

RECEIVE THE MIRACLE

IT IS A PREFERENCE, NOT REALITY

Illusions are illusions, and they are all, all insane. And being so, none of them holds any special standing before the Truth... what real difference could there be between one illusion and another? So why do we still hold a greater or lesser willingness to offer a perception to the Holy Spirit? Why do we carefully, or even stubbornly, keep this thing or that thing set apart from the Light of Reason?

Because, to us, some perceptions seem to be far truer. And that hierarchy reveals nothing but our own preference... the more value we give to a perception, the less willing we are to offer it. What relevance would our preference have to the Holy Spirit? What hierarchy should He establish, here in time, in the name of God? Do we wish God's Answer to grant reality to whatever we prefer to judge as greater or lesser, more or less, this or that? If our preference does not itself confer the very reality we so seek... could that be our prayer? That the false become True?

*Perception's laws are opposite to truth, and what is true of knowledge is true of anything that is apart from it. Yet has God given answer to the world of sickness, which applies to all its forms. God's answer is eternal, though it works in time, where it is needed. Yet because it is of God, the laws of time do not affect its workings. It is in this world, but not a part of it. For it is real, and dwells where all reality must be. (T-26.VII.4:1-5)*

EThis hierarchy reveals where we invest our preference, right up until the exact moment when our desire stops conceiving of choices entirely within the world of options and begins instead to reflect the state of Heaven — that is, until the exact moment our desire begins to reveal our Holiness. And what is "our" Holiness but that which no form of illusion has altered? And what is the one Answer of God to all these forms, still needed here in time? We already know.

It is the Holy Spirit. The perfect Salvation, fully available in every moment in which we still attribute reality to some form of illusion. He is God's Answer, the One Who reflects our true Will when, in a single breath, we prefer Heaven. *And what is Forgiveness but a willingness of the desire that the truth be true?*

EXERCISE 30.08.26

*The miracle but calls your ancient name, which you will recognize because the truth is in your memory. (T-26.VII.16:1)*

Notice which illusions still seem to keep you from hearing that Call. To which of them do you give so much value that you seem "unable" to hand them over to the Holy Spirit?

A hint... look especially for those to which you give so much value that they seem to fragment your life. Example... I calmly chew candy in front of some people, but in front of others I never would... I say one thing to one person, another thing to another, hold firmly here, ease up a little there, flip it around and project it over there. Let's say I have some pretty good footwork... I know very well in front of whom I can chew my candy.

Now, notice the audiences in front of whom you do or don't chew that candy. In front of whom can you? In front of whom can't you? What can show up here but has to disappear there? What do you prefer to preserve, carefully or even stubbornly, by keeping up these compartments?

Notice this fragmentation that seems to keep the Call by your ancient name unanswered... and Who you truly are, forgotten. Be! Be outside that stage. The show has a time to start and a time to end, but you... you have no limits. Live!



A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

RUMINATION

To ruminate is also to chew. In rumination, what has already been chewed comes back to the mouth to be chewed again. How many times do we do this with a perception? We chew it, swallow it... and bring it back up. We chew it again. What do we still prefer to keep in circulation? What satisfaction is there in this movement condemned to repetition? Why do we prefer forgetting?

