

IF DEATH IS AN ILLUSION TO BE OVERCOME....PLEASE EXPLAIN ABOUT WHY PEOPLE DIE--LEAVE THEIR BODIES?

I will be very frank with you: It is by virtue of a process of giving up. And when I say giving up I mean, literally yielding to the ego. It is always with a sense of failure. It does not represent the divine Movement of Life. It involves a becoming so tired with the struggle that one simply yields to what can only be described as fate.

Now mind you, the illusion of life in matter, the illusion of life as a manifestation of physical evolution, the illusion of life as being something other than absolutely divine is being entertained by one who is the Son or Daughter of God, by one who has never been an organism, by one who has never actually been separated from the Father, by one who has never been anywhere else but in the middle of the Kingdom of Heaven.

And therefore, the illusion of death is no more significant than the illusion of life in matter, or life in the middle of the Universe as an insignificant speck of consciousness that is the end result of physical evolution. One simply arrives at a point of deciding to give up the struggle. However, this giving up does not constitute a yielding to the Father. It is rather a yielding to the illusion.

And I will tell you something: All of you in fact, all of mankind is entering into a time here, and I am not talking of a time of another 10,000 years, but a time of approximately 20 years in which the stirring within you of your divine actuality, and of your longing for Home, and your willingness to embrace the possibility that you are flawlessly divine will begin to supersede your investment of faith in yourself as a simple human organism with a divine Soul, or a divine Soul that is temporarily inhabiting a physical organism. And I will tell you something else: Your body is as absolutely eternal as your individuality. And the one who passes on who seems to drop a body or leave a body behind, has no such experience of leaving anything behind, and finds himself or herself still uninterruptedly with that which identifies him or her. And as I have put it before, that which everyone else buries is the after-image of that individuality present in the mind of those who are left behind.

Now, the experience of limited life, as well as the experience of death, are a dream sequence, if you will. Which a Christ is experiencing, you might say, in the middle of a nap on a grassy knoll in the middle of the Kingdom of Heaven. And so it is all illusion. And we are talking now about a shift in consciousness that mankind as a whole is entering into where Awakening is occurring. And in the process of this Awakening the belief of the inevitability of death is going to yield. And there will be those who will leave this incarnation taking their bodies with them without going through any process of death. And they will leave by choice or remain by choice. They will become free of the sense of being some part of a physical evolution of a physical universe that has little or nothing to do with the divine intelligence called God.

And this universe, and universes that you cannot conceive of, will begin to become available to you consciously as you access your greater capacity to be aware divinely. And as you begin to experience the infinity of yourself as consciousness, as that which embraces the infinite self-expression of God. You see the shift is from an organismic definition of self and of life to an awareness of yourself as conscious being, as that Mind in which the infinite experience of life is going on or is embraced.

Death is an illusion to be overcome. And I do not speak out of turn, nor am I too fantastic when I state that within the next 20 years there will be the beginnings of the overcoming of death. And there will be the increased manifestation of physical perfection, healing, if you will, that will go beyond just overcoming specific dysfunctions that would seem to lead to death. It will involve the greater and greater expression of perfection, the removal of blemishes, the elongation of waist and legs, and joints and arms so that symmetry and balance becomes manifest.

You see you do not think of healing in terms of the ongoing and increasing manifestation of perfection; you only conceive of healing as the getting rid of the particular ache or pain or dysfunction that might be threatening to your experience of life. And I do encourage all of you to embrace within your concept of possible healing the ongoing manifestation of increasing perfection that goes beyond even the physical manifestation.

I mean by that where you begin to perceive the emanation of light. It is as though the very atoms themselves will become uncovered so that the

light of them becomes the radiance of you, the radiance of the love that you are, the expression of the Christ that you are. Compared to 200 years ago your conception of the potential for healing is greatly increased, and great strides have been taken in the breaking down of limits relative to the manifestation of physical health. But I want you to be more expansive still, and not assume that all you can expect is relief from heart disease, or relief from lung damage, or relief of corns on your toes; that the potential is even greater.

You see that of reality which you do not experience is the result of a conscious disbelief in that possibility. And the moment that you begin to be more expansive and embrace the possibility of your accessing a greater capacity to be aware than you are presently experiencing, then the blocks to that increased capacity to be aware diminish because you are not resisting it through your spontaneous belief.

Now I am aware that I could go into various metaphysical descriptions of the process of death, but that will not be helpful. Because what you need to understand is that from the stand point of the conscious experience of individuality not one of you has experienced ever any interruption in that conscious experience. You have never experienced anything called death, even though you apparently have, many of you, lived numerous lifetimes. And never for an instant have you been minus the experience of body.

And so why go into New Age or metaphysical descriptions of death, when life is the only thing that has been going on, is the only thing you have ever experienced, whether it has been an uncomfortable or a pleasant one. And let's be clear on this point so that you can address yourself to the clearer and clearer experience of life with less distress, and not just have some marvelous metaphysical interpretation of an illusory process.

I will tell you that each of you can begin to challenge the idea of death as something inevitable, by beginning to embrace the possibility of experiencing healing physically that will negate any necessity, any seeming necessity for the experience of death. The more and more harmony you experience, the more and more reconfiguration that occurs identifying your fulfillment, the less and less reason there will seem to be to justify giving up and yielding completely to the illusion. And that is what it's all about. That's the end of the answer

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Now I am present with and available to every single one of you, everyone at every moment. And so it is my intent in being with groups of people like this to make this fact known and by Paul's presence and demeanor also convey the fact that my being available doesn't require of anyone any special talent, because Paul is about as regular as anyone else on this planet and has no "special" talent in order to hear me. Does that clarify that for you?

For those of you who are students of A Course In Miracles, I will take this opportunity to point out that my time spent with Helen Schucman was also not a special instance. And although there have been some expressions of the fact, or the idea—not the fact—the idea that everyone else can't expect the same sort of relationship with me or with Guidance that she experienced, is untrue. It is an attempt to elevate her, and to elevate the Course into a false position of religious respect, whether it is stated that way or not.