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The Dreaded Question

by Beverly Hutchinson McNeff

I was recently asked the question that all people on a nontraditional spiritual path dread: "What religion are you?"

As I stammered and sputtered to answer, I remembered all those old answers I had given to that question...

I have said before, "I am not any one religion, I embrace all religions." Now that is a true statement, but most people look at you with question marks on their faces. To them you have not really answered them. And they are right.

To the question, "Are you born again?" I have said, "Yes!" Knowing that the Course defines being born again as "letting the past go and looking without condemnation upon the present." (T251/T13.3:5) But that hasn't satisfied me because I know what they mean, and it's not what I mean.... so I feel I have tricked them. So much for letting go of the past and not looking with condemnation on the present!

"Are you a Christian?" has been another query. I have always thought I was clever when I said, "Yes, one of the oldest." In my mind I mean I practice the type of Christianity that was Jesus' early message before

all the distortions of different translations and interpretations. My beliefs are much more like that of the early Gnostics whose practices and precepts seem closer to the basic teaching of Jesus that we find in the Course. That's what I mean, but most people look at me like, "Are you trying to say you're old?"

None of my previous answers, no matter how clever, were very satisfying to me or to other people. I definitely needed a new repertoire.

So, as I opened my mouth to speak, it just popped out. I said, "I don't have a religion, I have a faith."

"Where did that come from?" I thought. It wasn't me. I was the one stammering and sputtering! It must have come from that small willingness to let God lead the way that I have been working on for thirty-five years.

It came out, it felt so

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right, and the person asking the question smiled with a look of understanding that seemed to resonate within their heart.

I think I'll keep that answer for a while... until He helps me find another.

Let's Keep It Going

Your responses to our 2012 fundraising appeal have just begun coming in as we go to press on this issue of THE HOLY ENCOUNTER. As always, we at the Center are grateful not just for your support during this annual appeal, but for those of you who generously and loyally support MDC's work all year long.

Our monthly Holy Helpers, along with all our consistent donors, keep the Center functioning year-round, serving Course students and reaching out around the globe. While we do our utmost to see that each and every individual donation is gratefully acknowledged, it's important for us to remind you just how essential you and your support are to MDC's mission.

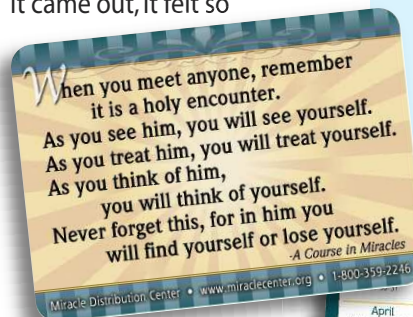
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Beverly Hutchinson McNeff



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

What's Happening

■ **35th Anniversary of MDC** - 2013 marks the 35th anniversary of Miracle Distribution Center. Please watch for the January/February issue of **THE HOLY ENCOUNTER** to find articles commemorating this occasion and also information about special events we're planning throughout the year.

■ **Holy Encounter Weekend in Boston** - Our next **Holy Encounter Weekend** will take place on April 5-6, 2013 in Boston, Massachusetts. This popular weekend seminar is presented by Beverly Hutchinson McNeff and offers attendees a chance to go deeper into the Course's life-changing principles to truly experience miracles. As one attendee wrote, "... Beverly, you are an amazing teacher. You help the learning process for your students by making the message of the Course so much clearer and easier to understand. When you read the Course, it went right into my mind and heart! It made the greatest sense." A Friday evening lecture sets the stage for a day-long intensive experience of *A Course in Miracles*. Watch our video about the weekends by visiting our website, then make your reservation to join us!

■ **"WOW! These conferences just keep getting better.** *I was inspired and spiritually filled. Thank you for your ministry.*" We appreciated this letter from Jon Welker who attended our international conference on *A Course in Miracles*. If you missed it, take a look at pages 8-9 of this issue to get a glimpse of the event and perhaps consider ordering the recordings.

■ **Our 2013 *A Course in Miracles* Wall Calendar** is now available! The theme is "Miracles Around the World." The calendar features scenes from around the globe and favorite Course quotes from students around the world! We'd like to thank the many people who submitted their favorite Course quotations for our consideration. The winning quotes were from Peggy Duncan, Joan Calabucci, Deborah Frame, Warren

Cotton, Patricia Star, Holly Henry, Cheryl Cross, Bobbi Beaudoin, Fernando Zagal, George Klein, Nancy Boehm, Doug Mayhew and Jayne Johnson. This is the perfect holiday gift and the more calendars you purchase, the lower the price! See the back page for more details or go online at www.miraclecenter.org and visit our online catalog for all your holiday shopping!

■ **Dr. Oz reported in an article for AARP** magazine that chronic pain affects over 100 million Americans and costs \$635 billion annually. 42 million Americans say that pain keeps them up a few nights a week and 26 million Americans report frequent back pain. A new study at John Hopkins University in Boston found that chronic-pain sufferers who think infrequently about their pain sleep better and have less day-to-day pain than those who dwell on it. But how do we stop our thoughts? Certainly the Course is a wonderful tool for training our minds and suggests that we shift our focus from our pain and suffering to the peace of God. It certainly is a practice and not something we might accomplish overnight; but, we have a suggestion. If you do have chronic pain, you might want to try a recording by Beverly Hutchinson and Steven Halpern. Celebrating a thirty-year collaboration next year, the recordings by these two have produced miraculous experiences. See page 10 or go online at

www.miraclecenter.org to order and listen to sample cuts on our online catalog.

■ **The Czechoslovakian translation of *A Course in Miracles***, Kurz z-zraku, was published in September. This is the twenty-first translation of the Course. It joins other translations from Eastern Europe: Poland, Slovenia, Croatia and Romania, with more to come. The Course can now be read in over 80 countries around the world, representing more than 93% of the world's population.



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Different Perceptions of an Agreement

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

At the very beginning of my and Diane's relationship, a situation occurred between us that made me, Jerry, full of judgments, anger, and dismay. We are talking about a very "small" thing, yet to me it was a "giant" thing at the time.



Jerry Jampolsky & Diane Cirincione

It filled me with negative emotions, including feelings of separation, the need to make myself right and Diane wrong, and even fear that our relationship might not work. I cannot find the words to tell you how intense my feelings were about this event. My ego was in full gear.

If I recall correctly, this was the first time Diane and I went to a party together. Before we left for the evening, we discussed what time we

might want to leave, and both agreed that it would be 10:30 pm. Later that night, at 10:30 pm sharp, I went over to Diane and pointed out it was time to leave. Diane said, "OK."

Diane was not ready to leave until 45 minutes later.

When we finally got into the car, my fuse blew, and I accused Diane of breaking our agreement. I said, "How can I trust you after you break the agreement we had about the time we were going to leave?"

Diane was caught off guard, and amazed by my reaction. After the smoke stopped coming out of my ears, I began to calm down, and we were slowly able to both speak and listen calmly.

As it turned out, our perceptions of the concept "time to leave" were vastly different.

My perception was that when it was

time to leave, we would say good-bye quickly, and be out the door within a few moments. Therefore, when Diane stayed an extra 45 minutes, I felt she broke our agreement.

Diane's perception was that she kept our agreement. She is from an Italian background, and in her family, leaving a party is a process that involves hugging everyone at least three times, and then starting new conversations with them! The process can be lengthy, and can take even longer than 45 minutes.

As you can see, we had totally different perceptions of how long the process of leaving would take.

"When we finally got into the car, my fuse blew, and I accused Diane of breaking our agreement."

Having different perceptions is like many people witnessing the same automobile accident. If there were five witnesses to the accident, each standing in a different place when the accident occurred, each witness would have a different and unique perception of

the accident.

So how did we both resolve this issue?

The Holy Spirit told me, Jerry, to let go of my control issues and judgments, and accept Diane's process of saying good-bye — which, incidentally, has not changed at all, but I am at peace with it now.

We also established a new agreement: If I found myself unusually tired and needed to go home, I would say to Diane, "I need your help."

I very rarely play that card, but when I do, Diane is ready to leave within two or three minutes. We both learned a lot about how our individual perceptions of an agreement can be quite different, and how to accept — rather than deny — those differences. □

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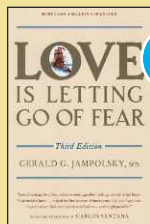
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The Law of Divine Compensation:

On Work, Money, and Miracles

..... by Marianne Williamson ■

No matter what is happening in our lives, we choose how we wish to think about it. And the greatest gift we give ourselves is often our willingness to change our minds. Despite what might seem to be the saddest and most intractable situation, we have the power to believe that something else is possible, that things can change, that a miracle can happen.



Marianne Williamson

This simple shift in how we think can make all the difference in what happens next. How we think releases an infinite number of possibilities that could not have occurred *had we not believed that they were possible*. Such is the power of our thoughts to attract as well as deflect miraculous breakthroughs.

Free will means you can think whatever you want to think. You cannot, however, make untrue what is true or true what is untrue. The universe *does* care about you. The universe *is* set up to work on your behalf. And the universe *is* capable of bringing miraculous transformation to any situation of brokenness or lack. Regardless of what has happened in your life, the universe is able and prepared to bring you comfort and repair. You are loved, and your purpose is to love. From a mind filled with infinite love comes the power to create infinite possibilities. We have the power to think in ways that reflect and attract all the love in the world. Such thinking is called enlightenment.

Enlightenment is not a process we work toward, but a choice available to us in any instant.

Enlightenment is the answer to every problem. In any situation where you seem to be at the effect of forces over which you have no control, remember that God dwells within your mind, and there are no forces over which He has no control. Therefore, through His power within you, there are no mortal conditions over which you are powerless. Whenever your good is obscured by the appearances of a non-loving world, the universe is programmed to lift you out of that condition and return you to an abundant state.

As an expression of divine perfection, the universe is both self-organizing and self-correcting. To whatever extent your

mind is aligned with love, you will receive divine compensation for any lack in your material existence. From spiritual substance will come material manifestation. This is not just a theory; it is a fact. It is a law by which the universe operates. I call it the Law of Divine Compensation.

Just as there are objective, discernible laws of external phenomena, so there are objective, discernible laws of internal phenomena. The law of gravity, for instance, is not

just a “belief.” It is true whether or not you believe it. Spiritual laws are not just beliefs, either; they are descriptions of how consciousness operates.

Once we know this law — that there is a natural tendency of the universe to improve all things — then we lean naturally into the arms of God and allow Him to lift us up.

We surrender our thoughts, then He uplifts our thoughts, then our experiences change. The practical issue is whether we choose thoughts that activate or deactivate the Law of Divine Compensation. We activate it with every loving thought. We deactivate it when we give more credence to the reality and power of the material world than to the reality and power of love.

If our circumstances tempt us to think thoughts such as, “I must not be good enough,” “I will never have another chance,” “It will take forever for this to right itself,” or “I hate whoever is to blame for this,” then miracles, though they are programmed into the nature of the universe, cannot make their way into our awareness. With every thought we think, we either summon or block a miracle. It is not our circumstances, then, but rather our thoughts about our circumstances, that determine our power to transform them.

The Law of Divine Compensation applies equally to all situations, but in this book we will focus on its application to money and the lack thereof. In a time of economic uncertainty — when circumstances make it particularly tempting to believe in the scarcity of the material plane over the abundance of the spiritual — our capacity to think differently is the miracle-worker’s edge. Bills stare you in the face. Foreclosure looms. Credit is wrecked. Jobs aren’t available. And with all that comes chaos on many fronts. Who doesn’t need a miracle then?

If you identify only with your body and its reality, rather than with your spirit and its reality, then you’re tempted to think that diminished material assets somehow diminish who you are. But you are not merely a being of the material world; you are a being of unlimited spirit. *And in spirit there is no lack.* You are not lacking just because your circumstances are.

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If your core belief is “I lack” and you carry that belief with you, then you will subconsciously perpetuate or create the circumstances that reflect the belief. But your circumstances are completely malleable: they simply reflect the dictates of your mind. Regardless of what limits exist in your material world, your immutable truth is that you are an unlimited spiritual being. By remembering this, you summon the Law of Divine Compensation. You are a loving idea in the Mind of God. Circumstances should not and need not tempt you to believe otherwise. The universe showers you with love not because of what you have done or not done, but because of who you are. Think of

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the universe itself as a personal love note from God to you. God is love, and in sharing His love you share His power. By aligning yourself with thoughts of infinite love for yourself and others, you gain dominion over the lower thought forms of the world.

In a material sense, your situation might indeed be bleak. You might have been given a raw deal, even been betrayed by others. You yourself might have made a huge mistake. Still, what matters is what you think now: Are you lingering in the past, or are you allowing for a miracle in the present? Are you blaming yourself and others, or blessing yourself and others? Are you clinging to your faith in the reality of the disaster, or opening your mind to the possibility of a miracle? Realign your thoughts with the thoughts of God, and in any given instant the universe is ready to begin again. The laws of time and space are more malleable than we think.

Mistakes and wrong turns need not throw us off. The capacity for correction is built into the universe, just as it is into the workings of a GPS. If you’ve programmed an address into your GPS but then take a

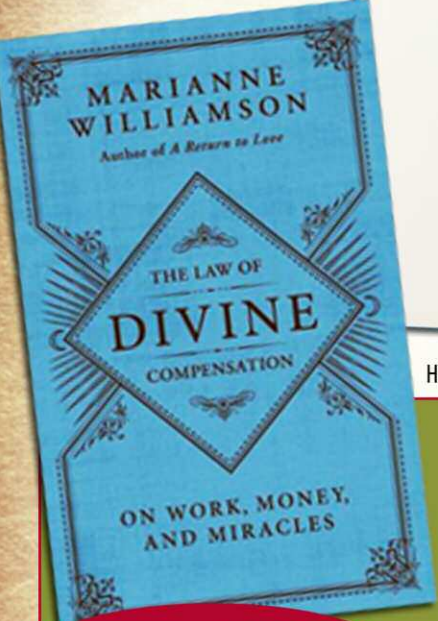
different turn than it recommends, the GPS automatically creates a new route. And so does the universe. Perhaps you thought you’d get to where you wanted to be financially through achieving a certain credential, doing a particular job, or making a particular investment. But then something happened: the economy worsened, you made a mistake, or someone else did. The Law of Divine Compensation gives us the assurance that the universe will simply create a new route. What is lacking shall become abundant,

and what is wounded shall be healed. From “out of the blue”—or miracle-mindedness—miracles will flow forth naturally. Why? Because perfection is your eternal home, to which the universe is programmed to return you whenever you have deviated, for whatever reason, from the thoughts that get and keep you there. That is how loved you are. ☐

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Miracle Musings...

Graduation Day

..... by Paul McNeff ■

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.
(Psalm 23: 1-3)

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. (Lesson 109)



Paul McNeff

If you were to chart the top ten most favorite Biblical passages, undoubtedly at the top of the list would be Psalm 23.

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever and ever.

Few spiritual texts have ministered more of a spiritual balm to the bereft than this exquisite passage from the Psalms. It has been musically set to countless different tunes. As a music minister, I have sung it hundreds of times at memorial services and funerals.

Serendipitously, I've always felt like Lesson 109 "I Rest in God" from *A Course in Miracles* is the Course's parallel passage in meaning, beauty, and healing power: *I rest in God. This thought will bring to you the rest and quiet, peace and stillness, and the safety and the happiness you seek. This thought has power to wake the sleeping truth in you, whose vision sees beyond appearances to that same truth in every-one and everything there is.*

I've had many meaningful experiences born out of this striking lesson. One of the most profound stemmed from the death of Beverly's dad some years ago. At a robust 83 years, Clarence (her dad) had been doing a trade show near Sacramento, California when he took a terrible fall, which caused severe damage to his brain.

Beverly's brother, Richard, and his wife Ann, who had both been traveling with Clarence called and told us about his accident. They said it was very serious and that we needed to come as quickly as possible. From Southern California we hopped on a plane to make the 400-mile journey north to get to his bedside. As we entered the sterile hospital room it was a bit of a shock; there he laid, eyes closed, not outwardly

conscious, completely immobile, hooked up to tubes and ventilators. The doctors told us there was not much hope of recovery other than the chance of him surviving on life support for the rest of his days. He probably would never again regain consciousness or even open his eyes. When prompted by the doctors, Clarence was seemingly non-responsive. From time to time, however, he did signal small signs of recognition to us through a gentle squeeze of a hand.

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The next five days were filled with activity: consulting with doctors, making our assessments of what we wanted to do, both short and long term, visiting Clarence, and praying. Our time with him became sacred. Quickly overriding anything transient, our lives went into overdrive, propelling us to eternal issues. Impermanence and routine were put on hold. We talked, sang, prayed, and comforted each other. Like a spiritual magnet, we were drawn to Lesson 109 of the Course as Beverly rendered it so beautifully: *I rest in God... We ask for peace and stillness, in the midst of all the turmoil born of clashing dreams. I rest in God... Here is the end of suffering for all the world, and everyone who ever came and yet will come to linger for a while.... I rest in God.* A comfort, for sure.

As I sang my favorite rendition of Psalm 23, these words hung in the air like a promise of comfort...*yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for thou art with me...*

Clarence's hospital room was transformed into a holy place, an oasis of spiritual focus, and a wellspring of life. Yes, it had been difficult to see him at first so shackled down in his hospital bed with all the tubes connected to him, but miracles had transpired that allowed us to see Clarence through the lens of truth — an eternal being filled with light and love — one that did not have to conform to the limitations of this world, but one that was identified in truth as a holy, limitless and eternal child of God being readied for his graduation day.

After consulting with the doctors about what to do, the time came when we needed to decide on a course of action. We were of one mind. Clarence would never have wanted to exist only with the help of a ventilator and feeding tube. He would want to have his fighting chance of surviv-

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ing on his own, without the help of machines or devices. So at 1:45pm on the sixth day after his accident we had the doctors and nurses disconnect him from all life support. *I rest in God... You rest within the peace of God today, quiet and unafraid. Each brother comes to take his rest, and offer it to you. Time is not the guardian of what we give today. We give to those unborn and those passed by, to every Thought of God, and to the Mind in which these Thoughts were born and where they rest. And we remind them of their resting place each time we tell ourselves, I rest in God.*

And then, again, my favorite part of this lesson. *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.*

Fifteen minutes later, at 2pm in the afternoon, Clarence made his transition, effortlessly and peacefully. It is impossible to describe those final fleeting moments. Words are inadequate. Experience is everything. As Clarence took his last breath

on his own, he slowly opened his eyes for the first time since we had seen him in the hospital. With his gaze blissfully fixed upward, it's as if he said to us, "Be in the world, but not of it." With that, he serenely closed his eyes and was gone. Clarence was like a dad to me. In our loss we have grieved, but nothing has ever overshadowed the unflinching truth about our collective experience of love that day. In the classroom of death, Clarence had given a master class in life. It was his graduation day, and we helped him celebrate. Thank you, Clarence. You truly do rest in God. □

A New Awareness for Christmas

..... by Beverly Hutchinson McNeff ■

The journey to God is merely the reawakening of the knowledge of where you are always, and what you are forever. It is a journey without distance to a goal that has never changed." (T150/T8.VI.9:6)

These bold and seemingly contradictory words from *A Course in Miracles* really capture its message. We have not lost our innocence or wandered away from God's loving care, and the journey we think we are on is one that merely brings us to the awareness that we are home in God, where He would have us be. But realizing this truth, believing that it is "already ours," is a challenge.

In his CD set, *The Universal Course*, Roger Walsh, M.D., Ph.D. explains Ken Wilber's theory which says the world's religions and spiritual paths can be divided into two camps of thought: paths of attainment and paths of recognition. Paths of attainment assume we are fundamentally deficient and that life is basically a struggle. This approach assumes we must work to change ourselves into something different

Paths of the "always/already" truths start from the assumption that we are "always/already" who and what we're trying to become. Therefore, this view is one not of change and improvement but one of recognition. As the Course says, "Enlightenment is but recognition,

not a change at all." (W357/W188.1:4)

This concept may seem confusing or at the very least threatening to our ego, which is always trying to convince us that there is something wrong with us, something missing in us and certainly something wrong and missing in the world! So, perhaps the following example (taught by a child!) might help to simplify this fundamental truth and give us a deeper experience this Christmas.

Annie was six years old the Christmas she tucked two unexpected gifts under the Christmas tree for her mommy and daddy. "What do you suppose they are?" said Sally to her husband as she gestured towards the gifts. He shrugged, as puzzled as she.

On Christmas morning, they opened the gifts to find a pair of slightly familiar-looking earrings for mommy and a navy tie with little tan

ducks on it for daddy. "Why, Annie," Sally exclaimed, "Where did you get these lovely gifts?"

"The old chest," Annie answered.

That's when Sally recognized the earrings and tie as things she'd retired to the chest at least ten years before. Annie had given gifts to her parents that they already possessed!

The real "gift" Annie gave to her parents is an important "gift" for all of us. Christmas should not simply be the experience of getting more, but of waking up to what we already possess. God has already given us everything we need: love, peace, joy, happiness, a comforter in the Holy Spirit, a way-shower in Jesus and so much more. With all that happens in life, we don't always experience these gifts; we tend to overlook God's blessings. This Christmas, let's not just open what's new beneath the tree, but reopen within what is already ours! □

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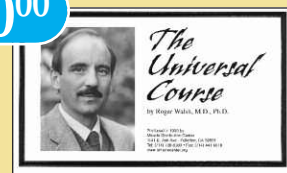
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and allow the light in me to shine upon the world throughout the day.
Lesson 237



"Miracle Distribution Center's International Conference on A Course in Miracles is the Olympics of the Spiritual World!" That's how Pat Rusk in Georgia felt about experiencing our conference by live streaming video and it was affirmed by those in attendance, too! With the aim of arising in glory, hundreds of students of the Course from around the world gathered in Southern California in August to remember their glorious reality and extend that truth to their world. These conferences are so powerful, not only because of the presenters, but because of the participants who truly immerse themselves in the experience of healing. From the moment they greeted each other, attendees had a chance to test the Course's counsel that "a universal experience is not only possible but necessary."

We thank Marianne Williamson, Jerry Jampolsky, Diane Cirincione, Jacob Glass, Henry Grayson, Jeanine Austin, and Bob Rosenthal for joining Beverly Hutchinson McNeff, Paul McNeff and the entire MDC staff to make this a transformational event. Most importantly we want to thank everyone who attended with such open and loving spirits. These conferences are so powerful because of you. The live-streaming video feed also allowed those who could not otherwise attend the conference to be a part of the experience and we are glad to report that the loving, healing feeling translated across cyberspace!

If you missed the conference or simply want to relive the experience, here is a small sampling of comments we received. Thank you all again for your support in joining us!



Good Morning!

I attended the conference last year for the first time, and was drawn to attend this year as well. I feel as though I have been "filled up" and I am energized and enthused about this great life I am experiencing, regardless of what occurs. Thank you all for what you are contributing to our collective well-being, and thank you and your great guests for their inspiration.

Fondly, Nancy Callahan, Carmel, CA

Dear Beverly and Staff of MDC,

I loved the live streaming of the Conference. I am new to the Course and I learned so much. The speakers all brought a special and unique, yet unified, message about the Course. I now find the process of studying and practicing far less daunting and far more exciting. Thank you, MDC!

*Love you all,
Carmen Domingo,
Marina, CA*

Sunday Morning Listener's Gathering



Hello family,

I'm impressed with the quality of the video conference, everything looks very clear and with no interference of any kind, and Beverly and company are pure light and love. I couldn't see the whole day because of the time difference but I saw the last part where everyone was singing and the healing meditation with Jeanne was fantastic. It worked miracles on me.

*Thank you very much...
everything was wonderful.
Peace, Fernando Zagal, Canberra, Australia*

Hi Beverly,

Thank you for the wonderful Conference that you guys organized. It's always so full of love and hugs. I enjoyed all the speakers' knowledge and all the knowledge I received from the people who sat with me. I still feel like I am walking on clouds and seeing the face of God everywhere. I am counting the days and months until next year.

Much love, Leon Shaver, San Diego, CA

To all the staff who created an inspired Conference,

Thank you for offering this year's Conference on streaming video to those of us unable to travel. This experience was outstanding! All of you are inspired, dedicated, devoted teachers-students "In whom He is well pleased." God Bless you abundantly.

In love and light, Charlotte Thompson, Clearwater, FL

Dear Beverly,

I've never been able to attend a Conference in person, so I was very happy that I could view it online. It was so enjoyable and wonderful. You, and your organization, are definitely Treasures from God.

I was so impressed with your meditation and the very beautiful music at the end of your presentation. Could you make a CD of just you giving brief meditations, with accompanying music? Often a person has no time to listen to an entire message, but need of a brief and beautiful meditation.

Your speaking ability, voice, and knowledge of the Course is outstanding. I would certainly purchase such a CD.

Thank you again, so much, for your marvelous weekend Conference. I LOVED every minute of it.

*Sincerely, Doris Harrison, Palmetto, FL
(Yes, Beverly does have a very popular*

series of seven Course meditation recordings surrounded by healing music.

See page 10 for details!

Conference Recordings

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Beverly Hutchinson McNeff	\$8.00	\$6.50
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Thirty Years of Joining

An Interview with Steven Halpern, Ph.D. & Beverly Hutchinson

In 1983 the Center received a letter from a composer named Steven Halpern. In it he expressed his desire to combine the words of *A Course in Miracles* with the peaceful music for which he had become well-known. This letter produced a "miraculous" joining which resulted, a few months later, in a recording entitled *You Are Entitled to Miracles*. Five hundred copies were duplicated as an experiment to see if anyone would find this collaboration beneficial. Nothing could have prepared us for the enthusiasm which greeted that recording and the six that have followed it. Now over 100,000 copies of the recordings have been sold and the Center has received hundreds of letters which elaborate on the healing effects the recordings have had on people.

2013 marks the thirtieth anniversary of their first recording, *You Are Entitled to Miracles*. In this interview Steven and Beverly share about how the series came about and explore the creative process that produces these healing tools.

Steven Halpern holds a Ph.D. in the psychology of music and is a pioneer in the field of sound health. Beverly Hutchinson is the president of Miracle Distribution Center and an international lecturer and author on the principles of *A Course in Miracles*. We offer this interview in celebration of the anniversary of their 30 year collaboration!



Steven Halpern



Beverly Hutchinson McNeff

30th Anniversary

Holy Encounter: You both have created a beautiful and healing series of recordings. How did you come up with the idea for this series?

Beverly Hutchinson: Well, first off, we had no idea that this was going to be a series. Steven first approached me and the Center with the idea of a doing a recording with thoughts from the Course and his healing music. The idea seemed so perfect to me because I had a background in acting and broadcasting. I love the spoken word and had done quite a bit of theater. Shakespeare was a favorite, and, as you know, *A Course in Miracles* is

written in iambic pentameter which is the same blank verse Shakespeare used, so to have an opportunity to present the beautiful words of the Course as a "soliloquy" was a great honor.

Meeting Steven was in the world's terms a coincidence, but the Course tells us that all things are gently planned by One whose only purpose is our good. And it was quite clear to me that our meeting was a "holy encounter." I'll let Steven tell

you more about that.

Steven Halpern: The idea for a recording using the Course and my music literally came to me. I often play gentle, relaxing music like my album *Comfort Zone* in the background when I read. The first time I studied *A Course in Miracles* I noticed

"These recordings are wonderful. They bring *A Course in Miracles* right to your heart. I find them very moving."

Marianne Williamson

that the music helped me slow down and really "hear" the message. I remember receiving a thought, that just popped into my head, that others might also benefit if the words and music were made audible. I also had the clear sense that this was a project that was now on my recording agenda.

I discussed this idea with Judith Skutch Whitson and Jerry Jampolsky who both expressed support but had other priorities. Then, while I was presenting a workshop at the Association for Research and Enlightenment in Virginia Beach, Virginia, I met Beverly at the home of a mutual friend, Milton Friedman. Milton was a student of the Course who worked in Washington and had the distinction of having been a speech writer for President Gerald Ford. The recording idea naturally

came up and there was an immediate recognition and the "ah-ha" reaction. The rest, as they say, is history.

HE: How do you two create a recording?

SH: The folks at Miracle Distribution Center decide on a focus and choose the passages. Beverly records her voice in a studio in southern California and sends the voice masters to my studio in northern California. I meditate with the words and sense what music would be appropriate, or in some cases, which music has already been composed. We've had so many cases of "cosmic coincidence" where the narration lasted exactly as long as the music. You couldn't get it any closer if you tried for days! At other times, I'll compose then record the music spontaneously, on piano or synthesizer, as I listen to the words for the first time. In both situations, however, it was pretty obvious that we



were co-composing the music and we were not alone in the studio.

BH: Steven was really our teacher in this process. We had no idea how to do a recording like this, but we trusted his advice and followed his direction. There is a line in the Course that says, "Trust would settle every problem now." (T558/T26.VIII.2:3) And, that is what we did - we trusted Steven, and we trusted the Holy Spirit to guide us in the passages that we were to use.

Many people are surprised when I tell them that Steven and I are not in the same studio when we do the recordings. They always comment on how perfectly the words and music blend. Like Steven, when I go into the studio, I pray that I may step back and "let Him lead the way." It is remarkable what happens.

I remember when I was recording the passages for *Looking Within*, one of the recording engineers (who is not a Course student, but he is familiar with our work since we have worked with the same recording studio for the past 30 years) had a terrible migraine headache. He came into the engineering booth and laid his head down on his arms on the table. The recording took over an hour to complete, and when we were done he raised up his head turned on the microphone into the recording booth and told me how his headache was gone and he felt refreshed. Now I'm not saying that our recordings are a substitute for aspirin, but I do think they allow your mind to relax and be at peace, and according to the Course, "Health is inner peace."

HE: Is there a benefit to putting the words of the Course to music?

SH: The music seems to allow your brain to shift effortlessly in the beneficial alpha brainwave frequencies. This evokes our built-in "relaxation response" and also allows the music to take the words deeper into your consciousness.

BH: That really is true. I am probably the hardest person to sell on brainwave frequencies and so on, but ever since our work with Steven on these recordings, I am a believer. Whatever it is, it works, and it even works on me. I remember one time in particular when I was not feeling well. I was very tired and experiencing heart

palpitations — I was afraid! The words from the Course came to me, "The presence of fear is a sure sign that you are trusting in your own strength." (W77/W48.3:1) So, I asked for Help, and what came to my mind was to put on the recording, *The Holy Instant*, which has a 30 minute meditation on one side. I turned on the recording, laid down, closed my eyes, listened and fell asleep. It was the most peaceful sleep, and when I woke I had a

"hunch" I should investigate some herbs I had been taking and found out that excessive amounts of one particular herb could cause tiredness and heart palpitations. That recording gave me the willingness to open my mind to hear God's Voice — it is not the recording that is holy, but the Holy Spirit did use it as a vehicle for me.

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"I would be lost without your presence and your beautiful voice keeping me so strongly on my path." That's how Sharie in Wisconsin feels about the recordings by Beverly Hutchinson and Steven Halpern. She writes...

"I know I've told you this before, Bev, but your voice is sounding gently in my ears every day. I use your recordings to help rest in God at night and to wake me in forgiveness for my healing and the world's each morning. I often use them during the day when I'm working through some lesson or other. I would be lost without your presence and your beautiful voice keeping me so strongly on my path. Those recordings that you made with Steve Halpern were the best idea ever. I have them all. Please let me know if another one comes out."

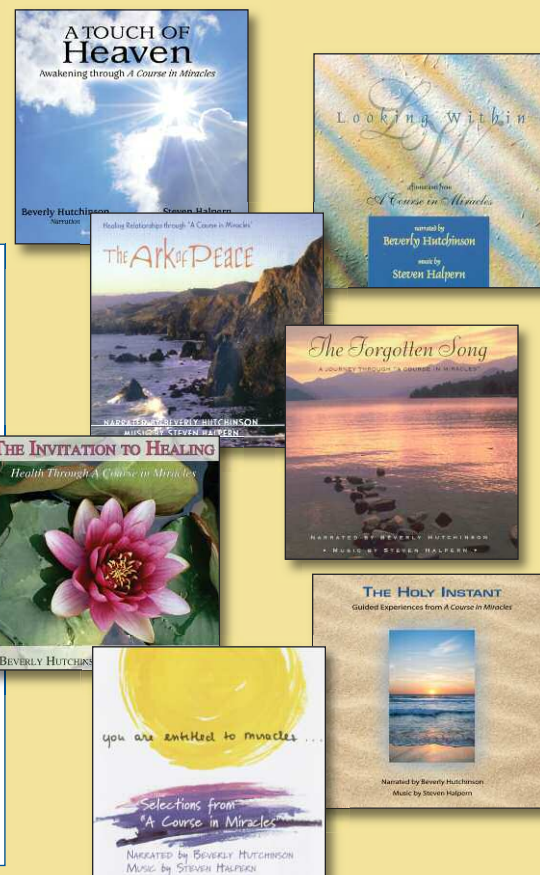
Many have shared Sharie's enthusiasm for these recordings, so you might consider these as a loving gift this holiday or a great stocking stuffer!

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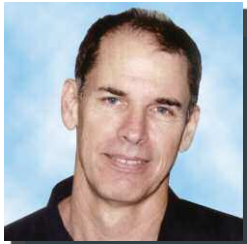
Emotional Healing

God's Son is Not Imprisoned in a Body

..... by Richard Gayton, Ph.D. ■

Michele Molina, a child of God, will be released from the California Institute for Women, unless the governor of California has other plans.

On May 20, 1987 Michele and Jose Ulivarri entered my home in La Habra Heights, California



Dick Gayton

with a gun and a knife to rob and create mayhem. My wife, Ramona Fox Gayton, was brutally murdered and my secretary grievously wounded, though, thankfully, she survived. Ramona was the mother of my three children and my best friend. If I had had sufficient physical courage, I would have tortured and murdered Michele and Jose, or I would have killed myself. My mind, being what it was, quietly crawled back and forth between these two alternatives as a cure for the burning pain in the center of my chest — a broken heart.

It was unbearable to watch the day-by-day devastation of my three young children as the horror show of murder survival played out with them missing their mother in a thousand ways: my daughter's birthday, one day after the murder, forever became associated with monumental loss; the bike her mother had bought for her and hidden was found - a bitter, ghostly surprise; for my son, school became a day-after-day struggle after losing his biggest supporter.

For many months, I awoke each morning as if I had entered a permanent nightmare. Ramona became a being of

light, but I remained imprisoned in a body and was desperate to escape the pain. There was the minor relief of the arrests, the horror of testifying at the preliminary hearing, and the hope for death penalties. The pain in my chest would not leave unless I sobbed or prayed. I asked for another way. My brother-in-law dropped the old paperback copy of *A Course in Miracles* on my bed one morning, and its words gave me hope. Jerry Masters dragged me to the Miracle Distribution Center (at that time located in Fullerton) one afternoon, and I started talking with Conrad Hanson about Course concepts. I began to hear an inner voice of peace reassuring me and providing direction. I stopped needing anyone killed: not myself, nor Michele, nor Jose. The voice directed me to write a book, though I had never been a writer. I let the voice make every important decision for me.

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The nightmare dissolved into a quiet joy and a sweet love for my wife that guided me as I raised my children. Michele and Jose were both imprisoned. I thought it was over. The children and I would learn to live and love again. I would remarry, work, write, take care of the children, play basketball and take the trash to the street. Thirteen years passed. My children became adults, the killers remained in prison. In 2001 the voice of peace

began asking me to contact Michele and Jose. I explained to God that I had forgiven these people and wasn't that enough? Hadn't I been amazing to do that? How about a little credit!? After all, God, no one would have blamed me for wanting them crucified. What you are asking is inconvenient, embarrassing, controversial and likely

to put me in conflict with other family members.

The voice kept talking quietly in the background as I kept busy working or practicing as a psychologist and promoting my books. My ego even got a nice stroking by appearing on the Oprah and Tyra Banks shows and giving speeches. Yet I missed my dead wife and was yearning for some continued connection, feeling she was gone — no matter what *A Course in Miracles* said about the unreality of death. The murderers knew the details of her last hours and minutes — precious information. They could help me understand the unfathomable: why Michele a beautiful, academically gifted young woman would enter a home and try to kill two innocent people who were fully cooperating with the burglary. I decided to write the two inmates, not with any intention of visiting, but to shut up the voice for God.

Both Jose and Michele responded to my letters, but only Michele welcomed the communication as an opportunity for healing. In her letters, I sensed a loving, growing human being reaching out for healing: mine and hers. She was already embracing spirit before we communicated by letter. My voice started in again, this time wanting me to visit her. I explained to God that I had done what I was asked. I don't like steel gates that lock behind me or people in uniform telling me what to do. Besides, why me? And I did other whining. During this time in life, I looked on God as a kind helper to my ego rather than the center of my life and only decision maker.

After more complaining and avoidance, I gave in and I asked Michele if I could visit her. She was delighted and soon I was walking through the barred gates, getting searched and giving her a big hug. I felt as if I had known her all my life. As we talked, it was obvious she had found what she needed in prison programs to change her

Dick Gayton is a psychologist and writer. His book *The Forgiving Place: Choosing Peace After Violent Trauma* is available through the Center.

life and my forgiveness helped her to accept that she remained a Child of God and could not be imprisoned by bars, her thinking or her past. I visited several times, and over the years she fully admitted her part in the murder, apologized and made every attempt within her power to make restitution to me, my children and my secretary. Her transformation was complete, and I became active in seeking her parole: writing letters and testifying at hearings.

Then my ego got involved. She was denied parole many times despite my testimony, letters and recommendations from a host of people. I became annoyed with the political system standing in the way of someone who had met the legal standard of parole. How dare they oppose my will! It became excruciatingly painful sitting at the parole hearings and hearing the crime repeated in graphic detail, and having my secretary and her family see me as their enemy as they adamantly opposed parole. My ego hates not looking good and being disapproved of.

I loved meeting Michele in person during visits but found entering the prison painful, and ended up somehow feeling like an inmate. It was like I deserved being imprisoned myself. It was my own fear and anger holding me prisoner. My ego started arguing with the voice for God. The gentle voice suggested I stand aside and let God lead the way. I stopped visiting and attending parole hearings, but still wrote letters and columns about Michele and was in a documentary about her. I came up with the idea of sending *A Course in Miracles* literature into prisons. Miracle Distribution Center promptly took hold of raising money and making that happen. Again, I stood aside.

It seemed the more I stood aside and prayed, the more progress was made as a USC legal assistance project got involved to seek her parole. Michele continued her exemplary behavior in prison and the political climate regarding incarceration changed in California. Last month after twenty-five years in prison, Michele was granted parole.

My ego would like some credit for her release and her transformation into a teacher of God. Instead, it is accurate that on occasion I would listen to the voice for God and do what was requested of me.

A Thankful Mind

"... love cannot be far behind a grateful heart and thankful mind." (M58/M23.4:6)

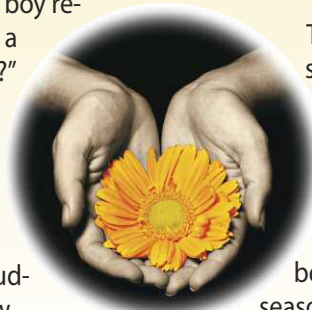
We see a lot of symbols to thankfulness during these autumn months, and hopefully they remind us to pause and be grateful for all that is around us.

In our busy lives, it's easy to brush aside the miracles right in front of us. I hope this little story will provide a reminder for the next time you find yourself rushing.

The dollar amounts might be a little dated, but certainly the message is timeless.

A ten-year-old boy came into a busy restaurant and sat at the counter. The harried waitress came over asking what he would like. The boy responded, "How much is a small ice cream sundae?" "Fifty cents," she quickly replied.

Reaching into his pocket, the little boy pulled out a handful of coins. As he carefully studied them he asked, "How much is a dish of plain ice cream?"



There were many customers waiting at the counter and the waitress was becoming impatient. "Thirty-five cents," she said brusquely.

"I'll have a plain dish of chocolate ice cream, please," said the little boy with a look of delicious anticipation on his face.

The waitress took his money, brought the ice cream, put it in front of him and walked away. When she came back a few minutes later, the boy was gone. She stared at the empty dish and then swallowed hard at what she saw: there, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies - her tip.

The waitress still keeps those seven coins as a grateful reminder that everyone, no matter their size, is important.

It's easy to get caught up in the busyness of life, but let's remember to "take the time" to be thankful and grateful this season for the many blessings of love in our lives.

I played my part while the Holy Spirit healed Michele and found many others who played their roles in her release and were healed in the process.

I wrote Michele to tell her how happy I was for her parole. I wanted to congratulate her, not for gaining release from prison, but for gaining release from the mind's power to miscreate and the belief in the past to harm her. The Holy Instant of

release is hers and mine and others'. She has a new life of hope and joy — and so do I — and so do you. Michele and I have talked of continuing working together as Teachers of Peace and reconciliation. I'm sure the voice for God will show me.

In the meantime, what to do with all those "Free Michele" t-shirts my ego made. He says he's doing a special on Ebay.



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A Blast from the Past!

..... by Beverly Hutchinson McNeff ■

In January, MDC will turn 35 years old! As we began thinking about this landmark occasion, we started looking back through years and years of *THE HOLY ENCOUNTER* issues to see what gems we might share with you! Here's one we thought might interest you. Be watching for more in the New Year!

God in Washington

In a recent issue of *THE HOLY ENCOUNTER*, we reported that there was a study group on *A Course in Miracles* at our nation's Capitol (we will be reporting more on this as we hear further updates). Many people were excited to hear this and thrilled to know that "God is in Washington." But He really has been there a long time!

In October of 1993, we hosted a speakers' series for the Center's 15th anniversary and one of the series included Judith Skutch Whitson and Dr. William Whitson of The Foundation for Inner Peace, original publishers of *A Course in Miracles*.

Prior to Dr. Whitson's work with the Foundation, he was Chief of Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division for the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. With his work in Washington and his status as a retired Colonel in the United States Army, he had contact with many high-ranking military officers. When he met Judy, he wanted to share her and her

insight of *A Course in Miracles* with Washington and the military "forces that be."

He asked Judy to present her ideas to a small, elite group of military leaders at the War College. Judy was a little uncomfortable with the surroundings and the idea of speaking to generals about God. At one of their round table meetings, she explained that when she is in doubt about what to do she asks the "Behind-the-Scenes-Creative-Decision-Maker-Within." The room was dead silent.

Breaking the silence, one general looked her straight in the eye and said, "Do you mean God?"

Not wanting to put off the generals by bringing up God, Judy nervously replied, "Well, some people call Him that."

"Lady, if you mean God... say God!" barked the General. He went on to say, "When I was in the war, I was a paratrooper.

When I jumped out of planes and pulled my primary cord to open my parachute and it didn't open, I would go for my secondary cord, which was my last hope of survival. If every time I went for that second cord, I had to say "Help me, 'Behind-the-Scenes-Creative-Decision-Maker-Within,' before I pulled the cord, I'd be dead! If you mean God, say God!"

Yes, God is alive and doing well in Washington, and He goes by name... no pseudonyms for Him!



Thirty Years of Joining...

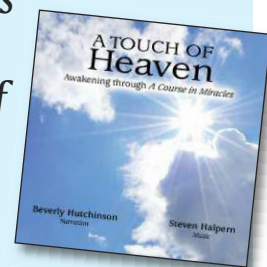
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HE: Do you have a favorite recording in the series, and why?

SH: The one I'm working on at the time. I find each one has a special timeless quality that speaks to me in different moods at different times. Each is perfect in its own way.

"Thank you so much for 'A Touch of Heaven.' When I was lost in the darkness of my own mind the words reached in and shone the light of God into every crevice of my brain, and I was healed."

Rita Mandrachio, New York, NY



BH: Yes, so true. But for readers, let me share a little about each of the recordings in the series because each has its own particular focus...

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"This Christmas give the Holy Spirit everything that would hurt you. Let yourself be healed completely that you may join with Him in healing, and let us celebrate our release together by releasing everyone with us." (T15.XI.3) Let us cele-

brate this holiday season by the true extension of love: release! Let us join in healing for all our brothers and the world by lifting the veil of judgment and guilt we have placed upon it. The world can be born anew, we can be born anew as we allow ourselves to be healed by extending that healing. We invite you to join with us each day at 4:30pm (Pacific Time) for a moment of prayerful support through our prayer ministry to extend this healing. We invite you to join with us for yourself and your loved ones. If you have a prayer request, please send it to MDC.

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Beverly Hutchinson McNeff

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