

HOW DID THE ABILITY TO PERCEIVE MAKE THE BODY POSSIBLE? CLEARS UP CONFUSION

[Text]: The ability to perceive made the body possible, because you must perceive something and with something. (T-#38/43)

Hmm. Anybody find that statement disturbing? The ability to perceive made the body possible.

QUESTION: It implies there's no body?

ANSWER: Someone said, "It implies there's no body." Okay.

QUESTION: I suppose the ability to perceive occurred when we chose the separation instead of the Oneness with our Guide, or with our Creator, and we needed something to replace it with, and so here came the body. The experience of perception, is that... am I perceiving that right? [laughter] Well, I've been contemplating this paragraph and here's what I perceive about it. When I am perceiving, I'm thinking. And when I'm thinking, I'm in some form of judgment. And I've got to use something to establish a position and so I take what is the Life-force identified as me and densify it into an objective state, an object. I therefore need time and space in which to exist as an object and I have miscreated. I've used the body in an unnatural way. I have held it up as an object, instead of the flowing Presence of Love which involves no judgment. Something like that.

ANSWER: Indeed. Indeed. Now, remember that "made" is the past tense of "make." And remember the difference between "making" and "creating." And I said that the word "up" needs to be added to the word "made." That which is "made" is "made-up." It's fantasy. But remember also that you cannot have a misperception--a made-up perception--of nothing. You can only have a misperception of something actual. Creation--what you call Creation--is the visibility and tangibility of God; the visibility that which renders God experienceable to God. Your body is the visibility and tangibility of your Individuality, that Place of Excellence in you, and so your body is Real. But perception made the body as something that exists independent of its Source. When you separate Creation from Its Source--God--you end up with a perception of Creation that you currently call "the world and universe." You see what I'm saying?

QUESTION: Through our senses?.

ANSWER: Through your senses. Yes. And you think that your senses are also physical and separate from any divine Aspect or divine Presence or divine Actuality, instead of their being the Senses of Soul. So the ability to perceive made a perception of the visibility and tangibility of your Individuality as an independent material form called a body possible. Was that too complex? And so the visibility and tangibility of your Individuality which is inviolable and eternal became to you, by virtue of the use of perception, something unlike what it truly is: a thing that is born and dies, a temporary

residence, a temporary residence for your soul, an impediment to your soul that limits you for a brief period of time and that you must just suffer through to the best of your ability. You see?

It made the misperception of the visibility and tangibility of God possible as a distorted experience of it that you call a material body that is the result of physical evolution, separate and apart from God. This really means the ability to perceive made a misperception possible. It does not mean that it made an illusion of body possible that has no existence whatsoever. Is anyone confused about what I'm saying?

ANOTHER SEEKER: So let's say you're a little soul in a sense walking along with God, Creator, and you want to experience forgiveness. When you're in the state of Beingness with the collective, so to speak, you know all there is about forgiveness, but you are not actually able to sense it with feeling. And so, if you incarnate, you are actually able to, in a sense, come down to our perception of creation, maybe experience forgiveness with a partner and in doing so you have a better perception of what forgiveness is?

ANSWER: NO... No. There's no place to come down to. And there's no way for you to be a little soul. Soul has a capital "S" and it's Infinite and all of what Soul/God is constitutes your Soul. Now, right now in the middle of an apparent human condition called the world and universe, you are already home. It is Reality, the Kingdom of Heaven that you're in the middle of and experiencing through a glass darkly, through a distorted pair of glasses. So there's no place for you to come down to or incarnate into. You're forever identified. God is forever identified and His Identification is called Creation, the visibility and tangibility that you're experiencing everywhere right now.

You're NOT a soul refining itself. You are Soul in the process of re-embracing what you already are as you're willing to let go of the idea, the belief, the mutually-agreed-upon definition that you are separate and tiny and can incarnate and be out of incarnation and jump back and forth. You see? The ultimate is what is happening right now. You're already at your destination because you only left your destination, like Johnny in the schoolroom, by giving his attention someplace else and ignoring where he really is, while he's still there where he really is. Do you see what I'm saying? Waking up is a matter of bringing your attention back to where you really are, instead of dwelling in the land of imagination.

Now, you're NOT imagining that you have a body. I've said before that God unidentified, un-manifest God is non-existent God. You without manifestation would be non-existent. So that which identifies you is Real. That you call it a material body, that you call it an organism that's a result of a physical process is your misunderstanding of it, your misinterpretation of it. And your definition of it as being born and inevitably dying causes you, the Son of God, to behave as though you are a mortal who is going to live and die, and you slowly die yourself. You slowly behave as a dying one and you act it out. And you seem to have the evidence of it because you are the Son of God and you can create an illusion for yourself that seems quite real. But you know what happens? Once

you or anyone else manages to go through the last act and take your last breath and you seem to disappear to everyone else, you find that you're still present.

QUESTION: So it's just the body you shake . . .

ANSWER: And you find that you're still fully identified with form. And whatever you seem to die from, you will not have anymore. Whatever the disease, the injury, or whatever, will not be there and you'll realize, "Oh, my body wasn't physical at all. When I thought it was physical, it wasn't physical. I was behaving it as though it were. I was behaving it as though it were." That's why healing can be instantaneous right now, because there's no physical process it has to go through in order to arrive at healing, because it's not physical at all right now. It's the visibility and tangibility of a Divine Idea in the Mind of God. And all of God's Ideas are experienceable to God as Real, visible, tangible. Real, but not physical, not material. Not self-created dust out of dust, atoms out of atoms, et cetera.

It's not an orderliness of an arrangement of physical form. It's a Divine Idea held together intact forever by the Mind that formed that Idea. And the Idea is as Eternal as Its Source.

QUESTION: Thank you for that clarity.

ANSWER: You are welcome.

Now, the ability to perceive makes it possible for you to identify, or call, this tangibility of God a material body. You see? Perception makes that misperception possible.

And then you live on the basis of that misperception. Or should I say, you suffer and die under that misperception. And you call that normal and you say "okay" to it and you don't challenge it. Except, underneath, you know it's not true. And so you have people who study real hard and they become physicians and they do everything they can to overcome death. Why? Because they know it's an illegitimate imposition. They know it's not the Truth, but they don't turn to the Father to learn what the Truth is. They stay in their separated state of ignorance and to the best of their ability within the scope of ignorance, mind you, they attempt to overcome death. And you run to them when you feel that you're going to die to live. Why? Because you also haven't stopped being the direct Expression of God and you know that Life is eternal and that it needs to be challenged. And so you challenge it too by resisting it.

And the true resistance is, the true resistance that constitutes correction is when you abandon the ability to perceive by choosing no longer to see by yourself and you turn to God and you say, "What is the Truth here? I want to know the Real Truth, the Divinity of the thing, the Divinity of me, what You made me to be, what You are being me as at this moment." And then you open up to receive and when you receive, you say "Yes." You don't argue.

The ability to perceive made the misperception of that which identifies you possible. Because you must perceive something and with something. It's not possible to be conscious without having something to be conscious of. God moved. God is the Movement of Mind. God moved and God saw the Movement and God recognized Himself in the Movement. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the final essential point, Self-recognition, and the Word was God. So, in order to be conscious, you must be conscious of something, and you must recognize it for what it is.

Now, the great secret is that Mind Moving is an infinite Movement and it is an infinite Movement of Ideas. And that infinite Movement of Ideas is experienceable to the Mind that is Moving. And because Mind must be aware of something in order to be Mind, it has to have that something to be aware of, and then when it recognizes itself as the Movement, there is what you would call Integrity, Wholeness, cohesiveness, Sanity, you might say. Now, that experience that you attribute to God is what constitutes your very Presence because you are the Presence of God. God is Presence-ing Himself right where you are, right where each one of you is. And all that God is, is Presence-ed where you are.

And I do not want you to hold on to this image factually, but if you have a hologram and you take one little piece of the hologram, you'll find that the whole picture is in that little piece. So wherever there seem to be individualities that you might think were small, all of what God is being right there is right there in you. The reason I don't want you to hold on to that image is because you are limitless. You are the Presence of God in His Wholeness. It is the Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom, to withhold nothing of What He Is from you. So God's Experience is your Birthright, which you are in the process of re-awakening to, reawakening to.

Now, when any of you chose to look at things all by yourself, as I said last week, you separated yourself from your Source and it caused the only thing available to you to experience, which was the Kingdom of Heaven, to seem to be separated from its Source. And you're left with a perception of the Kingdom of Heaven that's called a material world and universe. And yet, you've got to be conscious because in this process you can't stop being the Divine One that You Are, the very Presence of God.

And so you say, "Oh, I have a brain. I have this hunk of meat in my head and that's how I'm conscious. And I have eyeballs with which to see things that have nothing to do with my mind. And I have a world to experience that has nothing to do with God and has nothing to do with me. But I will spend my life learning how to be in the middle of all of this that is unlike me and has nothing to do with me and find some level of safety and happiness." And so you're in a state of ignorance. You are in a constant denial of what is actually happening. And a redefinition of the Kingdom of Heaven and the way things work has occurred. And it's an uncomfortable experience.

And so, the inevitable result is for you to say, "I am this form. I am a series of synapses and a hunk of meat in my skull. And I am in a material world." And yet all you've

managed to do is take all the fundamental elements of Reality and just translate them into interconnected separate things, instead of an inseparable Wholeness that's fully conscious of Its Wholeness and where no part of the Kingdom of Heaven is separate from you and separate from your conscious awareness. Where everything that is going on infinitely is available to you and experienced by you eternally with nothing escaping your attention. Does that answer your question?

QUESTION: Yes. Thank you very much.

ANSWER: You are welcome.

QUESTION: I just have a comment. When you were talking about the body, I believe that you gave us proof, or a good example, when you arose and you transfigured that we are to keep our body. And what I saw in the transfiguration is that the body is so symmetrical and so balanced, that it's Light.

ANSWER: Indeed. You couldn't lose your body if you tried. So you don't keep it. You only keep what you can lose. [laughing] But for you to be unidentified is impossible. For you to be unidentifiable, for you to be unrecognizable to the Brotherhood is impossible. And even as a Body of Light, you will be uniquely recognizable.

And, remember Paul does not see it but I see the Body of Light that you are. All of you are already the Ultimate. Get this through your head. Let it sink in. All of you are already the Ultimate that you're working so hard to get back to. So you can stop working so hard at getting back to it and become less defended so that the experience of it can penetrate your very private world that you're trying so hard to maintain, because that's how you think you have integrity and that's how you can have respect and that's how you can be safe. Yes. Yes.

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