

## Correction of Projection

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I considered canceling our ACIM group meet-up at Windward Unity last Thursday in favor of Valentine's Day. I sat and contemplated the idea of canceling the meet-up and found myself questioning that if Valentine's Day is all about love, why not come together in our ACIM group meet-up to join with Jesus in the name of Love?

It so happened that this particular Valentine's Day now holds a fond reminder that Love surely does have a handle on everything. It marks the beginning of an eye opening message which was revealed this particular St. Valentine's Day in our meet-up group. As I look back, however, I see that this message really began about 18 months ago.

In mid 2011, a messenger, called Bart, came to our ACIM study group holding an ACIM book I was not familiar with. This book he called the Original Edition. My first feeling was that it looked kinda odd and resembled quite a different look and feeling from the FIP Edition that I had been reading from and studying for a number of years.

Bart presented some leaflets which helped to explain about the differences between the Original Edition and the FIP Edition of ACIM. He told us that the FIP Edition had been altered somewhat and that there had been numerous changes to the original editing.

My walls went up and I went into "protecting Ken Wapnick mode." After all, I had listened to Ken's cd's over and over during my first couple of years studying ACIM and found his material to be extremely helpful. I had met Ken on a few occasions and felt adoration for this wonderful teacher of ACIM. Now I was being told Ken had changed /altered to an extent the original editing of ACIM! I would not have this! I chose to continue studying the FIP version. And when questioned by those who were present that evening at the ACIM group, I advised them to study from whichever edition they felt guided to. However, I did not hold back from letting them know that the FIP version was the very first one published and from my understanding Helen Schucman was aware of Ken's edits and approved his work for the first publication to take place. In the back of my mind I felt that was enough evidence to spark an interest of continual studies with the FIP Edition, which we followed together each week in our study group.

It was a few months later when my boyfriend, Ian, excitedly came to me and told me he had been chatting with a gentleman called Tom Whitmore online and had ordered an ACIM book from his site. He said this ACIM book was different "looking" than the version I had been carrying around and he wanted to buy it for me. Ian was not studying ACIM, though had a level of interest in the topic and knew about the evening at our ACIM group when the different editions were brought to my attention. He took me to his computer and showed me the book online he had ordered for me. I saw the book

and exclaimed "that's the book! That's the book that gentleman bought into our ACIM group a few months ago." Ian said quickly, "Ok, I will go and cancel the order right away."

I stopped and contemplated for a moment, and then called out to Ian, "No, it's ok; I have a feeling to let the order be. You were guided to order this book for a reason. I will be open and take a look at this ACIM edition." As I stood still and considered the unfolding, I had realized that Holy Spirit was in charge here, and that I needed to step down and hand over the controls. In this instant I saw that Ian was the vessel, and the second messenger, who would deliver once again this other seeming odd book for me to take a look at.

When the Original Edition arrived Ian quickly gave it to me. I recall sitting down on the sofa and opening it up to the very beginning. After reading the foreword I came to realize that this particular edition was the first "editing" of the original scribing. This first editing was apparently completed by Bill Thetford, who was a great support and played quite a role as Helen Schucman took dictation for the material of ACIM.

I began to take a closer look at this "Original Edition." I contacted Tom Whitmore's office to see what I could learn. Tom placed me in the hands of Reja-Joy, who then sent me a lot of interesting information on the various editions. I soon found out that there was yet another published edition called the "Sparkly Edition," which I came to find is also the first "editing" of ACIM, which was completed by Bill Thetford. The difference I came to find between these two editions (Sparkly and O.E) was very minimal. The one that stood out the most was that the Sparkly maintains emphasized words as CAP letters (which is how Bill Thetford apparently typed the manuscript due to there being no "italicized" key on the typewriter back in those days) whereas with the O.E. the emphasized words are in italics.

I became very open to these two other editions of ACIM, while also remaining open to the FIP version. I ordered the Sparkly edition (which I was feeling quite drawn toward) and kept all versions handy. For the past 18 months or so I have remained open to all three editions.

It was just last week, on Valentine's Day, in our ACIM study group, when we were taking a look at a section in chapter 7. I had the Sparkly open. Another student had the FIP open, and we noticed quite a different message appearing amongst the words regarding "projection." Here are the two pieces from each book:

***From the Sparkly Edition (also the Original Edition) -***

***"We once said that without projection there can be no anger, but it is also true that without projection there can be no love. Projection is a fundamental law of the mind, and therefore one which ALWAYS operates. It is the law by which you create and were created. It is the law which unifies the Kingdom, and keeps it in the Mind of God. To the ego, the law is perceived as a way of getting RID of something it does NOT want. To the Holy Spirit, it is the fundamental law of sharing by which you GIVE what you value in order to keep it in your OWN mind.***

***Projection, to the Holy Spirit, is the law of extension. To the ego it is the law of deprivation. It therefore produces abundance or scarcity, depending on how you choose to apply it.***

***This choice IS up to you, but it is NOT up to you to decide whether or not you will UTILIZE projection. Every mind MUST project because that is how it lives, and every mind IS life. The ego's use of projection must be fully understood before its inevitable association between projection and anger can be finally undone.***

***~ Sparkly pg 163, Original Edition pg 138***

***From the FIP Edition -***

***"We have said that without projection there can be no anger, but it is also true that without extension there can be no love. These reflect a fundamental law of the mind, and therefore one that always operates. It is the law by which you create and were created. It is the law that unifies the Kingdom, and keeps it in the Mind of God. To the ego, the law is perceived as a means of getting rid of something it does not want. To the Holy Spirit, it is the fundamental law of sharing, by which you give what you value in order to keep it in your mind. To the Holy Spirit it is the law of extension. To the ego it is the law of deprivation. It therefore produces abundance or scarcity, depending on how you choose to apply it. This choice is up to you, but it is not up to you to decide whether or not you will utilize the law. Every mind must project or extend, because that is how it lives, and every mind is life.***

***The ego's use of projection must be fully understood before the inevitable association between projection and anger can be finally undone.***

***~ FIP 7.8.1***

The next morning I took another look at the different message regarding "projection" in both books. I shared about it on Open Minds Radio. At this point however I chose to still remain open to all editions of ACIM. After all, we had just fallen upon this one alteration, and it really seemed like it wasn't any real biggie...until...

The following morning I was sitting and reading from the FIP edition (I had been feeling guided to read from the FIP edition the past few weeks). This time for some reason I was just flicking through the pages. I don't even recall how this happened. All I know is that I landed in a section in chapter 12 that revealed an altered message regarding projection. And then I landed in yet another section in Chapter 3 which revealed another change in the overall message of projection. When I read this last apparent alteration I stopped in my tracks, and stayed still for a moment to comprehend what I had just found. It was quite interesting to me as I was not looking to compare materials at all in the editions. I was merely thumbing through the pages quite loosely and relaxed and looking back now it is quite evident to me that I was being guided to these alterations regarding the overall message of projection.

Here are the other two sections:

***From the Sparkly edition (also the Original Edition) -***

***We said before that WHAT you project is up to you, but it is NOT up to you WHETHER to project, for projection is a law of mind. Perception IS projection, and you look in BEFORE you look out. As you look in you choose the guide for seeing, and THEN you look out and behold his witnesses. This is WHY you find what you seek. What you want in YOURSELF you will make manifest by projection, and you will accept it FROM the world because you put it there BY wanting it.***

***~ Sparkly pg 273, Original Edition pg 229***

***From the FIP edition -***

***I said before that what you project or extend is up to you, but you must do one or the other, for that is a law of mind, and you must look in before you look out. As you look in, you choose the guide for seeing. And then you look out and behold his witnesses. This is why you find what you seek. What you want in yourself you will make manifest, and you will accept it from the world because you put it there by wanting it.***

***~ FIP 12.7.7***

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***From the Sparkly edition (also the original edition) -***

***Innocence is INCAPABLE of sacrificing anything, because the innocent mind HAS everything and strives only to PROTECT its wholeness. This is why it CANNOT misproject. It can only honor man, because honor is the natural greeting of the truly loved to others who are like them.***

***~ Sparkly edition pg 50, Original edition pg 43***

***From the FIP edition -***

***Innocence is incapable of sacrificing anything, because the innocent mind has everything and strives only to protect its wholeness. It cannot project. It can only honor other minds, because honor is the natural greeting of the truly loved to others who are like them.***

***~ FIP 3.1.6***

I came to realize that I indeed had been guided to an alteration to the overall message on "projection" in A Course in Miracles. I had shared on ACIM radio just the day before about the first alteration we found when reading in our Study group. It didn't seem like too much of a big deal. Something to share, yet I had still remained open to studying/teaching from all editions. Now all of a sudden I was aware of this significant alteration to the overall message of projection. I had always believed from following the FIP edition that "projection" was only of the ego and not of God, and now I was coming to find that "projection is of God and is our natural inheritance as gifted in Creation." And it is the ego's *misuse* of projection (as in *misprojecting*) that is being brought to our awareness. I looked up the Urtext (the original complete unedited manuscript) and found the same sections I had been guided to this week, and saw that the words and message were in line with the Sparkly Edition and the Original Edition. I knew that this new insight now changed everything for me. There was no question in my mind; I could no longer study/teach from the FIP version of ACIM. And if I were to be true to what I had found, I was

now faced with sharing/speaking more extensively on the subject. My stomach turned upside down. A part of me did not want to speak about what else I had found. Ken Wapnick has been my greatest mentor with ACIM from early on in my journey. I have always loved him and his teachings. So to share about these other alterations didn't sit well with me. However, a small voice within beckoned me to share the truth. And when I spoke to my girlfriend, Sam, and told her what I had discovered, she suggested I do share the three alterations I had come across with the ACIM community. When I heard her say this I knew in my heart that this was the right thing to do.

***“The best defense, as always, is NOT to attack another’s position, but rather to protect the truth.” - ACIM***

Just today while writing this I came across a section at the very beginning of Chapter 2 in the Sparkly Edition and Original Edition that provides an extensive summary of "projection as a fundamental attribute of God." I have come to see that the message behind the word "projection" could have a possible impact in the studies of ACIM. There is no right or wrong, and I have also come to realize that the FIP version was edited perfectly at the perfect time for the ears to hear it. I also see that we, as the “collective” are in this unfolding together, and we, as the “one” confused are playing every character, in the perfect possible way, in divine order, so as to awaken our sleeping self. We each have Higher Guidance within that is guiding us on our path. And we each know within what is true for us in every moment. We are the Call. We are the Answer. And today I see that everything has been and is unfolding in wonderful alignment for “our” greater purpose.

~ Robyn Busfield

***In the creation, God projected His creative ability from Himself to the Souls He Created, and He also imbued them with the same loving will to create. The Soul has not only been fully created but has also been created perfect. ~ ACIM - O.E. pg 18, Sparkly pg 20***

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