

These are the review ideas for week # 4:

W-54.1. (16) I have no neutral thoughts.

2 Neutral thoughts are impossible because all thoughts have power. 3 They will either make a false world or lead me to the real one. 4 But thoughts cannot be without effects. 5 As the world I see arises from my thinking errors, so will the real world rise before my eyes as I let my errors be corrected. 6 My thoughts cannot be neither true nor false. 7 They must be one or the other. 8 What I see shows me which they are.

W-54.2. (17) I see no neutral things.

2 What I see witnesses to what I think. 3 If I did not think I would not exist, because life is thought. 4 Let me look on the world I see as the representation of my own state of mind. 5 I know that my state of mind can change. 6 And so I also know the world I see can change as well.

W-54.3. (18) I am not alone in experiencing the effects of my seeing.

2 If I have no private thoughts, I cannot see a private world. 3 Even the mad idea of separation had to be shared before it could form the basis of the world I see. 4 Yet that sharing was a sharing of nothing. 5 I can also call upon my real thoughts, which share everything with everyone. 6 As my thoughts of separation call to the separation thoughts of others, so my real thoughts awaken the real thoughts in them. 7 And the world my real thoughts show me will dawn on their sight as well as mine.

W-54.4. (19) I am not alone in experiencing the effects of my thoughts.

2 I am alone in nothing. 3 Everything I think or say or do teaches all the universe. 4 A Son of God cannot think or speak or act in vain. 5 He cannot be alone in anything. 6 It is therefore in my power to change every mind along with mine, for mine is the power of God.

W-54.5. (20) I am determined to see.

2 Recognizing the shared nature of my thoughts, I am determined to see. 3 I would look upon the witnesses that show me the thinking of the world has been changed. 4 I would behold the proof that what has been done through me has enabled love to replace fear, laughter to replace tears, and abundance to replace loss. 5 I would look upon the real world, and let it teach me that my will and the Will of God are one.

NOTES ON LESSON 54 - REVIEW OF LESSONS # 16 TO # 20

1) Life is thought. Thought always is the cause and what results or “manifests” is the effect. By the use of projection, the ego’s thought system entraps the mind into believing that what is outside the mind is the cause and that the mind is an innocent victim of the outside world. Thus, the goal of the ego is to maintain your belief that your mind is powerless and is not the source of all you perceive. The Holy Spirit’s goal is to reawaken the decision making part of your mind which can then choose again, this time choosing the Holy Spirit’s thought system.

2) The world that we “see”, provisional reality, is really a thought projection. Our thoughts come first. Thoughts, which are based on our individual beliefs, are the cause and what we “see” is their effect. What we claim to “see” is really thought images that we project into our dream world of provisional reality. Our senses are utilized as verifying devices for our projected thoughts. Our projected thoughts are reflected back to us when they find something that fits the

predetermined goal. Because of our ability to make a physical world based on our view of separation and limitation, our senses will always discover a false witness to confirm our projected thought. We make our perceived world of provisional reality. Thoughts are things and the thought, which is always first, is the cause of what we perceive, which is the effect. Under the ego's thought system, we falsely are led to believe that what is outside of us came first and is, therefore, the cause for our thoughts. This helps the ego insure that we will believe that we are powerless victims in our own make believe dream world.

3) Our world of provisional reality is a neutral learning device. It is neither good nor bad. Our thoughts give what we perceive, its character of good or bad. Whether we perceive something as good or bad, it serves to confirm the ego's goal of "proving" that we are separate. Any perception implies that we are not a Oneness. Perception belongs to the thought system of the ego. Since we have forgotten our divine birthright, we are incapable of correctly judging what we perceive. Correct perception is only recovered when we choose to follow the thought system of the Holy Spirit. The thought system of the Holy Spirit has the ability to reinterpret our perceived reality by utilizing the neutral learning device as a tool that will correct our wrong perception. Forgiveness is the correcting device used by the Holy Spirit to return us to right-mindedness again.

4) The ego wants us to place meaning, either good or bad, on our meaningless dream world. This placing of meaning on the dream by the dreamer gives the imaged thought the appearance of being real. If we buy into the belief that our dream is real, it becomes so in our mind. It becomes our world of provisional reality. This world seems real to the dreamer but remains unknown in the Mind of God, because God does not create dreams.

5) Because our minds are truly connected as a oneness, we can not be alone in the Kingdom. The Kingdom is the sharing of all that God created, as God created it, which is on Level 1. On Level 2, the dream world of your provisional reality, you are never alone since there is always the requirement of a perceiver and something to perceive. Level 2 always requires at least two "items". Projection, which is the tool that we use to "make" our provisional reality, requires something outside of itself so that its projected thought can be reflected back to the perceiver and thus "confirmed" by the senses as "real". Thus, the projected thought is believed as coming from outside the perceiver. Even the belief of separation is a shared experience. Due to the oneness of the Sonship, whether my thoughts are under the influence of the ego or the Holy Spirit, the effects of my thoughts are shared with my brother.

6) Projection is image making. First, we have a "private" thought. This thought is judged. We then send out or project that prejudged thought into the "outside world" as an image. This image then "finds" or "makes" the outside image that conforms to the projected image. This is then reflected back to the senses that "confirm" the preconceived image as real and being outside of the perceiver. Thus, the ego "confirms" the belief of the separation through the use of false witnesses.

7) In order to truly "see" when we are in our split-minded state, we need to request guidance from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, if asked, will reinterpret what we erroneously perceive while under the guidance of the ego's thought system into correct perception. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we will replace "false seeing" with the Vision of Christ. Forgiveness is the tool utilized by the Holy Spirit's thought system to help us reestablish our true Self, which is shared with our brothers.