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...when you meet anyone,
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Our Celestial Speed-up

by Beverly Hutchinson McNeff

"So will the year begin in joy and freedom. There is much to do, and we have been long delayed. Accept the holy instant as this year is born, and take your place, so long left unfulfilled, in the Great Awakening. Make this year different by making it all the same. And let all your relationships be made holy for you. This is our will. Amen."¹

As we begin another new year, I am always reminded of the above commission given to us in *A Course in Miracles*. What always stands out to me is the statement: "Make this year different by making it all the same." The inference is that we are not very consistent in our commitments to healing. Does that sound like anyone you know? Yes, I know, you're pointing to yourself. Aren't we all? What I love about the above passage, though, is its lack of judgment. It is simply saying let's start again. And yet there is an urgency when it says there is much to do and we have been long delayed.

As a matter of fact, this passage got me looking again at Helen Schucman's (scribe of the Course) words in her autobiography where she questions the inner voice about the coming of the Course. She wrote she was given a mental explanation which said "the world situation was worsening at an alarming pace. People all over the world were being called back to help, and were developing what to them were highly unexpected talents, each making his

individual contribution to an overall, prearranged plan. I had apparently agreed to take down a course in miracles... as part of the agreement."²

Helen went on to write that she was told she was not yet ready to use the listening abilities needed to take down the Course and because of that she would have trouble doing so (which Helen did), but "people had reached a point where they were losing more than they were gaining.

Thus, because of the acute emergency, the usual slow, evolutionary process of spiritual development was being by-passed in what might be called a *celestial speed-up*."²

There are a few things that always jump out at me when I read this personal note to Helen. First is the idea the world is worsening at an alarming rate. That seems sort of scary but there have always been scary things in this world. This shouldn't paralyze us, or cause us to be okay with frightening, hateful acts, but it does help us

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Beverly is the co-founder and president of MDC, one of the longest running organizations based on *A Course in Miracles*. As a student, lecturer and author on the Course since 1977, her recorded weekly commentaries on Course principles have become a wonderful source of inspiration and study for many around the world. Receive a FREE recording by contacting MDC.

May Miracles Be Seen in 2014!

by Beverly Hutchinson McNeff

As we move into a new year, may we focus on seeing the miracles that are all around us. The Course tells us that miracles are natural and that when they don't occur, something has gone wrong. The "gone wrong" part is our focus. It's time we make miracles our focus, and why not begin this New Year? May miracles be seen in 2014! May this be the year we look at the blocks to love's presence and move past them to the love that is always present.

With this dedication in mind we'll be sharing various ways readers have focused on miracles to make them seen in their lives. If you have a tip to share as to how you have refocused your attention this year, please send it to us.

Let me start by sharing a situation that helped me. One time I was standing on a beach on the north shore of Oahu. If you're familiar with the north shore, then

you know its waves can be HUGE. It's amazing to watch their

incredible dance. I was so taken by all this that I took out my

camera to take a video. As I began taking a video of the mighty waves, a speck of water hit the camera lens, and my camera decided to have a mind of its own and focus on the speck instead of the

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What's Happening...with the Course and the Center

● **Doing your workbook lessons may actually save you money** – Of course the point of practicing *A Course in Miracles* is to awaken us to our oneness with each other and God... and that brings us true and lasting joy. But, researchers are finding that your depression may be costing you more than you think! Findings are showing that unhappiness not only spurs people to buy more stuff, it may actually lead you to pay more per item. A researcher at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh said, "When you are feeling sad, there is a higher degree of self-focus. And, the combination of sadness and self-focus seems to impair spending judgment." So, if you needed one more reason to do your workbook lessons and awaken to the value of the joy that forgiveness will bring to your life, now you have it!

● **It is with great appreciation** that we acknowledge recent gifts from the estates of Archer Muncy and Sally Kochendofer, each a long-time supporter of our Center. Both Mr. Muncy and Ms. Kochendofer made the loving decision to include a bequest to MDC in their wills. They each felt strongly about the importance of continuing the message of *A Course in Miracles* in future years. Now that they have gently laid their bodies down, we still feel their mighty spirits. We thank both of these loving spirits for placing their trust in us. For information on including the Center in your estate plan please see page 15 of this issue.

● **We invite you take a five-minute break from your day** to enjoy our new **A Gift of Peace for Our Planet** video.

Quotations from

A Course in Miracles are read in English by Beverly Hutchinson,

Hebrew by Daniella Danilov, and Arabic by Louai, and surrounded with music by Steven Halpern and Jorge Alfano. To watch the video, go to www.miraclecenter.org and look in the right-hand column.



● **The Holy Encounter Weekend in Dallas** – Our next Holy Encounter Weekend will take place on **April 4-5, 2012** in Dallas, Texas. These popular weekend seminars are presented by Beverly Hutchinson McNeff and offer attendees a chance to go deeper into the Course's life-changing principles to truly experience miracles. As one attendee wrote, "...Beverly, you are an amazing teacher. You help the learning process for your students by making the message of the Course so much clearer and easier to understand. When you read the Course, it went right into my mind and heart! It made the greatest sense." A Friday evening lecture sets the stage for a day-long intensive experience of *A Course in*

Miracles. Watch our video about the weekends by visiting our website, then make your reservation to join us! See back cover for details.

● **If you received our annual donation appeal**, then you already have one of our pocket calendar cards in your purse or wallet. The 2014 calendar on one side will keep you on your worldly

tasks while the powerful message from the Course on the flipside will keep your heart and mind centered on the truth. The quote that is featured has become a favorite one to remind us how to start our day. It begins, "Today I will accept the truth about myself. I will arise in glory..." Here's what Jackie in California said: "I love the new pocket calendars for 2014 and wonder if you can send me 20 of them. I like to include them in my Christmas cards to the people in my study groups. We love them and refer to them all year long. I would greatly appreciate it! Thank you!" Absolutely! You, too, can request extra copies while our supply lasts!

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Here's what many students of the Course have done: Given a tax-deductible donation to MDC in someone's honor or memory. If you would like to give in such a way, send your donation and request, and we will send him, her or the family a personalized letter acknowledging your appreciation and support. It's a wonderful honor for that dedicated someone or their family. And, what a blessing it will be to those the Center serves, for your donation will go to support its free services! **Gifts in honor of... Connie Daley** a happy birthday wish from her daughter Jenna in California. ...**Anne and Bob Calvert** loving wishes on their 50th

Thoughts in the Miracle Ministry 2014

Each day at 4:30 p.m. (Pacific Time) we stop for a moment of prayer as we join our minds with God for the healing of all His children. We hope these lessons from the Workbook of *A Course in Miracles* will serve as a guide for your prayerful joining.

January: I am as God created me. (L94)
February: I am the light of the world. (L61)
March: Into His Presence would I enter now. (L157)
April: I could see peace instead of this. (L34)
May: Forgiveness is my function as the light of the world. (L62)
June: There is no will but God's. (L74)

If you have a prayer need you would like to include in the Prayer Ministry, please send it to the Center and include a postal address so we may send a personal letter

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A New Book by Marianne Williamson

A YEAR OF MIRACLES



A miracle is a shift in thinking, a shift from fear to love. At first glance, that sounds a bit ridiculous. How does shifting a thought cause a miraculous change?

And yet it does exactly that. For every thought we think creates form on some level. A simple thought – seemingly trivial or even unimportant – carries within it the power to move mountains. And that is the least it can do. There is no worldly power – no money, no technology, no business or government – that can match in power the power we wield by simply using our minds for the purposes of love.

"I love, I love!" you might say. And of course you love. We all do. The problem, however, is that we do not love only. We love, but then we take it back. We love, but then we stop when it becomes inconvenient. We love, but only until the ego is challenged by the thought of risk.

And so it is that while we love, we do not wield the power of love. We love, but we do not love only. And so we love, but we do not work miracles.

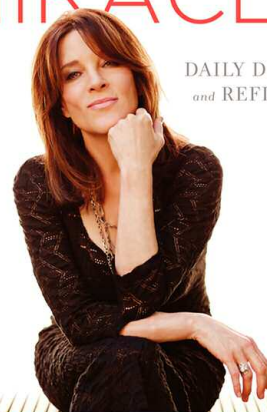
The purpose of this book is to help guide your thinking to the thoughts of love that will break the chains of fear that bind you.

One moment, one situation, one thought at a time, we can evolve beyond the lower thought forms that keep us bound. And in so doing, we become miracle-workers, working miracles for ourselves and for all the world.

Love, Marianne

A YEAR OF MIRACLES

DAILY DEVOTIONS
and REFLECTIONS



MARIANNE WILLIAMSON

Author of *A Return to Love*



DAY 1
The universe is conspiring
in every moment to bring
me happiness and peace.

The universe is not random but intentional. It reflects the will of God, the cosmic Thought driving all things toward greater perfection.

My ego mind—my own self-hatred masquerading as self-love—would point me always in the direction of fear, luring me toward the blaming thought, the attack or defense, the perception of guilt in myself or others. Its goal is my suffering, or the hell of my own illusions.

The spirit within leads only to joy, as it inspires me to see the love in everyone and the possibility of miracles that lie inherent in all things. The universe itself is the handwriting of God, as He constantly creates and re-creates the perfection that He is. Within that perfection I have my true being, and within my true being I am happy and at peace.

Today I will not be tempted to wander the byways of pain, but rather I will set my feet upon the path of joy and peace. May the spirit of God point my mind from any forces of fear that would divert my thinking. May I not be deceived into a false belief in the validity of guilt and attack, but rather may I be constantly uplifted to the divine perceptions of innocence and love. For there shall I experience the bliss of God's creation.



DAY 340
FOR REFLECTION
On Finding Your Calling

On the spiritual plane, you have no competitors. There is no competition for your position, as you are a unique expression of the Mind of God. You not only have a place in the universe; you have an essential function in the universe. Only you can do the job of being you, and the universe itself is incomplete without you. It is not arrogant but humble to realize this, as you place yourself in service to the greatest drama there is: the actualization of your own potential.

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Change Your Mind, Change Your Life

Believing Nothing is Impossible

by Gerald Jampolsky, M.D. and Diane V. Cirincione-Jampolsky, Ph.D.

Recently, it was our blessing to give a public lecture during the 20th anniversary celebration of Cecura, the Guadalajara Center for Attitudinal Healing. During the lecture, we interviewed a 32-year-old woman named Gilda, a financial advisor with an international investment firm. She was not at all nervous, and we both observed that she was one of the most peaceful persons we had ever met.

About seven years ago, she married a man with whom she had fallen deeply in love. Shortly thereafter they had two daughters. Her husband was a wonderful, loving and caring father. Gilda had a most happy marriage.

Unfortunately, her husband later got involved with drugs, resulting in erratic behaviors including an affair. The whole situation was just too much for her to handle. Gilda obtained a divorce and, because of his unstable behavior, sole custody of their two daughters. There was a stipulation from the court that her husband could only visit the girls, who were then two and three years old, under supervision.

Almost a year later, as Father's Day was approaching, her ex-husband asked very sincerely if it would be possible for their two little daughters to spend the Father's Day weekend with him at his apartment. After a day of serious thought, she gave him permission for the visit since his behavior had been better in recent months.

She phoned him the next day to make sure everything was okay and see if he needed any help since the girls were so young and not used to being away from their mother. There was no answer, but she assumed they had gone to play at a nearby park.

She phoned him again the day after,

and still received no answer. That time she felt very apprehensive and immediately went over to his place.

She knocked on the door. There was no answer. She knew from the past where there was a hidden key and proceeded to enter after she unlocked the door. The first thing she saw was her two little daughters, lying on the floor, their throats cut ear to ear.

Gilda screamed and screamed, and felt she had gone crazy with disbelief. She finally called 911. When they arrived and searched the house, the police found her ex-husband. He had attempted suicide by stabbing himself in the chest several times. He did not succeed in his suicide attempt, was hospitalized, and later sent to prison where he remains to this day.

"Almost a year later, as Father's day was approaching, her ex-husband asked very sincerely if it would be possible for their two little daughters to spend the Father's Day weekend with him at his apartment."

Let us pause here for a moment, and ponder some questions:

If this happened to you, would you not think it impossible to forgive this man for such an incomprehensibly horrific act of violence?

Would you not think it impossible to ever, ever, ever forgive him for such a cruel act against two innocent children?

Would you feel justified in believing there are certain things people do that are completely unforgivable?

Would you think that a woman who

could forgive her ex-husband for murdering his own children was out of touch with reality?

Well, let us continue with Gilda's story. Gilda did indeed feel crazy, insanely crazy, when she discovered her dead toddlers. She was engulfed in fury, hate, and retaliation. She even seriously questioned if she should go on living and having to suffer such horrible loss, hate, and guilt for the rest of her life.

Gilda was beyond misery.

Two weeks after this tragedy, a friend referred her to Cecura where she began to see co-founder Lucero Aguirre at the Attitudinal Healing Center where they deal with many forms of violence in society, including kidnapping and murder.

After many, many months of work using the Principles of Attitudinal Healing, Gilda chose to begin the slow process of forgiving herself.

She began to understand that if she continued to hate her ex-husband and herself, the hate would eat her up alive.

Forgiveness to Gilda did not mean she in any way agreed with what he did. It was a decision to no longer hurt herself, to suffer, or to be angry and bitter for the rest of her life.

Diane said to Gilda, "I do not think that almost anyone who hears your story could believe they would ever be able to forgive someone who murdered their children, and then move on to find peace in her life. We really want to learn from you. How do you feel you were able to do this? What do you feel was the main force that allowed you to accomplish this amazing act of forgiveness?"

Gilda replied, "I can tell you exactly how. I no longer am obsessed as to why he did what he did... the drugs or mental illness or whatever? Rather, I feel very connected to my daughters, and this is

where I focus... in the present. I continue to see both of them, each one holding Jesus' hand and pointing at me while saying to Jesus, "See down there? There is our Mommy. She is filled with love."

Gilda went on to say: "I want my girls to always be proud of me and not see me as filled with hate and revenge. So, I choose a life now for myself that brings me happiness, love, and peace because I know they would not want me to suffer more than I already have."

Regarding her ex-husband, Gilda said, "I do not feel I will ever understand or know how he or anyone else could do something so horrific. But what I do know is that once he was truly a loving father to our girls. I am not here to judge him and I know that there is a Light inside him somewhere, and I do my best to see that whenever I now think of him."

We stopped the interview at that point, and asked our audience to join us in being silent for five minutes so we could all look inside of ourselves and see what unforgiv-

ing thoughts against others or ourselves that we might still be holding on to. Perhaps whatever we have been holding feels like a mere flea bite compared to the horror that Gilda shared with us that night.

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see me as filled with hate
and revenge.'"*

Afterwards, we told the audience that perhaps Gilda was there to be our teacher so we could believe that everything is forgivable, no matter what. We gave the audience more time, if perhaps this was the time for them to let go by seeing no value in holding on to their unforgiving thoughts or grievances.

After our talk, many people came up to Gilda and us to share their stories of personal release of judgments and

forgiveness.

Once, when I, Jerry, was frustrated by understanding what miracles were all about, Bill Thetford (who many of you know helped bring *A Course in Miracles* into the world) defined them as follows:

"A miracle is a shift in perception that removes the blocks to the awareness of Love's Presence in our lives."

The Course states there is no order of difficulty in miracles. That means one illusion is no different than another. We believe it is our job, while we are here on planet earth, to bring Light into darkness and to know without any doubt that forgiveness is truly the key to happiness.

After the lecture and her amazing story telling, Gilda said she believes she is in a position now to help others, and that it equally helps her to be on a continuum of self-healing. She has now become a facilitator for Attitudinal Healing support groups at Cectura, helping others as she heals herself.



"You were wonderful..., "

that is how Pat in St. Simons Island, Georgia, started her e-mail about MDC's weekly recordings...

Dear Beverly,

You were wonderful in this Study Group (1/9/13) and it seemed to set the stage for so many of the participants to say very meaningful words, too!!!! A very powerful hour.

Soooo much covered, so well done. You all gave me so much, and, Beverly, you made it possible, with the grace of God clearly in you all. Many thanks!!!!

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Recognizing Spirit

What is a Healer? PART 2

by Dr. Lee Jampolsky, Ph.D.

In a previous issue of **THE HOLY ENCOUNTER** (September/October 2013), I discussed my journey with becoming a healer, and offered the first five of ten characteristics. I continue this discussion in this issue. Part one is online in this issue found here:
<http://tinyurl.com/om576v5>

6) As a healer, I never see myself as giving the patient something they do not already have. In this way I am never the expert. Rather, I am a messenger, reminding them of who they are, and that they have the tenderness of love within their heart. Though I am not always pure in this, my goal is to be a mirror reflecting back the love within them. This is required of any healer, for by definition we must be seeing ourselves through loving eyes as well. We are merely accepting, and then passing along the healing that has already occurred.

7) As a healer, I am never looking outside of the patient for the answers. In this way, I am not concerned with them finding the right relationship, job, or anything else similar to this. I am focusing on their inherent wisdom, on the Source of healing within their mind.

8) Healing should not be seen as forcing any particular thought or approach on the patient. In fact, many people believe they are being helpful in providing such "insight and answers," but are not. When I am at my best I do not force an agenda I may have on anyone. Of course, few of us are readily aware of when we have an agenda, and often deny we do. But, if I am frustrated, that is a sure sign I had or have an agenda that is not being met. Similarly, many people on a spiritual path who want to help others heal see it as their primary job to remove or dispel the patient's illusions, the errors in their thinking, or to have them adopt a certain view. This

purely cognitive or ministering approach to healing is not what I do. What I do is this: I do my best to let a higher Truth – Love – work through my heart and mind, reaching effortlessly and gently to this same Truth in the patient's mind. This does not force anything at all, nor require an agenda of any kind be met. It simply allows the patient's illusions to melt away in the light of the truth of who they are, which then dispels all fear.

"Healing should not be seen as forcing any particular thought or approach on the patient. In fact, many people believe they are being helpful in providing such 'insight and answers', but are not."

9) I have seen many healers fall prey to what I essentially see as a battle of wills. This is not always obvious. If you have a "take it or leave it" approach, it may be because you are having a version of a battle of wills. A healer essentially does what *A Course in Miracles* has in mind when it suggests the healer see the will of the patient as one with his own, not as separate.

10) Sometimes a healer will see someone with what seems to be a huge problem, maybe terminal cancer or some severe abuse in the past. Other times someone will come with what seems like a small sliver from life. The healer does not see any differences. The

healer does not think of the specific form, or degree of pain or sickness as being the relevant matter. I have found this very important, because initially I could be quite overwhelmed by what appeared to be a terrible condition or story, and my reaction and outlook made healing that much more difficult. When I see the solution is always the same in healing, to Love – it all becomes much easier.

Many well-meaning healers work too hard, believing they need to chase goodness down in the other person, or at least make them see the errors of their ways, bad habits, patterns or beliefs. I have learned I don't ever need to chase love, but I do need to stand vigilant to it, have faith in it, and not abandon it. To heal, I stand with what I call "gentle intensity," and then healing happens.

I used to do horse training, and grew up riding and showing horses. I remember in those days, the 1960s, – most "trainers" would use a "power over" approach, where the horse basically submitted to the will of the trainer, which was often abusive. Much later, I learned the miracle of an approach to horse training where leadership is accomplished through a trusting partnership of mutual respect. Amazingly, in little time the horse is following the trainer around without even a lead. Similarly, healers create a trusting partnership where there is no fear to follow the path toward love.

A key aspect of healing is being very clear within yourself what you want. When you know that you want peace of mind, love, and forgiveness, then all you need do is show up with other people, entering the best you can into a place within your mind where peace exists at all times.

Healing should not typically be stressful, though sometimes it may be tiring to the mind that is not accustomed to being fully

present. When you enter into any healing with the goal to experience happiness, joy, connection, and peace, you are putting your efforts in the right direction. If you ever are confused as to what to do in a certain situation, know that practicing or demonstrating presence, authenticity, and forgiveness will always be a healing trio.

So many relationships or approaches to life seem to become mundane or not full of vitality. Healing is always full of vitality because it is always full of presence and hope. Not the sort of hope that some situation will change, but hope that the miracle of love will be experienced. This is the stance I try when I approach those I am in a relationship with: I am full of hope. Pure hope is so powerful when it is backed by a willingness to let go of agendas, outcomes, control, and attachments of any kind. Thus, healers are hopeful in the purest sense of the word.

I have been a bit wordy in much of this discussion on healing. I now close my eyes and ask for a short phrase to describe all that healing is:

Healing is to be inspired, literally “in-spirit.” Healing comes from being inspired to “see the changeless in the heart of change.”

Yes, this is it. And this is what the Course guides us to do: to know that beyond all appearances of pain and suffering exists a divine changelessness, a purity of Love. What we see with the body’s eyes changes – constantly and often incredibly rapidly – even in a single second of an unwanted occurrence. But who we are “in-spirit” is changeless. Healing is an aspect of this, and this inspiration to love does not change, ever. Healers inspire. Healing thus is a means of looking beyond what the body’s eyes would have us see, beyond the changing appearances and forms of the world, and upon the beautiful landscape of an unchanging reality. In essence, healing is a way of seeing, and thus being. The healer casts aside all that is transitory, disregards the ego’s mistakes or arguments, and sees the Love within himself or herself and the person he or she is with. A beautiful example of this was when I was a young man traveling in India. I had the unique opportunity to spend time alone with Mother Teresa. I was moved by how centered and calm she was amidst the chaos of poverty and the suffering of the

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dying. I asked her how she did this. With her hands together in a prayerful position, she said, “I don’t try and do anything except make something beautiful for God.” She was referring to, I believe, the thoughts she held in each moment. She knew where loving thoughts would lead.

“Healing is to be inspired, literally ‘in-spirit.’ Healing comes from being inspired to ‘see the changeless in the heart of change.’”

I ask myself as a healer, “Can you show up like this, completely, and give in this way? Can you forget in each moment any and all reasons you have to withhold love from any being?” This is what I ask of myself. And it is with humility that I answer, “Yes, I can.” This does not mean that I need or expect myself to be perfect at this, for I am human. But it does direct my mind, focus me, to all that I need to ask, the one final question: “Am I willing to love completely right now, whoever is in front

of me?”

And when I answer yes, the healer is healed, and has so much more to give. Another way of saying this, in Course terms, is that when I see the changeless in my heart, and in yours, all stress and doubt vanish because there is no reason at all for it to continue.

This may sound like I am always a calm and loving person, a true healer 24/7. Not yet; I still have emotions, and emotions always change. It is their nature to do so. But, I am much slower to be taken by these emotions down a long and windy path. Instead, I sit and watch them when I can, and see that the emotions change and shift, but the Love in my heart does not. Waves on the surface of the sea do not reach to the depths of the ocean.

What I learn through healing is that the One Self is unchanged and unharmed by all we think is so real. Healing is seeing that though our thoughts, perceptions, and moods can change, Love does not. Thus, if you want to be a healer, – which we all can be – see the changeless. That is all.





Multiple Personality: A Model of the False Ego-Self

by Robert Rosenthal, M.D.

Lana shows up dutifully for work every day. She wears nice outfits and does her best to look good. But she knows she'll never be as pretty as Jenna, whom she resents for her easy, aloof beauty. Jenna couldn't care less about Lana. It's Sam who worries her. He disapproves of her constant hunger for attention. Sam doesn't like attention. He prefers to stay hidden, waiting to enforce silence if anyone dares speak truth, or if Baby cries too loudly. Franny is only four, but it's her job to take care of Baby and keep her quiet. Baby can only cry. She feels nothing but pain, so much pain, and she doubts it will ever stop.

Lana, Jenna, Sam, Franny, and Baby are trapped together in the same nightmare – inhabiting not just the same bad neighborhood or school, nor even the same dysfunctional family. No, they all share the same mind. They are the alter-personalities of a woman with a psychiatric condition called Dissociative Identity Disorder (D.I.D.), more commonly known as multiple personality.

Each of these personalities believes itself to be fully real. Each has its own preferences in food, music and clothing. Each believes that it inhabits its own unique physical body, with its own distinct characteristics, including hair and eye color, height, weight, strength, and abilities – even though in truth they all share the same body. And each can act independently when in control of that body. It doesn't matter to Sam that the body is female; he knows *his* body is male. Each personality also has its own set of memories, some of which are shared while others remain closely guarded secrets. Looking from the outside, we know these alter-personalities (or 'alters') are not real; they're a product of mental illness. But they themselves would strongly disagree.

They believe they're as real as you or me.

What's all this got to do with *A Course in Miracles*? Well, as it turns out, a great deal. D.I.D. provides a valuable model for understanding the nature of our own ego-based concept of self. Because like these alters, we too are fragments split off from a greater Mind that is our one true Self. And like them, we cling to a stubborn sense of uniqueness that keeps us separate from that greater Mind. In fact, the only differ-

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ence between us and the alters of D.I.D. is that we actually do have a distinct physical body – although even here, the Course makes clear that the body is nothing more than illusion.

D.I.D. results from a psychological defense mechanism known as *dissociation*. As a psychologist, Helen Schucman would

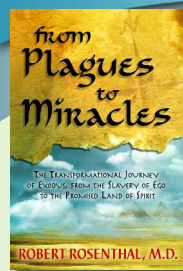
have been very familiar with this concept, and indeed, the Course addresses it several times. "Dissociation is a distorted process of thinking whereby two systems of belief which cannot coexist are both maintained. If they are brought together, their joint acceptance becomes impossible. But if one is kept in darkness from the other, their separation seems to keep them both alive and equal in their reality."

(T14.VII.4:3-5)

The alter-personalities in D.I.D. are dissociated from each other. Their "lives" run along different tracks, occasionally crossing or overlapping, but rarely challenging each others' reality. Our ego-based lives are just as dissociated. We pursue our separate goals in seemingly separate bodies, which we take to be real. We do not see—and fear to look upon—the Oneness behind the fractured world of perception in which these bodies operate. Why? Because doing so would invalidate the self-concept in which we've invested so heavily. "The concept of self stands like a shield, a silent barricade before the truth, and hides it from your sight." (T31.VII.7:1) We treasure our self-concept and will defend it to the death – quite literally. We don't want to give up our precious individuality, not even to be reunited with God.

Dissociation splits the self into pieces. But why would we want to do this? What

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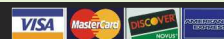
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purpose could it possibly serve? Here again, D.I.D. offers a useful insight. Patients with this condition split their sense of self in order to block themselves from having to acknowledge painful abuse. Lana, Jenna, Franny, Sam, Baby – each holds his or her own dissociated pieces of the truth. Like a jigsaw puzzle, as long as these pieces remain separate and disassembled, no one will ever see the whole picture. And that seems to be a good thing, because it's just too painful to look at.

D.I.D. patients have suffered the most horrific forms of physical and sexual abuse, usually before the age of five. A child so young has a poor understanding of the world and very limited resources to cope with trauma. She can't run away or fight back; she can't rationalize, "My uncle is a creepy pedophile," or "My mother is psychotic." Instead, the child protects herself through dissociation. The humiliating and terrifying abuse isn't happening to *her*, but to someone else, someone with a different name and identity: an alter-personality. With this defense, the child can safely disavow all knowledge of the abuse. She can lock it away and forget about it, as if it never even happened.

In D.I.D., the abuse memories are fragmented and dissociated among different alters, but that doesn't lessen their power. Just the opposite. D.I.D. patients live in terror of the truth breaking through – a terror that persists long after the actual abuse has stopped. "...Dissociation is nothing more than a decision to forget. What has been forgotten then appears to be fearful, but only because the dissociation is an attack on truth. You are fearful because you have forgotten... When what you have dissociated is accepted, it ceases to be fearful." (T10.II.1:2-6) The real price of dissociation then is that the abuse can never heal, because it remains fragmented and forgotten. The painful past remains alive.

Most of us have never experienced such abuse, thankfully, and so the concept of dissociation seems strange and alien. But the Course is very clear that we are *all* using dissociation, all the time, to maintain a false picture of our self and the world that is contrary to God's Will and that therefore *does not exist*. What is the trauma that gives rise to *our* split mind? The separation from God. Think about it. What trauma could ever be worse than

that? The loss of our Oneness, our Identity, our completion in Love – that is indeed the ultimate horror show. It shattered the One Mind of the one Son into the individual fragments that we now identify as *you* and *me*. "Any split in mind must involve a rejection of part of it, and this is the belief in separation... Exclusion and separation are synonymous, as are separation and dissociation." (T6.II.1:1-4)

Just as in D.I.D., these dissociated fragments of Self now fear the emergence of Truth. They (we) react as if God and Truth were a dangerous threat to be actively defended against. "Defenses are not unintentional, nor are they made without awareness. They are secret, magic wands you wave when truth appears to threaten what you would believe." (Lesson 136.3:1-2)

The treatment for D.I.D. mirrors the healing of the separation through forgiveness. Alters must first be helped to see that their interests are aligned, and ultimately to learn that they are in fact one and the same being. To achieve this realization, the original abuses must be remembered by them all—but only in order to let them go and finally be free of them. This process, like the Atonement, takes time. Alters will only agree to merge with each other – a process known as integration or fusion –

when there is no longer anything to fear. Fear maintains dissociation; healing alleviates the fear and reinstates wholeness. Such is the path to salvation. "Salvation must reverse the mad belief in separate thoughts and separate bodies, which lead separate lives and go their separate ways." (Lesson 100.1:2)

Once we begin to see our dissociated brothers and sisters as one with us (through Christ's Vision), we need no longer cling to our separate, body-based, ego identities. We wear them lightly, with the sole purpose of healing. We begin to remember ourselves as God created us. That memory ushers in the real world – the happy dream – and soon after, the complete return of our true Identity and "fusion" with God. We reunite with Him in the glorious Oneness that has always been and always will be our only Reality. ✧

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Emotional Healing

Party Muslims

by Richard Gayton, Ph.D.

After a dinner of yellow curry chicken and fried morning glory, I leisurely loped down the street toward the shophouse that is my home in Thailand – artist studio downstairs and bedrooms upstairs. I passed the Famous Bar with about a half dozen dressed to the nines, gorgeous transsexual (tranny) ladies lounging around outside like a herd of sleek panthers. The girls greeted me hoping I would drop in for a visit. They knew I wouldn't, but they don't give up.

I got to my house, worked on a painting, got into bed about midnight, and began reading and meditating. I don't remember the reading – that was the night it all began – but it might have been the workbook lesson, "I am not a victim of the world I see." I was just getting drowsy when the Iraqi restaurant fifty meters away started to rock. An eerie drumming and flute sound sliced through my consciousness: music I associate with the background music to crowds yelling Death to America. Let's remember Dick's mind doesn't like strange music, nor crowds wanting his death, nor does it particularly like meditation and could find a grievance with a Buddhist monk's fashion choices.

I peeked out my upstairs window down the street. The Iraqi restaurant's open-to-the-street dining room was festooned with a rainbow of balloons, and a crowd of Middle Eastern men were smoking the flavored tobacco of hookah and celebrating a birthday. At that moment a Thai teen waiter reached over and cranked the restaurant boom box to max.

I was annoyed. But this was good practice for learning to be at peace – when everything was not going right. Right? "I am not a victim..."

Suddenly happy shrieking punctuated the music as the tranny girls crossed the street and joined the party. The crowd

spilled into the street as the girls' presence fired up the Middle Eastern guys.

I was more annoyed.

Sand had been thrown in the meditation gears. Peace and serenity ground to a halt. I considered my options. After all, I am a spiritual person.

Then the men started clapping in unison.

All thought of asking for Holy Spirit's help vanished. There were no explosives handy. Annoyance had blossomed into rage. I had for an instant gone insane. And

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worse, I was now failing as a Course student. What would Jesus say? Looking good to Jesus is part of my ego's spiritual program. I had failed, and it was the Iraqi Restaurant's fault.

Since violence was out of the question – Jesus would never love me again – I put on my clothes and marched over there. A tranny greeted me speaking Thai as I explained in English that I was trying to sleep, which was like raising your voice to a deaf person. She laughed and motioned for me to join the party, and then a few salacious comments about my anatomy drifted in from unknown voices. I persevered in the impossible and asked her to turn down the music. She smiled tolerantly and returned to the party.

This went on for several nights with different players and different parties. My partner came home from Bangkok, heard the music and saw my distress. "You have

to understand that we have the religious Muslims and the party Muslims. You get the party Muslims. Be happy."

My landlady suggested I call the police – which I did – but then my neighbor told me the restaurant owner had already paid off the police, and that I would have to outbid him. My ego, above all, is cheap. I don't know why it takes so long to listen to spirit or ask for help. Sometimes you have to let the unhappy dream turn into a nightmare before you are ready.

After the attack on 9-11, I had prayed and asked to be freed of my grievance against Muslim people which had its roots in a long standing prejudice and ignorance that dated from childhood. I had had no Muslim friends and little knowledge of the richness and contribution of Muslim culture. After my prayer, a Pakistani/Bangladeshi friend came into my life and saved our bacon in a business venture. He seemingly came out of nowhere to be of service with no gain for himself. He was a devout Muslim.

I look at my small gay neighborhood and see many more Muslim people from many countries starting businesses and living all around us, including my next door neighbor who helped me start a water lily garden. And then during a trip to Bali, a Muslim man went out of his way to show me around the natural sights of that amazing island.

Here is where the spiritual rubber meets the road of the world of illusion. What if someone is keeping me awake at night in my neighborhood and part of the reason I can't solve the problem is because of my own thinking – my prejudice – *A Course in Miracles* would call this special hate.

A few weeks passed since the noise began. I sat on my bed, and the music and clapping started again – right on schedule. I eyed the police phone number – and paused. I gave up and asked for help.

Immediately I heard, "Go into the extra bedroom." I grabbed my pillow and went. The sound was muffled there. I slept instantly, and I have not heard the voices or music since – even when I am back in my bed. Can prejudice block simple problem solving? It can, for a time, distract us from the voice for God.

The next morning, I backed my bicycle out of the shop onto the street. A man in white robes visiting from Kuwait sat outside doing prayer beads. I greeted him, "As-Salaam Alakam" (Peace be with you). He smiled and answered "As-Alakam Salaam."

And I received the peace of God. ✨

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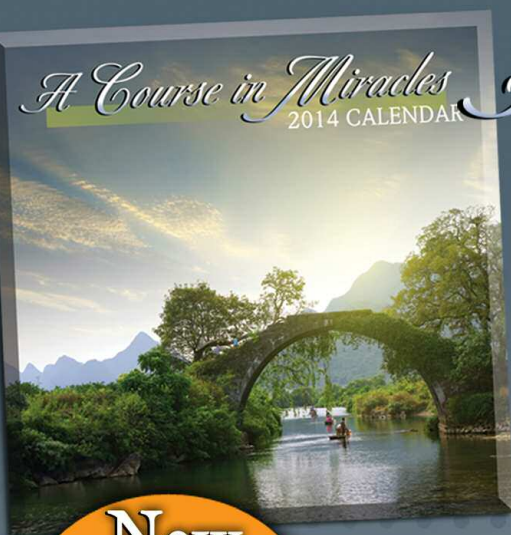
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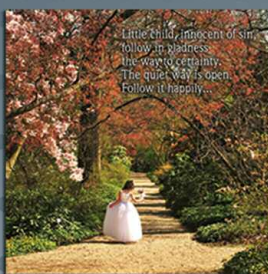
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Serenity Now!

by Jacob Glass

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." — Bible: John 14:27

Serenity NOW! is from an old Seinfeld episode. It was something that George's father started SHOUTING as a kind of mantra to get his blood pressure to go down. (Strangely, it was inspired by the real life experience of one of the writers on the show. His father actually did this.) Of course he was supposed to say it calmly and quietly in order to usher his mind into a more oceanic state through invitation rather than through VOLUME. That's kind of how we are at times. This comes from the misunderstanding that peace is something outside of us that we summon from the Cosmos to descend upon us from the heavens. But this is typical ego misdirection.

The peace we seek is already here — has already been given. The peace of God, the peace which passes all understanding, is already rooted in us. As usual, ego has us searching "out there" for what we already have. The issue is not that we need a peace we don't have; it's that we have a lot of extra stuff covering over our awareness of this peace. The Course says we are like people in a brightly lit room with our hands covering our eyes, complaining about the darkness.

So again, miracles don't do anything, they undo. I've heard it said that 99% of our spiritual growth is about letting go. This is why we keep on gently investigating our own limited thinking - so that we can have those thoughts brought into the Light where they dissipate. As author Louise Hay says, *"It's just a thought, and a thought can be changed."*

There is a myth about being in the right place at the right time. There really is no

such thing in the way that the culture means. The right place is centered in the Christ Consciousness, and the right time is this Holy Instant. Period. Right here, right now, is everything we need for our peace and happiness TODAY, if we can only gently release each fearful thought as it arises. When we release them as they arise, they have no chance to formulate into a stressful story or worrisome philosophy. Today is a wonderful day, ripe with

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miracles for the picking if we are willing to open our hearts and calm our minds. It really is just that simple. In this moment you can let your shoulders drop, relax your

jaw, take a nice deep breath and then exhale all stress, anxiety and tension as you release all hostages.

The Grace of God is our natural environment in the same way that water is the environment of the fishes. And like the fishes, we are so completely in it that we may have no real awareness of it. It's nothing for us to earn or yearn for, but we do have to practice being aware of it. None of our good comes from outside of us and Grace is not earned. It is a gift which must be recognized and received.

"The state of grace is a condition in which all growth is effortless, a transparent, joyful acquiescence that is a ground requirement of all existence. Your own body grows naturally and easily from its time of birth, not expecting resistance but taking its miraculous unfolding for granted; using all of itself with great, gracious, creatively aggressive abandon."

You were born into a state of grace, therefore. It is impossible for you to leave it. You will die in a state of grace whether or not special words are spoken for you, or water or oil is poured upon your head."

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Share a Miracle

A Miracle Story

by Patrick Madden

This column shares the everyday “miracles” or, as *A Course in Miracles* says, the “shifts in our perception” that are constantly taking place in our lives to remind us of our unity and love. We invite readers to share their “miracles” with us.

Carl Rogers, among the founders of the humanistic approach (client-centered approach to psychology), is believed to have coined the term “unconditional positive regard.” Well, I had a colleague one time for whom I had “unconditional negative contempt.” She and I just did not like each other and did not get along at all. In fact, I was convinced she was doing more harm than good (we are both in the helping profession). I judged her frequently and harshly. She, not surprisingly, reciprocated. We could not function in meetings or on committees together because the sparks would fly and our supervisor, wisely, kept us apart.

I was studying *A Course in Miracles* at the time and decided, while learning about “seeing with the vision of Christ,” to accept her presence in my life as a learning opportunity. I just could not bear the tension, anxiety, anger, and critical judgment that flew like sparks between us. I was even losing sleep over it – literally.

As instructed by the Course, I began praying for guidance from the Holy Spirit so that I could get to the place where I could let go of my judgments of her and simply forgive her. During my morning meditations, I began trying to visualize her in my mind as clearly as I could and, once I had the image, I would strive to “see past” her physical appearance (facial features, etc.) as well as all the negative characteristics I associated with her.

It took a while (several sessions during my prayer time), but eventually the miracle happened! I actually SAW her as she truly is beneath the earthly persona she presented (or that I constructed). What I

saw was simply (well not simply!) radiant white light emanating from her. It was absolutely glorious! I cried a lot that morning – out of joy – for I had succeeded in transforming my hatred for her (a reflection of my own fear and self-loathing) into love for her. I saw her as she truly is, always was, and always will be. At that moment, all my judgment and hatred for her melted away. How could I hate this

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radiant being? And the best part is I realized that I could do this with anyone and everyone.

I now knew FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE that the teachings of the Course are real! Since that time, I have been able to SEE many individuals – in part because I now know what to look for. It is an amazing and wondrous experience.

Subsequently, when we were together, I found that I was no longer sending out the electric, negative, judgmental energy. I practiced SEEing her in real life as I had seen her during my meditation. Apparently she “got” that I was no longer willing to be at war with her. And, voila! She stopped sending hostility, judgment, and negativity my way. We were at peace.

Although we did not end up working together very much after that (different assignments in our organization), we did

attend meetings together and pass in the hallways. The obvious LACK of tension was amazing. We did not become best friends or choose to go out to lunch together. We did, however, cease to dislike and attack each other. She even came to my retirement party (not at all like her to attend social functions), and we smiled and hugged each other.

I still bless her for being in my life. She taught me a HUGE lesson. Sometimes, those with whom we have the most difficulty in life are our most important teachers.

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to see that we can move through them and hopefully learn from them.

November 22, 2013 was the 50th anniversary of JFK's assassination. The month featured numerous documentaries on Kennedy and a particular one explained how close the United States got to nuclear war with the Soviet Union. I was just a child at that time, but I have a vivid memory that my parents were very worried. Watching this documentary, I can understand why they felt that way, but it also became a turning point for Kennedy and his insistence that there are no winners in nuclear war. At that time this idea was very unpopular with many of his generals. Now with our current understanding of the global danger of nuclear fallout, using these types of weapons is unthinkable.

We've come a long way in our consciousness. Remember, when Helen received her personal message about the world worsening at an alarming rate, it was 1965. We have seen some incredible changes in thought since then.

At that time, self-help books were not around; there was no Internet, Google, Facebook, or Twitter. Since 1976 when the first Course books were published, we have certainly seen incredible shifts in consciousness. Just think about it... ideas of prayer, meditation, and forgiveness are now commonplace concepts that you find in all sorts of mainstream publications. You are no longer "strange" if you practice yoga, as a matter of fact, you're sort of considered "strange" if you don't. There's a yoga studio in almost every corner mall. Frankly I think we have and are continuing to see this "celestial speed-up," and WE are part of it!

We should not let any of these comments frighten us, but instead they should give us a sense of urgency to continue to make the efforts to allow our relationships to be healed and not delay. We are not just doing it for ourselves, but for everyone.

The other thing that stands out to me is that we all have an important part to play in salvation. We have made an agreement to be here now; and whether we feel capable or have any idea what we are to do, we will be used for healing if we get the limiting

thoughts of our egos out of the way.

Helen's part was taking down *A Course in Miracles*, but she still questioned it by asking, "Why me?" To which the voice said to her "Because you will do it" – she would follow through. You may be wondering, what is your part? Is it taking down some spiritual tome, inventing a cure for something, or solving global warming? Perhaps, but I think the answer is a little closer than you think. Your "part" is wherever you find yourself, meaning you are to do your part in the "Great Awakening" by being willing to consistently turn your mind to God in the midst of your day, and choose for love instead of fear.

As Helen was taking down the words of the Course, her partner in this process, Bill Thetford, was taking those words to heart. Neither of them knew what the Course would become (a few lines, a few pages, a book, etc.), but Bill knew the words had meaning to him, and he let them guide his life to heal his relationships.

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One particularly difficult relationship for Bill was a work relationship. At the time Bill and Helen were secretly taking down the Course, they were both clinical psychologists working at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons. It was a very stressful environment, and friendships were not easily made. Bill's challenge centered on a particular colleague, so he set out to put the Course to practice. He prayed on the issue and felt guided to not only hold his colleague in prayer but to also take some action. His guidance directed him to go into this fellow's office every morning and try to chat with him – just some casual morning conversation. When Bill entered the office, this fellow

would put his newspaper up in front of his face in an attempt to ignore Bill. Bill decided that he would not be put off by his colleague's actions and chose to just chat for a few minutes to the back of the newspaper as if it wasn't there. He then got up and left. He didn't get angry that his attempts at joining were not met; he simply offered his love and acceptance and knew that it was received whether or not the outside effects changed.

This tradition of going into this colleague's office and chatting to the back of the newspaper went on for a week or so. Then one day, Bill's schedule changed, and he had to be gone for a few days. On his first day back, he again entered this fellow's office for his chat, and instead of the newspaper going up, the newspaper came crashing down and his colleague asked, "Where have you been?" This man had enjoyed Bill's presence even though he never showed it and missed it when it was gone.

After that, this fellow became Bill's "best friend." As a matter of fact he wanted to room with Bill when the staff attended an out-of-town conference. One evening after the conference activities ended they were sitting in the hotel bar having a drink and the man, seeing a dish of almonds on the bar, mentioned that famed psychic Edgar Cayce once said if you eat ten almonds a day you'll never have cancer. Bill was stunned! How did this guy know about Edgar Cayce? Bill had done research on Cayce and had met Cayce's grandson because the elder Cayce's experience with inner guidance was similar to Helen's. But he would have never thought that his colleague would know about Cayce, let alone quote him!

Each relationship carries a gift within it. Sometimes we see these types of wonderful outcomes, and other times we don't, but the gift is still present. The Course tells us the reality of our relationship with God lies in our relationships to one another.³ Therefore, every relationship becomes our doorway to God. This is a very profound idea and should give us a sense of real purpose and importance when we encounter every relationship, and a desire to heal our challenging relationships because not doing so is robbing us of our relationship with God. ►

Remember, though, we ourselves don't know how to heal our relationships, so we are to let them be healed for us by the Holy Spirit – that Voice for God within our minds and hearts. Your job is not the healing but the willingness to remove the blocks so the healing can occur. When anger, judgment, or fear is present, we have blocked the presence of that help; our part is to become aware of these blocks and ask for help to let them be released. Then healing can occur through us, but not by us.

Making this year different by making it all the same and allowing our relationships to be made whole and holy for us should be foremost in our minds. Not only is this process important for us so we can find the peace and healing we deserve, but it's important to the healing of our world. We are all part of this celestial speed-up, and we do have a very important part to play. Accept your part as this new year is born; be fully present for what appears to be the painful issues as well as the joys; and remember, you do not walk alone. ✧

¹ T.15.XI.11

² Kenneth Wapnick, Ph.D., Absence from Felicity, Foundation for ACIM, 1991.

³ Paraphrased – T.17.IV.16:7

What's Happening

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wedding anniversary from Catherine Quinlan in Oklahoma ...**Doug Washington** with appreciation for being a dear friend from Lisa Gross in Virginia. ...**Eileen Swan and Laura** with appreciation for their study group in Malvern, England from Aileen Bosworth in Pennsylvania... **Miracle Distribution Center**, from Susan Files Conley, "for the loving, spiritual work it does to promote Christ's healing and forgiveness. God bless you all for touching so many lives and moving our world toward peace and understanding, love and forgiveness." This is an annual donation made by Sue, and we are so grateful!

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● **Save the Date: August 9–10, 2014!** – Our annual **International Conference on *A Course in Miracles*** will take place in Irvine, California on August 9-10, 2014. These conferences are always an inspiration. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us! We look forward to seeing you there!

● **"Trust would settle every problem now,"** says *A Course in Miracles*, but how do we get to the point where we are willing to trust? That is where prayer comes in. Taking time to pray – to simply quiet our minds – allows us to experience the power of God, for the "memory of God comes to the quiet mind." When we take those quiet moments during the day to have faith that God can and will settle every problem now, we call upon the power of the universe, the power of love to work miracles in our lives. We invite you to practice this awareness with us every day at 4:30 pm as we join with all in

our prayer ministry to remember the power of love to transform our lives and this world. If you have a prayer request, please send it to MDC. Don't forget to request your free, full-color bookmark which lists all the thoughts in the prayer ministry for 2014.

Affirmations for:

January: "I am as God created me." (L94)

February: "I am the light of the world." (L61)

March: "Into His Presence would I enter now." (L157) ✧

May miracles

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wave. I refocused the camera manually, which worked until the camera again decided to go back to focusing on the speck of water sitting on the lens. It became almost laughable as I tried to take a video of what I wanted while my camera did what it wanted instead!

It reminded me of how we often focus on the speck instead of the big picture, and in doing so we miss the miracle that is present right now. What speck have you been focusing on? It is costing you a miracle, so let's not delay our healing. Now is the time for miracles! Join us in affirming: May miracles be seen in 2014! ✧

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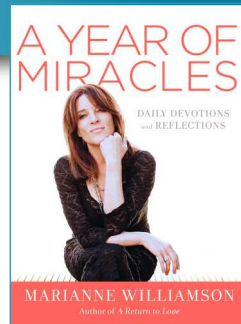
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