

I WANT YOU TO CONSIDER THREE WORDS:  
TRANSFORMATION.....REGENERATION.....AND REDEMPTION

Certainly, most anyone studying the Course would feel that the Awakening—the coming into the conscious experience of truth in which you're withholding no part of yourself from—would be considered to be a movement of regeneration, of transformation and redemption. But for some very strange perverse ego reason, one only allows those words to apply to what one calls oneself, but not one's body, not one's world. And so, you are going to be, I guess in your mind, transformed and regenerated and redeemed.

And as I've been talking about for quite some time now, that concept has to be abandoned.

It's your world that is to be regenerated, transformed, redeemed. You can see the call for it on the world's scene today. And you say, "Yes, things need to be done. Yes, injustices have to be abandoned. The way things are done need to be changed. But you know what? Somehow that doesn't have anything to do with what the Course is teaching because everyone says the Course says, 'the world is an illusion' . . . right? So obviously fixing things up here doesn't have anything to do with Awakening—with coming back into your right Mind."

If it doesn't, and if Awakening is all important, if the transformation of your Mind is all important, so that you become clear about what is truth and what is illusion and in that process the world is going to disappear, then one might say what's the use in trying to correct these things? Let Greece have its problems, let Africa have its problems and let it all collapse! After all, let's let the illusion show itself for what it is and let it fall apart.

Well, I'll tell you something: If you're going to take that stance, don't use the Course as your justification for it. The Course talks about the call for correction. The Course says that either everything is love or a call for love. If something is going on in the world, are you going to say that's not a call for love? And are you going to abandon it? If something is going wrong apparently with your body, are you going to say it's not a call for love, it's not a call for transformation? And just let it collapse and apparently collapse you?

If you do, don't claim that it has any justification in the Course and don't say that you're doing it because you are a follower of the Course.

Now you know, I'm saying this with a soft tone of voice. I'm speaking rationally, I'm speaking intelligently and I'm speaking calmly. But, hear it as though I'm shouting it. Hear it as though it's the most important thing you could ever hear and hear it as though what I'm saying tells a truth that is transformational and relevant to the here and now.

What makes the world and universe a material world and universe?

It's the fact that you refuse to look at it and say, "Father, what is there about everything that I'm seeing that You have made? What is the truth about everything that I'm seeing as You experience it? How does Creation—which I'm either seeing truly or through a glass darkly—how does it appear from Your Perspective, from the Meanings You are Embodying in it?" You see? You're not saying that. And so as a result, you're neglecting to be in a state of attention where the Father's Perspective could register with you.

"Oh, it's not . . . the Father doesn't have any perspective about this, it's all illusion!"

Well, you know what? It's not the Father's Will, it's not my will, it's not the Holy Spirit's Will for you to believe and become governed by such loveless concepts. And it's not the Father's Will for you to succumb to the suffering that accompanies consciously embracing a perspective about everything that isn't true!

Now, we've been discussing the fact that it's the Holy Spirit's purpose to bring truth to your attention. And mind you, if the Holy Spirit is nothing more than your right Mind, then it is your right Mind—your divine Mind, your real Mind—that has the intent to illuminate the truth to you so that you are changed, so that your perspective changes, so that your attitude changes.

Now, what is truth? Is it an indisputable fact? Is truth like a statement that's unalterably forever what it is? Is it a bit of information?—that's what I want to ask.

Well, a lot of people think it is. And when I've said ask, "Father, what is the truth here? Holy Spirit, what is the truth here?" you sometimes think that what you're supposed to be asking for is a bit of information—some sort of intellectual string of characters, of letters, of words, of symbols that mean something unchangeable, unalterable.

Well it's a lot more than that. Think about it. The synonyms for God . . . are they bits of information? Let's take the word, "love." Nothing flat about love. Love is a living thing, isn't it. It's something that moves. It is embodied. It is expressed. And it comes out as affection. It comes out as caring, which are followed by actions of affection and caring. So love is a living thing.

What about life? Another synonym for God. None of you thinks that life is a bit of information. It's a living moving thing. Dynamic.

Well, what about truth? From what we read last week, truth is something far more than a bit of information. Truth is alive. And when you ask, "What is the truth here, Father—what is the truth?" you are asking to have what is true revealed to you because you're choosing to listen beyond your best judgments. And as we discussed last week—as it said in the Course—truth becomes an active presence that changes you, not through reason, not through logic, not through intellectual processes, but by revealing the Father's Will, by revealing the Meaning of everything that the Father is Embodying as that thing in any given moment. And this experience of what a thing really is, of what the Meaning of God's Creation is, has an effect that you can block or you can embrace. And if you embrace it, it transforms you. Its function, its living function is to cause a change of mind through realization. You see?

So when you say, "Father, what is the truth here?" and you wait for a string of words that explain what the truth is, you're going to miss the point—the depth and breadth of it at least—because the fullness of the Meaning of God in any given thing is the truth that will be revealed to you when you become defenseless against it. AND IT WILL CHANGE YOU. And that is how you will Wake up. And that is how your right Mind will begin to re-register with you, as You.

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