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III. The Reality of the Kingdom

T-7.III.1. The Holy Spirit teaches one lesson, and applies it to all individuals in all situations. 2 Being conflict-free, He maximizes all efforts and all results. 3 By teaching the power of the Kingdom of God Himself, He teaches you that all power is yours. 4 Its application does not matter. 5 It is always maximal. 6 Your vigilance does not establish it as yours, but it does enable you to use it always and in all ways. 7 When I said "I am with you always," I meant it literally. 8 I am not absent to anyone in any situation. 9 Because I am always with you, *you* are the way, the truth and the life. 10 You did not make this power, any more than I did. 11 It was created to be shared, and therefore cannot be meaningfully perceived as belonging to anyone at the expense of another. 12 Such a perception makes it meaningless by eliminating or overlooking its real and only meaning.

T-7.III.2. God's meaning waits in the Kingdom, because that is where He placed it. 2 It does not wait in time. 3 It merely rests in the Kingdom because it belongs there, as you do. 4 How can you who are God's meaning perceive yourself as absent from it? 5 You can see yourself as separated from your meaning only by experiencing yourself as unreal. 6 This is why the ego is insane; it teaches that you are not what you are. 7 That is so contradictory it is clearly impossible. 8 It is therefore a lesson you cannot really learn, and therefore cannot really teach. 9 Yet you are always teaching. 10 You must, therefore, be teaching something else, even though the ego does not know what it is. 11 The ego, then, is always being undone, and does suspect your motives. 12 Your mind cannot be unified in allegiance to the ego, because the mind does not belong to it. 13 Yet what is "treacherous" to the ego is faithful to peace. 14 The ego's "enemy" is therefore your friend.

T-7.III.3. I said before that the ego's friend is not part of you, because the ego perceives itself at war and therefore in need of allies. 2 You who are not at war must look for brothers and recognize all whom you see as brothers, because only equals are at peace. 3 Because God's equal Sons have everything, they cannot compete. 16 4 Yet if they perceive any of their brothers as anything other than their perfect equals, the idea of competition has entered their minds. 5 Do not underestimate your need to be vigilant *against* this idea, because all your conflicts come from it. 6 It *is* the belief that conflicting interests are possible, and therefore you have accepted the impossible as true. 7 Is that different from saying you perceive yourself as unreal?

T-7.III.4. To be in the Kingdom is merely to focus your full attention on it. 2 As long as you believe you can attend to what is not true, you are accepting conflict as your choice. 3 Is it really a choice? 4 It seems to be, but seeming and reality are hardly the same. 5 You who *are* the Kingdom are not concerned with seeming. 6 Reality is yours because you are reality. 7 This is how *having* and *being* are ultimately reconciled, not in the Kingdom, but in your mind. 8 The altar there is the only reality. 9 The altar is perfectly clear in thought, because it is a reflection of perfect Thought. 10 Your right mind sees only brothers, because it sees only in its own light.

T-7.III.5. God has lit your mind Himself, and keeps your mind lit by His light because His light is what your mind is. 2 This is totally beyond question, and when you question it you are answered. 3 The Answer merely undoes the question by establishing the fact that to question reality is to question meaninglessly. 4 That is why the Holy Spirit never questions. 5 His sole function is to undo the questionable and thus lead to certainty. 6 The certain are perfectly calm, because they are not in doubt. 7 They do not raise questions, because nothing questionable enters their minds. 8 This holds them in perfect serenity, because this is what they share, knowing what they are.

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