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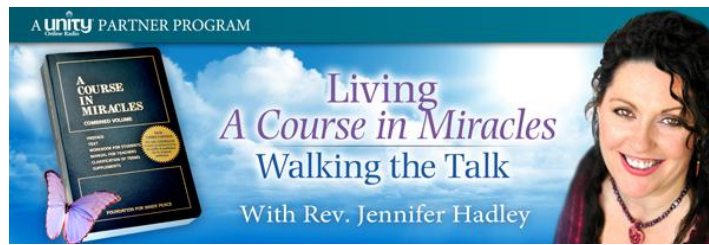


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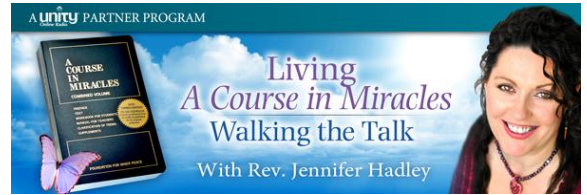
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## What Is the Ego?

Welcome to *A Course in Miracles: Living the Love, Walking the Talk* with Reverend Jennifer Hadley, a beloved teacher of the *Course*, who has helped thousands learn how to express their beliefs from moment to moment in their everyday lives. Get ready to focus on your intent to be the Love, be the Peace through practical application.

Here is your host, Reverend Jennifer Hadley.

### *Opening Prayer*

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Jennifer      Hey there. So happy to join with you today. Oh, gosh! I love this year. Oh, and it still has that New Year smell to it, doesn't it? I'm Jennifer Hadley and I love to pray.

We're going to start with turning inward. I invite you to place your hand on your heart as we open ourselves and take this deep breath of Love and gratitude.

So grateful and so thankful that Love is all that there is, Love is all that we are. So grateful and thankful to Partner UP with the Higher Holy Spirit Self to remember, to recognize, to know, to share, to be the Love. We are grateful and thankful to recognize that the Holy Spirit, the mighty I AM presence is all that we are.

We are grateful and thankful to recognize the Unity of all life and this is the holy purpose of our joining. We are grateful and thankful to come together in holy relationship joining with Spirit all One, of One Mind.

We open ourselves to Divine insight and true Clarity. We're releasing all attachment to a false identity, a mistaken identity. We're letting go of ideas of sin and we're standing in the truth of our Wholeness and our perfection. That our beauty and perfection is eternal, it's infinite, it's unbreakable, it's

unhurt. We're willing to remember and recognize that this is so and we come together for this purpose now.

In gratitude, we share the benefits with all. In gratitude, we let it be, and so it is. Amen. Amen, Amen, Amen.

### *Knowing the Ego*

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Yes. So our topic this week—Spirit is so good. What a yummy topic. I was given which is “What is the Ego?” Those of you who have really been through your *A Course in Miracles* book, you may recognize there is a section in the back, if you've got all the books in one, and it's called “The Clarification of Terms,” and in there, the first term is “Mind-Spirit.” The second term is “The Ego—The Miracle.”

*It begins with “Illusions will not last. Their death is sure and this alone is certain in their world. It is the ego's world because of this. What is the ego? But a dream of what you really are. A thought you are apart from your Creator and a wish to be what He created not. It is a thing of madness, not reality at all. A name for namelessness is all the ego is. A symbol of impossibility; a choice for options that do not exist. We name the ego but to help us understand that the ego is nothing but an ancient thought that what is made has immortality.”*

In other words, the things that we make in this world like the ego, they don't have immortality. They are not eternal. They are not infinite. They are only of this world. What happens in this world stays in this world, wherever this world is.

It says, “*But what could come of this except a dream which, like all dreams, can only end in death?*”

*“What is the ego? Nothingness, but in a form that seems like something. In a world of form the ego cannot be denied for it alone seems real. Yet could God's Son as God created him abide in form or in a world of form? Who asks you to define the ego and explain how it arose can be but he who thinks it real, and seeks by definition to ensure that its illusive nature is concealed behind the words that seem to make it so.*

*There is no definition for a lie that serves to make it true.”*

So the ego is a lie that only serves to make in this world a form itself seem true, be true, which it cannot do. So what is the ego? Nothingness but in a form that seems like something. The ego's opposite in every way, in origin,

effect and consequence we call a miracle. So that's what we are, we're miracle. In fact, a friend of mine wrote a beautiful song that goes:

♪ *You're a miracle, uh-huh* ♪

♪ *A little miracle, oh, yeah* ♪

It's a beautiful children's song. I like to sing it to myself.

♪ *You're a miracle, uh-huh* ♪

I have to play that song for us.

♪ *You're a miracle, oh, yeah* ♪

I'll see if Jeff can do that at the end of the show here. Fade out with that maybe. Let's see, maybe at the break. We'll see.

So that's what the ego is, it's nothing trying to be something. Nothing trying to be something. Now the ego is a thought system. This is also what *A Course in Miracles* tells us. The ego is a thought system for the purpose of allowing us to believe that we're separate.

In Chapter 3, Section IV, it says in Paragraph 2 here.

*"The ego is a wrong-minded attempt to perceive yourself as you wish to be, rather than as you are."*

*"The ego is a wrong-minded attempt to perceive yourself as you wish to be, rather than as you are. Yet you can know yourself only as you are, because that is all you can be sure of. Everything else is open to question."*

I love this, So, *"The ego is a wrong-minded attempt to perceive yourself as you wish to be, rather than as you are."*

### *The Illusion of Separation*

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So with the ego's support, we can think of ourselves as separate. We can think of ourselves as lacking. We can think of ourselves as being in limitation. None of those things are true. We're not separate, we're not lacking and there is no limitation. There is no lack. In God, there is no lack, there is no limitation. What is eternal and infinite cannot even—there's just no such thing. These are part of the illusion of separation.

In this world, we're experiencing separation. It does have a purpose because after our long journey where *A Course in Miracles* calls a

meaningless journey, and it is only meaningless because it's an illusion. It still has value. *A Course in Miracles* tells us that everything has value. So in our experience in this world, we have this opportunity to truly to come to value our God nature, our God reality, our brothers and sisters so profoundly. Precisely because we thought we were separate.

We come to value the Oneness and the unity so profoundly because we go through the valley of shadows where we think we're separate. There's the value in this experience. The great news is, that we'll never be separate but we can believe we're separate as long as we like. That's up to us. The guarantee that *A Course in Miracles* gives us so beautifully is that time will end—the need for time will end and we will remember who we are.

I love the Lesson 68, "Love Holds no Grievances" where it says that "*Those who forgive will remember who they are as surely as those who don't forgive will forget.*" So if we'd like to remember the infinite power, the perfect Love, the uncompromised Beauty that is our true nature, forgiveness is the way, and we can start today.

I love it when God rhymes through me. It's fun.

So we can't know ourselves as the limited self. That's why when we identify with a separate, limited, unlovable, unloving self, it's so confusing. It's so disheartening. It feels so unpeaceful. It feels so wrong. Because it is. It's completely false and we're confused when this is what we're doing.

It's just a little bit later in that section. Section IV in Chapter 3.

It says, "*A separated or divided mind must be confused.*"

It must be! It has to be in conflict because it is out of accord with itself. So the way back is forgiveness. What is forgiveness? It is the release of the meaning you've made of things. It is the release of the interpretation. It is living in non-judgments. No opinions, no judgments. In this space then we can truly say, "Everything works together for our good and there are no exceptions."

In this space of non-judgment, we can be willing to understand and even perceive how it could be possible that everything including the most nightmarish things can work together for our good without exception.

Now Chapter 3, Section IV.

It says, “*The ego is the questioning aspect of the post-separation self, which was made rather than created.*”

### *Spreading the Love*

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I know we have a lot of new *A Course in Miracles* students coming in to listen to the radio show all the time. Welcome to you. Start anywhere in any of these offerings. I think you’ll get some support, at least that’s my intention. Oh, by the way, speaking of support, I’m very excited. New things are happening all the time. Yay! One of the new things that’s happening is that we are preparing, we’ve been negotiating to be able to send inspirational text messages with *A Course in Miracles* quotes, with inspiration from me. One a day, something like that. You can subscribe to it.

I’m not sure that we’ll be able to have international numbers initially. It may be just the United States initially. Sorry about that but you can imagine how complicated it would be to negotiate with all the—you know, more than 100 countries that listen to us here. So we’re going to start with the US and see how that goes.

When we do the *Living A Course in Miracles* classes and other classes, we’ll be able to text you reminders. Of course, it’s all totally optional. So that’s just another service we’re going to be able to provide. I used to be able to do that but it just became way too expensive. I couldn’t personally afford it anymore. That was back before we started the Power of Love Ministry.

Cycling back to that because people really love getting those text messages and I love sending them. It’s fun. I send them at random times during the waking hours of the United States so that people will get them and go, “Oh, look at that. What a nice reminder.” People used to tell me all the time, “It came at a perfect moment. I was just having a breakdown then your message came in and I remembered myself.” Spirit always knows when to time in and lets us know. I think it’s perfect. I know it’s perfect.

What else? I do have some free stuff to announce. Yes, we have the radio show transcripts on the [LivingACourseinMiracles.com](http://LivingACourseinMiracles.com) Resources page. Yes. What else? If you were interested or, gosh, even if you’re still interested, I did three free classes. I think one in November, one in December, one in January, and they were preview classes for *Masterful Living*. People are still telling me almost every day how much they liked

those free classes. They're free. *Masterful Living* is closed now but the free classes are still there for you.

The topics are *Relationship Harmony*, *Unblock Your Flow of Love*, *Time and Energy* and *Self Love, Six Steps for Self Healing*. All three of those classes are available at JenniferHadley.com on the Events page. They're all free. You just have to register for each one and then we send you the links. Then you can download the audio or you can listen to it online and you could also get the transcript now. So all of that is free for you too now.

### *We are Already Perfect*

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Alright, so back to “*The ego is the questioning aspect of the post-separation self, which was made rather than created.*”

Remember, we're created. We're created by the Creator in the image and likeness of the Creator. So we're aspects of God.

*A Course in Miracles* tells us very clearly that God cannot be God without us. Because we're of God, we're perfect. We're already perfect. I say all the time, “We're already as holy as holy can be.” Let us remember it. One of the practices, speaking of spiritual practice because that's what is my year-long *Masterful Living Course* is all about, it's about the practice of these spiritual principles. We don't study them, we practice them because that's where the healing is.

One of the things that I do is this. In fact, one of my dear, dear friends said to me—oh, maybe last month or the month before. They said, “Oh, no, it's towards the end of the year.” They said, “This year, what are you really grateful for?” I said, “I'm really, really grateful that I have this practice now that if I have the most fleeting thought that something's wrong, I've done something wrong, I should be different,” I just think, “No, that's such an illusion, delusion. I'm already perfect. I am perfect. I am already perfect and I am willing to recognize I am perfect, and so is everyone else. I am willing to give up the idea that if I were taller, fitter, fatter, wealthier, more beautiful, less beautiful, any kind of change in my physical body and my financial status, and my creative ability, anything that I could possibly adjust or change in this world could ever possibly make me perfect.”

I'm already as holy as holy can be. That's my perfection. I'm willing to recognize it now. My holiness and my perfection are not conditional.

Conditions are in this world, the world of form, just nothing to do with my true reality. So what is this experience for? It's to help me value my true reality and remember that that's where I exist in God. Nothing real can be threatened. Nothing unreal exists. I exist as perfect in the mind of God as we all do, One with each other, eternally.

So anything that we've ever done, anything that's ever been done to us cannot affect that. Let's stop thinking that it does. In my *Masterful Living Course*, I was sharing recently that we have this idea that we got a belief from something that happened in this world. I just don't believe it anymore. I believe that we had the belief, and then we have the experience in this world to highlight in our awareness our belief so that we will hand it over to the Holy Spirit for healing.

"Holy Spirit, please take this thought out of my mind so I never think it again. I don't need it anymore! I'm done with it. I'm complete. Oh, I'm so complete with that thought. Thank you, Holy Spirit. Take it out of my mind."

And always share the benefits. Let anyone else who has this thought, let them have it removed from their mind, too, because we share the same mind. We're just cleansing and clearing, cleansing and clearing, taking out the trash, cleaning the mental and the emotional clutter day after day after day until—whoo! It's all gone. I have been doing this and the first year I did this, I so much healing, I couldn't believe it. It's miraculous, you know?

That's the whole point of my *Masterful Living Course* is to do it and not forget to do it. We help each other, we remind each other, we stay in tune with each other. It's fantastic. You can do that. Get some friends together. Get a study group together. Don't go at it alone. You're not alone. Why would you go at it alone? By the way, I'll just say I'm going to ask you all to hold this in prayer. I'm really working so that we can have global support for anybody who would like it. The ministry is growing. The ministry is growing.

Yes, the more we clear out the trash, the more we can serve the light. The more we serve the light, the less interest in the trash we are. We'll just dump it and dump it.

## *The Ego is Confused and Contradicting*

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So, *“The ego is the questioning aspect of the post-separation self, which was made rather than created.”*

So we become enamored of our opinions and judgments. We started to really believe in the possibility of separation and the ego came into being. It’s the questioning aspect of what we believed to be a separate self which we made for the purpose of experiencing separation, right?

A tiny mad idea, “What if I could believe I was separate and really, really believed it then we forgot to laugh?” We had the idea, “I’m better than this one.” We had the idea, “They’re better than me. I’m worse than them. I don’t have enough.” All these crazy thoughts, we’ve got to laugh. We forgot to go, “Wait a minute, ha-ha-ha.” Separation isn’t even possible. So that’s how we got in this predicament.

The one thing that’s assured in this world is that this delusion of separation will come to an end. As soon as we wish it, war is over. As soon as we want it, right? That’s what John Lennon, Yoko Ono gave us. War is over as soon as we want it.

*“The ego is capable of asking questions but not of perceiving meaningful answers, because these would involve knowledge and cannot be perceived. The mind is therefore confused, because One-mindedness can be without”—excuse me.*

*“The mind is therefore confused, because only One-mindedness can be without confusion. A separated or divided mind must be confused.”*

So when we give up separation, we won’t be confused anymore. Confusion has been such a part of my journey. It’s such a painful part of my journey, feeling confused. Really, truly—oh, my gosh. Such—ugh! I’m so glad its fading.

In Chapter 4, Section I, it says, *“The ego is a contradiction.”*

Yeah, it’s a contradiction, yourself, small self, small “s.” And God’s Self, that’s us, capital “S,” are in opposition. They are opposed in source, in direction and in outcome. They are fundamentally irreconcilable because the Spirit cannot be perceived and the ego cannot know. This is important because one of the main points I make all the time has been has been such a gift to me is to recognize as if you’re trying to understand something, if I’m

trying to comprehend something. I don't recognize that what I'm trying to do is perceive the truth rather than remember that I already know it.

So this is part of the split, this is part of the contradiction. Therefore, one of the most healing things we can do is anytime, anytime at all we're trying to understand something, we're trying to comprehend it, we're trying to figure out. Because people tell me all the time. I've been a spiritual counsellor for 16 years. How many sessions do people say, "I'm just trying to figure out, I'm trying to understand and I'm trying to comprehend"? They are often saying things to me like, "I'm just trying to understand. Do I keep this relationship going? Do I leave this relationship? I'm trying to know what is God is telling me? What does God want?"

First of all, God doesn't want anything because how could one that is everything, want anything. How could it want anything for us when it's given everything to us? We have the mind of God. The mind of God can create infinite Beauty and Peace and Joy, Wisdom, Clarity, Freedom, Wholeness, all kinds of experiences any time we desire if that's what we desire. But when we're focused on lack and limitation, then we're going to bring forth delusions of lack and limitation.

### *Defeating the Ego*

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You see, it's our choice. So when we're trying to understand, when we're trying to figure out, we're trying to perceive via the ego when we know we already know. It's already there in our mind. That's why I often say that one of my favorite moments in literary history is Charles Dicken's *A Christmas Carol*, at the end when Scrooge gets up in the morning and he's dancing around his bedroom and he's declaring, "I don't know anything. I don't know anything." He's so delighted because he has reached this place of realizing he's not the ego.

The ego, the "I" that he thought he is doesn't know anything. Then he says, "But now I know I don't know anything. Now I know it. I have the wisdom to know that the ego doesn't know anything. I AM is the one who knows." Yes, and we are not the ego. The ego is nothing trying to be something.

I have found that one of the best cures for ego attachment is I just in my mind I turn and face the ego and I say, "You're nothing trying to be something. I AM that I AM. Follow me and we will have a beautiful

experience in this life. But you'll always be nothing trying to make something, to be something. I'm already am the I AM that I AM. I am already perfect and I do not need to make myself more perfect. It's not even possible."

What I was saying last week, our only thing that we must do is be willing and as the *Course* tells us, we can't do any more than that. It's ego to think that we can. How wonderful? How wonderful is that that? It's so wonderful it's just like that's all we need. We can just carry the book around and just keep focusing on that, "The ego is nothing. I am everything and I am willing to remember that I AM that I AM. Holy Spirit make it so now. This now. I don't have to wait, I cannot be improved upon. There's nothing for me to wait for. There's no delay. Now! Now, now, now!"

Who! It feels so good. Yes. Alright, so I'm going to take a break here. Just a reminder, go get those free classes while they're still there, the *Self-Love*, the *Unblock Your Flow of Time, Energy and Money* and *Relationship Harmony*. Three free classes. Download them, get the transcripts, share them with friends, and make a workshop out of it. That's a great thing to do. People often are desiring to start a study group.

By the way, we have study groups support for you. Free study groups support at [LivingACourseinMiracles.com](http://LivingACourseinMiracles.com). We've got a few audios there all about how to start a study group, run a study group, manage a study group. Lots more free there.

Reminder, too, if you go look at *A Course in Miracles* Resources page and you don't see the transcript of an episode that you'd like just write to [admin@JenniferHadley.com](mailto:admin@JenniferHadley.com) and we'll put it at the top of the queue for the next one. We've got about 70 out of 270 episodes transcribed, so we're making real headway. We did that in just about six months. Who knows maybe we'll get them another 100-150 done this year. Yay!

Thank you for all the people who have given donations to support that effort. God bless you. People are grateful. Alright, time for me to have a break. I'm Jennifer Hadley. You're listening to *A Course in Miracles* on Unity online radio where we're Living the Love, we're Walking the Talk. I'll be right back.

Thank you for tuning in for *A Course in Miracles: Living the Love, Walking the Talk*.

Get ready to focus on your intent to be the Love, be the Peace through practical application as we return to *A Course in Miracles: Living the Love, Walking the Talk*.

### *The Great Perfection*

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Jennifer Welcome back. Well, we're talking about what is the ego? What is the ego? Of course, the ego is nothing. It's so important for us to understand what the ego is and what the ego is not. It's nothing, trying to be something. It says in Chapter 4, Section II, "*The ego is only an idea and not a fact.*" The ego is only an idea and not a fact. We're a fact. Spirit is a fact. In this section, it's really great what it says here. It says—this is Paragraph 2. Actually, you know what? I'm going to back up in Paragraph 1. Section II in Chapter 4 is called "The Ego and False Autonomy." It says, "*It is reasonable to ask how the mind could ever have made the ego. In fact, it is the best question you could ask. There is, however, no point in giving an answer in terms of the past because the past does not matter, and history would not exist if the same errors were not being repeated in the present.*" Alright, I'm going to break that down because that is so rich. It's like a truffle. There's no point in giving an answer about how the ego got creative in terms of the past because the past does not matter. Now I don't know about you but I have spent, invested what some would say who think of youth as being the best years of your life. Not for me. Boy, it's just keeps getting better and better for me, believe me. But for those of who think of youth as the topsoil of their life, right? I certainly invested those years in thinking that the past mattered. I was always thinking about the past, so often thinking about the past and thinking about the future of not repeating the past or taking vengeance in the future. So what a great gift it is to give ourselves to simply say, "The past does not matter. It just doesn't matter. History would not exist if the same errors were not being repeated in the present. In other words, if weren't repeating errors of the past, we would know who we are. We would be awake. We would ascend. We would be enlightened. Because we are repeating the

errors of the past, we value the history. We're trying to learn from the history rather than just let it go. Let it go, let it go, let it go.

It says here, *"Abstract thought applies to knowledge because knowledge is completely impersonal, and examples are irrelevant to its understanding."*

Okay, so I was saying before the break that when we're trying to understand things, then we're thinking with the ego, with the ego thought system, thinking that we don't already know, okay? When we know, we don't try to understand things because we know. This is the difference between thinking the thoughts we think we've got and thinking with the ego. Abstract thought applies to knowledge because knowledge is completely impersonal.

Alright, God is impersonal. God is the same now, today, forever, always, and that's what we are in our Spirit reality. If it's changing, it's of the ego. It's temporary, it's of this world.

It says, *"There could be no better example that the ego"*—excuse me. *"It is important to realize that this is"*—ooop, I'm skipping right past it. There it is.

*"Perception, however, is always specific, and therefore quite concrete. Everyone makes an ego or a self for himself, which is subject to enormous variation because of its instability,"* right?

Ego is unstable because it's based in the delusion that we're separate. So when we're identified with the ego, we're always going to feel insecure and off-balanced. Isn't that just the most—the only reason we need to say, "Hey, I don't think I want to identify with the ego anymore. I think I'm going to identify with Spirit. Holy Spirit, I'm ready. I'm willing. I'm going to identify with you now. I'm willing. I'm so willing."

Then every time we get so upset, we realized, "Oh, I guess we're not that willing but I can change my mind. I must have made a wrong decision because I'm not at peace. I'm the one who made the decision. I'm the decision maker, so I could change my mind and be at peace. And the Holy Spirit will dissolve all the consequences of my wrong decision, right? That's the prayer at the end Chapter 5, Page 90.

It says, *"We make an ego for everyone else we perceive, which is equally variable."*

So our ego is unstable and variable because it's based on a lie. Then our ego makes another ego for everyone it perceives, which is equally variable. Talk

about off-balance. No wonder people are frightened, right? Everything is unstable in the world of the ego, and there's no way to get stability. But isn't that what the ego is always trying to do? I mean, just think about everything you've ever done to try to feel safe, right? Just think of everything you've ever done to try to feel safe.

Yeah. Think of everything, every effort that you have made to try and feel secure, by changing things in this world, by rearranging the deck chairs of the Titanic. Can you be made safe that way? No, the thing is to know in your mind you're not unsafe and you never were. That's the great perfection.

So we make our ego and we make one for everybody else.

Then the interaction between the two egos it says, "*Is a process that alters both, because they were not made by or with the Unalterable.*" Right?

Spirit is unalterable, undamageable. That's the thing about our true nature, its perfect forever, whole forever. Think of this. I think of this often when I'm praying for someone's health and Wholeness that, "Spirit is all that there is. God is all that there is. There is no other and therefore, because I am of God, Wholeness has to be my nature." If I'm experiencing, which right now you can hear it in my sinuses. If I'm experiencing less than Wholeness or the seeming appearance of it, it has to be some expression of either a belief in lack of Wholeness or a return to Wholeness in my mind.

This is one of the things that I think that's helpful and that is to realize that everything that is expressing in the body is helpful. It is helpful for us to work within our mind. It's very common that when people are going through a transformation, all kinds of appearances will show up in their body as we're recalibrating. Yes, that's quite an—oh, my gosh! Everyone I know is such in an intense recalibration.

If you're willing to really put your attention on this now and not be trying to get your safety and security from the world. But if you're really doing this inner, inner work, oh, my God, the recalibration is happening so fast. It's so beautiful and so powerful.

If you're interested, I did a class on New Year's Day, *New Year's Reboot*. It's only \$22. It was so good and it's really helpful to lay out a spiritual map for the year. A real foundation. I encourage you to do that. If you like more

support with that, you can get my *New Year's Intentions* class, which is the first four weeks of *Masterful Living*. And the combo of *New Year's Reboot* and *New Year's Intentions* is really I think is just an amazing way to really anchor your spiritual growth this year in things that are profound.

Every year, at the end of *Masterful Living*, so many people tell me, “Jennifer, I don’t know how it happened, I never believed it could happen but the things that I did at the beginning of the year, the intentions I set and all of that, they have come into fruition, and I just had no idea that I could accomplish this.” Now they know and that forever changes them. So you can do that, too, you know?

If you want to do it step-by-step with me, try these classes, but you definitely can do it without me. You’ve got *A Course in Miracles*, you have Holy Spirit, right? I just like to do it with a group, what can I say? That’s how I roll. So I just can’t be quite. I have to share, I’m a sharer. I really am. I love to share.

### *We are Not the Ego*

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So it says here, we make an ego for everyone we perceive, and that ego is variable, too. Then interaction with other people’s egos, our ego to ego interactions alters both egos because the egos are something that we made.

It says here, “It is important...” This is text, Chapter 4, Section II.

*“It is important to realize that this alteration can and does occur as readily when the interaction takes place in the mind as when it involves physical proximity. Thinking about another ego is as effective in changing relative perception as is physical interaction. There could be no better example that the ego is only an idea and not a fact.”*

In other words, we can change our mind about a person and that could change our relationship with them. That doesn’t have anything to do with physical proximity. It doesn’t even have to do with the person to have passed away.

It says, “*Your own state of mind is a good example of how the ego was made. When you threw knowledge away it is as if you never had it.*”

Yeah, and that’s one of the big challenges is we forget that all Wisdom, all knowledge is something that we have and we were given it by our Creator, and it is still there. That’s why we say, “Seek first the kingdom, and all else

will be added unto us.” Where is the kingdom, it’s within. Yeah. So our waking up is making us realize that the ego is not our true self. It’s a false self.

Later in Chapter 4, Section II, it says, in Paragraph 8.

*“The ego is the mind's belief that it is completely on its own.”*

You see, it’s the thought system of separation. Yeah.

*“The mind's belief that it is completely on its own.”* Yes. “But you are Blanche. You are in a wheelchair.” What was the name of that movie? Gosh, I can see Bette Davis and Joan Crawford, the two sisters. That scene which is so cruel to her sister where Joan Crawford says, “I wish I wasn’t in this wheelchair.” Then Bette Davis says, “But you are Blanche. You are in a wheelchair.” Pure ego. What is the name of that movie? I’ll think of it as soon as the show’s over. Who knows, Spirit will give it to me.

Gosh, the ego is not who we are, it’s not what we are. It’s a thought system designed so that we can think we’re on our own and separate that we don’t have—it’s the only way that we can actually have any kind of experience of lack and limitation because lack and limitation are completely false. There’s no lack in God.

Whenever I think something’s been lost or there’s a sense of lack, that’s what I tell myself. I say, “Jennifer, but there is no lack in God. You can’t be lost. It’s in God. Where can it go? So it can’t be lost, right? I find these thoughts very helpful and very comforting. It’s about the correction of the mind, right? It’s the mind training.

Yes, yes, yes! So grateful for these teachings. The ego is always off-balanced. It’s always out of sorts. The reason is because every goodness it thinks it has is totally conditional. Its Peace is conditional. Its Love is conditional. Its happiness is conditional. Its Wholeness is conditional. Its Beauty is conditional. Whenever you think that things are conditional, “Oop, I must be thinking I’m an ego. I’m a body.”

In Section VI of Chapter 4 in Paragraph 1, it says, *“The ego is nothing more than a part of your belief about yourself.”*

That’s all it is. So you see, I was teaching about this in *Masterful Living* yesterday that the ego is like a puppet. A hand puppet, you could think of. So you put the puppet on your hand, and then the puppet can pick things

up, it can throw things, right? It seems to be animated. It seems to be something, doesn't it? It certainly does to a child, right?

You take your hand out of that puppet and you lay that puppet on the table, that puppet cannot do anything. It has no volition. It has no ability to do anything. It has no desire. It has no thoughts. It has nothing. It is nothing. It's an inanimate object. That's really what the ego thought system is, it's just a bunch of thoughts like a puppet that don't have any life until you think them, until you believe them, until you agree with them.

Why is that? Because you have the power. God is the power. God is what you are. All the power that there is in this world comes from God. So when the mind of God enters into the puppet, the puppet seems to have energy and life and power that it could throw things, it could break things, it could smash things, it could cuddle things and comfort things.

But, no, you take your hand out of that puppet, you take the God attention, your awareness, out of the ego thought system, and it's nothing. It's something—excuse me. It's nothing trying to be something which it could never be. And that is the story, my friends, the story of our glory. Yes, indeed.

### *Important Notices*

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Well, it's time for me to wind up here. I told you, you can get the transcripts at [LivingACourseinMiracles.com](http://LivingACourseinMiracles.com) and that you can get the free classes at [JenniferHadley.com](http://JenniferHadley.com) on the Events page. Don't forget also there's a free *How to Get Over It* forgiveness workshop on the Home page at [JenniferHadley.com](http://JenniferHadley.com).

I'm going to be at the wonderful conference with Jimmy Twyman in Easter Weekend along with a bunch of my *A Course in Miracles* pals, Lisa Natoli, David Hoffmeister, I forget who else right now, and I'm working on a retreat for late March. I'll be able to tell you about that next week.

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Finally, I just like to say thank you, thank you, thank you to all the people who have contributed in various ways to support this ministry so that we can offer so much. It's so nice to be transcribing the radio shows to offer these free classes. Remember, the free *Living A Course in Miracles* classes? We've got quite a lot of them. We also got a lot of *Living A Course in Miracles* classes for sale. Those sales help fund all these free things including this radio show. We are a listener-sponsored radio.

### *Closing Prayer*

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So as I place my hand on my heart and I say a blessing for us. I am so grateful and thankful for the Higher Holy Spirit Self leading us and guiding us every day in every way.

In gratitude, we share the benefits of our life of Love with everyone because we're One with them. So grateful to know and declare that we are willing, we are willing to be guided and led by the Holy Spirit.

In gratitude, we share the benefits with every being because all minds are joined. In gratitude, we let it be, and so it is. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

I'll get you that miracle song next week. Mwah!

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