

Homework for Wk #1 Decoding & Living ACIM Handout # 5 WEEK ONE - COMPLETE LESSON # 1 - 5 AND SUMMARY LESSON # 51

LESSON 51. Review summary for first week's lessons (ACIM Lesson # 1 – 5)

The review for today covers the following ideas:

W-51.1. (1) Nothing I see means anything.

2 The reason **nothing I see means anything** is so, is that I see nothing, and nothing has no meaning. 3 It is necessary that I recognize **I see nothing and nothing has no meaning, so that** I may learn to see. 4 What I think I see now is taking the place of vision. 5 I must let go **what I think I see now**, by realizing **that** it has no meaning, so that vision may take **the place of what I think I see now**.

W-51.2. (2) I have given what I see all the meaning it has for me.

2 I have judged everything I look upon, and it is this **judgment** and only this **judgment** I see. 3 This is not vision. 4 It is merely an illusion of reality, because my judgments have been made quite apart from reality. 5 I am willing to recognize the lack of validity in my judgments, because I want to see. 6 My judgments have hurt me, and I do not want to see according to **my judgments**.

W-51.3. (3) I do not understand anything I see.

2 How could I understand what I see when I have judged **what I see** amiss? 3 What I see is the projection of my own errors of thought. 4 I do not understand what I see because **the projections of my own errors of thought are** not understandable. 5 There is no sense in trying to understand **the projection of my own errors of thought**. 6 But there is every reason to let **what I see** go, and make room for what can be seen and understood and loved. 7 I can exchange what I see now for this, **what can be seen and understood and loved**, merely by being willing to do so. 8 Is not this **exchange** a better choice than the one I made before?

W-51.4. (4) These thoughts do not mean anything.

2 The thoughts of which I am aware do not mean anything because I am trying to think without God. 3 What I call "my" thoughts are not my real thoughts. 4 My real thoughts are the thoughts I think with God. 5 I am not aware of **my real thoughts, which are my thoughts with God**, because I have made my thoughts to take their place. 6 I am willing to recognize that my thoughts do not mean anything, and to let **my thoughts** go. 7 I choose to have **my thoughts** be replaced by what they were intended to replace, **which are my thoughts with God**. 8 My thoughts are meaningless, but all creation lies in the thoughts I think with God.

W-51.5. (5) I am never upset for the reason I think.

2 I am never upset for the reason I think because I am constantly trying to justify my thoughts. 3 I am constantly trying to make **my thoughts** true. 4 I make all things my enemies, so that my anger is justified and my attacks are warranted. 5 I have not realized how much I have misused everything I see by assigning this role of **enemies to everything I see**. 6 I have done this **role of assigning enemies to everything I see** to defend **the ego's** thought system that has hurt me, and that I no longer want. 7 I am willing to let the ego's thought system go.

Note: This is taken from ACIM Workbook for Students. Lesson# 51 Items in **BOLD** are modifications from original text.

NOTES ON LESSON 51

- 1) ACIM does not consider the world of perception real since the world of perception is subject to change as your perception, or beliefs, change. This becomes your world of “provisional reality”. Provisional reality is an illusory world of time and space. This “dream world” is “real” only to the beholder of the perception, or belief. Because the Mind of God is based on knowledge, rather than perception, the Kingdom is eternal and never changing. Because the Kingdom is all God created, It, the Kingdom, is real because It is the Mind of God. The Kingdom is everything because the Mind of God is everything, perfect, whole and complete. Thus, based on ACIM terminology, the world of perception with its time and space is not real. The Kingdom, which is everything God created, is real.
- 2) Everything I “see” in my world of provisional reality is something I made up based on my own perception. My perception invariably leads to judgment.
- 3) Judgments further color my dream world of provisional reality. Each person has their own unique provisional reality, which is based on their own perceptions and judgments. It is our perceptions and judgments that we “see”. No two people's worlds are exactly alike, but there may be large areas to overlap in these individual worlds.
- 4) ACIM does not consider seeing and vision to be the same. Seeing is looking through the thought system of the ego. Vision is following the thought system of the Holy Spirit. Seeing is based on perception. Vision is ultimately based on the knowledge of the Holy Spirit.
- 5) The thought system of the Holy Spirit is based on the knowledge that you are a Child of God, perfect, whole, and complete. The Holy Spirit understands that God's Children have fallen asleep and have dreamed that they are separated from God, Their Father, and, therefore, believe they are something that they are not. The Holy Spirit's thought system is design to gently reawaken the Son to the remembrance of His Father. Once remembered, we will recall that as God's Son we share the Everything that is the Oneness of holographic Mind of God.
- 6) The thought system of the ego is based on the belief that we are separate from the Mind of God and, rather than a Oneness, we are separate and limited. The ego's thought system is based on perception, rather than knowledge. It is the perception of separateness that spawns our world of provisional reality. The ego's thought system is design to convince our mind that this perceived dream world is real so that we will forget to claim our divine birthright. Limitation, separateness, and individuality are the cornerstones of the egoic world of provisional reality. The ego's goal is to convince the decision-making part of our mind that you are not unlimited spirit, but rather a limited vulnerable ego body powerless to change its fate.
- 7) The ego's thought system is based on attack. When we attack or believe that we can be attacked, we confirm our belief that we are a body. We confirm the belief we lack and are not a Oneness of All That Is. If we were a Oneness, what would there be to attack? We attack to defend the “correctness” of our perception.

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