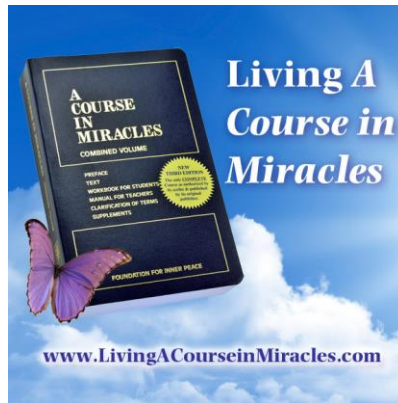


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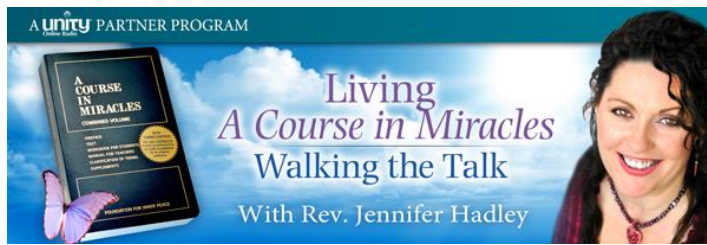


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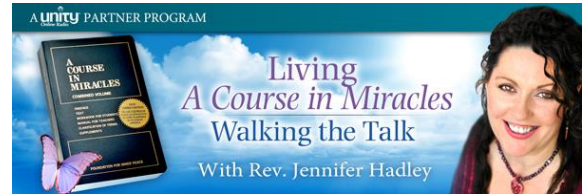
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There is No Order of Difficulties

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.

Jennifer Hey, hey, hey! It's the last radio show of the year and our topic today is "There's no order of difficulties". This is such a beautiful way for us to close out the year, and I'm so grateful to join with you today. I'm Jennifer Hadley, and I like to pray!

I **love** to pray, so that's what I'm going to do right now. Start us off with a prayer and a blessing.

Opening Prayer

I invite you to take a breath of Love and gratitude with me. I like to place my hand on my heart and remember the truth, is that we already **are** perfect Love. We are the perfect givers and receivers of Love, and we're willing to **know** this truth, and to have it resound throughout our mind, our awareness, our activities, every aspect of our being and our life.

We're grateful and thankful to anchor ourselves in a flow of Divine Goodness. We are willing and grateful to open up ourselves to a healing, so we're consciously making a holy offering of any unforgiveness, any resentment, anything that could keep us playing small. All limited beliefs are falling away.

We're grateful and thankful to share the benefits of our healing and our expansion with everyone, because we're One with them.

In gratitude, we let it be. And so, it is. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Order of Difficulties is Only Our Perception

No “*order of difficulties*”. This can be something that's truly challenging for us to understand, because it can **seem** like, “Oh! My house burned down!” that's **way** more difficult for me to deal with than “I stubbed my toe” or “I can't find my keys”. Right? I mean, it just seems **so much more** intense. “My house burned down” versus “I had a small fender-bender”

And yet, there really is no order of difficulties. Because **every time** we're upset it's because we're reviewing the past by means of our opinions and our judgments. Every single time! Every single time that we're upset, it's because **we** have made a meaning and interpretation of things that's incorrect.

Let's get in to this “Order of Difficulties” In the *Manual for Teachers*, Chapter 8 says,

“How can perception or order of difficulties be avoided? The belief in order of difficulties is the basis for the world's perception.”

What?! It's the **basis** for the world's perception. What does **that** mean? It says,

“It rests on differences; on uneven background and shifting foreground, on unequal heights and diverse sizes, on varying degrees of darkness and light, and thousands of contrasts in which each thing seen competes with every other in order to be recognized”.

Our perception, which **is** our projection, is this belief in separation. Now, once our mind fully opens and awakens, we see what things really **are**, and there's no more getting upset, and there's no **sense** of difficulty anymore. But as long as we're **experiencing** difficulty, then we're in perception. It's a wrong perception so we can **have** a healing. And, the wrong perception, **all** perception, rests on this belief in differences, in contrasts.

Now remember, too-- I think it's so helpful to remember that in **this** world, and our human experience, this is how we **learn**. We learn through contrast. At some point we said, “Yes. I would like to experience a world of

contrast in order to learn and grow.” And, we became enamored of our opinions and judgments. We became enamored of the contrast, the meaning that we made of things, our interpretation, and we started to think that we were right, and we started to think that God had left the building, and now we’re on our own. We’re in charge. We have to figure everything out. **We** have to figure out what everything is for.

Seeing True Reality

This is why one of the most helpful lessons in the *Workbook*, to me, is “I don’t know what anything is for.” I don’t know! Until I can see **beyond** my perception, which is beyond time and space, until I can see the **true** reality, how **could** I know what anything is for? All I **can** see is my interpretation and the meaning I’ve made for it, made of it.

You see, this is why *A Course in Miracles*’ basic practice is to surrender the meaning we’ve made of things, and to open our mind to the truth, to true reality. And so, every minute of every day gives us an opportunity to do that.

And the wonderful thing is, although it doesn’t **feel** so wonderful, every time we’re even the **slightest** bit feeling unpeaceful-- lack of Peace-- then we’re in that place of perception. “*Perception is projection.*”

Our perception is also a function of our perspective. Lesson 190 in the *Workbook*, “*Pain is a wrong perspective*” it tells us. So, when our perspective is “I’m on my own. God has left the building. I have to figure it out. I don’t have the **means** to figure it out.” Helpless and hopeless is how I used to feel a lot of the time, and when we’re in **that** position, we’re in that identification with one who’s separate from God.

This whole journey of healing is one of recognizing “Ugh! I had a false identity!” False identification, misidentification, and I can remember my **true** self, my **true** identity, and the very best tool I have for that is every person in my life. Because as I see the Christ **in** them, and **as** them, I’ll begin to see it as myself.

So, “*The belief in order of difficulties is the basis for the world’s perception.*”

Willing to See Beyond the Illusion of Form

The world's perception "rests on differences; on uneven background and shifting foreground, on unequal heights and diverse sizes, on varying degrees of darkness and light, and thousands of contrasts in which each thing seen competes with every other in order to be recognized. A larger object overshadows a smaller one. A brighter thing draws the attention from another with less intensity of appeal. And a more threatening idea, or one conceived of as more desirable by the world's standards, completely upsets the mental balance. What the body's eyes behold is only conflict. Look not to them for peace and understanding."

It's the willingness to see beyond the world of form, recognizing that the world of form that we see until we really have trained our mind, is we're seeing our projection. That's what our perception is, that's what the illusion is, until we can see the **true reality** that's available to us in every moment.

"I don't know what anything is for. It's for my learning. It's for the healing of my mind." And so, really and truly, as crazy as it sounds to the ego, when we can be grateful for things just as they **are, then** we can harvest the learning from them. When we can be grateful for things just as they are, there's no judgment, and there's no forgiveness that's ever needed. We don't have to forgive anything if we're grateful for things just as they are. We haven't made a negative interpretation of them.

Like I said, it can **seem** like "My house just burned down" is **way** more difficult. But that's just a perception. There's a healing opportunity in every moment if it upsets us.

It's funny I think of -- whenever I think of a house burning down, I think of Thomas Edison, and when his laboratories burned down in Menlo Park in New Jersey. This huge fire, his life's work, going up in flames. All the current experiments he was working on, just going up in flames. He called-- and it was during the night time-- and he called to his wife, and he said, "Sweetheart, come over here! Just look at this! Have you ever seen a more magnificent sight, the glory of this fire?" I don't remember his exact words. But imagine that your life's work is burning down, and you're able to enjoy the beauty of the fire.

See? Now, Thomas Edison was a very masterful Being, and his mind was **living** in inspiration. So he, through his experiments, like with the light bulb-- he was trying to find the correct filament for the light bulb that

would work. I seem to recall a story where he had tried thousands of things, let's say two thousand things, and someone had said to him, "Tom, how does it feel to have failed thousands of times? You still haven't found the filament. You've failed thousands of times." He said, "No, I haven't failed at all. Not even once, because I have successfully eliminated those two thousand things."

Perception. Projection. Perspective. It's **always** there for us.

When there's relationship upset, which can be **so** challenging--I mean, one of the most challenging things for us as human beings-- to me, it's **the** most challenging thing-- is relationships with people. The most challenging thing, because **that's** the best way for us to experience separation. Because it looks like there's two -- two bodies, but one mind. So, it **looks** like there's separation.

That's one of the things I love in my year-long *Masterful Living* class-- which, by the way, we start January 1st with a Bonus Class called *New Year's Reboot*. The *New Year's Reboot* class can also be -- you can join that separately. I don't think I have it up on my website yet, but it'll be there, and you can join us on New Year's Day. I love to have a class on New Year's Day. And then, *Masterful Living*, the whole curriculum, really starts on January 11th, so you have plenty of time to join us, if you like.

Continued Opportunity for Healing

Anyway, one of the great shifts and changes that happens for many people in *Masterful Living* is, they **do** a lot of work on their relationships, and they **have** a lot of **tremendous** relationship healing. And what they recognize is, "Ah! I did the work in my mind, in my heart, and it translated, it transformed, into my family, and my work relationships, my friendships, my marriage my children." All these different relationships are improved when we do the inner work.

One of the things that's **so** common for us as spiritual students is, we really get this order of difficulty thing going when we think, "Ah! This just doesn't work for me. I've tried, and I've tried, and I've tried, and this just doesn't work for me."

But you know what? Many people who **believe** that they've tried, and they've tried, and they've tried, on -- you could say on one hand, what's going on is, the opportunity for healing is **continuing**.

When there's continued challenges, there's continued opportunity for healing. Nothing **bad** is happening. It's an opportunity to have more healing, more clearing. And, that's what we'd **like**.

Even when there's intense challenges, nothing bad is happening. It's really critical for us **not** to project the idea, or perceive the thought, that "This is bad" and "This is wrong." Because, remember, whatever we're choosing to **energize**, whatever we're choosing to put our attention and energy into, **that's** what we're going to experience **more** of.

So, if we start thinking, "Ugh! This is bad! This is wrong! This is impossible! This is unbearable! I can't stand this! I don't have what it takes!" well, we're just going to **experience** that. And, we've already experienced that enough.

The way to clear all that is, "I don't know what anything is for. I've given **everything** the meaning that it has for me. I'm **never** upset for the reason I think. All I'm interested in is the Peace of God. The Peace of God is revealing Itself in the activities of my life, every day, in every way. I am willing to have a healing. I am willing to be the fulcrum point of healing in my family, in my workplace, in my relationships, in **all** areas of my life. I am grateful and thankful to open myself, right here and right now, to a flow of Divine Guidance and Divine Wisdom, Divine Insight and Clarity. Thank you, God for my healing. Amen."

These are the thoughts that we can emplace our energy in, and have confidence that God is **always** for us. There's nothing against us, because there **is** nothing against God, and we **are** the living, loving Presence of God. So, **everything** works together for our good **all** the time. There's **no** exception to that. Mmm!! Just feeling that! So good!

Free Will to See Clearly

But, we have the free will choice to believe that things are **not** good, to believe that things are **not** going well for us, to believe that things **should** be different, to believe that we'd be happy if things could be the way we think we **want** them to be.

But you know, this is one of the teachings of Jesus in the *Course* is -- He says to us, "You don't even **know** what will make you happy. You don't even **know**. So, stop thinking that you **do**. Stop thinking that you do."

"I willing to **be** happy, now and forever more." Just affirming that, rather than trying to figure it out. Because remember, the Spirit **always knows**. Our I AM Presence-- the Holy Spirit, the Guardian Angel, the Higher Self, the Holy Self-- whatever name you would like to give to the Spirit, whatever name, **that** part of you - the Knower Who Knows Within, which is the Holy Spirit-- **that** knows the direct path for healing of **all** appearances. That part of us **always** knows the path to our Freedom, the path to our awakening, the path to ease and grace, Freedom, Abundance, Prosperity, Wholeness, Harmony, Joy-- all the spiritual qualities of God. And, the **only** reason we're not experiencing them is because we're choosing to think about something that **blocks** the flow of the spiritual qualities of God.

In *A Course in Miracles*, it talks about "The Great Rays" which **are** these spiritual qualities-- the Freedom, the Joy, the Peace, the Harmony. And these spiritual qualities are omnipresent, omni-active, always operating, all the time. And, they **are** our inheritance. They **are** our true nature, and they **are** the Kingdom.

Seek the Kingdom First

Now, remember, too, that *A Course in Miracles* says **we** are the Kingdom. **You** are the Kingdom. You **are** the treasure, and look within to find it. "*Seek not outside yourself*" but look within to find the treasure. And, when you **really**, truly, earnestly are willing-- just even a bit willing-- to seek that Kingdom first, to **know** yourself as the treasure that you truly are, **then** all else will be added unto you.

Because, as we're willing to give up the thoughts and beliefs that block the flow of the spiritual qualities, **then** we can **experience** them. Then we're **in** the flow of Abundance. We're in the flow of Wholeness. We're **in** the flow of Love, and Joy, and Peace, and Harmony, and the All Good of God.

But anytime that we're energizing that the thoughts we're thinking that upset us are correct, well we're **not** interested in the truth. We're **only** interested in the meaning that we made of it. So, whenever we think "This

is harder” and “That’s easier” then we’re energizing that belief in separation, which shows up as an order of difficulties.

So, Paragraph 2 here, and again, in Chapter 8 of the *Manual for Teachers*, “*Illusions are always illusions of differences.*”

You see. So, remember the first sentence in this Chapter said,

“*The belief in order of difficulties is the basis for the world’s perception.*”

Our Belief in Different

The belief in order of difficulties is the **basis** for the ego perception. Illusions are **always** illusions of differences.

So, it **seems** like we’re different. It **seems** like we’re separate. But, we’re the same. We’re One. We’re the same. Unique expressions of the **same**.

And what I invite you to do, as a practice that’s healing of this order of difficulties belief, is to--something’s coming through here that’s more expansive. Let me just grab it here. Or, allow it.

It’s the -- I don’t know about you, but one of the habits that I have experienced **so intensely** in my life, is the habit of looking for what doesn’t work. Looking for what is **not good**. Looking for the judgment.

So, it’s walking into a room, looking for what I **don’t** like, rather than looking for what I **do** like, rather than looking for the spiritual quality of Beauty that is revealing itself in my environment. Sometimes we go to work in our job and we’re looking for what we don’t like.

One of the things I get questions from, sometimes, is people who are teachers, and they’re grading papers. And so, they’re having to grade papers and so they’re having to say, “This is wrong.” But you can even eliminate that word “wrong.”

For instance, I’ve been training some new people on the staff. So, they’ll look at things, like details on the website, and things that are, you know, in a sense very black and white, and not subjective. It’s “This is correct. “This is incorrect.” But they’re saying, “Oh this-- this. This is bad. It needs to be done over. This is wrong. It needs to be fixed.” And so, even with my staff, I’m saying, “Hey! If I’m saying to you, ‘Hey, what you did is wrong’, doesn’t it feel **different** than if I say to you, “Oh, I was looking at this, and this is not correct. So, let me just explain how to correct it.”

One of the things I also say, **all** the time with people, is that I make errors every day. **Every day** I make errors. I call them “tactical errors”. And so, every day, my perception is incorrect, and I make errors. I think-- I do it all the time with things just as simple as I spill things. It’s just a tactical error. It’s no big deal. It doesn’t mean I did something wrong, or bad, or I should be punished, or I’ve made a fool of myself, or anything like that. These are just tactical errors. I misjudged-- whatever.

Learning Through Contrast

There are errors all the time. We take a wrong turn, it’s an error. And, errors are one of the **best** ways for us to learn. It’s, again, the contrast. We learn **so** well from contrast.

And, as spiritual students, **nobody** knows this better than us, that we learn through contrast, and that’s what this world is about. It’s the illusion of separation which shows up as contrast. Like it said in Paragraph 1, it’s the basis for perception. It rests on differences of uneven background shifting foreground, unequal heights, diverse sizes, various degrees of darkness and light. The contrast.

So, we experience, as spiritual students of contrast, of “When I have an effective spiritual practice, and I engage in an effective spiritual practice, my life is more peaceful, more joyful, more prosperous, more abundant, more harmonious, et cetera. More beautiful.” And, when I don’t-- well, then things are more challenging. They are more difficult. They’re more upsetting. Therein lies the contrast.

So, we have an opportunity, in **every** moment of every day, to just look and see where we’re perceiving that **contrast**, and to recognize “*all things work together for good for those who love the Lord.*” All things are working **for** me. Everything! Every situation, every circumstance. Everything.

Also, in the *Teacher’s Manual* in the “*Development of Trust*” section, where it says it takes great learning to realize that **everything** has value. Everything has value, because it offers us an opportunity to learn through the experience of Love or contrast. When our mind is focused in Love, there **is no** contrast. There’s just Love. Love is everywhere, omnipresent. **Yes!**

It’s time for me to take a break. Let’s see what’s going on. If you are interested in my *New Year’s Reboot* class, you can go to JenniferHadley.com.

Not sure if it's up on the Home page yet, or on the Events page. Of course, you can sign up for my year-long *Masterful Living* course. We start in January and *New Year's Reboot* class is part of that. It's a year-long course, but let me just say-- sometimes people sign up, and for whatever reason-- it's either not for them, or they find the timing is not right with whatever reason. If you're in *Masterful Living*, and you decide it's not quite right for you at this time, you can always withdraw. No harm, no penalty.

If you would like to have a spiritual community, and a hand to hold, and support from me all throughout the year in really **living** your spiritual practice, I'd love to support you with my *Masterful Living* course. Alright!

Right now, you're listening to Unity Online Radio, *A Course in Miracles*, where we're living the Love, we're walking the talk, and I'll be right back!

Everything is Good, Always

Welcome back! I'm Jennifer Hadley, *A Course in Miracles*, and our topic this week is about *Order of Difficulties*, which we're looking at the Chapter 8 in the *Manual for Teachers*, which is all about that.

"The belief in order of difficulties is the basis for the world's perception."

Yes.

"Illusions are always illusions of differences." We learn through our experiences of contrast. Then, through the experience of contrast, what is the meaning that we make of it? Are we willing to see – "Ah! The contrast is **showing** me my belief in separation." Because, when we are **really** in tune with the Infinite, we see that all is One. God is all there is. Love is all there is. Everything is born of an Infinite Love.

Even the most deepest, intense challenges are perfectly designed for our healing. *"What could you not accept, if you but knew, that everything"* – all experiences, all situations, all circumstances, all relationships, all financial challenges, all health challenges -- everything, was perfectly designed by One Whose only interest is your good? And that One **is** you. It **is** the Holy Spirit. It **is** your true nature. It's your true identity.

One of the ways that we also **contribute** to this experience of differences, and **belief** in the differences-- the **belief** in separation showing up as the contrast, the **belief** in separation showing up as "better than" and "less

than” rather than “One with”-- one of the ways this shows up is the labeling “good”, “bad” “right” “wrong”.

As I was saying before, there’s such an energetic difference between saying something is correct, incorrect, versus saying it’s bad, it’s wrong, its right, it’s good. **Everything** is good, because everything is an expression of God’s Love. Everything! All things are perfectly designed by One Whose only interest is our good.

So, if we’re perceiving an order of difficulties, then we’re not perceiving correctly. But that’s part of our human growth and experience. When we are mentally ruminating on, “Ugh! This is going to be so hard!” well the only reason that we’d **think** that is because we feel separate from God. We think we’re on our own, God’s left the building, and now we have to figure it out. You see?

And the reason why we believe that God has left the building is because we **feel** that because we’ve been unloving, because we’ve been unkind, because we’ve been ungenerous et cetera, we deserve to be punished. When we believe that **we** deserve to be punished for our “sins”, when we **have** a belief in sin, then we’re going to think that **other** people need to be punished for **their** sins.

If God has left the building, and we’re surrounded by sinners, who’s going to punish them? Well, it’s up to us, isn’t it? So, how do we punish them? We label them “bad” and “wrong”, and we do our best to let them know that they **are** bad and wrong, and they **should** feel guilty.

A Cry for Love

This is one of the ways that we operate in our relationships that keeps our relationships in that place of being painful, special relationships instead of peaceful, joyful, harmonious, loving, holy relationships. Because let’s face it-- if I feel like when I am mean and critical I deserve to be punished, well then, if someone **else** is mean and critical, I’m going to think **they** deserve to be punished.

But, if when someone else, or myself, is having a challenge, and not so peaceful-- maybe feeling or expressing some kind of meanness, unkindness, lack of patience, no generosity, then it’s a cry for Love. And, that’s **my** healing opportunity to say, “Ah! This person--” and even if it’s **me** -- “--is

not having Self-Love and self-compassion”, is not expressing that. Or maybe, they’re directing their anger at me. It’s because they’ve forgotten who they are. They’ve forgotten who I AM. It’s that cry for Love, and that is **my** life purpose, to be truly helpful.

And so, I can extend the Love. I can extend the compassion. I can extend the kindness. And, I **will be healed** in the doing of it.

It’s not “giving to get” because there’s **no** way on God’s green Earth that we can extend Love in order to get something. Because if we were extending Love to get something, we’re not extending Love. That’s **not** what we’re extending. We’re extending lack. We’re extending limitation. We’re extending neediness. We’re extending attachment and expectation. And so, then what’s going to happen next, some way shape or form, we will **suffer**. But when we’re truly extending loving understanding, compassion, then we will be healed.

This is why the “Truly Helpful” prayer is the prayer of our purpose. The one on page 28, “I am here **only** to be truly helpful. I am here to represent God who sent me. I do not have to worry about what to say or what to do, because God Who sent me will direct me. I’m content to be wherever God wishes, knowing God goes there with me. **I will be healed** as I let God teach me to heal.”

See now? When someone offers a cry for Love, however that looks -- anger, resentment, hurt, shame, blame, whatever that cry for Love looks like-- and even if it’s ourselves -- **we’re** feeling, ashamed, angry, resentful, regretful, guilty, jealous - whatever it is, we can extend Love with no expectation, no **need** of appreciation, no need of kindness or recognition in return. When we can extend Love, compassion-- “Ah! I have felt anger. I’ve felt hurt. I’ve felt resentment, and shame, and blame. Yes! I can have Love and compassion for that.”

Even if the attack **seemed** to be directed at us, if we can claim it in each and every moment for **our healing**, then the order of difficulty will start to dissolve, and we’ll start to see that there really is no order of difficulty. **All** healing is happening in our mind, which is really in our heart.

The Definition of Illusion

Now, I love this part here in Paragraph 2 of the Chapter 8 in the *Manual for Teachers*, about “How can Perception and Order of Difficulties be Avoided?”

“By definition, an illusion is an attempt to make something real that is regarded as a major importance but is recognized as being untrue.”

So, the illusion of the world is **untrue**. The illusion that somebody has done something bad or wrong is untrue.

Now let’s back up here.

“By definition, an illusion is an attempt to make something real...”

So, if you’re looking at someone, and saying what they did was bad or wrong, knowing that our experience here is an illusion, aren’t you trying to make that real? What’s real is Eternal Infinite Love. And so, the errors that give us an opportunity to learn, to grow, to understand -- the errors are **not real**. They’re temporary. Of course, they’re temporary! Even the error of murdering someone, or seeming to cause someone’s death, is a temporary error, because it’s happening in time and space.

Time and space are an illusion for us to learn within. It’s like in *The Matrix*, the movie *The Matrix*. All that learning that Neo does, it’s illusory. **But**, he’s still learning from it. So, his **experience** is illusory, but his mind is still learning from it. It **seems** like his body is having an experience, but his mind is **really** where it’s happening. You see, the Holy Spirit shows us these things to help us realize the truth.

Finding Our Diamonds of Learning

It’s like I was saying in *Masterful Living* class yesterday, that we have **all** these examples that the Holy Spirit gives us about life and our experience. So, I was talking about the diamond. In our heart is the treasure, it’s that diamond. This is our true nature. It’s that perfect flawless diamond.

So, how is a diamond made? It’s taking the coal-- and what is coal made from right? I was saying it’s probably dinosaur poo, or something like that. So, taking that fossilized “whatever” and, you know, some kind of degraded matter, and put enough pressure on it, and it becomes a diamond over enough time.

Now, so that's an **example** of ways that the Holy Spirit is teaching us the pressure will turn your poo into diamonds-- the diamonds of our learning, our Clarity, expansion and compassion, according to our willingness. And we don't have to wait for eons of time. It can happen instantaneously, **because** there is no order of difficulty. **Hallelujah!** It's our willingness that **saves time**. It's our **willingness** that saves time.

Remembering & Awakening

So many people believe that spiritual practice takes time. *A Course in Miracles*, one of the most fundamental teachings in the *Course* is, spiritual practice saves time. But until you're **willing to believe** that, you won't be able to **know** that. Until you're willing to believe it, as with any spiritual truth, you won't be **able** to know it. This is why our little willingness is all that's required. "I am willing to know the truth that sets me free. I'm willing to know and **prove** that my spiritual practice saves time in my suffering in the journey of my awakening."

Because once our mind really awakens, we're not experiencing time and space the same way anymore. We become multi-dimensional beings. And I don't even want to say "become". It's we **remember** that we are multidimensional beings, and we can experience our multidimensionality more **fully** than when we're not awakened.

By definition, an illusion is an attempt to make something real that is regarded as of major importance but is recognized as being untrue. So, the illusion is not true, and yet we've given it this importance. So, whenever we're upset by anything, we've given something in the illusion importance that it does not have. We're making it real.

It says, "*The mind therefore seeks to make it true out of its intensity of desire to have it for itself.*"

You see, so much of our experience in this world is about "God has left the building. Now I'm in charge. **I** have to make things happen. **I** have to do it! I have to do it, because there's no one else to do it **for** me. It's just me, on my own. **I've** got to figure it out. **I've** got to make it happen."

And the reason why we're **so convinced** that we're on our own and we have to make it happen, is **because** we've taken our self out of the flow of the Kingdom, the spiritual qualities, the truth, by believing thoughts that

are **not** true. If I believe that somebody is bad or wrong, well I certainly-- would I be interested in seeing that they're One with me? No, I don't think so!

So, if I'm looking at a world leader, and thinking "They're bad. They're wrong. They're stupid." will I wish to see that I'm One with them? If I'm looking at someone who is doing, either something as seemingly innocuous as they just spilled their coffee on me, and I'm thinking "What an idiot!" there's no **real difference** in that in thinking that "The President of the United States is an idiot", or somebody who was a mass murderer is an idiot, or wrong, or bad, it's just **thoughts** that are causing that sense of separation, that judgment.

That judgment **is** the **very thing** that takes us out of the flow of Love, and Peace, and Harmony, Abundance, Prosperity and the All-Good. **Those** are the things that **do it**. They are-- the thoughts of lack and attack **are** weapons of mass destruction, distraction. And, the more upset we are, the more we are convinced of them.

We Are Never Alone

It goes on to say here,

"The mind therefore seeks to make the illusion true out of its intensity of desire to have it for itself."

Think of it, when you're upset, and you just **know** you're right. "Oh! I'm so right! They're so wrong!" Can you feel the intensity of the attachment to the opinion **so** strong? Well, in **that** attachment, **where** are you seeking the Kingdom? Heaven is not at hand in your **mind**, because **you're** in a place of hell.

But what I love, I love that the teaching, "Even if I make my bed in hell, Thou art with me. Always!" Even if I don't **believe** in God. Even if I have **no** sense that God is real, "Thou art with me, always." Never alone.

That's one of the things that Jesus tells us, in the Course is, "You can never be alone. I'm always with you. Always!" And the only reason we can experience, or the only **way** we can experience, that aloneness is to cut ourselves off. How do we cut ourselves off? Judgments and opinions.

Now check this out.

“Illusions are travesties of creation attempting to bring truth to lies.”

Our projections **are** our perceptions, so what we see in the world-- if we're not seeing the Beauty, the Peace, the Harmony and the Perfection, then we're seeing only our projection. Anytime we're upset, we're seeing only the projection. That's our perception.

When we're aligned with the truth, there's no more perception. There's just the **knowing**. This is why in the experiencing the order of difficulties, if we're trying to figure things out, we're not **connected**. We're on our own. And, we can change our mind. Mmm!

And so, it goes on to say,

“Finding truth unacceptable--” which is, what is the truth? Oneness. Perfection.

“Finding the truth unacceptable, the mind revolts against truth and gives itself an illusion of victory.”

“I'm right!”

“Finding health a burden, it retreats into feverish dreams. And in these dreams--” this is the illusion - *“...in these dreams--”* Our fantasies, our projections, *“...in these dreams, the mind is separate, different from other minds, with different interests of its own, and able to gratify its needs at the expense of others.”*

So, what is “the expense of others”? Judging them. Criticizing them. Trying to make them feel guilty and punish them.

A Meaningless World

“Where do all these differences come from? Certainly they seem to be in the world outside. Yet it is surely the mind that judges what the eyes behold. It is the mind that interprets the eyes' messages and gives them 'meaning'. And this meaning does not exist in the world outside at all.”

One of the things that *A Course in Miracles* talks about is a “meaningless world”. Because, in truth, there's just pure Wisdom. “Meaning” is interpretation.

“And this meaning does not exist in the world outside at all.”

Meaning is what we **make** of things.

“What is seen as 'reality' is simply what the mind prefers.”

A-ha! That's the judgment! That's the opinion!

"Its hierarchy of values is projected outward, and it sends the body's eyes to find it. The body's eyes will never see except through differences."

And there, you have it! We're **looking** for differences. We're **looking** for the separation, and that's why we think there's an order of difficulty. But, there's just One, and it's Beauty, Perfection, Wholeness, Freedom, Joy, Abundance, all the time! **All** the time, in their fullness, unless we have a thought that it's not. Wow! Talk about deep thoughts!

Happy New Year!

Well, it's time for me to go. I would like to say, if you've been listening all year, may you have **many** blessings in this New Year. Thank you for joining with me this year. I **so** appreciate the opportunity that we have together in this broadcast.

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Closing Prayer

Let's bless ourselves.

I'm so grateful and thankful, right now, to once again evoke the Holy Spirit for all of us, and to know the truth that sets us free.

We're grateful and thankful to release **all** judgments and opinions, and we give thanks for this Holy opportunity to share the benefits with everyone, because we're One with them.

In grace and gratitude, we let it be. We claim our good. We allow it to unfold. We know it is done. And so, it is. Amen. Amen.

God bless you and Happy, happy New Year! Mwah!