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PART I

LESSON 51.

The review for today covers the following ideas:

W-51.1. (1) Nothing I see means anything.

2 The reason this is so is that I see nothing, and nothing has no meaning. 3 It is necessary that I recognize this, that I may learn to see. 4 What I think I see now is taking the place of vision. 5 I must let it go by realizing it has no meaning, so that vision may take its place.

W-51.2. (2) I have given what I see all the meaning it has for me.

2 I have judged everything I look upon, and it is this and only this I see. 3 This is not vision. 4 It is merely an illusion of reality, because my judgments have been made quite apart from reality. 5 I am willing to recognize the lack of validity in my judgments, because I want to see. 6 My judgments have hurt me, and I do not want to see according to them.

W-51.3. (3) I do not understand anything I see.

2 How could I understand what I see when I have judged it amiss? 3 What I see is the projection of my own errors of thought. 4 I do not understand what I see because it is not understandable. 5 There is no sense in trying to understand it. 6 But there is every reason to let it go, and make room for what can be seen and understood and loved. 7 I can exchange what I see now for this merely by being willing to do so. 8 Is not this a better choice than the one I made before?

W-51.4. (4) These thoughts do not mean anything.

2 The thoughts of which I am aware do not mean anything because I am trying to think without God. 3 What I call "my" thoughts are not my real thoughts. 4 My real thoughts are the thoughts I think with God. 5 I am not aware of them because I have made my thoughts to take their place. 6 I am willing to recognize that my thoughts do not mean anything, and to let them go. 7 I choose to have them be replaced by what they were intended to replace. 8 My thoughts are meaningless, but all creation lies in the thoughts I think with God.

W-51.5. (5) I am never upset for the reason I think.

2 I am never upset for the reason I think because I am constantly trying to justify my thoughts. 3 I am constantly trying to make them true. 4 I make all things my enemies, so that my anger is justified and my attacks are warranted. 5 I have not realized how much I have misused everything I see by assigning this role to it. 6 I have done this to defend a thought system that has hurt me, and that I no longer want. 7 I am willing to let it go.

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