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And you will never be without that which identifies you, without that which renders you visible and tangible as a conscious experience for everyone.

What you also have to understand is that when I speak of something that is tangible and visible I don't mean something that is material. And what you all further need to understand is that your scientists are clearer about the fact that there is nothing material about your body right now "physically speaking," because when they examine it with an electron microscope, they find out that there are not billiard balls of matter but just energy pattern, nothing substantial there at all. And the pattern, it will ultimately be found out, is the pattern of the idea in God's Mind that constitutes God's Self-expression.

So right now you don't have a material body. And as this fact begins to register, as this news filters down in practical terms from the scientists to the general public, people will begin to think of their body in a new way that will allow for healing to occur, that will allow for perfection to occur spontaneously, instantaneously because there is no requirement, no "physical" requirement for processes of matter to occur because there ain't no such thing there. It's energy pattern that can shift because it has no density to inhibit the shift. Now you didn't ask about this, but I'm going to continue. As one identifies himself or herself with this body and experiences not the fact that all that is being experienced is the infinity of conscious individuality that it's all me, it's all you because it's all God, as this all inclusive awareness of self was lost with a preoccupation with identifying with just this body as self, then in that separate sense there was a sense of tininess and vulnerability and a call for defense. And so life itself has been one of self-preservation.

Now fear is what promotes acts of self-preservation. And so, in the attempt to make one's tiny definition of himself or herself more substantial and therefore having greater defense or invulnerability there has been a contraction that has occurred, and pattern that is what is really here, has become, you might say, packed and relatively immobilized. And so your experience of what is really flexible and fluid energy is not being experienced by you as what it really is and it seems to be subject to injury.

But, nevertheless, even though you hold your body in this tight grasp for the sake of selfprotection it hasn't become matter. It is still nothing but energy pattern. The pattern of which was and is held in its original divine intent by the Father, because the Father is from moment to moment establishing the pattern as that which identifies His intent in being You. Therefore, that which identifies you specifically, will forever be that which will identify you specifically.

In waking up, in remembering all that's here instead of just what you have chosen to see, you are going to discover that you are always at one and the same time specific and universal just as the Father is. But you will less and less identify with the specific and more and more embrace and embody consciously the infiniteness of you, the universality of you..

The specific, meaning what you call the body, will not disappear but it will not fascinate you anymore. You will not choose to view anything from its standpoint anymore. And it will be your body but so will the petal of the rose, and so will the wall, and so will the tree and so will much more of the Kingdom of Heaven that isn't registering with you right now be recognized by you as part of your infinite being..

So, I want to make this clear for those who are students of the Course. The Course talks about the "happy dream" and the "real world," which is perfectly harmonious. And then it says that, "then even the real world will disappear." That is what it says. What it means is that it's like finding and having the experience of your body as the presence of energy pattern that isn't matter but is itself the idea God is expressing that identifies Himself/You. You will find it not manifesting the evidence or evidences of self-protection, not manifesting the density and therefore not manifesting or showing forth illness, or a capacity to die, deformity, but utter beautiful perfection.

Mind you, as I said, as this happens you will also be becoming aware of the infiniteness of you and your attention will shift from body identification, from identifying with the specificness of you and embracing the universality of you. When this shift occurs into the universality of you being the vantage point from which you experience All That Is, the body won't disappear but it won't be important to you anymore. It's in that sense that you could say your body will disappear because it will no longer be present in the function that you had been using as you are in this moment today.

The real world will disappear only in the sense that it will not be getting your attention as an object of your attention, but will be experienced simply as an aspect of the infinitude of you as consciousness or the Mind of God that is having the idea that is the pattern that can be recognized as Creation. The use to which you had put the world will disappear because you won't be using it to define yourself or to gather data for your self-protection and you, I am going to say, will sail merrily on your way enjoying it all from the infinite view. And that is what the Course means about even the real world disappearing.

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