

RECEIVE THE MIRACLE
EVERY SITUATION
PERCEIVED RIGHTLY

This is what we can call an opportunity. Every situation perceived rightly is an opportunity to heal. To heal is to set free, so... every situation perceived rightly is an opportunity to set the Son of God free.

The integrating element of any perceived situation is Faith. Faith wants to unite and heal; it wants to remove limitations and make whole. With Faith, we give to the Holy Spirit what we perceive, and we join with Him in a single purpose. In that movement, we no longer walk "alone". We no longer walk with the ego... identified with the image we have made of ourselves, seeing what is not there and hearing what Truth never said.

Every situation perceived rightly becomes an opportunity to heal the Son of God. And He is healed because you offered faith, giving him to the Holy Spirit and freeing him from all the demands your ego would make. Thus, you see him free, and this is the vision the Holy Spirit shares. And since He shares it, He has given it, and thus He heals through you. It is this union with Him in a single purpose that makes this purpose real, because you make Him whole. And that is healing. The body is healed because you came without it and joined the Mind in which all healing lies. (T-19.I.2)

We see Him free when we recognize ourselves as freed from the ego. When the weight of any demand is offered with Faith, we no longer need to sustain that which separates us.

When we perceive inadequately, we see a body, another body, we see a condition that seems to make union impossible. It is the lack of Faith that seems to maintain this "solitude"... a perception not yet surrendered, not yet offered to Correction. Faith does not seek to make a mistaken perception true. It removes the limitations that seemed to sustain it. Truth is the absence of illusions. And this is where Healing lies.

EXERCISE 23.08.26

Soft water on hard stone, strike enough and it wears through.
Ahhh... that saying I know well.
So, think a little about the soft water and the hard stone.
And think about the "striking enough". And think also about "until it wears through".

Truth and illusion have no connection. This will remain forever true, no matter how much you seek to connect them. But illusions are always connected to one another, just as truth is. Both illusions and truth are internally coherent, forming a complex thought system, even though each is entirely disconnected from the other. And to perceive this is to recognize where separation lies, and where it must be healed. (T-19.I.7:1)

VISUAL TRANSLATION OF THE THOUGHT
SOFT WATER ON HARD STONE

SOFT WATER

TRUTH
does not fight, does not resist,
needs no defense.

HARD STONE

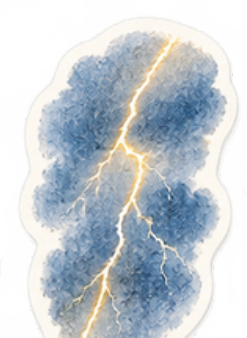
ILLUSION
seems solid as long as
we believe in its reality.

STRIKING ENOUGH

PRACTICE
surrendering... surrendering again...
offering to the Holy Spirit
every perception
we still take to be true.

UNTIL IT WEARS THROUGH

HEALING
it is not Truth that wears
through the illusion.
The perception that gave it reality
is corrected.



FOCUS ON THE MIRACLE
MORENO

Reading about Jacob Levy Moreno, I found ideas of encounter, relationship, creativity, and transformation. What I loved was "rolling around" between spontaneity and impulsiveness and arriving at one of his formulations: spontaneity leads us to an adequate response to a new situation or to a new response to an old situation. That... is so *A Course in Miracles*!

Spontaneity is not impulsiveness. Impulse can be present without needing to drive the response. "You need do nothing." And that makes me think about this gap, this small space in which stimulus and response can be observed side by side. If the response is no longer determined by the impulse, something new can happen... a creative response can arise.

Doesn't this idea speak of freedom? To think that freedom is not simply doing what I want... to think that it is being able not to be condemned to repeat the same response, isn't that liberating? Perhaps this is exactly what creativity reveals: movement where there was once repetition. And what happens to what had crystallized once we no longer need to repeat it...? Wouldn't that be wearing through that very stone?

