

Blog entry 6/12/18 God, Christ, Holy Spirit, Jesus, Us

I begin by confirming that what I am about to share are ideas that are coming from my heart chakra area, as that is my current way for me to make sure I am sharing from my Awareness of our Oneness and my being in my right mind. And as Others have shared: I realize I am awakening further each day, each moment perhaps, and I reserve the privilege to, perhaps, amend my any sharing to include even higher Insights, as they may occur.

6/11/18: Similar to what Eckhart Tolle has shared: I don't have much use for the past, as I practice continually living in the present moment only.

That being said, however, a brief sharing of "how it used to be for me" seems appropriate to share here. This is a (12-Step practice of) sharing: *What it was like, what happened, and what it is like now.*

When I was a child, I lived in a home that people today may term "dysfunctional," as it was a home filled with fear, abuse, alcoholism, etc.

When I was about ...somewhere between the ages of 6 and 8 (I guess), a friend of about the same age told me that Santa Claus was not real. I was shocked. I couldn't believe what my friend was telling me, so I went to my mom for clarification.

My mom, probably then in a state of mind that was being directed by ego (fear, criticism, justification, etc.), told me in a blunt, uncaring way, that what my friend was telling me was true.

I felt shocked and devastated. My young mind struggled to comprehend the new information.

Then, I was either further told, or I went through a process of elimination: Well, I thought, if Santa Claus is not real, then the Easter Bunny and the Fairy God Mother and the Tooth Fairy must also **not** be real. I was quite disappointed.

...And then I wondered about "God"...

At that time, my understanding of "God" was that of a fearful being, a bearded man-in-the-sky, who was always secretly watching me, wanting to catch me at misbehaving so that he could punish me. My understanding of "God" was similar to my prior understanding of Santa Claus, except that "God" could punish me for all of eternity, banishing me to a place called "purgatory" where evil, suffering souls remained.

At my young age, according to what my parents were constantly implanting in my consciousness (some teachers describe this phenomena as *The Writings on our Walls*), I knew that I was already doomed.

At 6 or 8 years of age then, I had known for some time that I was already doomed. That perception colored my thoughts, behaviors, beliefs and experiences for about the next 30 years. For most of those 30 years, I guess I would describe myself as having been mostly atheist, but with a bit of a silent fear that *those God-fearing people may be right...*

In about 1992 (if I am remembering correctly), when I was about 35 years of age, I began attending a 12-Step Group. Later, I attended that and various other 12-Step Groups for several years. I found them to be helpful and completely life-changing for the better.

In many of those 12-Step Groups, I was invited and encouraged to discard any pre-conceived notions I held about God that did not serve me (did not feel good), in favor of a new, completely different understanding. Some had invited me to think of my Higher Power as God, as a Loving Fatherly Figure that was always at my side, who would guide and protect me, and whom I could always call on for Guidance and Comfort.

Some suggested that I could even make the Group of AA my Higher Power, since it obviously contained more wisdom than I, and some even suggested I could make a tree my initial, beginning definition of God.

Most of their suggestions sure felt better and more appealing than my previous descriptions / beliefs of God, so I followed the 12-Step Groups' guidance, and I began a "God of my understanding."

And that change in perception has served me well.

Over the years, as my understanding of God grew in awareness, I would often be confused about the specific roles of each member of the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit). So I adapted a habit of *Keeping It Simple*, by praying, speaking, and listening for *just* God. Don't need a middle-man, I decided, I'm just gonna go to God with / for everything and eliminate any confusion on my part.

That perception has served me well, also.

However, today, as I follow ACIM curriculum, I see / feel / am Guided to raise my perception once again. Perhaps I will be asked to do this again and again, I don't know; but for now, as I follow along in the book, it is clear to me that ACIM presents a clear distinction of the roles of the Holy Trinity.

And yes, I know, that at the depths of it All, only God is real, and God is All, and only that which *is* God in *any* person, place, thing or situation is real. ...And the Course also provides numerous, expanding definitions of God, Holy Spirit, Christ Mind, Jesus and Us.

That information is, of course, far too much for me to gather and type here. It's in and throughout the book already.

I will, however, include some excerpts here from Robert Perry's "GLOSSARY of Terms from *A Course in Miracles*" ([a link to this book is at the top of our ACIM Blog webpage](#)).

God Pages 38, 39: ACIM: The infinite, eternal Mind or Spirit, Who creates only nonmaterial spirit, like Himself and one with Him, and Who is only pure Love, without anger or attack. God has no gender, no personality, no form, and no boundary. But in some sense, He is a Person, for He has Thoughts, Will, and awareness, and feels Love, peace, and joy. However, unlike human faculties and emotions, these are infinite, formless realities that never fluctuate. God only gives and holds nothing back. His children are His joy and He wills only their happiness. To everyone He gives the same gift: all of His Love, all of Himself. This is how he creates, by giving Himself. His creations receive all their life, their sustenance, and their joy from Him. The Will of God is too powerful to have any opposite or

obstacle. Thus, His laws cannot be broken. When His children **seemed** to attack Him and descend into sin and evil (see **separation**), He did not reciprocate. He knew they merely fell asleep inside His Mind, though He did not know nor understand what they were dreaming nor who they dreamt they were. Instead of retaliating, He simply gave them His Answer, the Holy Spirit, to guide them home. He does not hide Himself, but is totally accessible. He can be known in the direct experience called revelation.

“God’s Son is guiltless”

The Course’s own summary of its message, a phrase it calls the central theme of the universal course, the one message given to all teachers of God, and the Holy Spirit’s only judgment. It means that **forgiveness** is always unconditionally deserved. Even though it seems that everyone is guilty of leaving God and attacking his brothers, no sin occurred and so no guilt is justified. Thus, every person is still part of God’s one Son, at one with God and with each other, within the safety of His transcendental Kingdom.

- Christ Page 15: ACIM: God’s extension. His one Son and one creation. Our true Identity; the single Self that is shared by all members or parts of the Sonship. The second Member of the Trinity; The Holy Spirit abides within Christ as Christ abides within God. Does not refer to Jesus, who is simply one of these members who has remembered our shared Identity. Christ is fully at one with God, indistinguishable from God, and eternally awake in God.
- Holy Spirit Page 50: ACIM: The third part of the Holy Trinity, God’s Answer to the separation, the Voice for God, our internal Teacher, the Communication Link between God and His separated Sons, the bridge between knowledge and perception. God created the Holy Spirit at the separation and placed Him inside every sleeping mind as the call to awaken. He dwells in our right mind and our Christ Mind. At the heart of everything He does is the fact that He is completely aware of both reality and illusions.
- Jesus Page 59: ACIM: One of God’s Sons, equal to all the rest, who was the first to perfectly complete his part (his special function) in the plan for salvation, and so became the leader in that plan and the manifestation of the Holy Spirit. Our model for decision, thought, learning, and rebirth. In his life he perfectly demonstrated the way home through true forgiveness. In his crucifixion he taught that even in the most extreme attacks we cannot be hurt and so can teach only love. In his resurrection he set in motion the Atonement and brought us all home. Yet we think we are still here, and so he is now a living presence in all minds, who works to bring us to the realization of the homecoming that has already occurred. As part of this function, he has authored A Course in Miracles. “This course has come from him.” Through its words, he speaks to us, teaches us, and guides us home. He calls us to join with him, but only so that we can receive his love, his faith and trust in us, and his liberating teaching, and so that we can extend his love to the world.
- Us See “Christ” above. See also: “Brother”

Brother Page 11: ACIM: One who is like you and shares the same Father. All members of the Sonship, which includes all living things, are brothers. Sometimes refers specifically to our holy relationship partner. By calling us all “brothers,” the Course is filling a traditional word that refers only to male siblings with a profound and nontraditional content that embraces all reality. The term “brother” in the Course implies that underneath our apparent differences of gender, culture, age, status, and even species, we are absolutely all the same. It also implies that underneath our worldly relationships as parents, children, enemies, and strangers, we are really only brothers to each other—equal offspring of the same Father. “You have come with but one purpose; that you learn you love your brother with a brother’s love. And as a brother, must his Father be the same as yours, as he is like yourself in truth.”

For me, the information in the Course and the recap in the Glossary is helpful information, because without the distinctions, I don’t know that I could incorporate (understand and apply) what the Course is teaching and to so easily follow the curriculum of the book.

Side Note: Those of you who know me personally may know that I am only just beginning the curriculum of the Course. I am currently on page 142 of ACIM, and aside from a few brief detours to other areas of the book, I am reading just the text first. I am reading slowly, often taking moments to simply be with the information presented there.

Thank you for allowing me to share and for considering my sharing.
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In Love and Peaceful Light,
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