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V. Healing and the Changelessness of Mind

T-7.V.1. The body is nothing more than a framework for developing abilities, which is quite apart from what they are used for. 2 *That* is a decision. 3 The effects of the ego's decision in this matter are so apparent that they need no elaboration, but the Holy Spirit's decision to use the body only for communication has such a direct connection with healing that it does need clarification. 4 The unhealed healer obviously does not understand his own vocation.

T-7.V.2. Only minds communicate. 2 Since the ego cannot obliterate the impulse to communicate because it is also the impulse to create, it can only teach you that the body can both communicate and create, and therefore does not need the mind. 3 The ego thus tries to teach you that the body can act like the mind, and is therefore self-sufficient. 4

Yet we have learned that behavior is not the level for either teaching or learning, since you can act in accordance with what you do not believe. 5 To do this, however, will weaken you as a teacher and a learner because, as has been repeatedly emphasized, you teach what you *do* believe. 6 An inconsistent lesson will be poorly taught and poorly learned. 7 If you teach both sickness *and* healing, you are both a poor teacher and a poor learner.

T-7.V.3. Healing is the one ability everyone can develop and must develop if he is to be healed. 2 Healing is the Holy Spirit's form of communication in this world, and the only one He accepts. 3 He recognizes no other, because He does not accept the ego's confusion of mind and body. 4 Minds can communicate, but they cannot hurt. 5 The body in the service of the ego can hurt other bodies, but this cannot occur unless the body has already been confused with the mind. 6 This situation, too, can be used either for healing or for magic, but you must remember that magic always involves the belief that healing is harmful. 7 This belief is its totally insane premise, and so it proceeds accordingly.

T-7.V.4. Healing only strengthens. 2 Magic always tries to weaken. 3 Healing perceives nothing in the healer that everyone else does not share with him. 4 Magic always sees something "special" in the healer, which he believes he can offer as a gift to someone who does not have it. 5 He may believe that the gift comes from God to him, but it is quite evident that he does not understand God if he thinks he has something that others lack.

T-7.V.5. The Holy Spirit does not work by chance, and healing that is of Him *always* works. 2 Unless the healer always heals by Him the results will vary. 3 Yet healing itself is consistent, since only consistency is conflict-free, and only the conflict-free are whole. 4 By accepting exceptions and acknowledging that he can sometimes heal and sometimes not, the healer is obviously accepting inconsistency. 5 He is therefore in conflict, and is teaching conflict. 6 Can anything of God not be for all and for always? 7 Love is incapable of any exceptions. 8 Only if there is fear does the idea of exceptions seem to be meaningful. 9 Exceptions are fearful because they are made by fear. 10 The "fearful healer" is a contradiction in terms, and is therefore a concept that only a conflicted mind could possibly perceive as meaningful.

T-7.V.6. Fear does not gladden. 2 Healing does. 3 Fear always makes exceptions. 4 Healing never does. 5 Fear produces dissociation, because it induces separation. 6 Healing always produces harmony, because it proceeds from integration. 7 It is predictable because it can be counted on. 8 Everything that is of God can be counted on, because everything of God is wholly real. 9 Healing can be counted on because it is inspired by His Voice, and is in accord with His laws. 10 Yet if healing is consistent it cannot be inconsistently understood. 11 Understanding means consistency because God means consistency. 12 Since that is His meaning, it is also yours. 13 Your meaning cannot be out of accord with His, because your whole meaning and your only meaning comes from His and is like His. 14 God cannot be out of accord with Himself, and you cannot be out of accord with Him. 15 You cannot separate your Self from your Creator, Who created you by sharing His Being with you.

T-7.V.7. The unhealed healer wants gratitude from his brothers, but he is not grateful to

them. 2 That is because he thinks he is giving something to them, and is not receiving something equally desirable in return. 3 His teaching is limited because he is learning so little. 4 His healing lesson is limited by his own ingratitude, which is a lesson in sickness. 5 True learning is constant, and so vital in its power for change that a Son of God can recognize his power in one instant and change the world in the next. 6 That is because, by changing his mind, he has changed the most powerful device that was ever given him for change. 7 This in no way contradicts the changelessness of mind as God created it, but you think that you have changed it as long as you learn through the ego. 8 This places you in a position of needing to learn a lesson that seems contradictory; you must learn to change your mind about your mind. 9 Only by this can you learn that it *is* changeless.

T-7.V.8. When you heal, that is exactly what you *are* learning. 2 You are recognizing the changeless mind in your brother by realizing that he could not have changed his mind. 3 That is how you perceive the Holy Spirit in him. 4 It is only the Holy Spirit in him that never changes His Mind. 5 He himself may think he can, or he would not perceive himself as sick. 6 He therefore does not know what his Self is. 7 If you see only the changeless in him you have not really changed him. 8 By changing your mind about his *for* him, you help him undo the change his ego thinks it has made in him.

T-7.V.9. As you can hear two voices, so you can see in two ways. 2 One way shows you an image, or an idol that you may worship out of fear, but will never love. 3 The other shows you only truth, which you will love because you will understand it. 4 Understanding is appreciation, because what you understand you can identify with, and by making it part of you, you have accepted it with love. 5 That is how God Himself created you; in understanding, in appreciation and in love. 6 The ego is totally unable to understand this, because it does not understand what it makes, does not appreciate it and does not love it. 7 It incorporates to take away. 8 It literally believes that every time it deprives someone of something, it has increased. 9 I have spoken often of the increase of the Kingdom by your creations, which can only be created as you were. 10 The whole glory and perfect joy that *is* the Kingdom lies in you to give. 11 Do you not want to give it?

T-7.V.10. You cannot forget the Father because I am with you, and I cannot forget Him. 2 To forget me is to forget yourself and Him Who created you. 3 Our brothers are forgetful. 4 That is why they need your remembrance of me and of Him Who created me. 5 Through this remembrance, you can change their minds about themselves, as I can change yours. 6 Your mind is so powerful a light that you can look into theirs and enlighten them, as I can enlighten yours. 7 I do not want to share my body in communion because this is to share nothing. 8 Would I try to share an illusion with the most holy children of a most holy Father? 9 Yet I do want to share my mind with you because we are of one Mind, and that Mind is ours. 10 See only this Mind everywhere, because only this is everywhere and in everything. 11 It is everything because it encompasses all things within itself. 12 Blessed are you who perceive only this, because you perceive only what is true.

T-7.V.11. Come therefore unto me, and learn of the truth in you. 2 The mind we share is shared by all our brothers, and as we see them truly they will be healed. 3 Let your mind

shine with mine upon their minds, and by our gratitude to them make them aware of the light in them. 4 This light will shine back upon you and on the whole Sonship, because this is your proper gift to God. 5 He will accept it and give it to the Sonship, because it is acceptable to Him and therefore to His Sons. 6 This is true communion with the Holy Spirit, Who sees the altar of God in everyone, and by bringing it to your appreciation, He calls upon you to love God and His creation. 7 You can appreciate the Sonship only as one. 8 This is part of the law of creation, and therefore governs all thought.

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