

# The Levels of Reality and the Purpose of Miracles



## Perception

### 1. Incomplete (unhealed) Perception = “the nightmare”

*“What I see is a form of vengeance.”* Lesson 22

- “normal” awareness, characterized by appearances of:
  - limitations - time, space, resources, abilities
  - conflict - resulting from competition for resources, inequalities, wins and losses
  - loss - suffering, sacrifice and death
  - changeability - everything changes and usually for the worse
  - learning - valued for escaping limitations, limited only by willingness to learn
    - as information changes, opinions about appearances do, too
- we are the victims of what we see “out there” and helplessly suffer “in here”
- miracles are either denied or are seen as haphazard and accidental, but motivate learning

### 2. True (healed) Perception = “the happy dream”

*“God is in everything I see.”* Lesson 29

- miracle readiness, characterized by miracles that:
    - overcome every limitation for there is no order of difficulty in miracles
    - resolve every conflict in a way where everyone wins
    - fill every loss and undo the inequities of the past
    - changeability remains but circumstances keep changing for the better
    - learning continues that there is one constant that answers every need: God
  - recognizing the connection between inner and outer worlds - learning to use that connection
  - miracles are intermittent, inconsistent and undependable but grow more and more frequent
- Examples: *Ghandi, Mother Teresa, the Dali Lama, St. Francis, and all the loving saints from various religious traditions*

### 3. Stable and Valid Perception = “the real world”

*“God is the strength in which I trust.”* Lesson 47

- miracle mindedness, characterized by living by miracles of:
    - healing/wholeness (whole-ness = holiness) = the reality of the sons of God
    - peace
    - abundance
    - happiness
    - life eternal
    - past learning to awareness of the presence of God in every thing and every one
  - miracles become habitual, dependable, natural, normal and easily do-able
  - integration of “inner” and “outer” worlds as of “like kind”
- Examples: *Buddha, Moses, Muhammed, Lao Tsu, among others*

## Knowledge

### 1. Enlightenment (the state of mind called “heaven”)

*“I need do nothing”* because thought = manifestation

- no “lack” whatsoever, characterized by:
    - infinite power over all appearance
    - inestimable value of all life = totally, unconditionally loving
    - complete safety therefore totally benign
    - “In the world but not of it.”
  - knowing that, at the level of perception,
    - miracles merely truly reflect the ultimate state of wholeness of everything that is real
  - no separation whatsoever between inner and outer reality for they are One
- Example: *Jesus - the “only completely true witness for God” (Urtext)*