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...when you meet anyone, remember
it is a holy encounter.



40 Years in Retrospect The life of Miracle Distribution Center by Beverly Hutchinson McNeff

In celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Center, throughout the next several issues we will be sharing with you its journey. Even though the Center was founded by Beverly and Richard Hutchinson, it has developed a life of its own. These articles will share the Center's birth, growth, life and purpose as it continues to evolve and support students of *A Course in Miracles*.

Chance or God's Plan?

"Remember that no one is where he is by accident, and chance plays no part in God's plan." (M-9.1:3)

Once read that a coincidence is an event in which God has chosen to remain anonymous. In looking back on the events that lead us to start Miracle Distribution Center (MDC) in 1978, it is clear to me that God's purpose was in every event, even though they seemed like coincidences at the time.

In looking way back, it was a "coincidence" (from our new definition) that I was born into my family. There could have been no better place for me to grow in my spiritual journey. My parents were very supportive and encouraging as I was growing up. Even though we did not attend church often in my early years, my parents were always reminding me and my brother of the power, presence and love of God in our lives. Their truly unconditional

love was one reminder and so was my Mother's favorite saying, "With God, nothing is impossible!"

It was my parents' quest for this loving, caring God (which they had not found in



Richard and Beverly with their parents, Clarence & Tona in 1978

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traditional religion) that brought us to our first Unity Church in Portland, Oregon. We felt very much at home. Even though I was only ten years

old when we first went to Unity, I was deeply drawn to this loving, compassionate, ever-available God of which they spoke. God became a friend who was always there to help and love me. I felt at

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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.

"God is Here and with You Now"

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by Beverly Hutchinson McNeff



An elderly couple were driving in their old car which had a bench seat (not the bucket seats that so many new cars have.) They passed by a younger couple who were walking hand-in-hand, showing great affection for each other. The wife turned to her husband and said, "Why aren't we more like them?"

To that the husband replied, "I'm not the one who moved."

Have you ever wondered "where is God?" in a particular situation or circumstance? Or why God has not answered your prayers? Well, He has not moved. He is here with you now. But, we move away from God when we live in fear, judgment or attack. Let us today remember that we are forever an effect of God. As He created us, so do we remain. Where He placed us, we still abide. Let us move back to Him by becoming aware of the choices that distance us from Him. Is it hard to let go of a judgment when we feel justified in that judgment?

Yes, but it is not impossible. We are

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

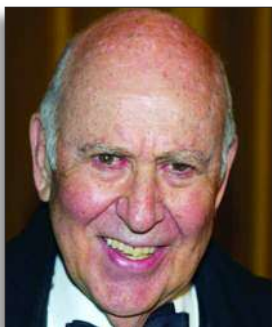
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● **"If You're Not in the Obit, Eat Breakfast"** is a recent documentary on aging by comedy icon Carl Reiner. Talking to nonagenarians (those in their nineties) and older, it showed how important it is to be involved in life — it's never too late! Reiner goes to his computer each day to write, read, and discover new things. "I continue to work," he says. And so do friends like Dick Van Dyke (91), Norman Lear (95), and Mel Brooks (91) who still performs at

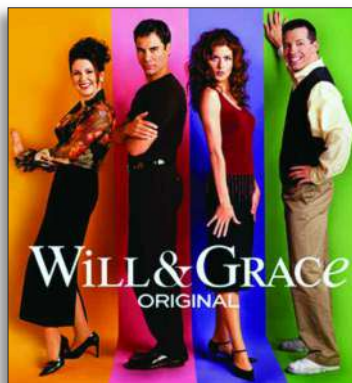


Carl Reiner

places like Radio City Music Hall. Reiner's secret to enduring: enjoy the good times, walk away from the bumps, and laugh. *"In lightness and in laughter is sin gone, because its quaint absurdity is seen."* (W-pl.156.6:4)

● **A Prime-Time Miracle?** The recent

reboot of the TV sitcom, *Will and Grace*, reminded us of an episode from the series' initial run in 1998-2006.



In a May 2000 installment of the show, Will and Grace had been arguing and finally decided they didn't want to stay mad. They began apologizing for things they had done to each other, at which point Will said to Grace, "I'm sorry for making you read

A Course in Miracles!" It was an interesting use of the Course's primary tool for healing our lives . . . forgiveness. (This first ran in THE HOLY ENCOUNTER in the July/August 2000 issue.)

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● **Holy Encounter Weekend in Chicago** — Our next **Holy Encounter Weekend** will take place on April 6-7, 2018. This popular weekend seminar is presented by Beverly Hutchinson McNeff and offers attendees a chance to go deeper into the Course's life-changing principles to truly experience



miracles. If you have been stuck with your Course studies, or just need that boost to get going with those lessons again, this is the perfect weekend for you! 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*

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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 spirit. (0:97)	July: Your grace is given me. I claim it now. (0:168)
February: I am entitled to miracles. (0:77)	August: I am not a body. I am free. (0:199)
March: Love holds no grievances. (0:40)	September: I will step back and let Him lead the way. (0:155)
April: I have a function. God would have me fill. (0:192)	October: Forgiveness is the key to happiness. (0:121)
May: There is no will but God's. (0:74)	November: The peace of God is shining in me now. (0:188)
June: The light has come. (0:75)	December: I am spirit. (0:97)

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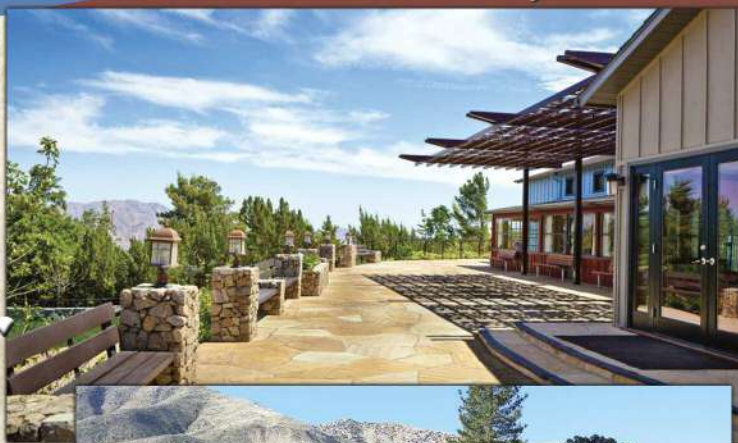
SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2018

Holy Encounter Retreat



International lecturer, author, and founder of the Center, Beverly Hutchinson McNeff, brings her 41 years of Course study to this weekend that will leave you with the tools and understanding you'll need to experience miracles in your life.

Known for her ability to take seemingly complex lessons and reveal their truth and simplicity, Beverly will help you open up to the worth and beauty inside you now.



"I came away with a really good feeling and some down-to-earth things that really made sense to me in terms of forgiveness, judgment, etc. The retreat was great, the environment was great, the food was great... I just had a great time overall!"



"Beverly made the Course so easy to understand. I'm always getting this message that the Course is so hard and she makes it so simple."



This retreat is designed to help students to not just talk about the Course but to deeply experience its healing power. Through lectures, meditation, group sharing, music, and laughter, you will be helped to see, and look beyond, the limitations of this world and experience the possibility of God in every aspect of your life.

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Everything is included, the weekend retreat activities, well-appointed lodging, and six organic, chef-prepared meals. Our caring and experienced staff, coupled with an oasis in the heart of Southern California, will provide you a safe and wonderful atmosphere for learning and sharing – a weekend where you can truly spend time on your own internal healing.

Please join us as we take a "journey without distance" to find that even in a world of chaos, our goal of peace and forgiveness has never changed.



Registration begins at \$499 and includes all retreat activities, six organic meals, and lodging.



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Miracle Musings...

The Big Little

by Paul McNeff

"So the last shall be first, and the first last." (Matthew 20:16)

"We have repeated how little is asked of you to learn this course. It is the same small willingness you need to have your whole relationship transformed to joy; the little gift you offer to the Holy Spirit for which He gives you everything; the very little on which salvation rests; the tiny change of mind by which the crucifixion is changed to resurrection." (T.21.II.1)

Less is more. If that truly is the case, perhaps I should end this article right now. But then, you wouldn't understand why I am writing about less is more, so let me add just a little more...

I first was introduced to the term, "less is more" during a commercial acting class. Commercial acting was new to me, as it is the type of acting the television medium uses to sell products. And, it is on the small screen, not the large stage, where your acting talents are displayed. Less is more, big is little, were both concepts I was to learn more about, and how they would be crucial to making me a credible, commercial actor.

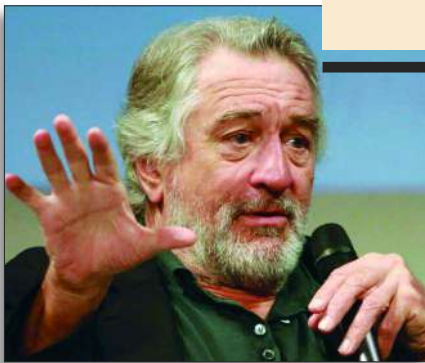
As a trained opera singer, I was not acquainted with these concepts. Opera does not use reinforced sound systems to carry your voice to the audience; opera singers are taught to project their voices and use big, exaggerated body movements to help the audience better understand and follow the storyline.

But, with the advent of screen acting, sound stages, and sound systems which were specifically designed for intimately capturing all the emotions in the performer's voice and face, big became little and more became less. In screen acting, all that voice projection and over exaggeration

of body movement was no longer needed to tell the story effectively. Screen acting depended upon an organic authenticity that came from just being there in the moment. The more sophisticated screen and film audiences became, the more they expected to be engaged with this genuine

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Robert De Niro

type of storytelling. Actors found that "less is more" was a way to capture authenticity, which audiences came to expect from a good feature film.

Robert De Niro, considered by some to be America's greatest actor, says the secret in good acting is often doing nothing. *"A lot of times actors feel they're not doing very much, they have to put a spin on it, a special kind of interpretation: 'I'm not doing much, I feel I must do more.' Some actors have a real problem. You can't just let them be quiet, not do*

anything," he says.

I sometimes think we translate our spirituality the same way the young actor feels he must do more to be a better actor. We think the more hours we spend in meditation, the further along we will get in our spirituality. We need to read the Course more. We need to pray more. We need to forgive more, etc. etc. All these activities can be good, but I have found the concept of "littleness" to be very freeing, and it has been a proven method in overcoming my life's challenges.

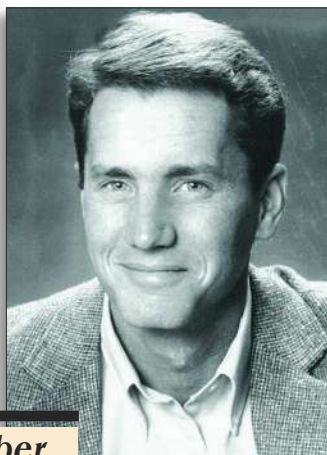
In our world where "no pain, no gain" is often the mantra used to advance any self-imposed discipline, the concept of "littleness" stands in sharp contrast. This concept permeates the Course, however. The word "little" appears more than 200 times and is applied in many variations. Here it is discussed in Chapter 18.

"The holy instant is the result of your determination to be holy. It is the answer. ...It is not necessary that you do more; indeed, it is necessary that you realize that you cannot do more. Do not attempt to give the Holy Spirit what He does not ask, or you will add the ego to Him and confuse the two. He asks but little. It is He Who adds the greatness and the might. ...It is your realization that you need do so little that enables Him to give so much." (T.18.IV.1)

During my acting class, I would be given a scene to perform with another actor. We rehearsed it, then presented it to the class. To this day, I remember my acting teacher saying, "You're too big. Make it smaller." I found this concept so foreign that it took me quite awhile to get it. Smaller felt like I was walking naked down main street, and I was very uncomfortable with it at first. But, like everything else in life, when I learned to trust the technique and exercise the muscle of doing less, I discovered a new freedom in my acting.

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I've entitled this article "The Big Little," because I like oxymoronic statements such as this, in which two words stand together having the opposite meaning, but looked at deeper, a greater meaning is realized. How can something be the "big little?" Well, the "big" is a descriptor of the "little." Here's how it works – big things, good things, happy things all can happen to you, if you just give the little gift of surrender to the Holy Spirit. More than anything, the Course has turned my life around in my understanding of how life is supposed to be filled with happi-



Paul in his acting days

Sight," in just the first four paragraphs alone, the word "little" appears seven times. Read it. Digest it. And realize your "little" supercharge for the day.

"We have repeated how little is asked of you to learn this course. It is the same small willingness you need to have your whole relationship transformed to joy; the little gift you offer to the Holy Spirit for which He gives you everything; the very little on which salvation rests; the tiny change of mind by which the crucifixion is changed to resurrec-

tion. ...And if you choose against it now it will not be because it is obscure, but rather that this little cost seemed, in your judgment, to be too much to pay for peace.

...Be happy, and you gave the power of decision to Him Who must decide for God for you. This is the little gift you offer to the Holy Spirit...

Begrudge not then this little offering. ...Never was so much given for so little."

(T-21.II.1-4)

Okay, I underlined one "tiny" and one "small," but don't those synonymous words add to the reality that lies before us, if we personally internalize the heart of this teaching? The "BIG LITTLE." As a Course student seeking for healing and meaning while still participating in this illusion we call life, would you join me in taking it a little easier? Step back and let the Holy Spirit do the heavy lifting. I love the summation line in the above passage: "Never was so much given for so little." This sort of sounds like an ad for something wonderful, and it is. It is the key to our healing and peace. Now, there's a deal you won't find on Amazon!



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ness and joy. And, one of the keys to making those dynamics truly manifest themselves is to realize what little it takes. ". . .the little gift you offer to the Holy Spirit for which He gives you everything; the very little on which salvation rests; the tiny change of mind by which the crucifixion is changed to resurrection." (T.21.II.1:2)

Have you ever discovered the meaning of your name? My wife Beverly's name means "industrious." We carefully researched our son's name, Jeffrey, and chose it because it means "heavenly peace." Both sound very empowering, yes? So you might understand, then, how I was very disheartened when at a relatively young age, I discovered my name meant... that's right... "little!" What kind of name is that for a developing, testosterone filled, teenage boy? Why didn't my parents choose a name that meant "powerful," "strong," or at least, "big?" But, "little?!" Oh man, give me a break!

Nevertheless, soon after becoming a student of *A Course in Miracles*, I began to develop a whole new appreciation for the meaning of my name. In Course teaching, that little concept of "little" becomes the gateway to power. In the text section of the Course entitled, "The Responsibility for

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To commemorate MDC's 40th year of service... we'd love your hear from you if our work here at Center has blessed your life in any way. Your comments will be shared with our readers in upcoming issues and on-line.

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Dear Beverly,

I wanted to tell you how valuable your weekly lessons have been for me. Even as I write, the tears that are coming are from the gratitude I feel for the Course and your comforting words each week.

I am eternally grateful God guided me to Miracle Distribution Center when I was a new student 5 years ago. I wish I could give more at this time, but I know abundance is mine and as my blessings grow, I will be able to bless you and my MDC family even more.

In gratitude, Kay in Scottsdale, AZ

Change Your Mind Change Your Life

I Seek a Future Different from the Past

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



One of the most confusing traits of the ego is that it's always trying to convince us there is a yesterday, a today, and a tomorrow. If we are to find the peace of God, it's important not to get caught up in the ego's habit of causing chaos.

When we get caught up in the ego's definition of linear time, which is that there is a past, a present, and a future, we are unable to feel that now is the only time there is. God does not exist in the past or the future; God exists only in the now, the present moment. When we believe this, and practice it in everyday life, we begin to feel a sense of our Creator, where love is our only reality and is eternal with no beginning or end. We feel the completeness of the moment of "now."

The ego's belief system is that we do not deserve to be happy. Its entire focus is to find ways for us to exist in the chaos of unforgiving thoughts. It convinces us we do not deserve to feel happiness by reminding us

of every past hurt we have experienced or believe we caused. It leads us to believe people will inevitably do bad things to us, and that they should continue to be punished in return. The ego would like us to remember all our past hurts, which cause us to not want to forgive or believe in forgiveness. This, therefore, repeats the unforgiving past in related experiences in the present. It also fuels fears of the same thing happening again in the future.

We truly believe we all have choices to find another way of looking at the world we see. Yet, we do not always choose to

access a different view. Recently, I (Diane) had a powerful example of deciding whether or not to choose to see differently.

We arrived home to our houseboat in Sausalito, California, from our travels late one night. The next morning, I decided to sit outside on our back deck looking out at the lagoon with a cup of tea to read the

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paper. Instead of our beautiful view, I found myself looking at the bottom end of two big Mercury engines on the back of a really big motorboat. We are at a right angle to another houseboat and the motorboat was parked off their floating dock which blocked about half of our water view. Even though they had every right to park their boat there, my blood immediately began to boil, and I felt anger rise in me like a thermometer clocking a raging fever. My upset and feeling put upon was so immediate, and my anger felt so justified. The speed with which my state of mind went from peaceful to angry was stunning to me. And all I could think of was that each time in the future I looked out our living room window, I feared feeling the same as I did at that moment. Awful!

This was one of those moments I could

choose differently if I truly wanted peace instead of conflict, and love instead of fear. As I began to remember this Course concept, that I actually had a choice as to how I looked at the view, I began to calm down, but just a little bit. I did not yet know how I could see it all differently, but I quieted my mind and "asked" how I could "choose once again." What came to me was the question, "What is this experience teaching me? What is this giving me the opportunity to learn?" The answer was: "Find the gratitude."

What "gratitude"? I was feeling put upon. But since I asked, I decided to look for the gratitude in the situation. And as I allowed myself to feel the happiness which my neighbor might be feeling at having a shiny, new boat, I began to see differently. So what if there was a boat in my view? What difference did it make really? I realized at that moment that the only difference it made was the power that I chose to give it to determine how I felt about the situation. At that moment, I made a decision to be peaceful, regardless of the boat in my view, and to immediately forgive myself for my damning thoughts. I was not going to give the presence of the boat the power to make me unhappy every future time I looked out at my view.

At that very moment, the most amazing thing happened. My whole body, literally, relaxed from "defense mode" to "acceptance mode," and I felt a huge wave of peace come over me. I knew then and there that I gave no power to the boat's presence in my life, nor would I ever do so in the future.

The following day when I looked outside, I was completely at peace when I looked at the boat. And the next day...

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Gerald Jampolsky, M.D. and Diane Cirincione-Jampolsky, Ph.D., international lecturers and bestselling authors, share their insights and experiences in applying the principles of *A Course in Miracles* in our world. Diane's therapeutic counseling practice specializes in applying ACIM to all aspects and situations in life. Their books are available at www.miraclecenter.org



Recognizing Spirit

The Power of Love, Gentleness, and Forgiveness (Part 3)

by Lee Jampolsky, Ph.D.

We all tend to, at one time or another, behave from a certain level of insanity; we somehow believe guilt has some value, and will teach us and other people lessons so we won't repeat these unwanted behaviors or patterns. As a psychologist and Course student, I can tell you with confidence the opposite is actually the truth: Guilt does not make us better people or teach us positive lessons; guilt keeps us locked into low self-worth, anger, resentment, and patterns that we want to change. Gentleness and joy are darkened by guilt, and enhanced by forgiveness and acceptance. This is a central teaching of the Course and Inspirational Psychology.

We may make well-intentioned "positive" resolutions to be more loving and joyful in life, but they are doomed to fail if we carry guilt or see any value in making others feel guilty. Guilt pulls you backward; it certainly does not propel you forward in joy. You have most likely experienced this, but that does not mean you have been willing to see beyond it yet. Until you truly see that guilt does not help you or anybody else, the best you can hope for is to live in a bigger prison.

Your guilt has not affected your true ability to give and receive love; it only covered it up. Your freedom is wholly contained in this realization. The world we perceive when we are not at peace is a distorted image, a movie with a chaotic plot of disaster and disunity with a complete lack of cohesion, where forgiveness appears dangerous and naive. In such a world, we go about fearing what we see, building defenses and walls to keep us safe, high walls that are so thick we eventually believe we can never reach around them, thinking that what is beyond the walls can never reach us. We feel alone, isolated, afraid, locked away forever behind

the very walls we erected to keep us safe. We dream of freedom, but continue to act in ways that keep it at bay.

And yet there is forever good news to this tragic story. Imagine a moment where you feel the touch of gentleness upon you from beyond your walls and the fearful world you see. In that moment you become whole again, and that single instant is enough to change everything. In these times, we find out the truth of who we are. This gentleness, the love we can feel for all humanity and life, is what shall ultimately keep us free and safe from any of the injustice in the

reality or purpose contemplated, and yet until you decide what time is for, you will needlessly suffer. In order to help with this decision, Inspirational Psychology condenses the choice to one single question:

Is time for the accumulation of guilt and upset, or is it for the extension of love, forgiveness, joy, and healing? The importance of this decision, of deciding on the purpose of time, cannot be overstated. In short, fully embracing and practicing the idea that time has no purpose other than

healing and discovering the love within you, can and will transform your life and greatly impact those around you.

Today contemplate the following three statements about time:

1. Time is inconceivable without change, yet love does not change. This puts the emphasis on that which is eternal.
2. If you are overwhelmed by thinking how long it would take to change your mind so completely as to be at peace constantly, ask yourself, "How long is an instant, and can I use this one to extend love?" This puts the emphasis on the Now.
3. Time becomes your friend when you focus on the loving voice within you. This puts the emphasis on the voice of the Holy Spirit.

"Can you imagine what it means to have no cares, no worries, no anxieties, but merely to be perfectly calm and quiet all the time? Yet that is what time is for; to learn just that and nothing more." (T-15.1.1:1)



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world. May we remember there is a gentleness within us that is the answer to what we face.

Awaken to Love Exercise: Decide on the Purpose of Time

"It seems to me that the coming of love is like the coming of spring—the date is not to be reckoned by the calendar. It may be slow and gradual; it may be quick and sudden. But in the morning, when we wake and recognize a change in the world without, verdure on the trees, blossoms on the sward, warmth in the sunshine, music in the air, we say spring has come." Bulwer

Rarely is time ever questioned, or its



Celebrating 40 Years of Miracles



Jerry Jampolsky, Beverly, Ken Wapnick, Carol Howe, William Thetford & Richard Hutchinson in 1979



Beverly & Ken Wapnick in 1979, 3 years after the Course's publication

Judy Skutch Whitson and Richard Danielpour at the premiere of his Course-inspired symphony, "Journey Without Distance" in 1990

In 2005 MDC began taking their conferences across the U.S. Beverly and staff in Boston in 2006



Jerry Jampolsky and Beverly in 1980

The premiere of the film "The Story of A Course in Miracles" in 1987



From left: Paul McNeff, Richard Hutchinson & wife Ann, Hugh Prather, Beverly and Jeffrey McNeff



Judy Whitson's mother Bobbie, Judy, Bill Thetford and Beverly at a lecture in 1987



Long-time board member, supporter and dear friend, Bud Mendoza, "gently laid his body down" in June, 2007. Bud helped secure MDC's future through a gift from his estate



Drs. Roger Walsh and Frances Vaughan join Beverly at our conference in 1998



Presenters of "A Day of Miracles", in Orange, CA, 1980



Over 1,000 people gathered for the 1st Annual Conference presented by MDC in 1998



Beverly and Steven Halpern at a rare live performance



Jerry & Diane Jampolsky with Beverly and Lee Jampolsky at the 2014 Int'l. Conference for A Course in Miracles

Seated from left: Beverly, Judy Skutch Whitson, & Gloria Wapnick. Top left: Paul McNeff, Jerry & Diane Jampolsky, Bill Mosher, Dr. William Whitson and Ken Wapnick at our 2001 conference



Judy Skutch Whitson and Ken Wapnick lecturing and presenting rare photos at the Course's 25th anniversary in 2001



Bud Mendoza and Beverly help build our new location in 2001



Marvin Meyer, Ph.D. shared his expertise on the newly found Gospel of Judas at our conference in 2006



Maria Zakich and Sandy Brisbin in 2013



Paul McNeff, Beverly, Marianne Williamson along with her mother and daughter at our conference in 1994



Conrad Hanson, coordinator of our worldwide study group listings from 1985 to 2010



Jacob Glass and Jon Mundy at our conference in 2013

Michele Molina & Dick Gayton at our conference in 2014



Center's Administrator, Darin Zakich coordinates a live webcast at our 2001 conference with the help of volunteer, Steve Doolittle as Beverly looks on



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by Beverly Hutchinson McNeff

Sacrificing Sacrifice

Lessons in Light... Shifting our Perception of Lent

As lesson 323 in *A Course in Miracles* says, "I gladly make the 'sacrifice' of fear." If the idea of releasing fear and sacrifice appeal to you, then perhaps we can use the traditional time of Lent as a way to do just that. The Course invites us to look with a new vision, guided by the Holy Spirit, to view the ideas of Christianity in a new light. Not one that separates us from each other, but one that unites us in healing. Therefore, during this time that leads up to Easter which is referred to as the Lenten season, we will offer a series entitled: Lessons in Light. Why even deal with Lent, since the Course does not speak about it? Well, it may not say the word but it does address the concept that is the focus of Lent, and an important one it is: sacrifice. So, as most in the western world might approach this time from the perspective of sacrifice, perhaps we can offer an alternative: light!

In the Course, light represents knowledge or truth and can be radiated into this world. Just as the light of the sun causes life to exist on this planet, so does the light we radiate allow others to realize their true life/purpose and thereby allow us to know it as well. So, we symbolically allow our light to shine during this time of Lent so the darkness and illusion of sacrifice maybe be shone away.

In the Christian tradition, Lent is a time of fasting and penitence that begins with Ash Wednesday and continues until Easter.

It is a time of sacrificing something we value, such as a certain type of food, a particular activity, etc., so that we might be closer to God, become more holy, and so on. In this scenario, God's love is seen as something we must bargain for, as the Course says, "giving to get" (T-4.II.6:5), which is the central belief of the ego's thought system. "When you associate giving with sacrifice, you give only because you believe that you are somehow getting

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something better, and can therefore do without the thing you give." (ibid)

Under the Holy Spirit's guidance there is no sacrifice, for there is nothing to pay or atone for. We are God's perfect children — heirs to His Kingdom. In His Presence, all pain is healed and all thought of loss is met with peace. We are asked only to make the "sacrifice" of sacrifice (of suffering, sadness, anxiety, doubt, etc.) and to allow God's love

and light to come streaming into our awareness.

Therefore, let us use this time of Lent as a symbolic way of releasing the idea of sacrifice — a world of suffering and pain — and to learn to live in the world while not being of the world. The Course says that truth does not demand that we give up the world, for that would appear as sacrifice if

we still value it, nor does it advocate we cherish the world. It invites us to walk a path that is between these two, one that leads away from loss, sacrifice and deprivation. To follow this path, we are asked to step back and let Him lead the way. We are asked to think of Him a while each day, so that He may speak to us and tell us of His limitless Love and great trust. (paraphrase Lesson 155)

This is our dedication as we begin these Lessons in Light together, that we may place into God's Hands the pain, fear, worry, suffering, sickness and burdens of life, so that we may awaken to the resurrected child of God we truly are. As the mythical bird, the Phoenix, arose out of the ashes, we too dust off the years of sacrifice by affirming our desire to "step back and let Him lead the way."

Lessons in Light

(The following lessons will be discussed at MDC's study group beginning on Wednesday, February 14th. These lessons need not be a substitute for your regular workbook lesson from the Course, but rather a supplement, if you so choose. The printed series is available online at www.miraclecenter.org)

1st Week of Light - Ash Wednesday (February 14)

Workbook Lesson 157:

***"Into His Presence would
I enter now."***

This is our dedication, to enter into God's Presence and allow Him to lead the way. This awareness and willingness becomes a blessing that touches everyone we meet, think of, or who thinks of us. It becomes a vision that can truly transform this world and assure us that peace and



healing are possible, for it is God's will for us.

2nd Week of Light (February 21)

Workbook Lesson 93:

"Light and joy and peace abide in me."

"Salvation requires the acceptance of but one thought; — you are as God created you, not what you made of yourself. ...Your sinlessness is guaranteed by God." We have forgotten our true identity and made a self which contradicts God's opinion. It is time for us to stop believing in a lie and join our will with God's Will. This is our resurrection, our salvation and the world's.

3rd Week of Light (February 28)

Workbook Lesson 46:

"God is the Love in which I forgive."

"God does not forgive because He has never condemned," but through His Love we find the strength to look at the pains of our lives and only see the calls for love. And as we recognize the "pains" for what they are, we recognize our innocence and that of all our brothers.

4th Week of Light (March 7)

Workbook Lesson 68

"Love holds no grievances."

"You who were created by love like itself can hold no grievances and know your Self." Therefore, if we are to know God's gifts and help for us, we must be willing to "sacrifice" grievances. "Love holds no grievances. I would awake to my Self by laying all my grievances aside and wakening in Him."

***"This is my
fifth season listening
to Beverly go through
the Lessons in Light that
coincide with the season of Lent.
It is a wonderful opportunity to
use this time to give up the things
that do not serve us anymore.
Thanks for the wonderful way
to look at this season."***

Karen in Massachusetts

5th Week of Light (March 14)

Workbook Lesson 34:

"I could see peace instead of this."

"Peace of mind is clearly an internal matter. It must begin with your own thoughts, and then extend outward. It is from your peace of mind that a peaceful perception of the world arises." It is our choice to experience peace!

6th Week of Light (March 21)

Workbook Lesson 47:

"God is the strength in which I trust."

Our own strength has failed us, but God is our safety and strength in every circumstance. "Use it [this thought] as your answer to any disturbance. Remember that peace is your right, because you are giving your trust to the strength of God."

7th Week of Light (March 28)

Workbook Lesson 50:

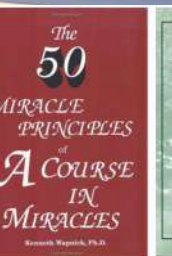
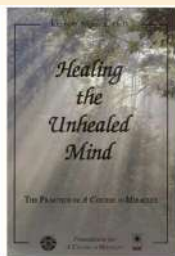
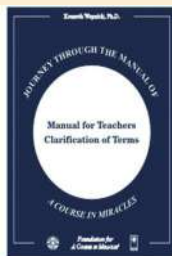
"I am sustained by the Love of God."

"Put not your faith in illusions. They will fail you. Put all your faith in the Love of God within you; eternal, changeless and forever unailing. This is the answer to whatever confronts you today."

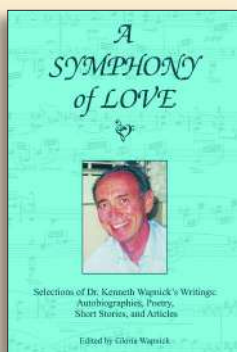
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Power Thoughts for Teens and Young Adults

by Jacob Glass

"Your worth is not established by teaching or learning. Your worth is established by God... Again, – nothing you do or think or wish or make is necessary to establish your worth. This point is not debatable except in delusions." (T-4.1.7)

I adored my mother, and I know she loved me deeply. But she was my harshest critic, and I honestly cannot remember her ever saying a kind or supportive word to me – ever. Unfortunately, the words I remember are "contemptible, never amount to anything, different, hateful, lazy" and so on. It's fine. She couldn't pass on what she'd never received. Her mother was not kind to her either, so I get it. The problem is how long the undoing of all that has been in my life. But the great



news is what it has taught me about what does and doesn't work.

There is a strange and very popular ego thought system belief in the air these days that it is possible to over-praise a child. The "millennials" are particularly at the brunt of this ridiculous belief system, and you'll see endless articles about how they've been ruined by lack of competition and for being treated as if they are important when they haven't "done anything to deserve" such praise. This is typical ego b.s. and manages to once again try to teach there is value in withholding love, or in engaging in attack and competition. It goes right along with the belief that we can somehow EARN love and that we are supposed to WORK HARD in life for everything we get.

In reality, the only issue I see is not that some children may have been praised all the time, but rather that that is only half the

equation. All that praise is quite right, but we need to be taught to pass it on. Praising the child just for existing every single day is a huge part of the miracle-working process, but then the child should be told, "Now, go tell mommy how FABULOUS she is and that you appreciate her just for being your mommy – then ask her if you can help her with anything." A child could

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be taught to sincerely thank their parents every day – to praise their teachers and friends and so on, as much as they have been praised. After all, can we really have too much gratitude or appreciation? Teach-

ing the JOY of GIVING as much praise as is received is very good Miracle Worker training, since all we give is given to ourselves. This removes the "guilt" or the feeling love must be earned and replaces it with the recognition that it truly IS as joyous to give as to receive.

Teens need to be taught very early that the real bully they need to deal with is not so much the one in the school cafeteria, but the one who lives in their own head. Isn't that true for all of us? What others say or think may be disturbing, but what haunts us are the reruns of the words sometimes years after we've totally lost track of the "bully" who said them. And bullies are everywhere – not just in schools. Corporations, movie studios, churches, apartment complexes, political organizations and anyplace where people gather quite often harbor a bully or predator of one kind or another. But if we know Who we are and Who our Source is, we are much less likely to be easy prey. If our own inner-dialogue is "I AM WORTHY BECAUSE I EXIST," then we may find the inner courage to walk away even from what looks like the source of our income. And if we've learned this earlier in life, we have more momentum going to keep us in "right-mindedness."

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Sometimes it seems like school teaches us everything except the ONE thing we really need to know most – HOW to use our minds. Instead of just filling these young minds with information and data, or even work skills, wouldn't it be wonderful if we taught them the positive right use of

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mind? At some point all of us need to be taught not to believe everything we think – that we can actually CHOOSE our thoughts and CHOOSE what we want to believe and what is true for us. This is why the Course is a MIND TRAINING which walks us through the process step-by-step:

“Say, for example:

I am not weak, but strong.

I am not helpless, but all powerful.

I am not limited, but unlimited.

I am not doubtful, but certain.

I am not an illusion, but a reality.

I cannot see in darkness, but in light.”

(W-p1.91.8)

So, I no longer wish my mother had dealt differently with me; I see it all as a cosmic setup so that even though I have no children of my own, I would be in a position to let my own experiences be the way I cut a path for others. That's how many of these miracles work. What we feel we were not given, we then give to others so we can experience it ourselves. How could we ever give too much love or praise then? Such a great system!

“All that I give is given to myself.” (W-p1.126)



Change Your Mind

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and the next. It became a total non-issue for me because I decided to have a present and future that was different than the past.

The next morning when I awoke, the boat was gone.

A Course in Miracles reminds us we create our own reality and that it is only our own thoughts that hurt us, not other people. In the end, it is only our own forgiveness that sets us free.



What's Happening

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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 week-ends by visiting our website, and then make your reservation to join us!

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● **“I could see peace instead of this.”**

This early lesson (#34) in the Course shares the power of peace. It's not by denying our problems that we will find peace, but by looking clearly at the challenges of life and not being distracted by their illusive influence. The promise of peace to prevail and transcend the limitations of the world is inevitable for, in truth, only peace is possible because that is the Will of God. It's time we join with our real power instead of our diminishing thinking. We invite you to unite with us daily in prayerful thought for yourself, loved ones, and those in the Miracle Prayer Ministry. Every day at 4:30pm (Pacific Time), we invite you to stop and join us. The gift you give is the gift you will receive!

Thoughts for:

January: *I am spirit.* (Lesson 97)

February: *I am entitled to miracles.* (Lesson 77)

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home with Him.

So, one could say that finding Unity was a “coincidence,” because it really gave me my spiritual basis. But, I cannot leave out a very important part of my spiritual education: My brother Richard. The whole family felt that Richard was our spiritual “Columbus.”

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Like Columbus’ radical approach to a flat world, Richard was always exploring alternative philosophies and approaches to life. Everything from ghosts to UFOs, Eastern thought and Christian mysticism, Richard’s alternative thinking fell on “fertile ground” with me. As a matter of fact, at a very early age, he was the one who showed me an alternative perspective on the “bars” of my crib; he showed me they could be thought of as a jungle Jim for ease of escape! That was just the beginning of his “direction.”

With this kind of background, you can probably guess that it was Richard who brought *A Course in Miracles* to the attention of our family. He actually found an article about the Course in the first issue of *New Realities* magazine. That article literally set our lives on the path that would become my life’s work. That event, too, was a “coincidence.”

James Bolen was the editor of a magazine called *Psychic*. When he received the manuscript of *A Course in Miracles* from Judith Skutch Whitson (president of the Foundation for Inner Peace, the original publisher of the Course) he was so touched by it that he begged Judy to allow him to run an article on the Course.

Judy made no decisions by herself about the direction of the Course and always asked that her prayer group (which consisted of Helen Schucman, scribe of the Course, Bill Thetford, co-scribe, and Ken Wapnick) join with her in asking the Holy Spirit what they should do. The answer was clear, but not satisfying to Jim.



Beverly and Richard

Their guidance was that the Course was not to be associated with anything “psychic.” Jim was determined to do an article, so he asked if he could run an article if he changed the name and thrust of the magazine. The

group asked again and the answer was yes. So, *New Realities* magazine was born with its premiere issue about *A Course in Miracles*. It thereby became the first national magazine to run an article about the Course.

Richard was a subscriber to *Psychic* magazine, so when the first issue of *New Realities* came to his mailbox, it seemed like a “coincidence.” The articles and stories on the Course were riveting. We wanted more, and so we ordered the books, and that was it. We were hooked.

It was a series of “coincidences” that brought me to Southern California in 1978, with the Course as my constant companion. With my background in theater arts and broadcasting in Oregon, I set out to take Hollywood by storm. My first year in Hollywood was fairly successful: I found an agent, became a member of the Screen Actors Guild, and did five television commercials for companies like Lipton Soups, Milton Bradley Toys and Quaker Oats. This success, however, never seemed to bring me quite as much joy as my study of the Course.

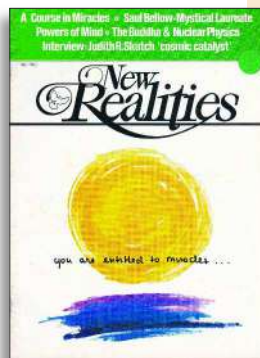
Richard and I had started a study group in Orange County at a local Unity church where we studied with a handful of interested people. At that time there was very little peripheral material on the Course to help students study, very few stores

actually carried the Course, and there was certainly no Amazon. So we began ordering cartons of books for interested students, keeping track of and assembling a list of study groups for people to find support as they studied, and I began sharing insights on the phone and in person with people about the application and understanding of the Course.

Life was busy. Richard and I had our own worldly work and then spent evenings and weekends doing the work we were committed to do with the Course. Somehow, though, there was no question we were supposed to do this work. The feeling we had seemed to be echoed in the lines from the Manual for Teachers in the Course which says,

“Forget not once this journey is begun the end is certain. Doubt along the way will come and go and go to come again. Yet is the ending sure. No one can fail to do what God appointed him to do.” (M-Ep.1:1)

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Of course, there was doubt along the way, but there was always a feeling that what we were doing was right and needed. It was this feeling and not the worldly support or affirmation that kept us going, since most of the time there was neither.

One day, Richard walked into my office, as I was manually typing the last keystroke to a study group list (remember, this was before computers.) As he sat down, mentioning he just ordered another case of Course books, he chuckled to himself and said, “Ya’ know, we’re sort of like a miracle distribution center!” I groaned in response to his comment, as I pulled the page from the typewriter and thought nothing more of it.

Two days later, Richard again walked into my office and proudly laid business cards down on my desk that read: Miracle Distribution Center. I was stunned! “What a dumb name!” I exclaimed. “Why did you

do that?"

"It's what we do, so I thought we should make it official," he said with a grin.

Thinking back now, I don't know why I didn't just say, "Let's pick another name" – it is a long name to say and quite a mouth-full! Not to mention the confusion we have with people thinking we were the Miracle Grow plant food company, Miracle Ear hearing aids, or a food distribution company. But for some reason when Richard brought in those business cards with that name on them, I felt it was done – as if a power greater than I had said, "This is it, now heal your perceptions and carry out my plan!"

So in 1978, with "a little willingness" and a few "coincidences," we began Miracle Distribution Center in heart, mind, and action. The Center really had no form; we worked out of our homes, held meetings at churches, and shared office space. It was apparent at that time that the form of MDC was not the primary focus. It was the content of our work and the dedication that was the centerpiece of what we did. We only knew one thing: the Holy Spirit was directing us to be of service and meet the needs of those who were directed to us – how that looked was not our concern.

*The sight of Christ is all there is to see.
The song of Christ is all there is to hear.
The hand of Christ is all there is to hold.
There is no journey but to walk with Him.*
(T-24.V.7:7)

I have always liked this thought, for it seems to sum up the purpose of our work and MDC. The Holy Spirit has proven to us that His message can be seen beyond the eyes; His song can be heard beyond the ears; and that His hand can be held beyond the physical. No body can contain His Spirit – nor can any physical center. Our purpose is to walk with Him and to help all our brothers on this path to do the same. We all have a very important purpose, and He is ever guiding us.

In *A Course in Miracles* we read, "What could you not accept, if you but knew that everything that happens, all events, past, present and to come, are gently planned by One Whose only purpose is your good?" (W-pl.135.18:1)

I must have felt this awareness somewhere in my mind and heart at the

moment Richard laid those business cards in front of me with the name Miracle Distribution Center on them, but I still wish the Holy Spirit would have picked another name!

Next issue . . . "What do we do now?" ✧

"God is Here..."

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studying *A Course in Miracles* and that is what is called for now – a miracle!

Today, let us open our minds to the truth of who we are and the truth of those who walk beside us. We are not alone nor do our thoughts and actions affect only us.

As the Indian Chief Seattle once said, "We are all part of the great web of life. What we do to one part of the web, affects us all." The Course would say, "To give and to receive are one in truth." If we want the gift of awareness, of a miracle, then we must be willing to be an instrument of that same gift. To those who would attack us, let us offer the understanding of Christ. To those we would judge, let us ask for the wisdom of Christ. To those we would fear, let us see them with the vision of Christ. Let us know that we do not walk alone.

"If you knew Who walks beside you on the way that you have chosen, fear would be impossible." (T-18.III.3:2) ✧

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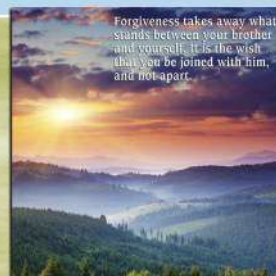


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