

RECEIVE THE MIRACLE RIGHT PURPOSE, FIRM RESOLUTION, AND HAPPY CONFIDENCE

What does the book A Course in Miracles exist for? It exists to teach that all miracles are the same. That is its only purpose, and that is all there is to learn.

Learning, though, happens in many different ways... but always in one of two directions: as Action or as contraction, depending on which teacher we choose to "hold the chalk".

Contraction teaches you about a terrible instant, absolutely remote and so brief... from so, so long ago, and with no effect whatsoever on eternity. This teacher speaks endlessly about itself... about that single instant, devoting all its time to that which has no present reality.

How do we take part in that class? By continually calling that instant back with every unloving thought. *Yet in each unforgiving act or thought, in every judgment and in all belief in sin, is that one instant still called back, as if it could be made again in time. You keep an ancient memory before your eyes. And he who lives in memories alone is unaware of where he is. (T-26.V.5:5)*

Action teaches you what is now. It is the great liberator of time. It is revealed by the Holy Spirit, the real Teacher of the world. It is Action that makes us aware of where we are. And we are here, returning Home, while time remains and our choice has meaning.

How do we take part in this class? By choosing to use time to learn that the past is past... and firmly resolving no longer to call it back. *The tiny tick of time in which the first mistake was made, and all of them within that one mistake, held also the Correction for that one, and all of them that came within the first. And in that tiny instant time was gone, for that was all it ever was. What God gave answer to is answered and is gone. (T-26.V.3:5)*

Forgiveness is the key to learning that the past is gone. It is the Happy Confidence that what has been undone no longer exists... confidence in what is fact, not in the mere imagining that a moment which has passed needs to be relived. Forgiveness is the Joy of the here and now.

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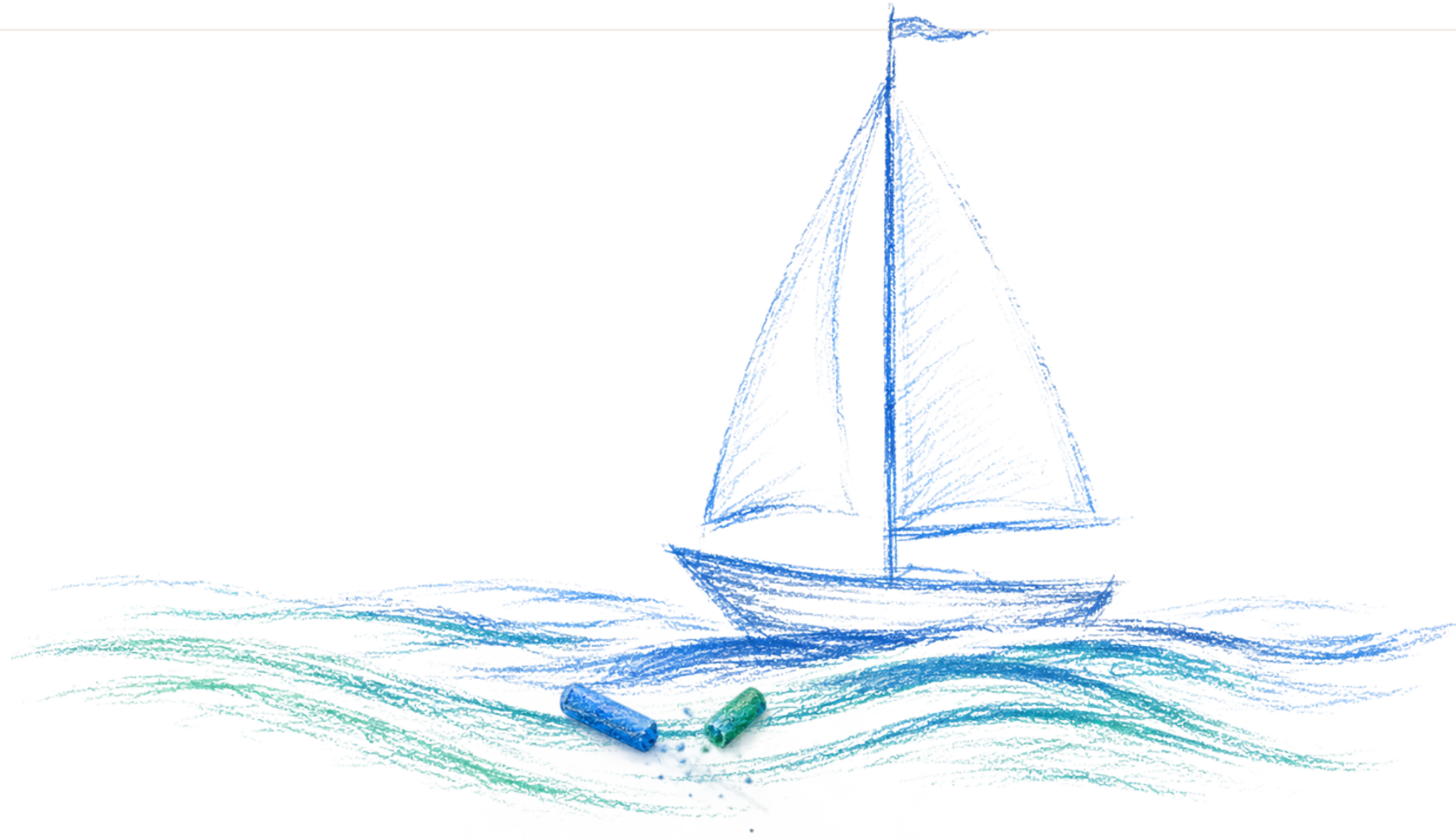
How can all miracles be the same?
All miracles are the same because they are the expression of the Atonement. And perhaps the first step in recognizing a single Purpose in all of them is to understand that any conflict, no matter what form its contraction takes, is an expression of fear. And if the forms are many, but the fear is the same... then the Correction can also be the same, can't it?

Can we lay it out in steps?
Yes.

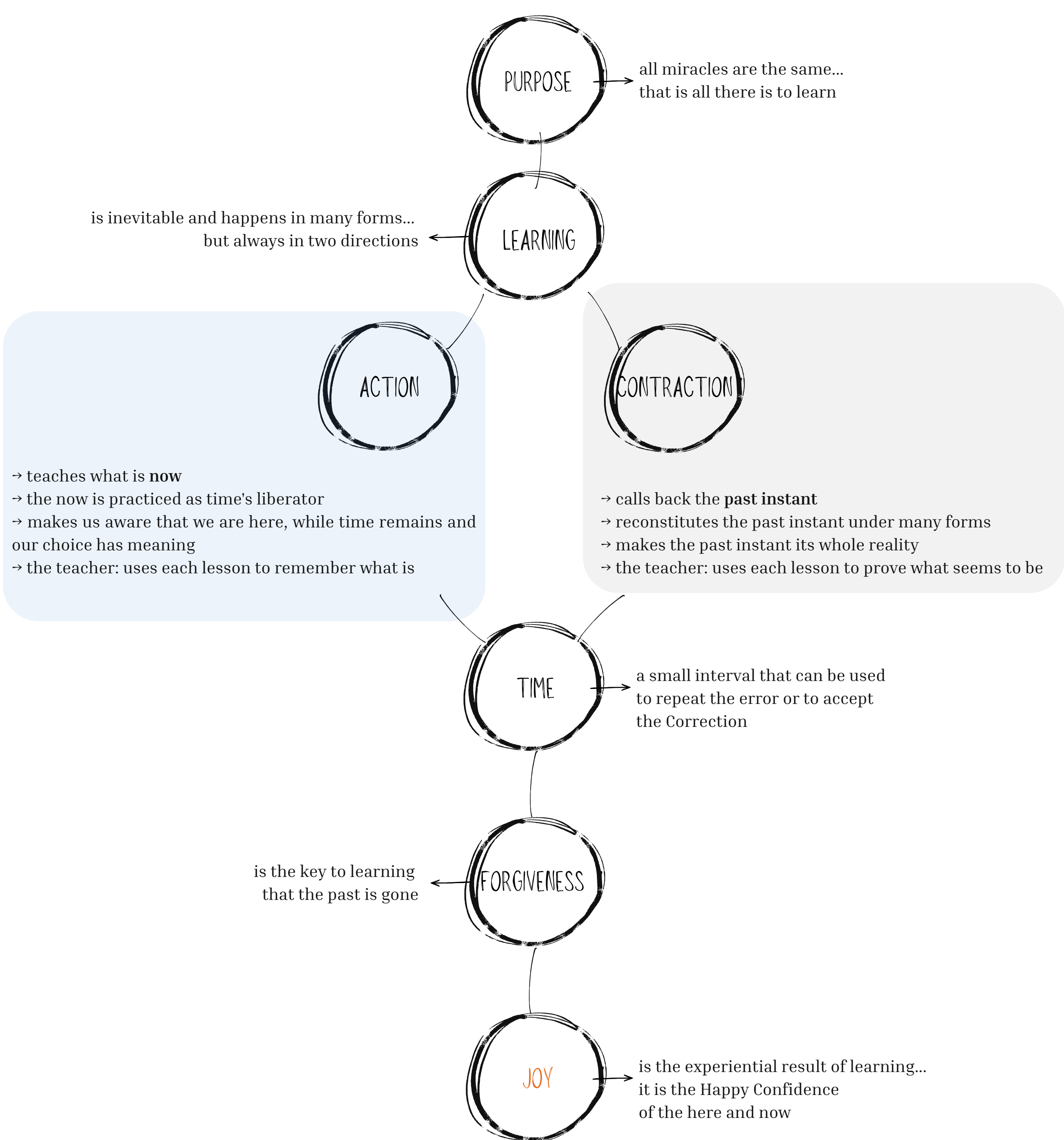
1. All conflict is an expression of fear.
2. In fear, we are not aware of where we are.
3. The Cure for fear is Perfect Love.
4. Perfect Love is the Atonement.
5. The Miracle is the expression of the Atonement.

One Correction. Many forms. The same Miracle.

Therefore,... what will I use time for while it seems to exist? To keep calling back an instant that has passed, reconstituting it under many forms, or to recognize, in each of them, the same opportunity to accept the Correction?



VISUAL TRANSLATION OF THE THOUGHT ACTION AND CONTRACTION: TWO DIRECTIONS FOR LEARNING



A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ARCHITECTURE OF THE TITLE

RIGHT PURPOSE:
Why does the Course exist? What is learning for?
To recognize that all miracles are the same. To recognize the same Correction in every form.

FIRM RESOLUTION:
How?
Choose to use time to no longer call back what has passed.

HAPPY CONFIDENCE:
Confidence in what?
In what is fact... what has been undone no longer exists and does not need to be relived.

