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IX. The Extension of the Kingdom

T-7.IX.1. Only you can limit your creative power, but God wills to release it. 2 He no more wills you to deprive yourself of your creations than He wills to deprive Himself of His. 3 Do not withhold your gifts to the Sonship, or you withhold yourself from God! 4 Selfishness is of the ego, but Self-fullness is of spirit because that is how God created it. 5 The Holy Spirit is in the part of the mind that lies between the ego and the spirit, mediating between them always in favor of the spirit. 6 To the ego this is partiality, and it responds as if it were being sided against. 7 To spirit this is truth, because it knows its fullness and cannot conceive of any part from which it is excluded.

T-7.IX.2. Spirit knows that the awareness of all its brothers is included in its own, as it is included in God. 2 The power of the whole Sonship and of its Creator is therefore spirit's

own fullness, rendering its creations equally whole and equal in perfection. 3 The ego cannot prevail against a totality that includes God, and any totality *must* include God. 4 Everything He created is given all His power, because it is part of Him and shares His Being with Him. 5 Creating is the opposite of loss, as blessing is the opposite of sacrifice. 6 Being *must* be extended. 7 That is how it retains the knowledge of itself. 8 Spirit yearns to share its being as its Creator did. 9 Created by sharing, its will is to create. 10 It does not wish to contain God, but wills to extend His Being.

T-7.IX.3. The extension of God's Being is spirit's only function. 2 Its fullness cannot be contained, any more than can the fullness of its Creator. 3 Fullness is extension. 4 The ego's whole thought system blocks extension, and thus blocks your only function. 5 It therefore blocks your joy, so that you perceive yourself as unfulfilled. 6 Unless you create you *are* unfulfilled, but God does not know unfulfillment and therefore you must create. 7 You may not know your own creations, but this can no more interfere with their reality than your unawareness of your spirit can interfere with its being.

T-7.IX.4. The Kingdom is forever extending because it is in the Mind of God. 2 You do not know your joy because you do not know your own Self-fullness. 3 Exclude any part of the Kingdom from yourself and you are not whole. 4 A split mind cannot perceive its fullness, and needs the miracle of its wholeness to dawn upon it and heal it. 5 This reawakens the wholeness in it, and restores it to the Kingdom because of its acceptance of wholeness. 6 The full appreciation of the mind's Self-fullness makes selfishness impossible and extension inevitable. 7 That is why there is perfect peace in the Kingdom. 8 Spirit is fulfilling its function, and only complete fulfillment is peace.

T-7.IX.5. Your creations are protected for you because the Holy Spirit, Who is in your mind, knows of them and can bring them into your awareness whenever you will let Him. 2 They are there as part of your own being, because your fulfillment includes them. 3 The creations of every Son of God are yours, since every creation belongs to everyone, being created for the Sonship as a whole.

T-7.IX.6. You have not failed to increase the inheritance of the Sons of God, and thus have not failed to secure it for yourself. 2 Since it was the Will of God to give it to you, He gave it forever. 3 Since it was His Will that you have it forever, He gave you the means for keeping it. 4 *And you have done so.* 5 Disobeying God's Will is meaningful only to the insane. 6 In truth it is impossible. 7 Your Self-fullness is as boundless as God's. 8 Like His, It extends forever and in perfect peace. 9 Its radiance is so intense that It creates in perfect joy, and only the whole can be born of Its Wholeness.

T-7.IX.7. Be confident that you have never lost your Identity and the extensions which maintain It in wholeness and peace. 2 Miracles are an expression of this confidence. 3 They are reflections of both your proper identification with your brothers, and of your awareness that your identification is maintained by extension. 4 The miracle is a lesson in total perception. 5 By including any part of totality in the lesson, you have included the whole.

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