



“A Course in Miracles” - URTEXT: THE LEVELS OF THE PSYCHE

THE LEVELS OF PERCEPTION PRODUCE THE LEVELS OF REALITY = THE SEPARATION

“In our picture of the psyche, there is an **unconscious level**, which properly consists ONLY of the miracle ability ... and a **conscious level**, which perceives or is aware of impulses from **both** the **unconscious** and the **superconscious**. These are the sources of the impulses it receives. Consciousness is thus the level of perception, but NOT of knowledge. Again, **to PERCEIVE is NOT to know.**”

“Consciousness was the **first split** that man introduced into himself. He became a PERCEIVER rather than a creator in the true sense. Consciousness is ... the domain of the ego. ... the ego is NOT the self...” AND “A crucial source of the ego’s off-balance state is its **lack of discrimination between impulses** from God and from the body.”

“**Everything that man creates has energy** because, like the Creation of God, **they (it) come FROM energy**... Miscreation is still a genuine creative act ... To deny this is merely the previously mentioned fallacy of depreciation. “ AND “...the individual...BELIEVES in what he has created in his unconscious...”

“The ability to perceive made the body [a means to “see” separate selves] possible... The superconscious, which KNOWS, could not be reconciled with this **loss of power**, because it was incapable of darkness [LIMITED ability to see]. This is why it became **almost** inaccessible to the mind, and **entirely** inaccessible to the body.” [The superconscious cannot limit its Vision of the whole to the limited vision of the physical eye.]

“**Miracles come from the subconscious** (below conscious) level. **Revelations come from the above conscious level.** The **conscious level is in between and reacts to either** sub- or super-conscious impulses in varying ratios.” AND “...**every level has a creative potential**...”

“The mind is a very powerful creator, and it never loses its creative force. It never sleeps. Every instant it is creating, and ALWAYS as you will.” AND “The truth is **there ARE no “idle thoughts”.** **ALL thinking produces form at some level.**”

“Perception ALWAYS involves some misuse of will, because it involves the mind in areas of **uncertainty**. The mind is very active because it has will-power. **When it willed the Separation it willed to perceive** [i.e., NOT know = hide]. Until it chose to do this, it willed only to know. Afterwards, it had to will **ambiguously**, and the only way out of ambiguity IS clear perception.”

“[Knowledge] can always be REMEMBERED. This is not a literal remembering as much as a **re-remembering.**”

“INSTRUCTIONS: The **purpose** of this course is **integration.**”

“The levels which man created by the Separation are **disastrous**. They cannot BUT conflict. ...one is essentially meaningless to another... **They were conflict-prone by definition**, because they **wanted different things** and **obeyed different principles** [uncertainty of “values” created a “hierarchy of needs” = Maslow].”

“Separation from God is the only lack he really needs to correct. But his Separation would never have occurred if he had not distorted his perception of truth, and thus **perceived himself as lacking**. The concept of ANY sort of need HIERARCHY arose because, having made this fundamental error [that he was lacking in ANY way], he had already fragmented himself into levels with DIFFERENT needs. **As he integrates**, HE becomes one, and his ONE need becomes one accordingly. Only the fragmented can be confused about this.”

“...**nothing is difficult that is WHOLLY DESIRED.** To desire wholly is to **CREATE**...” AND “...**unified perception ...parallels God’s knowing.**”

“The Separation **HAS** occurred. To deny this is merely to misuse denial. However, to concentrate on error is merely a further misuse of legitimate psychic mechanisms. The **true corrective procedure**, which has already been described as the **proper use of the spiritual eye** (or true vision), is to accept the error temporarily, but only as an indication that immediate correction is mandatory. **This establishes a state of mind in which the Atonement can be accepted without delay.**”