#)

[Search the Course](#)

[We invite you to comment on this section.](#)

[The Little Garden Home](#)

>