RECEIVE THE MIRACLE SNAKE CHARMERS

hat would have happened if Adam had surrendered his perception of 'the lies of the serpent' to the Interpretation of the Holy Spirit? Whatever he heard, Adam's choice was to follow what seemed real to him. He chose not to communicate. He chose to relate only to his perceptions.

And so... Adam remained oblivious to his condition prior to the separation, mistakenly creating, incessantly projecting, completely unaware of everything that sprouted in that Garden. The ego, that mad idea that something could exist apart from Existence, was elected guardian of beliefs and chief advisor in the construction of all forms of conceiving a reality where God did not exist.

The serpent, at that moment, can be reduced to the basic perception of guilt or, in this very Instant, be the bearer of the Miracle.

Whatever lies you may believe are of no concern to the miracle, which can heal any of them with equal ease. It makes no distinctions among misperceptions. Its sole concern is to distinguish between truth on the one hand, and error on the other. Some miracles may seem to be of greater magnitude than others. But remember the first principle in this course; there is no order of difficulty in miracles. In reality you are perfectly unaffected by all expressions of lack of love (T-2.I.5:1).

And what are expressions of lack of love, if not the deeds of the ego? Was it not from the belief in separation that we created a whole world beyond the Gates of the Garden? And how can we be 'snake charmers' in the face of the misuse we choose to give to our inherent capacity to extend?

There is only One Way. Accept Atonement. Accept Holiness. Yours and the serpent's. Accept that everything, absolutely everything, exists only because of God's loving Will to create. And that this Will is present in all Creation... even if, to our eyes, It crawls.



EXERCISE 12.10.25

The Way is One: to recognise Holiness (the absence of fear). But the Instant when Holy Communication happens will always be the One you choose.

What 'lies' do you hold on to without surrender? What 'serpent' receives the blame for the weight that these lies reveal to you? Whatever your answers may be, use them. It is through the use of these perceptions that the Light of Holy Communication will reveal itself present in every Instant.

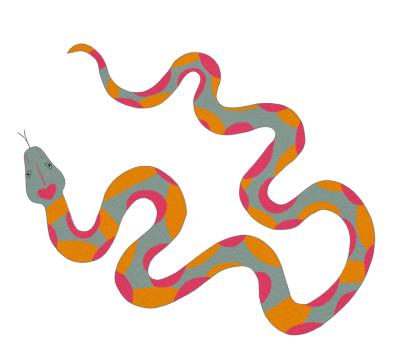
MIRACLE AT ONE ARCHENEMY

We are Sons, created in the Image and Likeness of an absolutely loving Father. A Mind where only Creative Thoughts dwell. In God's Mind there are no thoughts of doubt, no conflict, no projection; therefore there is no fear. And where there is absolute absence of fear, the ego does not exist. There is Creation. This is the Certainty of God. There we are – because it was He who created us – and, by His Laws, there is no fear. Fear is just a dream that, in Freedom, we choose to dream.

If the ego is a mad idea in our mind and, through it, we think unlovingly about the Absolute, what would be the projection of that fearful mind? In God, we create in Image and Likeness – dreaming or not – that is how we are. While we dream, we project, denying Creation as an Extension of Him. That is insanity. That is the fabrication of the ego. Regarding the Absolute, we project everything around us and the projection is revealed in all our relationships. It is in the world.

To desire to observe ourselves, to look at who we believe ourselves to be, to relate without fear to everything we perceive – every thing, person or event – present in the field of our consciousness... doesn't that seem like a good exercise? To gain skill in this Practice, an 'I' beyond the ego is essential: the observing self. Unlike the ego, it does not act on 'automatic'. It breathes. It breathes and trusts the Way. It asks the Holy Spirit for help in remembering its own Holiness. It looks at the world and sees itself.

As in a comic book, the ego would be the archenemy of the observing self... in the simple presence of the observer, it feels urgency, claims reason, projects lack and guilt. The vacuum of silence, where the attention of the observing self rests, is unbearable. The threat is its total 'lack of air.' All effort in this battle is so that fear never encounters Forgiveness. That the world can never be seen in a new way, without the shadow of guilt over itself.



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