



Making Miracles #102

Doing the Basics NOW Produces the Happy Dream

A course about miracles is a curriculum about healing the nightmares that we can SEE (perceive). Miracles are ONLY useful in a world of perception (they aren't needed once we “get” it, for in our Reality, Total Good is just “the norm”). What we call “miracles” are actually the NATURE of Love's universe, left to itself.

While you can see, you need miracles to prove to you that you are safe from every single “power” in the world. Jesus came to show us that by his resurrection...the miracle of Life “trumping” death.

So while we perceive that we are here at all, miracles are needed to PROVE to us that God exists. The Course is only asking us to allow what we CAN NOT see, the Invisible, to PROVE Itself to us. But for us to allow that to happen, we have to INVITE It into our lives...into EVERY area of our lives, from the most profound to the most “profane”...and at the rate that is uniquely perfect for each of us.

Once we have proven to ourselves that God exists...and that He/She wants ONLY our happiness...THEN and only then will we feel safe enough to go beyond that simple fact to the fact of Who we are and in so doing, become willing **without fear** to know our REAL relationship to All That Is.

The Empirical/Experiential Method of Learning acim

1. Be hopeful, doubtful or even hostile to the material (that's just your intellect...so it doesn't matter).
2. Your intellectual understanding of the concepts ISN'T necessary because:
 - a universal **theology** is **impossible** (so you can debate the concepts forever and get nowhere).
3. Your willingness to implement the principles is EVERYTHING because:
 - a universal **experience** is not only possible, it is **essential** (if you want to really learn, just do it).
4. The empirical method of science is all that is needed to learn acim:
 - TEST the principles by applying them to every situation where you perceive pain or loss.
-hint: it's best to start “small” with things you have already judged as “inevitable.”
 - JUDGE by the results (don't predetermine them with your thoughts of limitation).
-hint: if the results are inconsistent, the inconsistency was within you.
 - REPEAT the test (apply the principles to more and “bigger” situations).
-hint: notice how your fear has decreased given the results with the “little” things, so that now even healing the “bigger” things seem possible.
 - See if it is REPRODUCIBLE in others (with the same results).
*-hint: don't offer this to anyone unless they are genuinely **seeking** a better way.*

The Basic Principles to Apply

1. Every situation is an opportunity to fear or Love, to do it the ego's way or Love's, to feel weak and victimized or to call on Strength.
2. Put your plan for what “should” happen **second** to Love's opinion of what's possible (and best).
- In a universe of infinite possibilities, there is a perfectly simple plan to solve ANY human conflict, no matter how “complex” it may appear...you just don't know what it is, but Love DOES.
3. Admit that YOU don't know the solution (you've got plenty of “data” to support this admission).
4. Whatever you believe is “certain” is a LIE, so ask to see YOUR “truth” from Love's perspective.
5. EVERYTHING is by your choice...whichever power you choose to call for help WILL answer.
6. Both fear and Love have an answer, but only one of them will always say yes...and will truly heal.
-Love always has a way for EVERYONE to gain...in all ways...and you don't need to know the “how.”
7. Admit that you do not wish to kill your brother...that is all you need to do to offer a miracle to BOTH of you.
8. Be willing to be **shown** that EVERY “power” we can see is trumped by Love (and there is nothing to fear).
-Everything is just a lesson or an opportunity to give Love...so there is no “loss” and every thing to gain.