

WAKING UP IS NOT A MATTER OF ACCOMPLISHING SOMETHING...

[ACIM Text] "The dream of waking is easily transferred to its reality. For the dream comes from your will joined with the Will of God. And what this Will would have accomplished has never NOT been done."

In the act of Creation, in the Movement from which you emerged as the Father's Self Expression, you were joined with the Father—your will was joined with the Father's. And there was no attempt on your part and no imaginative reason being held to justify being at odds with the Father's Will. The experience of being with the Father's Will, being in alignment, flowing with the Father's Will caused you to experience Heaven, caused you to experience the unalterable divinity of everything.

Now, since that was established from the beginning, you are not now in your process of Awakening, working toward a state of being that you never had before, that is totally foreign to you and which would make it very difficult to shift from a misperception to the conscious experience of Reality. You see?

Awakening is a Movement in which it becomes clear to you that what you thought you had accomplished on your own, which inadvertently resulted in a human condition subject to sin, disease and death never was accomplished!

If you had actually succeeded in establishing some real existence different from God, you would have altered God. You would have caused God to be something less than He is. And that's impossible.

Now, the problem is that you think you have accomplished creating things on your own and made them real. What makes that problematic is that it causes you to be unable to fathom how you could be something different from the definitions you have given yourself, the definitions others have given you, the definitions you've given the world—all of which are different from God.

And yet, that's all it takes to Wake up.

All it takes is for you to be able to fathom the possibility that what seems real to you as a result of your own actions is not real at all, never was real, never became real, God never stopped Being what He is, and therefore, the you that at the moment of Creation, whose will was at one with the Father are unchanged and have always been unchanged.

And so Waking up is not a matter of accomplishing something and becoming something different than what you Are. It's actually you abandoning the idea that you are something different from what the Father has created . . . it's not true.

And so Awakening is best described as a miracle—a sudden shift of perception—a sudden shift of perception in which you begin to fathom the truth as being totally true about you right now and that what the Father created you As, you still Are and you haven't been able to alter that in the slightest. You see?

Waking up is only going to be a matter of a shift of perception. It's not going to be turning you into something incredibly different from what you are right now. That's why it's easy. A shift of perception is easy. All of you have experienced shifts of perception in your lives, where you believed one way and suddenly you were able to see a different way and you shifted—your perception shifted—and the ignorance you had been governed by before then is now absent and you're no longer governed by it.

This is very important to understand.

This Course is not so long, is not as extensive as it is because what you're going to need to do is going to be so difficult. It's so long because it's difficult for you to fathom Reality as being not only possible but actual right now while you're still part of a material world and universe as a mortal. You see? While this experience is still going on, you must begin to fathom the fact that it's not true and that no matter how absolutely sure you are of it, it can be left behind in a wink of an eye—in a sudden simple shift of perception.

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