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...when you meet anyone, remember
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“I Will Arise in Glory”

by Beverly McNeff

“I will arise in glory, and allow the light in me to shine upon the world throughout the day.” (W-237)

The title of the *A Course in Miracles* lesson from which the above line is taken is, “Now would I be as God created me.” What a powerful commission for us! It doesn’t require us to be like those evangelists who knock on doors or leave religious tracts; it simply states that we are to be as we were created. But how do we do that?

The Course tells us our “ancient learnings,” or how we have been told to think about ourselves and each other for thousands of years, is that we are sinful and certainly undeserving of anything good. If left alone with our sinful nature, we would make a mess of things. After all, who hasn’t seen the movie *The Ten Commandments* or read at least some of the book the film was based on: the Bible?



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In the film based on the story in the “Old Testament,” Moses (played by Charlton Heston), after leading the Jewish people out of the repressive grips of Egypt’s Pharaoh Ramses (played by Yul Brynner), leaves his people to climb Mt. Sinai and receive the Ten Commandments from a pillar of fire (played by God). 😊

In the short time Moses is gone, the “chosen people,” as the Jewish people are often referred to, quickly start to question what they have done by leaving Egypt and worry that the moniker of “chosen people” can’t possibly be

about their unworthy selves! Even with all the miracles that the God of Moses has performed for them (and there are plenty of examples in the Bible), they still doubt God’s love, and they go back to

making graven images of Egyptian gods, getting drunk, and partaking in all sorts of perverted activity. After all, “when the cats away, the mice will play!”

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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 streamed weekly commentaries on Course principles have become an inspirational study and spiritual family for many around the world. View her free weekly livestream meetings at miraclecenter.org



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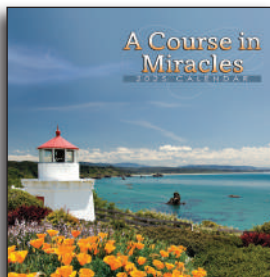
● Our 2025 *A Course in Miracles* Wall Calendar is still available — Featuring stunning full-color lighthouse photos and

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● "It's about time I became a Holy Helper. With the way things are in the country and the world, right now, my daily lessons and Beverly's weekly Wednesday posts are the 2 things that truly help to keep me grounded!!!" We are so grateful to hear from Harvey in Maine, and his willingness to become a monthly donor of the Center, as a **Holy Helper (HH)**. Our HHs become the backbone of support for the Center. Consider becoming a HH this year and help us continue to provide the needed message of the Course into 2025 and beyond!

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● As **Lisbeth in Maryland** said, "I want to



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January: *God goes with me wherever I go.* (Lesson 41)

February: *Love is the way I walk in gratitude.* (Lesson 195)

March: *Into His Presence would I enter now.* (Lesson 157)

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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: God goes with me wherever I go. (41)
February: Love is the way I walk in gratitude. (195)
March: Into His Presence would I enter now. (157)
April: I could see peace instead of this. (84)
May: I am the light of the world. (61)
June: Forgiveness is my function as the light of the world. (62)

July: The light has come. (75)
August: Forgiveness offers everything I want. (122)
September: Only God's plan for salvation will work. (71)
October: I am one Self, united with my Creator. (95)
November: I share God's Will for happiness for me. (102)
December: God goes with me wherever I go. (41)

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"I came away with down-to-earth principles that helped me make sense of things in terms of forgiveness, judgment, etc. The environment and food were 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."



Beverly McNeff

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Miracle Musings ...

Rabbit Holes - Part 1

by Paul McNeff

"Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" (John 8:12)

"The 'laws' of chaos can be brought to light, though never understood." (T-23.II.1)

Have you ever gone down a rabbit hole? Figuratively, the term "rabbit hole" can also describe a strange, complex, or chaotic situation, especially one that becomes more so over time. Frustrated, you start searching not only once but several times, trying to understand the outcome you did not want, but your takeaway once again is fraught with anxiety and chaos. As a person with an addiction thinks that just one more fix is going to heal that hole in their life and relieve their suffering, so too does the rabbit hole addict believe that one more deep dive down that hole is going to bring understanding and healing.

Though I've been a devoted *A Course in Miracles* student for these past 38 years, my learning has not always deterred me from going down that rabbit hole of trying to understand the chaos in our nation and world. I can honestly report that no matter what "side" of the spectrum you find yourself on, I would be willing to bet a million dollars (if I had it!) that neither you nor I have ever reached a conclusive understanding of the worldly chaos that

presents itself to us on any given day.

Most of us associate the term "rabbit hole" as it originated with Lewis Carroll's children's novel, *Alice in Wonderland*.

Published in 1865, as the story unfolds, a bored young girl, Alice, sits by a riverbank when she encounters a White Rabbit with a pocket watch, frustrated that he is late. Intrigued, Alice follows him down a rabbit hole. As she safely reaches the bottom, she finds herself in "Wonderland," a world where chaos becomes the new normal, and the rules of our shared reality do not apply.

The story of Alice in Wonderland is one

of self-discovery. The story can be read as a symbolic journey of spiritual awakening, with Alice's experiences representing a quest for deeper understanding. One of the crazy characters she encounters down the rabbit hole is the Blue Caterpillar, who asks her, "Who are you?" This would seem to be a defining question for which we all seek an answer.

Through Alice's myriad experiences brought on by a host of the colorful characters she meets down the rabbit hole, she eventually wakes up. She realizes this

whole lollapalooza in "Wonderland" was just a bad dream. Through it all, however, she learned to summon the courage to stand up for what she believes, celebrate her true Self, and find strength in her unique qualities. Like Alice, chaos, fear, and doubt in ourselves only lead to obstructions that conceal our spiritual potential.

Just as Alice wakes up from her Wonderland dream, so too, as Course students, do we realize that the chaos surrounding ourselves in this worldly state is only a dream. At this point, trying to understand anything down the rabbit hole is akin to a dog chasing its tail and never actually catching it. And that is why we have *A Course in Miracles* ...to teach us how to stop chasing our figurative tails and wake up from our collective nightmare to our true Self, that we are one in the Sonship.

As we teach these principles, we also learn them. Trying to make sense of the chaos of our world does not help us at all but only hinders our search for understanding and healing. So, let's look to the Course to see how we can be liberated from the perennial rabbit holes and the chaos we may find ourselves in when we venture down them.

"The Laws of Chaos," found in Chapter 23, section II of the Course, is a good place to start. The paragraph preface to the five laws sets the stage.

"The 'laws' of chaos can be brought to light, though never understood."

Right from the very start, we are instructed that we will never understand the worldly chaos we find ourselves in, but we must bring it to the light of truth. This section goes on to say ...

"Chaotic laws are hardly meaningful, and therefore out of reason's sphere."



"Through Alice's myriad experiences brought on by a host of the colorful characters she meets down the rabbit hole, she eventually wakes up."

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Yet they appear to be an obstacle to reason and to truth. Let us, then, look upon them calmly, that we may look beyond them, understanding what they are, not what they would maintain. It is essential it be understood what they are for, because it is their purpose to make meaningless, and to attack the truth. Here are the laws that rule the world you made. And yet they govern nothing, and need not be broken; merely looked upon and gone beyond.” (T-23.II.1)

So, let’s look and see if we can start that wonderful, liberating moment of going beyond the chaos to the light.

1. “The first chaotic law is that the truth is different for everyone.” (T-23.II.2)

I can’t think of a better example of this than what developed during our 2016 political season. A new idea of what a “fact” meant was promulgated into our public discourse. The new term “alternative fact” was pushed by one of our political parties, and now it has muddied the waters of simple common understanding. For example, those who say the world is flat have actually gained popularity in a society where rumors and lies spread fast for those who only get their “facts” on social media.

A fact used to level the playing field. It was an idea we all could refer to and put our faith in that would inform our lives in a unified direction. Fact: Six million Jewish people were killed in the Holocaust during World War II. Sadly, alternative fact advocates have and continue to question the factual truth that the atrocities of the Holocaust ever occurred even though survivors of the Holocaust are still alive as testaments to this experience. Society becomes even more of a mumble-jumble when we can’t agree on basic concepts that used to be common knowledge. The Course reflects on the first law of chaos by

saying,

“Like all these principles, this one maintains that each is separate and has a different set of thoughts that set him off from others. This principle evolves from the belief there is a hierarchy of illusions; some are more valuable and therefore true. Each one establishes this for himself, and makes

it true by his attack on what another values. And this is justified because the values differ, and those who hold them seem to be unlike, and therefore enemies.” (T-23.II.2)

The term “alternative facts” suggests that if your understanding of a fact differs from mine, then you can attack the authenticity of my understanding of the fact and thereby make me wrong, and vice

versa, which only further separates us. The Course digs a little deeper into this subject by saying the first law of chaos is similar to the concept of alternative facts by falsely suggesting that the truth can be different for you than it is for me and, therefore, divides us even more.

It would be helpful if we inserted here that we have a higher source than our ego or alternative facts to define what truth is. The Course uses the concept that “truth is true.” So, what is meant by that? The Course is jam-packed with insights into what truth is. One such section can be found in Chapter 14: Teaching for Truth, in which we are instructed,

“The Holy Spirit, seeing where you are but knowing you are elsewhere, begins His lesson in simplicity with the fundamental teaching that truth is true. This is the hardest lesson you will ever learn, and in the end the only one. Simplicity is very difficult for twisted minds.” (T-14.II.2)

In the Course’s terms, there are no “alternative facts” regarding truth. As in the creators of “alternative facts,” we don’t have the liberty to create alternative truths. There is only one. One of my favorite passages illuminates the basic truth about you and me alike. We all should affirm this truth every day, “I am one Self, united with my Creator, at one with every aspect of creation, and limitless in power and in peace.” (W-95.11)

Interestingly, great thinkers, philosophers, and sages of every stripe have arrived at this truth. In Ken Burns’ Leonardo da Vinci PBS documentary that recently debuted on PBS, Burns reveals Leonardo’s thoughts on this subject of interconnectedness as da Vinci said, “One is All, All is One. Learn how to see. Realize that everything connects to everything else.”

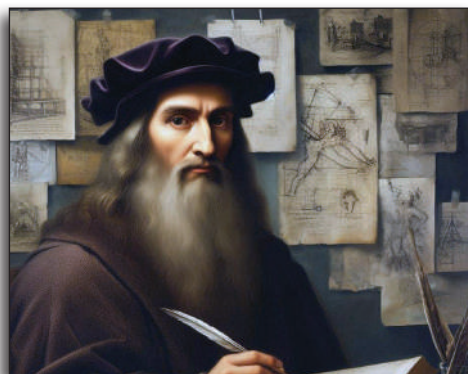
The comforting fact about the first chaotic law is that when we try to understand the craziness of our world, we realize that we have created this illusion with

our twisted minds or collective ego mind. But, we have the grand opportunity to heal as we spiritually digest Course principles, integrate them into our lives, and gladly escape the rabbit hole to the truth.

I’ll continue discussing “The Laws of Chaos” in my next installment in THE HOLY ENCOUNTER. Until then, let’s decide together that we will be vigilant about keeping our minds focused on the truth, so we all can avoid those darn rabbit holes.



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Recognizing Spirit

Regenerative Solitude

by Lee Jampolsky, Ph.D.

"There is a way of living in the world that is not here, although it seems to be. You do not change appearance, though you smile more frequently. Your forehead is serene; your eyes are quiet. And the ones who walk the world as you do recognize their own." (W-155.1)

I am blessed to spend some time most days in the embrace of nature: afternoon walking in the foggy sea air or early morning hikes among the open meadows scattered with old oaks that deer, hawks, and squirrels share.

On some mornings, caught up in thought, I find myself trading the company of the oaks for the glow of a computer screen, lost in the world of words and ideas. But even here, nature's essence seeks me out, reminding me of some solitary tree, a crashing wave, or a squadron of pelicans slicing the air in perfect synchrony, mere inches from each other. Even when I am busy with a project and not immersed in nature, she still finds me, reminding me of what we share and calling me home.

"The peace of God is shining in you now, and from your heart extends around the world. It pauses to caress each living thing, and leaves a blessing with it that remains forever and forever." (W-188.3)

I adore the closeness of loved ones, but within me lies a treasured space for solitude in which the quiet pulse of my

essence speaks if I am aware enough to listen. It's in the calm core of my being where truth and connection live. Since I was a young child, I've sought solace in this space, where I can more easily perceive the rhythm of all that is connected



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and calm. Everything significant in my life originates here — meaningful work, a genuine smile, a forgiving thought, a life-time shared. During difficult times, I seek solace in the stillness and find nourishment in the space of quiet, welcoming it as a gentle companion instead of hurriedly trying to fill the silence with solutions to an endless array of perceived problems.

It is in this solitude that I practice day by day, learning to observe with neither judgment nor condemnation, but to listen well to what it is teaching me in the quiet of my life. In the quietude of solitude, I find the seeds of forgiveness, allowing me to release regret and find renewed gentleness toward myself and others. From here, I lean into silence, tuning my heart to the soft vibration of Love's presence. With patience and practice over many years, I can increasingly discern the melodies in others — calls for Love within expressions of pain and songs of celebration — each opening me to my own ever-present tenderness.

Compassionate Stillness

"The journey to God is merely the reawakening of the knowledge of where you are always, and what you are forever." (T-8.VI.9:6)

In the classroom of solitude, I am gradually uncovering the delicate art of true receiving and self-love — a lesson that has not come easily. Over the years, there have been moments in being alone that feel both stirring and breathtaking. My long journeys in solitude are not always simple to navigate. Periodically, the enormity of human aloneness on our planet hits, and I yearn for all beings to feel loved in human relationships — something that, at times, feels beyond reach.

While solitude offers a sanctuary, it also prepares me to enter relationships with greater compassion and patience. We can all make mistakes by trying to find a connection from a place of uncertainty and desperation, reaching for intimacy where it does not reside, and knowing on some level that such a search will only leave us feeling more lost. It's familiar and achingly old, evoking memories of my younger years. I initially sought solitude as a form of protection. Yet, I found myself inexplicably drawn to the dazzle of the ego, to the alluring escape of distractions that dulled my senses rather than heightening my awareness to Love.

"Your task is not to seek for love, but merely to seek and find all of the barriers within yourself that you have built against it." (T-16.IV.6)

I have always carried within me a substantial will — not to conform to the mundane — but to follow my inner guidance and question hatred and reflexive negativity. My goal, I remind myself each day, is peace of mind, to continue to increase

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trust in the guiding voice within me, one that knows my true identity far more deeply than I can fathom through the lens of form and duality of the ego.

My times of solitude grow richer with time, even amidst periods of hardship and loss. While I may not always find joy and absolute clarity each day, I persist in having faith in exploring the depths of consciousness and greater awareness of Love. Though it may appear small, daily reigniting the gentle voice that dwells in solitude and nature has become one of my most essential and precious practices. It is where I realized a core teaching of *A Course in Miracles*.

"Nothing real can be threatened. Nothing unreal exists. Herein lies the peace of God." (T-1n.2)

In solitude, I am reminded of what is real — the steady presence of Love and the grounding essence that connects me to all life. This quiet core of peace within me offers refuge amidst all trials, inviting me to let go of the unreal thoughts of the ego that seek to disturb my peace.

The Freedom of Regretless Living

"Look inward now, and you will not behold a reason for regret, but cause indeed for glad rejoicing and for hope of peace." (T-29.II.2:8)

Living from guilt and regret makes happiness and freedom impossible. There is a path to living without regret where we walk through our day-to-day lives more lightly. At times, it may feel impossible to become unencumbered by the burden of the past, and yet every step offers a possibility for growth, insight, and understanding. Instead of carrying the toxic load of guilt and regret, we are called to embrace forgiveness, to love more expansively, and to gently release everything that no longer illuminates the eternal light of Love within us.

Living a life free of fear, guilt, and regret doesn't mean brushing our mistakes aside; rather, it calls us to tap into the wisdom the Holy Spirit offers to learn from our missteps and put our best foot forward to grow. Mistakes call for correction and learning, not condemnation, denial, and

regret. This journey of living without regret invites us to enter a soulful communion with our vulnerabilities and to turn to the teachings layered within each of our mistakes, forming the foundation of what the Holy Spirit is teaching us about the beauty of who we are and who we are becoming. As we learn that "forgiveness is the key to happiness," each release opens the door to greater joy and freedom, dissolving guilt and regret and allowing us to feel within Love's presence.

In life and relationships, trials and tribulations often bring us to a crossroads. Rather than regret entangling us in a web of guilt, anger, and blame, we refocus on learning through the Holy Spirit's guidance and gaining a much greater awareness of Love and our inherent connection to all that is. With the Holy Spirit, we can enter these crossroads with an open heart and compassion, enabling the trials we face to deepen our understanding of Love and a recognition of our interconnection.

The ego always has an idea of how something should turn out, but life seldom works that way, especially when working with relationships. To heal is to follow the Holy Spirit, live life fully, and let go of any set picture in our minds of what a relationship should be, allowing it to grow and change in ways the Holy Spirit guides that might be entirely unexpected and surprising. We cannot do this as long as we expend energy hankering after regrets.

The Course tells us that "only love is strong because it is undivided." When I enter deeply into the sanctuary of solitude, especially in nature, Love reveals itself as an unbroken force, steady and undivided. It reminds me that nothing can separate me from its presence, guiding me to live in

harmony and wholeness with all that is.

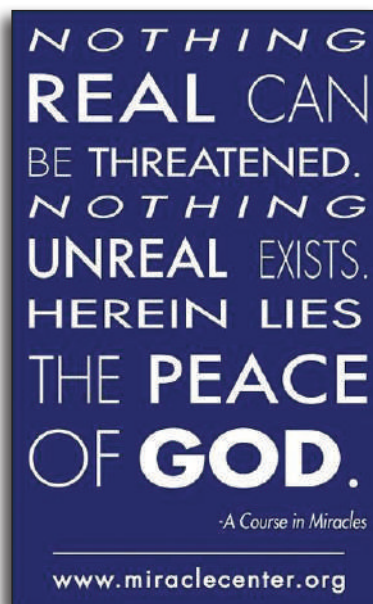
The abiding truth is that the essence of Love does not ever leave us; what happens is that our hearts become guarded by what the ego tells us is true, and we deviate from Love's gentle teachings. Providing spaciousness in the heart for

Love to perform its miracles will bring us back into its gentleness. Regret fades as we allow Love to lift us above guilt, filling us with a soft grace that leads us to a more benevolent life.

After nearly 50 years of practicing the Course, I continue to experience, ever more deeply, a quiet at the heart of my being — a sanctuary more unwavering than anything in this world, a space within me, untouched by guilt, fear, worry, or blame, where every question rests already answered through Love. In the solitude of morning or dusk, when light and shadow merge like old friends, I find

Love moving quietly through my heart, like clear spring water bringing renewal from hidden springs.

There are times when the world tugs at me, and the longing for connection rises like the full moon's pull of a quiet tide. Yet here, in this deep calm, I learn to hold both longing and contentment. For solitude brings a gentle longing to return to Love — a welcoming of wholeness that opens us to life. Love's quiet presence settles, soft as morning mist over the meadow pond where I walk with my dog in the early light.



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With Miracles We Will Thrive in 2025!

by Beverly McNeff

When the world or life situations are challenging, it is time to focus on the truth and not the lies of the ego. As *A Course in Miracles* Workbook lesson, "I am entitled to miracles," tells us,

*"You are entitled to miracles because of what you are.
You will receive miracles because of what God is.
And you will offer miracles because you are one with God.
Again, how simple is salvation! It is merely a statement of
your true Identity. It is this that we will celebrate today."* (W-77.1)

The Course is always pointing us back to the truth of who we are. We are entitled to miracles (the love that is always present in every situation) because we are a creation of God, of Love itself. And we will receive miracles the moment we are willing to release our focus on its opposite (fear) because God is only and always extending love because that is what He is. When we know our essence and the One that is always with us, there will be nothing else to do but extend the gift of Love that we are!

We definitely need to start celebrating our true Identity because it is our salvation! Denying God's Will for us or believing God will punish or abandon us when we need Him most is simply a lie and merely an ego distraction that we need not waste one more moment on. In the Course, we are told, "Today I wake with joy, expecting but the happy things of God to come to me." (W-285) That is not just wishful thinking; it is the guarantee that God has given us.

But how do we move past our feelings of hopelessness? The answer is: Prayer.

Prayer is our communication link to God. When we quiet our minds and come with open hearts to that quiet place within, we pass by what seemed insurmountable a moment before to find the Heart of God, and this is where we rest. Even a moment in this quiet place will transform us and stay with us when we reenter this world, for we will feel the peace and power of the One Who walks with us.

January's thought in the Miracle Prayer Ministry is **"God goes with me wherever I go"** (W-41), and it is a much-needed reminder right now. When we stop the insanity of the world and turn within to the quiet answer that is always present, we become renewed and revitalized. We realize that we are not alone. Not only do we share oneness with every living thing, but we share



an unbreakable connection to our Source, the power of Love, the limitless support of God within us now. There has never been a time when you or a loved one has been alone. Our moments of quiet reflection in prayer can help us to feel the mighty power of that connection and thereby reenter our world experiences feeling empowered and renewed with hope.

Here at Miracle Distribution Center, we want you to know you are never alone, and you can join with us and thousands worldwide each day through the Miracle Prayer Ministry of the

Center. We invite you to stop for a moment of prayer with us daily at 4:30 pm (Pacific Time) as we turn inward to access the peace and power of healing. We invite you to join in prayer for yourself, for a loved one, or simply for the world. We are not joining to focus on our problems or challenges but to take those seeming issues and lift them to the truth.

No matter what you may be going through, remember that God is with you. There has never been a time when His love and support have not surrounded you. What can we truly fear or not face when we know that the Source of all peace and healing is with us now? God is not distant from us. It is we who have distanced ourselves from Him. But we can return to that Presence right now.

Let us turn to Him with whatever may be our burden and know that we cannot be deprived of our perfect holiness, cannot suffer, nor be alone; the Source of holiness, joy, and

life goes with us wherever we go. God knows our every need and is ready to answer each one. Our job is to remember that He is with us always, and His Will for us is only good.

Let us affirm, **"God goes with me wherever I go."** And for those we hold in prayer, let us affirm, **"God goes with you wherever you go."** This thought can and will work miracles in our lives because it affirms our eternal connection to the truth! With miracles we will thrive in 2025!



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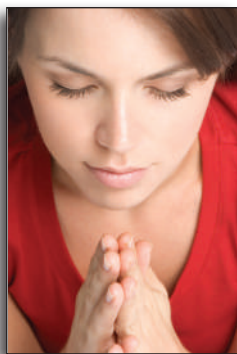
A *Course in Miracles* is a tool that helps us return to the "home" we only thought we left. It gently reminds us over and over again that we need do nothing to experience our salvation, to experience God's peace, except decide that is what we want above all else. *"I want the peace of God"* (W-185.1) more than this grievance. *"I want the peace of God"* more than my desire to be right. *"I want the peace of God"* because I want to know myself.

Willingness plays a significant role in the accomplishment of the Course's objective. Although you may be God's holy child right now, your awareness of it may leave a little to be desired. So the Course asks you to have "a little willingness" to be healed, to choose for peace, to forgive, to join with another.

The Miracle Prayer Ministry of Miracle Distribution Center was established to offer a joining opportunity between people and, thereby, God. You don't need the Ministry to join with people or God, but it can be a nice reminder and a wonderful service to those who are in need.

The purpose of the Ministry is not to make a problem "real" but to identify the seeming need in our life or the lives of a loved one and have the willingness to place the need and the outcome under God's loving guidance. And to remember, you are never alone. All minds are joined.

"They enter one by one into this holy place, but they will not depart as they had come, alone." (T-18.VIII.9)



How can I be a part of the Miracle Prayer Ministry?

Join with us daily at our suggested time of 4:30 pm (Pacific Time) for a moment of prayerful joining. It just takes a moment to turn within for help. The amount of time you give or when you give it is not important. We are simply asked to be willing, so don't feel limited to a time or upset if you miss a particular time. You can join in prayerful thought anytime!

There is a prayer affirmation that changes monthly; though not mandatory, it is offered as a suggestion. You can always find these thoughts on our website under the prayer ministry or request a bookmark from the Center that lists all the prayer thoughts for 2025.

If you would like to send us a prayer request for yourself or a loved one, we will hold your prayer request in mind and heart for the next thirty days. If you would like a letter and card sent to whomever we are holding in prayer, please let us know and include their postal mailing address.

Join Us in Prayer!

We hope you will join us and let the miracles of love be experienced in your lives. This recent letter from **Linda and Don in Lawrence, Kansas**, is a beautiful reminder of the power of joining...

Dear Ones at the Miracle Prayer Ministry,

Today is the day before Thanksgiving, and Beverly's message centered around our favorite passage: "Love is the way I walk in gratitude." We both feel such loving gratitude to each one of you who are praying for our well-being at this time. Your prayers "hold us up" to remember Who We All Are and Where We Truly Abide.

The person who wrote to us as our prayer partner is a beautiful writer and a beloved friend, even though we have never met. ...My physical challenges are lessening as we "return to peace" with every moment and memory of the kindness coming from the hearts and minds of the Miracle Prayer Ministry.

Thank you for standing with us to strengthen us with the Truth that we are forever One and forever Love's Perfect Creation. We feel deeply loved and thus healed by your caring prayers of compassion and connection.

We at the Center are with you in prayerful support and love. If you have a prayer request, email:

prayer@miraclecenter.org

We appreciate your donations in support of our work.

I WANT THE
peace of God
W-185.1



The Music of the Course

by Joseph Miller

"Miracles fall like drops of healing rain from Heaven on a dry and dusty world, where starved and thirsty creatures come to die. Now they have water. Now the world is green." (W-p11.13.5)

Much of *A Course in Miracles* is written in beautiful, evocative language. In the latter part of the Text and Part II of the Workbook, there is painstaking adherence to iambic pentameter in virtually everything — even passages that appear to be plainspoken prose. The language makes use of reiteration, alliteration, vowel rhymes, and end rhymes. Much of it is written in implicit quatrains — lines grouped in fours. For example,

"My holiness is far beyond my own ability to understand or know. Yet God, my Father, Who created it, acknowledges my holiness as His."
(W-299.1)

Why is this so? Some students have advanced Helen Schucman's personal love of poetry as an explanation.

Helen wrote and read much poetry and could recite passages of Shakespeare from memory. The explanation is that the inner "dictation" from the Author was "colored" in expression by the scribe's proclivity. This was Helen's tinting, so to speak, in the same way that a light bulb would cast green if wrapped in green cellophane.

Another explanation is that the Author, knowing Helen's resistance to her scribal task, kept it interesting for her by dictating poetry. This might be analogous to

motivating a sixth-grade boy to write an exercise in composition by giving him personal buy-in. You let him write about his favorite Venezuelan soccer star.

I can't deny that the poetry of the Course must have given Helen aesthetic satisfaction. But explanations like these simply dismiss the music of the Course as

somehow peripheral. It is an accidental feature, a greasing of the tracks, a spoonful of sugar to help the medicine go down. Alternatively, some students find the language too baroque and demanding. They desire (and some writers attempt to meet the demand) a simplified Course, a Course in plain speak, the Cliffs Notes to *A Course in Miracles*. This assumes that the *form* and the *content* of the Course can be

divided without harming the meaning, or even that the content emerges more clearly once the veil of poetry is lifted. The poetry is an unnecessary code, a layer of encryption that strains attention and tries patience unnecessarily.

But there is another explanation, one that makes more sense to me: that the music of the Course is inherent to its content and its method. It is intentional and is meant to be used by the student intentionally. In this view, form and content

are fully integrated, like a spoon and its handle. Henry David Thoreau, in his book *A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers*, commented on the prevalence of poetry in ancient scriptures and philosophy.

"There is no doubt that the loftiest written wisdom is either rhymed, or in some way musically measured, — is, in form as well as substance, poetry."

I find this idea attractive. The beauty of the container must be one with the beauty of the content, a holy unity. No restaurant serves expensive wine in a waxed paper cup but in fine crystal. Yet even this analogy is not quite right. Thoreau's assertion is more profound. When a mind touches the highest wisdom and provides a channel for that wisdom to take form, the inherent vitality and power *spontaneously* clothe the expression in refined, measured, eloquent speech.

Consider, for example, these lines from Lesson 208, formatted to show the implicit "pentameter," that is, lines measured in five "beats" (and 10 syllables).

"I will be still, and let the earth be still along with me. And in that stillness we will find the peace of God. It is within my heart, which witnesses to God Himself."

Even that formatting does not quite capture the actual swing or cadence when recited aloud. It sounds more like this:

*"I will
Be still
And let the earth be still
Along
With me.
And in that stillness we
Will find the peace of God
It is
Within
My heart which witnesses
To God
Himself."*



Helen Schucman's Course inspired poetry is available from the Center.

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Notice the end-rhymes: will/still, me/we; and also the vowel rhymes: is/within/witnesses. Note the pattern of 2-syllable lines and 6-syllable lines: 2/2/6, 2/2/6, 6/2/2, 6/2/2. The line also dances to a lilt that comes from alternating unstressed and stressed syllables — called in poetry “iambic foot” (which some liken to the beating of the heart.)



“If you internalize the poetry of the Course, you also internalize pauses and silences. Silence assimilates. But silence also anticipates ...”

One can cite hundreds of such examples from the Course. But what use is all this for the student? To use one of the Course’s own metaphors, why place a picture in an ornate frame? Why dress your words prettily when the aim is to move beyond them? We have all read the signposts as the Workbook concludes.

“Words will mean little now.” (W-pll.in.1)

“Instead of words, we need but feel His Love.” (W-pll.in.10:3)

“Our use for words is almost over now.”
(W-pll.14.2)

“Our final lessons will be left as free of words as possible.” (W-pll.fl.in)

Or, most compelling of all: “We say ‘God is,’ and then we cease to speak, for in that knowledge words are meaningless.” (W-169.5)

We commonly think of sound and silence as opposites. But poetry and silence are integrated, not opposed. Silence is an aspect of music, as every ensemble musician knows as she counts rests before her next entrance. The two power chords in the initial beat of Led Zeppelin’s “Good Times Bad Times” gain all their impact from the three beats of silence that follow. And how many of us have been present in a concert hall when a symphony

Update: Prison Project

The Prison Project of Miracle Distribution Center sends *A Course in Miracles* and other Course-based items to prison inmates. Through your generous donations, we have been able to supply many newly-started spiritual libraries in prisons. In some cases, we have provided multiple copies of books, so more inmates can read about the love that is their essence. These principles genuinely make a difference and quench a thirst for truth that those in prison have found no other place.



The following letter indicates the importance of our Prison Project in many inmates’ lives. We are grateful that we are here to bring the truth and inspiration that *A Course in Miracles* so beautifully offers.

Dear MDC Team,

Thank you for loyally and diligently supporting me and all others through your Prison Project. It is time for me to request another year of **THE HOLY ENCOUNTER** magazine and, if possible, another of your lovely *A Course in Miracles* Wall Calendars. I have really enjoyed the beautiful images and quotes from the Course.

As I go through the Lessons of the Course each day, I feel a lightness of being and find it much easier to be in an “affirmative” attitude. Of course, this is the joy the Father gave us and all of His Creations.

Thank you again, I am now even closer to being in a position to contribute to the great work you all do.

In Love and Light,

Mark at Stafford Creek Correction Center in Washington



We are honored to meet Mark’s requests and each request! Thanks to your generous support of the Prison Project and the Center, we can ensure these appeals are answered. Contact us if you know of an inmate who would like to receive books related to the Course or **THE HOLY ENCOUNTER** magazine.

Rules are strict for sending items into prisons and secured facilities, so please check with the institution before requesting items to be sent.

Together, we can experience healing by demonstrating healing through our willingness to be truly helpful to others. We invite your tax-deductible donations to support this project and in support of the Center, so we may continue to pursue new ways of healing our world.

To read more click on “Prison Project” under “Services” at miraclecenter.org

concluded, and neither musician nor audience stirred for seconds on end? The silence somehow sanctifies and recaps our collective journey. For a moment, we are one with the silence, united in elation and completeness.

If you internalize the poetry of the Course, you also internalize pauses and silences. Silence assimilates. But silence also anticipates, it cleanses attention and read-

ies the mind for what is to come. Silence is not nothing. It is a positive presence.

Professor Raghavan Iyer introduces his anthology of prayers, chants, and poetry, *The Jewel in the Lotus*, with these words.

“There is indeed a self-validating potency in inspired utterances. Whenever one finds a seminal idea or mantramic phrase

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Living by Grace, Walking by Faith

by Jacob Glass

"Seek not outside yourself. For it will fail, and you will weep each time an idol falls. Heaven cannot be found where it is not, and there can be no peace excepting there. Each idol that you worship when God calls will never answer in His place. There is no other answer you can substitute, and find the happiness His answer brings. Seek not outside yourself. For all your pain comes simply from a futile search for what you want, insisting where it must be found. What if it is not there? Do you prefer that you be right or happy? Be you glad that you are told where happiness abides, and seek no longer elsewhere. You will fail. But it is given you to know the truth, and not to seek for it outside yourself." (T-29.VII)

At age 23, I moved away from rural Pennsylvania in 1983, first to Utah and then to California, and for many years after that, my mother would worry about me and remind me, "We can't help you, and you're all by yourself out there." It's true that my parents had no financial resources to help me and had their own issues of survival and lack to deal with. And it is also true that I had no relatives outside of Pennsylvania and did not know a single soul "out west," had no money saved, no "connections," and no real plan. All I had was faith. All I had was God and Jesus as my refuge and security.

Of course, back then, I still thought of God and Jesus as separate from me, in some place in the sky. But with even that old-school superstitious understanding of God, it was enough to give me the strength to leave home. And though my understanding and relationship with God has evolved, I still live my life leaning on the Grace of God and have no other "security" in this world. Grace is my sufficiency.

This set me on a very different path than those around me. It is not easy to explain to people that you have an INVISIBLE

foundation. And though it was somewhat disheartening to me, each time my mother would say, "We can't help you; you're all alone out there," it actually did a great service to me. Because

I had no relatives, or connections, or money, or plan, I released the world as a source of my good. I released politics, and politicians, and family, and economics, and the medical establishments, and procedures, and churches, and financial institutions, and even

friends from being the source of my good. It has been a continual releasing of idols all along my path.

Jesus told the apostles, "Leave your nets and I will make you fishers of men." And He reminded them that when He sent them out without "purse or scrip" — without wallet, suitcase or sandals — they still lacked

nothing. How terrifying to tell people whose living is "dependent" on their nets to simply walk away from them and count on Something invisible to the human eye.



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But some of us have done that very thing and lived to tell the story for the glory of God. Here it is 40 years later, and I still have no plan, no savings, no real "connections" in the human world in terms of family. I am single, gay, with no children, and no 401K or retirement plan. But I have a beautiful life because I live by the Grace of God.

Years ago, I came upon a book by Joel Goldsmith titled *Living by Grace*, and it soothed me beyond what I can express to you. I found it to be in alignment with everything that *A Course in Miracles* teaches us, and I've been recommending it to my students for over 20 years. I still read it and parts of it almost every day, and it is what inspired my new book, *Living by Grace, Walking by Faith*, which is another in the *Crabby Angel Chronicles* series. It seems the perfect time for it to come along.

So, after all these years of being "all by myself out here," I can tell you that I've never been alone for a single instant of this life any more than a wave can be separate from the ocean. Every idol I ever searched for outside of myself to "save me" came crashing down all around me, so one day I just called off the search and found that



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what I was searching for was right here the whole time. There is nothing to be saved from except an illusory story of fear and separation. The ego is the "Chicken Little" forever screaming that "the sky is falling; the sky is falling." So, I've learned that fear screams its fool head off while love and

peace are calm and quiet. I've learned to live by Grace. "God is very quiet, for there is no conflict in Him." (T-11.III.1)

Well, Moses comes back with his stone tablets of the 10 Commandments given him by God and, seeing all their acts of debauchery, throws the tablets down, shattering them into pieces. With all that God has done for these people, not to mention what Moses has done, how could they disobey Him? How could their faith be so weak?

The Bible is filled with stories of an average person who is constantly messing up, and God keeps giving him another chance, but not without a lot of punishment for his “crimes.” In the case of Moses, because of his people’s lack of faith, *everyone* must wander in the wilderness for forty years, and Moses, who was always loyal and faithful to God, dies before ever getting to the “promised land!” So, we had a sort of “film noir” in the Bible even before they knew that meant a “dark” ending.

Moving past our “ancient learning” ...

We can all see ourselves in this story. We want to be rescued from our pain and suffering, but when we are offered release, we question whether we should change what we are used to. It may be a repressive and limiting life, but it’s *our* repressive, limiting life. Are we worthy of more? Are miracles really our inheritance, or will we be punished for our misdeeds or lack of faith?

If we are to believe the Course and arise in glory or be as God created us, how do we get past so much “ancient learning” from the past? That is a challenge for us, especially from our current mindset. We think from a linear perspective. All this “stuff” has happened in our history or in our lives, so how do we overcome the

baggage of our “ancient learning” that we continue to carry? The Course seems to indicate that we do it in a few ways.

First, our thinking about time needs to be adjusted.

From the Course’s perspective, time as we know it does not exist. It does not begin, and we go through a lot of life experiences, and then, suddenly, it ends, and that’s that. The Course tells us that “birth was not the beginning, and death is not the end.”

(M-24.5) There seems to be a continuation of life that we may not logically understand. As the Course counsels us, this may not be understandable from our current perspective, but we are asked to simply “accept the idea that what we know is not necessarily all there is to learn.” (ibid) The Course’s emphasis is always the same, though, “it is at this moment that complete salvation is offered you, and it is at this moment that you can accept it.” (M-24.6) Our purpose, therefore, seems

to be that we move from one moment to the next with “a completely open mind, washed of all past ideas and clean of every concept you have made.” (W-75.5)

This is really the beginning of salvation for all of us obsessive-compulsives out there because we already have a laundry list of all our issues and everyone else’s, and we’re constantly beating ourselves up for our past mistakes or at

least reliving them just when we thought we had totally forgiven them. We all see ourselves in this way from time to time, but that does not mean we are hopeless. On the contrary, honestly looking at our

issues (even if they are illusions) allows the Course to come to our rescue. It tells us that we can’t do what lies beyond our understanding, and that means just about everything we are asked to do to heal our lives.

“The Son of God may play he has become a body, prey to evil and to guilt, with but a little life that ends in death. But all the while his Father shines on him, and loves him with an everlasting Love which his pretenses cannot change at all.” (W-pll.4.4)



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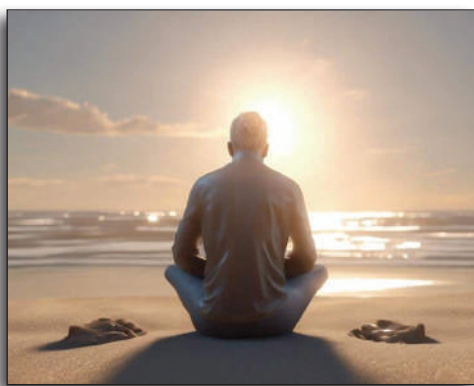
God’s Answer for us ...

A lot of issues from our past (or present) may challenge us, but God’s love will continue to shine on us in healing truth. We may not know how to let go of the past or the painful situations that hurt us, we may not know how to see time from the perspective of timelessness (or at least not in a meaningful way that will make a lasting difference in our lives), and we may not know how to forgive or be forgiven. All of this we need to learn but not from the teacher of “lies” — our egos and its voices of unworthiness — but from a Teacher, the Holy Spirit, whose only goal is our healing. He knows how to take our mismatched life experiences and weave them together to create a tapestry of healing peace.

“Do not delay in your return to peace by wondering how He [the Holy Spirit] can fulfill what God has given Him to do. Leave that to Him Who knows. You are not asked to do mighty tasks yourself. You are merely asked to do the little He suggests you do, trusting Him only to the small extent of believing that, if He asks it, you can do it. You will see how easily all that He asks can be accomplished.” (T-14.VII.5)

Instructions from the Course

Here are just a few simple tips from the Course that we can practice now to help



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us focus on our healing and release when we feel so lost in this illusion of the world ...

"... to think of God a while each day, that He may speak to you and tell you of His Love." (W-155.14)

"... to live so as to demonstrate that you are not an ego." (T-4.VI.6)

"... to let your [true] will be done, and seek no longer for the things you do not want." (T-30.IV.7)

"... to let yourself be free of all the dreams of what you never were, and seek no more to substitute the strength of idle wishes for the Will of God." (ibid)

"... to apply the ideas [presented in this Course] as you are directed to do. You are not asked to judge them at all. You are asked only to use them. It is their use that will give them meaning to you, and will show you that they are true." (W-in.8)

The Course counsels us to use our time wisely and in a way that can truly heal our lives. I guess that's why I like the quote that started this article. We need to be an active, willing participant and allow the process of arising in glory, arising in our truth, to be a daily activity. We need to start doing what will make a real transformation in our lives.

I will arise in glory ...

To the ego, arising in glory doesn't mean anything. Most of us arise each morning anything but glorious, but this idea is so much more than just about us doing something physical. It is about an emotional adjustment to realize why we are wherever we find ourselves. We are in this situation or that experience to express the glory of our being — not necessarily in words or actions but by the content of our true Self, beyond our ego images or

actions, by just being in the moment. And this leads to the next part ...

... and allow the light in me to shine upon the world throughout the day ...

This, to me, is the instructional part of this "commandment." We may not be able to feel our glory internally, but when we allow the light (our true essence) to shine, we feel our power. Allowing our light to shine is the knowledge that wherever we find ourselves, we are expressing the highest gift to that experience, which is light,

love, truth, and unity. Nothing can dim this light in you nor block its radiance, but you can choose not to experience it for yourself.

I have shared the following story many times in meetings and workshops. Since our son Jeff was a little boy, I would pray this thought with him every morning as he went off to

school or to meet the day:

"I will arise in glory, and allow the light in me to shine upon the world throughout the day." (W-237)

As a parent, I wanted to give my child a thought that would express to him my love and the truth of his love that is ever available to him. This quote was the answer to my prayer, and when I think about what this thought means, I can't think of a better one. We only have one purpose in our lives, and that is not necessarily to become famous, make lots of money, or invent the next i-phenomenon; it's about being as we were created. If we are not true to that, we are nothing ... or at least we don't know who we are, and that's a pretty "nothing" place to be.

Our purpose is to arise from the world each day, put down the past or "ancient learning" we are tempted to bring into the new moment, and allow the light (the truth of our being) to gloriously shine forth. And it will if we don't cover it up

with that proverbial bushel (those limiting ego thoughts). It will shine because it is the truth about us, beyond all the baggage we carry from our past and from history.

I think this is why we are inspired by the examples of Jesus, Buddha, and any great spiritual teacher: They remind us of who we are. We may have to take it as faith to begin with, but it's not unfounded faith. It's a history of faith that is as long as our history of faithlessness. And faith will outlast faithlessness as it transcends into the truth.

It's time to join in faith ...

So join me in taking a step in faith. Give it a try right now by saying,

"I will arise in glory, and allow the light in me to shine upon the world throughout the day."

How did that feel? A little strange to be talking to yourself? Maybe, but how did you feel? Did you feel a sense of empowerment or purpose?

Try it again ... *"I will arise in glory, and allow the light in me to shine upon the world throughout the day."*

And again ... *"I will arise in glory, and allow the light in me to shine upon the world throughout the day."*

Whether you know it or not, it is working and making a difference.

Jeff is now a young man, and I still give him a hug and say this thought to him each morning, and I think he looks forward to it. I sort of think he would miss it if I didn't say it. It has become who he and I both are. It has become our "baggage," and that is a glorious load to carry. ❖



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which truly sparks off some light in the head and heart, and one feels impelled to use it, then by reflecting upon it and by remaining in that current, one can transform the magnetic sphere of selfhood."

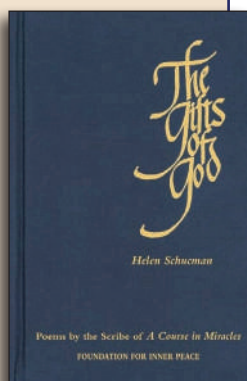
That "current" is experienced in the silence, and that "transformation" is the miracle. The Course aims to move the student beyond words to experience. The student's primary need is learning to enter the heart-current that is summoned by grand ideas and expansive language; to know when to give words a rest and dwell, "with wholly empty hands," in the fullness of the silence. ❖

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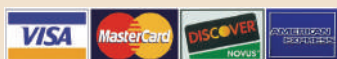
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LESSON 125
In quiet I receive God's Word today.
1. Let this day be a day of stillness and of quiet listening. Your Father wills you hear His Word today. And so He calls from deep within your mind where He abides. Hear Him today. No peace is possible until His Word is heard around the world; until your mind, in quiet listening, accepts the message that the world must hear to usher in the quiet time of peace.



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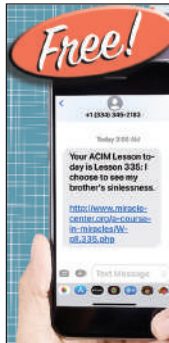
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