



If either premise is wrong the conclusion drawn may not be correct. In ACIM, there are two thought systems that are discussed. If you accept the major premise of either system, the rest of that thought system is logical and would be correct.

**Fundamental Syllogism for each of the two thought systems**

<b>Example:</b>	<b>Holy Spirit's</b>	<b>Ego's</b>
Major premise:	All God created is a Oneness	All God created is a Oneness
Minor premise:	I am created by God.	I am not created by God.
Conclusion:	Therefore, I am a Oneness.	Therefore, I am not a Oneness.

**A corollary for the ego's thought system**

<b>Example:</b>	<b>Holy Spirit's</b>	<b>Ego's</b>
Major premise:	There is only God's Will	There can be multiple wills.
Minor premise:	I have a will	I have a will.
Conclusion:	Therefore, my will is God's Will	Therefore, my will does not have to be God's Will.

The ego's thought system is always based on the idea that you could be something other than as God created you. Instead of a Oneness, the ego claims you have separated from God and are different from how you were originally created. It claims either you could be something other than as God created you, or you were self-created. In either case, you have the ability to do something other than God's Will.

The ego claims that you are special and not part of the whole because the separation was real. The goal of the ego's thought system is to move you down the ladder of Oneness, Level 1, to mindlessness, which is on Level 2. At the top of this ladder is your Oneness with God. This is what you really are. On top of the "Ladder of Consciousness" is Level 1. This is the "I Am" State of Oneness. The ego quickly moves us down this "Ladder of Consciousness" to Level 2. On Level 2, our state of mind would be characterized by the question "What am I?" The descent down the ladder moves us from decision-maker, to an individual, to a state of sin, guilt and fear. Next, we move down the ladder to a state in which we try to hide in a dream world where we believe that we are a body instead of a mind. Finally, we reach for the last rung down our decent into mindlessness. This rung of the ladder is victim consciousness. This is the belief that we are victims. As victims, we are not responsible for what befalls us. We claim that whatever happens to us is not our fault. With each step down this ladder, we forget the preceding rung. We quickly descend from knowing into insane mindlessness. We move from an "I AM" state of knowing, to a mindless state of "What am I?"

The job of the Holy Spirit's thought system is to bring us back up this ladder and thus reclaim our decision-making ability to choose again. This time, the Holy Spirit presents His case for our Oneness and that we truly are God's beloved Son. The Holy Spirit maintains that the separation never occurred and that we only dreamt that the separation happened. The Holy Spirit's thought system is based on the idea that you are a Oneness and always remain part of the Mind of God.

According to ACIM, God's Creation is all that He created as He created it. God's Will for us is that we know the peace and happiness of the Mind of God. Your will is God's Will. God's Will is only that the Sonship be happy. When God creates, He extends and shares all that He is. God is unconditional love. To believe that a God of Love would

make a world in which His Children must die and suffer is contradictory to everything God is. ACIM states God did not create this world. We did. This nightmarish world we made of conflict, pain, suffering, and death appears real only in the mind of the dreamer. It has become our own imagined nightmare. It is simply a mistake. It is not of the Mind of God and is not real.

God, being all, gives everything to His creation. To be something other than everything is for us to wish for “littleness”. When your divine birthright is everything, how can you be happy with anything less? The ego requires specialness over happiness. All we “see” arises from the ego’s desire to make itself right at the cost of truth. Your happiness lies in the truth that you always were and always will be as God created you. The Holy Spirit’s thought system calls for you to reclaim your greatness and sit with your Father as One. Here lies the truth. This is what you are.

**Note:** When ACIM uses the term “self” with a small “s,” it is referring to the split mind under the control of the egoic thought system. It is the part of our mind that argues for our “littleness.” When ACIM uses the term “Self” with a capital “S,” it is referring to the part of the mind that is under the control of the Holy Spirit’s thought system that believes the Sonship remains whole and complete as God created It.

**What is your goal or purpose in life?**

**Do you want to know the truth about what you are?**

**God’s Will is that you be happy. If you want to be happy, remember this is what God wills for you. God’s Will is that you know the truth about what you are.**

**The authority problem:** The “authority problem” is the question of who is the author of reality? Is God the creator or are you the creator? If God is the creator, reality is stable and changeless and you will always be as God created you, perfect, whole and complete. If you are the creator of yourself, you have somehow usurped the authority of God and are separate and have something to fear. The authority problem now centers on what you are. Are you an ego-body? Or, Are you unlimited Spirit? You cannot be both. If one is true, the other must be an illusion or dream. Due to your false belief that you are separate, your split-mind must decide which viewpoint it should follow. Your higher mind and the Holy Spirit represent right-mindedness. Wrong-mindedness is represented by the ego and its ally, the body. The core belief of wrong-mindedness is that you are separate and come from lack and limitation. As such, you are no longer as God created you, a Son of God, but rather, you are something else that you self-created. The core belief of right-mindedness is that you are created by God in His Image. As such, you will always be a Oneness with God. You can deny, or forget, your birthright, but your inheritance will always be there for you to reclaim whenever you chose to remember. God made you, perfect, whole and complete and only this is what you are.

**Follow up:** The “authority problem” is choosing between being happy or insisting that you are right, even if you are wrong. Thus, we give up happiness in order to be “right”.

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The "authority problem" is the claim for egoic specialness and inequality. Since we are created as part of the indivisible Oneness of All That Is, to be special requires that we be limited and lacking. Being limited and lacking means that we are incapable of supplying our own needs. This engenders fear. Specialness and inequality is our claim for "littleness." Our claim for "littleness" is our demand to be right even when we are wrong. We would rather be "right" than happy.

**Would I rather choose to be "right" or happy?**

**Can you be happy if you are not perfect, whole and complete?**

These two thought systems take us down different paths. The Holy Spirit's thought system is based on the truth of what you are, which is a changeless Oneness, perfect, whole and complete. The ego's thought system is based on the idea that you could be something other than perfect, whole and complete.

**Which would you rather be?**

**Complete Insanity Questionnaire Week #5 Handout # 2.**

**Discuss on insanity questionnaire.**

**If I create my own experience why do "bad" things happen to me? Example: I didn't want to be sick?**

**Homework:**

**Study the comparison between the two thought systems**

**Review general handouts and complete any unanswered or incomplete question.**

**Meditate on what your truly want to achieve this lifetime. Do you believe that your current plan will achieve your desired goals?**

**Do approximately one lesson a day. / Five lessons per week. For this week, complete Lesson # 21-25 & Summary Lesson # 55**

**Ending prayer:** Father, I believed I had lost my divine birthright. Now, I realize I was only "living" in my own self-created nightmare of illusion. I reawaken now to reclaim my divine birthright. Thank you for preserving what I feared I had lost. I forgive my brother and myself and remember all that you have given me. Your unconditional Love is all there is. I love myself unconditionally. Your Will is only that Your Child is happy. I now freely embrace Your Will as my own will. I come home to You, Father. Your prodigal son has return to his source. I join the Oneness that is You. And so it is.

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