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



Love Notes

by Beverly Hutchinson McNeff



Bev on MDC's Wall of Innocence

As I sit at my desk, I notice how cluttered it is. I have stacks of paper on every corner. Whenever I start to sort through the stacks, I get lost in the supportive notes and emails from readers of **THE HOLY ENCOUNTER** (yes, I do print them out!), wonderful stories and articles people have sent me, great thoughts from *A Course in Miracles* that I want to share, photos of family and friends, and the numerous origami objects and LEGOs that my son Jeff designed for me over the years and put on my desk to keep me company. When Jeff was young, he would put those little figures on my desk to remind me of him because I would get so lost in all my papers! So, I keep them there to remind me of what is truly important.

To an outsider, my desk looks like a mess. But to me, it's a treasure of "love notes."

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could

always see each moment as a "love note?" In our busy world, we miss those present moments of love. We get lost in our hurried, mindless activities. We need to think of each moment as not just the passing of time but as an opportunity to welcome a "love note." I know I have to slow down and take in the moment of beauty and love that is all around me.



"We get lost in our hurried, mindless activities. We need to think of each moment as not just the passing of time, but as an opportunity to welcome a 'love note.'"

I was looking at our old label maker the other day, and I was taken back to when we purchased it to label all of Jeff's belongings when he went to his middle school weeklong Science Camp. Jeff loved making the labels but did not limit the label-making to just his name; he busily typed out one little note after another. I remember admonishing him and telling him not to waste the tape because we needed to make his name labels. Then I saw what he was making. It was a label for Paul and me that he put on each of our nightstands that said, "I love you, Dad!!!! I love you, Mom!!!!" Needless to say, I was a little red-faced by that. I was so caught up in what

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For nearly half a century, MDC has been a steadfast beacon of support and guidance for *A Course in Miracles* students, offering a sanctuary of peace and love in a turbulent world. This enduring legacy is made possible by our **HOLY HELPERS**, a dedicated group of donors whose ongoing support ensures the Center's continued availability of its invaluable services.

We invite you to become a **HOLY HELPER** of the Center. Visit our site to learn about the benefits of joining. We are here because of you, so thank you for your support in any way you are able. We look forward to welcoming you as a **HOLY HELPER**!

Help us continue our vital work by
becoming a **Holy Helper** in 2024!

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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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joinings give students time to go deeper into the experience of *A Course in Miracles*

while enjoying the peaceful setting of the incredible RW Ranch property. We encourage you to join us if you are ready for a healing experience, gorgeous rooms and surroundings, and delicious chef-prepared meals. Space is limited; some room types will sell out, so reserve your room. See page 3 for details.

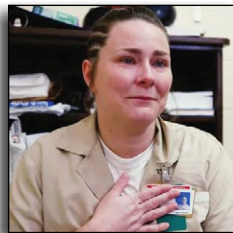


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to make it right here! We appreciate the many who celebrate with us and will acknowledge your MM in **THE HOLY ENCOUNTER!**

● **Thank you for remembering inmates** — We thank **Jamie** in **Illinois** and **Callista** from **New Mexico** for their monthly support of the Center's Prison Project, which continues to support those incarcerated in our prisons. Thanks to all who have donated to support and elevate this community of seeking souls. See page 7 or visit our website and click "Services" in the menu bar to learn more.

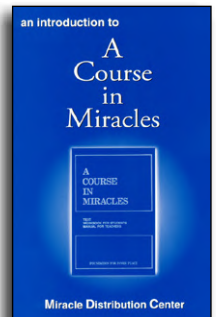


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● **"Christ's second coming, which is as sure as God, is merely the correction of mistakes, and the return to sanity."** These words remind us that there is nothing to fear from God. The "second coming" is not a violent return but a gentle correction to the sanity of love. Let us help this "coming" by peacefully opening our hearts in prayer for all God's children ... and that includes us! We invite you to join the **Miracle Prayer Ministry at 4:30 pm (Pacific Time)** for a moment of prayerful support as we experience our healing together. Thoughts for:

July: *God is my Source. I cannot see apart from Him.* (Lesson 43)

August: *Above all else I want to see.* (Lesson 27)

September: *God's Will for me is perfect happiness.* (Lesson 101)

Our 2024 Bookmark is Available!

Thoughts in the Miracle Prayer Ministry 2024

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: Your peace is with me, Father. I am safe. (245)
February: I place the future in the Hands of God. (194)
March: Love holds no grievances. (68)
April: My grievances hide the light of the world in me. (69)
May: I choose the joy of God instead of pain. (190)
June: There is nothing my holiness cannot do. (38)

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August: Above all else I want to see. (27)
September: God's Will for me is perfect happiness. (101)
October: In quiet I receive God's Word today. (125)
November: My holiness blesses the world. (37)
December: Your peace is with me, Father. I am safe. (245)

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Holy Encounter Retreat

SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2024



This retreat is designed to help students not just talk about A Course in Miracles but to experience deeply 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.



Beverly Hutchinson McNeff

is an international lecturer, author, and founder of the Center. She brings over forty 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 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!"



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Limited**



"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."

The **Holy Encounter Retreat** will be held at the majestic RW Ranch Spiritual Retreat Center in Lucerne Valley, California. Sessions will be conducted in comfortable meeting rooms and time for reflection and meditation may be experienced in various landscaped parks, intimate flower gardens, beside a tumbling stream, or peaceful ponds ... each offering privacy, seclusion, and a distinctive setting.



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.



Register now, space is limited. Price includes all retreat activities, six organic meals, and lodging.



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Miracle Musings ...

Blackbird

by Paul McNeff

Paul on MDC's Wall of Innocence



"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

"Let us come daily to this holy place, and spend a while together. Here we share our final dream. It is a dream in which there is no sorrow, for it holds a hint of all the glory given us by God. The grass is pushing through the soil, the trees are budding now, and birds have come to live within their branches. Earth is being born again in new perspective. Night has gone, and we have come together in the light." (W-part II.2.4)

"Take these broken wings and learn to fly."

These lyrics from Paul McCartney's classic pop song, "Blackbird," grab me every time I hear them. On its face, it doesn't seem like a civil rights protest song. But, that's exactly what it is as I will explain later. It's also a song about overcoming and healing. Metaphorically interpreted, "broken wings" symbolize the struggles we all go through as human beings when facing life's adversities. But the song doesn't leave us floundering in the mire of our troubles. It alternatively inspires us to seize the moment, whatever the challenge might be, and "fly into the light of a dark, black night," for light is always with us.

Brief in words but boundless in meaning, here are the full lyrics.

Blackbird singing in the dead of night
Take these broken wings and learn to fly

All your life
You were only waiting for this moment to arise

Blackbird singing the dead of night

Take these sunken eyes and learn to see
All your life
You were only waiting for this moment to arise

Blackbird fly
Blackbird fly

Into the light
Of a dark, black night

"Blackbird" was written in 1968 and not only demonstrated McCartney's melodic genius and his craftsmanship as a lyricist, but it also showcased his acoustic guitar-picking skills, and foot-tapping percussion, with the music inspired by Johann Sebastian

Bach's "Bourrée in E Minor."

Influenced by the television coverage he saw in the early 60s of black girls (who came to be known as the Little Rock Nine) being turned away from an all-white school, "I found it shocking and I can't believe that still in these days there are places where this kind of thing is happen-

ing right now," McCartney wrote.

Adding to the profundity of the song, this year another pop icon, Beyoncé, in her new country album, *Act II: Cowboy Carter*, released her cover of "Blackbird." McCartney commented, "Anything my song and Beyoncé's fabulous version can do to ease racial tension would be a great thing and makes me very proud. This was really a song from me to a black woman, experiencing these problems in the States: Let me encourage you to keep trying, to keep your faith; there is hope."

Like all great creative outputs, profound spiritual meanings can be extracted by going just a bit deeper into the poetic representation of the words. Take the word blackbird for example. In Celtic folklore, blackbirds are believed to be able to guide someone to the grave, and then resurrect them with their song. The blackbird's gift is to help one discover their own creativity, wisdom, and joy, and to remain grounded while walking a spiritual path.

Whereas in the song "Blackbird" its dysfunction is broken wings, our "broken wings" may take different forms, whether fighting racism, as in the case of the Little Rock Nine, or managing grief from the loss of a loved one, or dealing with a mental illness where the darkness of the moment seems to overwhelm us. Whatever your circumstance, we've all experienced what it is like to be broken. *A Course in Miracles* teaches that healing our brokenness starts first with identifying who we genuinely are in truth. Lesson 110 states:

"I am as God created me. His Son can suffer nothing. And I am His Son."

Then, with this statement firmly in your mind, try to discover in your mind the Self Who is the holy Son of God Himself ...



Thelma Mothershed Wair (seated), Paul McCartney, and Elizabeth Eckford, two women of the Little Rock Nine, pioneers of the civil rights movement and inspiration for "Blackbird."

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Paul McNeff is married to MDC's founder and has been a student of the Course since 1986. He is a professional singer and conductor and holds a master's degree in vocal performance. In 1997, along with Beverly, he founded *KidSingers*, an inner-city, afterschool children's chorus. The program has won many awards and been featured on *Good Morning America*. Learn more at: www.kidsingers.org

Seek Him within you Who is Christ in you, the Son of God and brother to the world; the Savior Who has been forever saved, with power to save whoever touches Him, however lightly, asking for the Word that tells him he is brother unto Him ...

You are as God created you. Today honor your Self.” (W-110.6-9)

Healing starts by fleshing out our true identity. When we believe in our “Self Who is the holy Son of God,” and fully realize it in our heart, we then discover that our oneness in the Sonship is inviolate. It is never lost, but unfortunately, it can be hidden behind the wall of grievances we may hold. When we engage, however, in the process of letting forgiveness heal our grievances, we are freed to release our brokenness and prepare ourselves for the transforming miracle, in this case, to fly again.

Flying can evoke different things in different people, but the experience will be the same no matter what form it takes. In my experience, as I fully engage in making music, I lose track of time and consequently enter a space that carries me along with no focus other than staying in the moment of creative energy. For you, it may be different. For my engineer son, flying is hearing the purr of his Datsun 240Z’s finely tuned motor.

Once we come from our true identity, we can rest in that truth. As with the blackbird ... “You were only waiting for this moment to arise” ... so too is resting in God the method for us to arise in that moment and create the space for miracles — shifts in our perception — to manifest.

Several years ago, my father-in-law, Clarence, passed away from a brain hemorrhage caused by an accidental fall from which he never regained consciousness. During his hospitalization, he had been connected to a ventilator to assist his breathing. For six days our small, immediate family of four gathered around his bedside as we consulted our inner guidance coupled with the doctor’s advice as we tried to come up with the best plan for Clarence. Though his eyes remained closed, and there was barely a response other than a possible squeeze of his hand, we were sure he could hear and feel us at

some level of consciousness as we ministered to him with our words of love, singing songs of comfort, and reading sections from the Course. Lesson 109 “I rest in God” became our favorite go-to passage.

“We ask for rest today, and quietness unshaken by the world’s appearances. We ask for peace and stillness, in the midst of all the turmoil born of clashing dreams. We ask for safety and for happiness, although we seem to look on danger and on sorrow. And we have the thought that will answer our asking with what we request.

‘I rest in God.’

“Each hour that you take your rest today, a tired mind is suddenly made glad, a bird with broken wings begins to sing, a stream long dry begins to flow again. The world is born again each time you rest, and hourly remember that you came to bring the peace of God into the world, that it might take its rest along with you.” (W-109.1,2,6)

As this spiritually enriching mana filtered into our hearts and minds, we became certain that Spirit would guide us into what course of action to take on Clarence’s behalf regarding the urgent medical questions we were facing. Should we leave him on the ventilator to assist his breathing, since he was able to breathe on his own? We felt Clarence’s will needed to be done. If he could breathe on his own, then we needed to allow him to do that no matter what that meant.

With the clarity of this moment, on the sixth day of Clarence’s hospitalization, we gave permission to the doctors to disconnect him from the ventilator as we rallied around him praying, singing his favorite songs, and sharing our love for him. We encouraged him to allow his will to be done.

After a few moments, Clarence peacefully took his last breath on his own. And as he opened his eyes, which he hadn’t done since the accident, he fixed his gaze straight ahead as if to say, “I am in this world, but not of it. I love you all. I’m going home now. There’s nothing more for you all to fret yourselves with.” And with that, he was gone. Gone from his body that

did not serve him any longer, but present, in his warm embrace that was never more real to us than in that moment and remains the same to this day. As the Course says,

“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)

Just as the broken-winged blackbird learned to fly again, with Clarence’s transi-

tion to eternal life, he also took wing. He taught us how to fly beyond the shackles of this earthly existence. With the help of Spirit, we need not see our challenges as limitations that are bound by the gravity of the moment, but we can view them as illuminated opportunities to experience miracles as we join with the blackbird to “fly into the light of a dark, black night.”

Each moment as we rest in God,

“... the world is nearer waking. And the time when rest will be the only thing there is comes closer to all worn and tired minds, too weary now to go their way alone. And they will hear the bird begin to sing and see the stream begin to flow again, with hope reborn and energy restored to walk with lightened steps along the road that suddenly seems easy as they go.” (W-109.7)



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Recognizing Spirit

Taking Intentional Action from Nowsight

by Lee Jampolsky, Ph.D.

Lee on MDC's Wall of Innocence



"The miracle comes quietly into the mind that stops an instant and is still." (T-28.I.11)

In the last issue of **THE HOLY ENCOUNTER**, I introduced "nowsight" as a powerful tool that can help you become more self-aware and take intentional action toward creating a more peaceful and loving life.

A *Course in Miracles* helps you acknowledge with the help of the Holy Spirit that you have the ability to create an incredible life and to stop empowering limiting beliefs and negative thoughts about yourself. Your inner vision can become an outward manifestation in the world, but first, the emphasis is on gaining clarity and complete conviction about what you want to achieve. This begins by taking full responsibility for your life, including your thoughts, feelings, experiences, and goals. The time has come to turn to the Holy Spirit more consistently to let go of any thoughts that hold you back and to stop believing that you are less than you truly are. It's time to affirm your true potential and bring your goals and dreams to fruition.

"What you think you are is a belief to be undone." (W-91.6)

Living your best life begins with being mindful of the present moment. This is what Inspirational Psychology calls nowsight. It entails listening to your inner wisdom rather than the ego's fear-based voice and taking action from there. To

achieve nowsight, the doorway is to focus on the present moment and be aware of your surroundings and your inner self. The practice is to trust and follow your inner wisdom while also developing an attitude of curiosity. This is where things get challenging: Taking action with an unwavering level of belief and commitment. With dedication, faith, curiosity, and open-mindedness, you will become an objective observer of your thoughts and reactions, allowing you to attain a state of fearlessness and empowerment.

"You can never control the effects of fear yourself, because you made fear, and you believe in what you made." (T-1.VI.4)

With nowsight, you expand your capacity for self-awareness and what is possible. With increased

trust and faith that comes from turning to the Holy Spirit in life, no matter what is happening, you increasingly listen to your inner wisdom in the moment instead of your fearful and habitual self-talk that injects doubt where it does not belong. Slowly but surely, the past loosens its hold on us.

"The one wholly true thought one can hold about the past is that it is not here. To think about it at all is therefore to think about illusions." (W-8.2)

Sound too good to be true? It isn't. Nothing is more natural than taking positive and fearless action from nowsight.



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To use nowsight effectively, try following these four steps:

Step 1. Notice:

It is important to be aware of your emotions, thoughts, and reactions throughout the day in order to take positive action. Instead of unconsciously reacting, make a conscious effort to notice what triggers negative emotions in you. Identify any patterns or habits that are not helpful for your happiness and success. If you are not consistently happy and fulfilled, it may be because you have a habit of thinking in fear-based ways. Identify these thoughts and observe where they lead you. Additionally, question any assumptions you make about people that may not be accurate. Lastly, be mindful of the stories you tell yourself about your past, as they may be limiting you.

"Do you not have greater reason for fearing the world as you perceive it, than for looking at the cause of fear and letting it go forever?" (T-12.II.10)

Step 2. Accept, Let Go of Guilt, Ask:

When you start observing the things happening around you and within you, the next step is to acknowledge and accept them without judgment. It is important to note that acknowledging and accepting doesn't mean approving of negative thoughts or situations but seeing them as they are, so you can let go of any negative habits, self-limiting beliefs, or narratives that are holding you back from taking positive action. By letting go, you can ask yourself new questions about your actions, such as, "Where will this action lead me? What actions align with my values, vision, and the facts? What steps can I take to create a positive outcome?"

"If what you offer is complete for-

givenness you must have let guilt go, accepting the Atonement for yourself and learning you are guiltless.” (T-14.I.1)

Step 3. Take Intentional Action:

People who are unaware tend to take reactive action, while those who are aware take intentional action. In order to achieve your goals and maintain peace of mind, your actions must be driven by personal integrity, clarity of vision, and self-honesty. Going forward, your actions should reflect your intentions rather than being impulsive reactions to external stimuli. This approach ensures that your actions are the result of conscious choices rather than old habits and patterns.

“Actions that stem from distortions are literally the reactions of those who know not what they do.” (T-1.VII.3)

Step 4. Reflect and Begin Again:

Many people go through life without taking time to reflect on their actions, which makes them like a train going nowhere, fast. It’s important to reflect on the results of our actions, both successes and mistakes, as this is where learning occurs. The aim of using hindsight and foresight



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positively is to use hindsight as our safe harbor to look at the past or future. When using hindsight, we should ask ourselves if we are using it to learn from our mistakes and move on or if we are holding ourselves back with guilt and anger, tying

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.



We were so impressed by Holly’s letter, which shared how much it would mean to her to receive **THE HOLY ENCOUNTER** magazine and the *A Course in Miracles* Wall Calendar. It reinforces once again how vital this project of the Center is in the lives of inmates. Miracles occur when those who find themselves in these institutions know they are loved and valued. We hope you will be inspired by Holly.

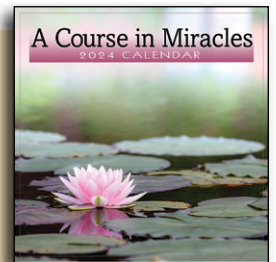
Dear Ms. Beverly and the MDC Team,

Thank you so very much for the *A Course in Miracles* 2024 Wall Calendar! The pictures are awesome! I have it in my cell (on the back of the door so the Inspection Team won’t see it). My roommate and I look at it every day. You guys have always blessed me with the calendar and **THE HOLY ENCOUNTER**. I’ve shared **The Holy Encounter** with people in the dorm where I live, so the blessings are extended. Each day, I put a “thought for the day” on the dry-erase board that is in the day room for everyone to see, and the thoughts come from my *A Course in Miracles* book, Emmet Fox’s *Daily Devotions*, and Hugh Prather’s *Morning Notes*.

Since 2017, I have read a Workbook Lesson each day, and I am almost finished studying the Text, and I will start all over when I am done. I really need the Holy Spirit to remind me of everything and pray that I keep my heart and mind silent so that I can hear Him. These past 26 years have been my training ground, and I have four years remaining before I go home to my dad in South Carolina. He is 89 years old and has been studying the Course for over ten years.

Thank you for what you do for everybody! You guys are awesome!

Holly in Lee Arrendale State Prison Alto, Georgia



We are honored to meet Holly’s requests and each request! Thanks to your generous support of the Prison Project and the Center, we can ensure that 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.

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ourselves to the past. Similarly, when looking towards the future, we should objectively observe any worry or fear that might arise and learn to let it go, trusting that everything will work out rather than catastrophizing. Hindsight is not only a place to learn, but also a place to unlearn ways of thinking and behaving that do not serve us or others. The most powerful

directive we can follow is simply to *choose once again*. Regardless of the situation, we can always choose to take new actions as needed to bring our vision into reality.

“You cannot see your strengths, but you gain confidence in their existence as they enable you to act. And the results of your actions you can see.”

(T-12.VII.2)



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... by making a monthly gift to the Center to guarantee its many services are readily available to those in need. For the past 46 years, our monthly donors have formed the backbone of our work, ensuring we are here for others into the future.

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Joining together for a common purpose of support and healing can and will make a difference in this world. Please join us, for joining is the key to awakening.

*"Salvation is a collaborative venture,"
and so
"We go together, you and I."*

"I've been wanting to send some money to MDC for years, but haven't been able to find the \$100, \$200, \$500 or \$10,000 in my coffers that you deserve. Rather than wait until I can collect a respectable amount, I would like to donate \$25.00 a month. It's \$300 a year which is \$300 more than I've been donating until now. Thank you!"

Sharie in Wisconsin

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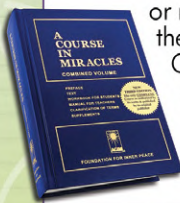
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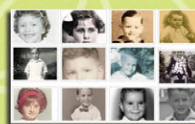
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Share a Miracle Spiritual Surrender

by Kathy Cordova, Pleasanton, CA

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

“Every situation, properly perceived, becomes an opportunity to heal.” (T-19.I.2)

Years ago, when I was selling software, the president of our company insisted that all the salespeople read *The Art of War*, a classic book on military strategy written over 2,000 years ago by a famous Chinese general. We were commanded to read this book and consider ourselves “at war” with our competition, utilizing the strategies of the cunning general, to achieve victory against our enemies on the battlefields of our future customers.

The competitive nature of the job was a given. But, declaring ourselves “at war” seemed profoundly at odds with my own burgeoning spirituality. I had dabbled in *A Course in Miracles* off and on for years, but recently I had really committed myself to the Course, reading the lessons every day and meeting regularly with a study group. My goal was peace, not war.

Unfortunately, my boss was not studying the Course.

Our company sold computer systems to colleges and universities, notorious for big committees, convoluted politics, and long, long sales cycles. However, one of my prospects was breaking all records.

I had been working with one small community college for years. We’d done several demonstrations, answered hundreds of questions, taken them to

corporate headquarters and client sites, and they still could not make up their mind. My boss was growing anxious about all the time and resources we’d wasted and was pressuring me to get the sale. I didn’t see how I could do any more and I was just about to give up on them when I decided to put the situation into God’s hands.

“I am here only to be truly helpful. I am here to represent Him Who sent me. I do not have to worry about what to say or what to do, because He Who sent me will direct me. I am content to be wherever He wishes, knowing He goes there with me. I will be healed as I let Him teach me to heal.” (T-2.V-A.18)

So, I prayed, “Dear God, please help me to be more understanding, and more compassionate towards these people. Help me to guide them to the correct decision, whatever that may be.” Words of love and peace, not of war and conflict.

I instantly felt release of all the stress I had about the situation. I felt warmth and love instead of exasperation towards the people at the college!

“When you accepted truth as the goal for your relationship, you became a giver of peace.” (T-17.VIII.6)

I suddenly saw things from their point of view; this was a decision that would cost them

hundreds of thousands of dollars.

I could make the sale and move on to the next deal, but they would have to live with their decision for years, and the success of their organization depended on it.



“I knew it was my job to help them get all the information necessary to make them feel comfortable with their decision.”

I knew it was my job to help them get all the information necessary to make them feel comfortable with their decision. I recommitted myself to diligently answering every single question, not in a manipulative, angry, resentful way, but in a truly loving, concerned manner.

That was a turning point. There was a huge, discernible shift in our relationship. I’m sure they could feel the difference in my attitude toward them — love replacing my fear and impatience.

Soon afterward, they decided to purchase our system and the college became one of my most loyal customers and a wonderful reference.

My decision to surrender the situation to God, and to love and serve these people instead of merely “sell” them has been a lesson that I will always remember.



“I didn’t see how I could do any more and I was just about to give up on them when I decided to put the situation into God’s hands.”



Embracing Change:

The Spiritual Nomad

by Jacob Glass

Jacob on MDC's Wall of Innocence



"The goal of the curriculum, regardless of the teacher you choose, is 'Know thyself.' There is nothing else to seek." (T-8.III.5)

It's taken me nearly halfway into the sixth decade of this life to come to know myself and, more than that, to accept myself exactly as I am. When I first began this metaphysical journey, it was at a New Thought church in San Diego, where the teacher taught us that "what you think of me is none of my business." That sounded so fabulous to me, though I seemed to be an incredibly slow learner and needed to chew on that for 40 more years to let it sink down into my depths.

I was so thrilled to have found this wonderful community of like-minded people who supported one another in learning, growing, and changing in positive ways! Unfortunately, it didn't last very long. The church fell apart about a year or so later, and we were all cast adrift to find our own way again. I cannot tell you how long I grieved this and how dysfunctional my search for a "spiritual home" became. That's a story for another time, perhaps. I will say that since then, I have moved about 26 times throughout California since 1983. This only seems to be an issue for other people. I have found that it's not only that people resist change in their own lives, but often don't like change in YOUR life either. In my experience, this is no different in "spiritual" circles than in religious ones.

Ultimately, it's been very good because

I needed to understand that my spiritual home is both eternal and INTERNAL. My "period of relinquishment" written about in the Manual for Teachers and all the phases of the "development of trust" have gone on for what seems like a very long time — but only when I JUDGE and think I know what "should be happening." I do not know. That is what this TRUST is all about. I have felt that the vast majority of my moves were guided by the Holy Spirit, and most often, I was simply going where the work was



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and where I would also learn and grow. In knowing and accepting myself, I've also had to accept that I do not need others to understand or approve of how I live my life. They may think that I don't have any stability or am flighty because I move so much — but I don't laugh and call them "stuck in a rut" because they choose to stay put. I do not see the point in studying *A Course in Miracles* and then judging according to appearances.

"Changes are required in the minds of God's teachers. This may or may not involve changes in the external situation. Remember that no one is where he is by accident, and chance plays no part in God's plan." (M-9.1)

All this moving around has given me some advantage; I let go faster than I once did. I used to hold on with my Cancerian crab claws until they were ripped off, and

then, I would simply grow new ones. I always said that the way I let go was with bloody stumps at the end of my arms. I had to get over that decades ago, or I wouldn't have made it through this life. I feel that I "work for God" in the Mystic Protection Program, and I go wherever I feel I am being assigned to go. Because of this, I think that I have more in common with much younger people who, in this rapidly changing world, are much less attached to the idea of "the American Dream" of buying a house, getting a job that you stay in until retirement and taking a two-week vacation once a year. The rising number of "digital nomads" has delighted and inspired me in many ways lately.

It seems like the culture changes entirely every year now. Things that were once stable for decades are now gone forever, and few things last more than a few seasons, it seems. The almost constant reorganization of the world has caused many to reel into fear and uncertainty. Just when you get settled and used to one thing, it evaporates, and something new is here that you must learn about. The illusion of physical stability is dissolving quickly, and being adaptable to change is the key to making it through with sanity and inner peace.

For decades, I've spoken of Earth being a "temp job" where everything physical belongs to the company, and when the assignment is over, you leave and take nothing physical with you.

"Be patient a while and remember that the outcome is as certain as God."

(T-4.II.5:8)

For years, my work was all about showing up someplace and teaching a room of living, breathing people. I often would drive a few hundred miles a day roundtrip once or twice a week. There was a lot of

shlepping and logistics involved in all of this, and eventually, I burned out and could not do it anymore. Thankfully, Spirit was WAY AHEAD of me as usual and had prepared me, though, as usual, I had no idea I was being prepared or for what.

I actually thought that it was probably the end of my career and that I was making a huge mistake. I felt totally burned out by all this driving by late 2019, and announced that I would no longer do much live speaking at all. I was switching over to only doing MP3s, videos, and livestreaming, even though I had no idea how to do it. I started this in January of 2020 and found that I was led to the ideal technology for someone like me who has no assistants and is not very technically skilled — so when the pandemic shut everything down in March, I was already up and running my “virtual boutique ministry.” It no longer really mattered where I lived, but it’s still taken me a few years to totally LET GO and ACCEPT that I can live anywhere now and still do my work.

In fact, many of these spiritual groups now have a very difficult time getting people to “show up” in this digital age. They like the convenience of what I call “self-serve” ministry, where you can watch or listen without having to be somewhere at a certain time. We are now used to having most things right in our hot little hands without having to leave the comfort of home.

I remember when I used to go see Marianne Williamson in a little chapel in Los Angeles back in the early 80s, lecturing on the Course to about 60 or 70 of us on Saturday mornings. There was a very cute blonde guy who sometimes sang there for us, and the song that sticks with me is one he sang somewhat regularly. It was “Everything Must Change,” which was particularly poignant at that time because

so many in the group were HIV positive or had AIDS — “there is nothing in life you can be sure of, everyone must change, nothing stays the same.”

In the past seven years or so, about a dozen people who have been very important in my life, including two of my brothers and the cousin I grew up with, have died or made their transition, or however you want to say it. Several of these were by suicide, and many were younger than me. This is among many other huge “losses” and seeming setbacks during the same time. And for some foolish reason, I kept “waiting” for “things” to settle down so I could get back to “normal.” But that is just an illusion of stability that does not exist in the physical world.

When I felt guided last year to move back to Santa Barbara after being away for 30 years, I had no idea why because there is very little here for me to do either personally or professionally. However, I do teach once a month at the Unity Church here. It’s very beautiful and serene here, but I’ve felt my life getting smaller and smaller all the time. Now I realize I wasn’t sent here to “do” anything. I came here to have time to heal. A year of nowhere to go and nothing to do was necessary and essential in preparing me to go forward in this new paradigm. I’m very grateful I’ve had this time to simply “rest in God.”

I do sense my time here winding down as I am coming back to life again with new ideas and new dreams. I started my own free online magazine titled *Inspiration Magazine*, which has gotten my creative juices flowing in a way that has been missing for quite a while. Lately, I’ve been thinking that Las Vegas may be a fun new home for me to operate from as I am ready for my life to begin to expand again in new ways. We’ll see. As always, I am on a “need-to-know basis” with the Holy Spirit. ❖



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Utter Practicality



by Beverly Hutchinson McNeff

A reporter had been invited to India to interview the Dalai Lama, and he was pleasantly surprised to be invited to pray with the monks before his meeting.

As the reporter sat in his peaceful pose and closed his eyes, his stomach began growling. He had forgotten to eat because of the time change and the excitement of meditating with the monks. Now, his stomach was...

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To Affect the Quality of the Day

by Joseph Miller



Joe on MDC's Wall of Innocence

"I am affected only by my thoughts." (W-338)

"All that we are is the result of what we have thought; it is founded on our thoughts, it is made up of our thoughts." - Buddha

In the evening, when you reflect on the quality of the day, what do you consider? Suppose your spouse asks, "Honey, how was your day?" How do you answer that question? Typically, I think, we tell a story of external events. "Well, I met with the accountant from 9:00 to 10:30, which normally I can endure, but the coffee machine wasn't working ... and then I dashed to the pharmacy for your prescription, and the car got scratched by a run-away shopping cart ... I had a nice lunch with Sam at the deli, but the chicken was like leather ... and then it was pedal-to-the-metal all afternoon at the office since we have a big deadline Friday ... and the traffic was so slow coming home, I felt nearly comatose ... And how was your day?"

I've become suspicious of such reports, whether issued from me or from another. They seem to identify one as an object, a body, in a gameboard of cause-and-effect, to be jostled around by forces beyond. They suggest that the meaning of the events is self-evident, and the takeaway has been determined. But as a student of *A Course in Miracles*, I've come to regard all of this as a sort of smoke

screen. The real question is, *What have I done with my mind today?*

Henry David Thoreau once wrote in a letter to a friend, "Our thoughts are the epochs in our lives; all else is but as a journal of the winds that blew while we were here." Yes, outer events blow by like pages flipping in the wind, but the true corridors of experience are *thoughts*, affecting us,



Joe & Kim in the back row. Miroslav (9), Tetiana (grandmother), Liubov (mother) in center row. Konstantin and Radek (6) in front row.

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leaving the soul with the colors and aromas of meaning. The chapters of your true autobiography are the phases of your mental life concerning value, identity, right and wrong, relationship, divinity, fulfillment, truth, and reality. It is the story of perspectives you have grown through, and frameworks you have changed and refined. And if that is true about life as a whole, it is also true about *each day*.

What if you were to answer your

spouse, "It was a good day. I was able to remind myself repeatedly to see others as children of God. I practiced forgiveness and felt reasonably free from past hang-ups. I listened to the news, but didn't take politics and the economy too seriously, as I remembered we are all here for a good and holy purpose. On the way home, the traffic was very slow, so I repeated,

'I feel the love of God within me now,' and a deep sense of contentment came over me." Such a report says nearly nothing about outer events but a great deal about the experience that counts.

Or, take a counter-example. A few years ago, I had fallen into a depression for a few days. But it was spring, so I went for a walk over the grassy fields of More Mesa that led me to the cliffs overlooking the ocean. Try as I may — walking, breathing, listening, feeling the sunshine — I just could not exit the dungeon of thought I had fallen into. I knew the world around me was bursting with color, but I was stuck in black and white.

It is something to be able to paint a particular picture, or to carve a statue, and so to make a few objects beautiful, but it is far more glorious to carve and paint the very atmosphere and medium through which we look, which morally we can do. As Thoreau said in *Walden*, "To affect the quality of the day, that is the highest of arts."

Near the beginning, the Course's workbook introduces the idea that our minds are preoccupied with past thoughts (Lesson 7,8,9), which is why we are not available for the present. If my mind is burdened by the dead weight of regret, trauma, guilt, and judgment, how can I be anything *but* depressed? When I awaken in the morning, I sense this dark flock hovering and reattaching itself, and I seem helpless in the face of it. What prospect of outer events could possibly offer relief from my inner incarceration? Who would not drag his feet into such a day?

If I can remind myself, first thing when I awaken, that what really counts in the hours ahead will be my thoughts; that over these thoughts I may exercise choice; that what I will really feel, twelve hours from now, when I assess my day, will be

the result of my thinking — it makes a great difference to my level of eagerness facing the day. We all remember that line from the Eagles' song, "Every morning I wake up and worry, what's gonna happen today." Well, what's gonna happen is my thoughts, that's what! And if I am simply destined to roll my wagon into the same ditch of negative self-talk every day — how could I possibly lean into the day?

But practicing *A Course in Miracles* can gradually help us take back the reins and restore confidence so that we can steer the wagon differently. The Course teaches us *the highest of arts*, in Thoreau's arresting phrase, *to affect the quality of*

the day. If you resolve at the beginning of the day that you will *frequently remind yourself of your highest truth*, whether this



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It is like navigating an ocean liner. Frequent regular consultation with the instruments is essential if you want to reach port by nightfall. Or, think of communication lines running along a stretch of highway between cities. The frequent spacing of the support poles is crucial to keeping the

com lines elevated and undamaged. So it is with your devotional current, your line of worship and wonder. Every hour you are

planting another pole when you pause to say, "Peace be to me the Holy Son of God. Peace to my brother who is one with me. Let all the world be blessed with peace through us." (W-360) Every reminder upholds your mind from dangling thoughtlessly in the dirt.

We all know the old saying, "Time heals all wounds." And it is often repeated with well-intentioned sympathy to someone in need of solace. But it is false. Unaided time does nothing. "Time can waste as well as be wasted." (T-1.V.2) Time can be used to solidify the past and compound illusions. Or, through forgiveness, time may indeed heal wounds by neutralizing and dispelling grievances. We cannot passively rely on time to put distance between our minds and the past. Distance is a function of forgiveness, not of time. And forgiveness becomes natural to hearts that faithfully practice the ideas and affirmations of *A Course in Miracles*.

"Be confident that on this day there is a new beginning. Without the darkness of the past upon your eyes, you cannot fail to see today." (W-75.9)

Love Notes

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I was doing and what had to be done that I almost missed the literal "love notes" he was sending!

It's amazing the "love notes" we can see if we just slow down, lift our judgments, and look. No matter how chaotic or hateful the world may seem, love is here now. The purpose of the world is to distract us from the truth, and it does its job well! But nothing can change what is real. Love is our reality, not the fear and attack of the world. But our reality of love requires our full attention and focus; as we read in the Course,

"To be in the Kingdom is merely to focus your full attention on it. As long as you believe you can attend to what is not true, you are accepting conflict as your choice. Is it really a choice? It seems to be, but seeming and reality are hardly the same. You who are the Kingdom are not concerned with seeming. Reality is yours because you

are reality." (T-7.III.4)

This powerful statement tells us the conflict we see in the world is really within us. If we can reset our minds to realize who we truly are and what our real function is, we can see the "love notes" that are all around us.

Many of us have experienced the passing of loved ones. I have read from those of you who have stood beside a spouse, sibling, parent, or dear friend as they made their next experience in the journey of life eternal. I often say that death is not convenient. It comes into our busy lives to stop us and remind us of God and His infinite love for us. Death is not a punishment but an opportunity to experience the presence of love without any worldly limitations. As *The Song of Prayer* (the supplement to the Course) says about death,

"This is what death should be; a quiet choice, made joyfully and with a sense of peace, because the body has been kindly used to help the Son of God along the way he goes to God. We

thank the body, then, for all the service it has given us. But we are thankful, too, the need is done to walk the world of limits, and to reach the Christ in hidden forms and clearly seen at most in lovely flashes. Now we can behold Him without blinders, in the light that we have learned to look upon again."

Those who make this journey have earned the right to look upon the Christ once again without any interference. I have spoken about death many times at seminars and meetings and have performed many memorial services. Death is the great mystery of life, and it can seem scary simply because we don't understand it. But I think of death as a "boost" of clarity, a choice to be love without limitations.

The Course tells us life does not begin with birth nor end with death. Life is eternal. I think that death gives us an opportunity to see life more clearly like a film being lifted from our sight — everything is

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more vibrant; we “see” more deeply. I think we see the “love notes” that are all around us ... those we have given and those given us. As that same section in *The Song of Prayer* continues about death,

“Now we go in peace to freer air and gentler climate, where it is not hard to see the gifts we gave were saved for us. For Christ is clearer now; His vision more sustained in us; His Voice, the Word of God, more certainly our own.”

We don’t have to wait for death, though, to see the “love notes” that are all around us. In thinking about Course teacher and my dear friend, Hugh Prather, who passed in 2010, I am grateful for the “love notes” he left us. Not only through his books but through the way he touched our minds and hearts. We will never be the same because he shared his spirit with us in this life experience and continues to do so. One of my favorite “love notes” from Hugh is how he interpreted the nursery rhyme “Row, Row, Row Your Boat.” Here is the “love note” he gave about that rhyme with a few of my thoughts mixed in...

“Row, row, row your boat”

Row your boat, not someone else’s boat. You don’t have to worry about fixing someone else, but simply focus on healing your own life. Don’t wait for someone else to forgive; you forgive. Don’t wait for someone else to be nice; you be kind. Don’t wait for something to happen first before you can be happy and at peace; be happy and peaceful now. As *A Course in Miracles* reminds us,

“Only what you have not given can be lacking in any situation.” (T-17.VII.4)

“Gently down the stream”

Gently is the keyword to life as we all

go down our chosen streams. Certainly, Hugh moved with a gentle spirit down his stream. He had no desire to be famous or speak to crowds; he simply wanted to be of service. He had the potential to be quite famous, and yet he chose the gentle life, quietly giving his message as he gently



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went down the stream. For many of us, we may think we missed our chance for this or that. We may live in regret, but it is never too late to be gentle with yourself and thereby align yourself with your true purpose, which is available to you right now. You are as God created you. It is time to emerge from the lowly caterpillar experience of the world to become the

mighty butterfly of truth. Do not doubt your power for the fleeting specialness of the world. As the Course tells us,

“The death of specialness is not your death, but your awaking into life eternal. You but emerge from an illusion of what you are to the acceptance of yourself as God created you.” (T-24.II.14)

“Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily”

Isn’t that the key to our lives? To have joy and humor as we look at our lives and the world. Where would we be without our humor? I find that life is so much easier to handle, personal issues are much less dramatic, and the little annoyances that have a way of completely destroying our peace are quickly dismissed by a little chuckle. As the Course reminds us,

“You can indeed afford to laugh at fear thoughts, remembering that God goes with you wherever you go.” (W-41)

“Life is but a dream”

The idea that this world is not our reality is a thought we find in all perennial philosophies and is not unique to the Course. Christianity tells us this world is not our final destination. The Course’s focus on the unreality of this world is so that we might not fight against the world of form, thereby making its unreality real to us. Its goal is to help us gently acknowledge the dream and then choose to move past it; recognizing its true value is to help us wake up to the love that is all around us. As the Course says, forgiveness, which is its chosen approach for our awakening,

“... does not countenance illusions, but collects them lightly, with a little laugh, and gently lays them at the feet of truth. And there they disappear entirely.” (W-134)

So, while we seem to abide where we are not at home, let’s make this dream as heaven-like as we can. Let us walk with gentleness, act with kindness, and forgive with joy.

“Love notes” you can experience

A Course in Miracles tells us we are entitled to miracles. Miracles are natural for us and when they do not occur, something has gone wrong. What has “gone wrong” is our willingness to experience

them. We have built up so many walls to love’s presence that we now need help to believe we are deserving of love and of the miracles that are all around us. And so we take God’s hand and become willing, like a child, to begin again. It is time for us to remember the innocence that still abides in us and all of God’s children and to dismantle the blocks



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to love’s presence one by one. We may think it is impossible to do when we have so many judgments daily, and perhaps even every second! But, we are reminded

in the Course,

"It cannot be that it is hard to do the task that Christ appointed you to do, since it is He Who does it." (T-25.1.1)

The awareness of God in our minds (Christ) is what helps us do the seemingly impossible task of focusing on the miracles, the "love notes" that are all around. If we just begin the practice of silently extending love or recognizing when others are calling for love, we can begin to experience heaven on earth.

We all learned how to walk by standing up and falling down. Then we stayed up and put one foot in front of the other, and finally, we ran. It was practice, but we did it. Now it's time to do it again. It's time to focus on the love that is within us and all around us. Let us see the innocence in others and ourselves that was never diminished by the dreams of the world.

The goal of the Center is to help in our awakening, and so we want to give you a

"love note" that you can share and extend to others. On our website at www.miraclecenter.org,

under "Services," you will find the **Wall of Innocence**. As you scroll down it, you will see photos of students of the Course when they were children, around the ages of 5 or 6. As a matter of fact, throughout this issue, you have seen each of our author's childhood pictures from the Wall.

When people look at their own childhood photos, it is amazing to see the smiles on their faces. They remember their innocence, and if they can remember theirs, perhaps they can think that way about people who tempt them

to anger. Our innocence can never be lost, no matter what we have done. It is time for

us to awaken to the "love note" that we all are for each other.

"Be innocent of judgment, unaware of any thoughts of evil or of good that ever crossed your mind of anyone.

Now do you know him not. But you are free to learn of him, and learn of him anew. Now is he born again to you, and you are born again to him, with-

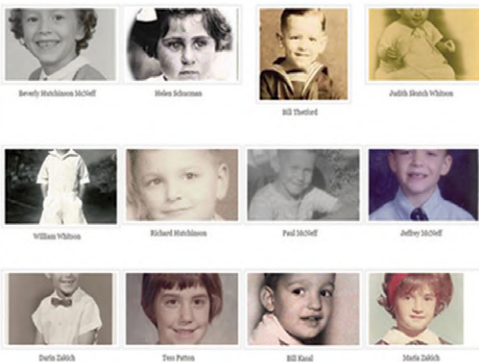
out the past that sentenced him to die, and you with him. Now is he free to live as you are free, because an ancient learning passed away, and left a place for truth to be reborn." (T-31.1.13) ❖



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You Ought to be in Pictures & Seen in Innocence!

MDC's Wall of Innocence



Hello to all my friends at MDC!

I just submitted my photo to join all those on the **Wall of Innocence**. It's taken me a while to join you there. Always thought about it whenever Beverly mentioned it on the Livestream meetings but never did anything about it. Maybe my submitting it now is an indication that I'm getting closer to fully accepting the Truth of my innocence. What a glorious journey, right? Thank you so much for this opportunity to join others in the remembrance of this truth.

—Jackie in Pennsylvania



JUDY M.



DEBBIE R.



SHELLEY B.

Send us your childhood photo (around the age of 5 or 6 or younger) so we can post it on our **Wall of Innocence** on MDC's website. You can email your photo or send us an original, which we will scan and return. Please include your name, city and state and approximate age at the time of the photo.



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