



# REFLECTIONS

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## *Minister's Letter*

The August Science of Mind magazine had an article by Ernest Holmes from an issue published in the 1950s that seems to apply to our consciousness in 2022. So, I am sharing it now as my Minister's Letter:

### SUMMER

We are the guests of an invisible Host whose presence we feel and whose form we shall see when our eyes are opened to the fact that It clothes Itself in innumerable forms. It is our business to unite, not to divide; to include, not to exclude; to accept and not to renounce.

### SEASONAL AFFIRMATION

I know that which I am is God in me, as me. In this knowledge I know my spirit is free of all limitations. I know my mind knows this truth about myself. My thoughts now affirm my Divine Source. My thoughts are free of ideas of limitation, and they cease hindering the outflow of the indwelling Presence.

As I now know and declare the truth of my real nature, there is manifest in my thinking and experience the perfection and wholeness of God that rightfully belong to me. I am free with the freedom of God, and all things in my life are good.

### AUTUMN

We must know definitely and consciously, persistently and consistently, that the Universe is for us and not against us.

### SEASONAL AFFIRMATION

Right now I am filled with joy. I let every sense of depression or heaviness depart from my mind, and I let my soul be lifted up in song to the Giver of all life and to the joy of living. Joy is my companion, happiness my comrade. There is a song in my heart singing unto the Creator of all things, and there is an invisible chorus responding through everything in nature and every person I meet.

I proclaim this time to be one of happiness, of thanksgiving and praise to the Most High God, to the Divine Presence that inhabits eternity and has a dwelling place in my soul. I express joy and gratitude to this inner Presence – my Creator – in my heaven.

*Blessings of Light, Love and Peace,  
Rev Lynn*

*“Sometimes we fight who we are, struggling against ourselves and our natures. But we must learn to accept who we are and appreciate who we become. We must love ourselves for what and who we are, and believe in our talents.”  
~Harley King*

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*I set my bow in the clouds  
and it shall be a sign  
of a covenant between me  
and the earth. – Genesis 9:13*

### EDITOR'S ESPRIT

Dear Friends,

We're in the third quarter of Summer. We've had some hot days here, but we have usually had a breeze. Enjoying the summer our minds tend to wander. . . . I remember as a kid we had a funny way to answer the phone during the summer: "Orlick's Summer Home—Some 'er home and Some 'er not." Yes, I come from a family of comedians. But don't worry, none of us quit our day jobs.

A few of my family members were good at doing plays on words. At times it almost seemed like a contest among the siblings. I guess that might be where I got my awareness and appreciation of words, as well as my sense of humor.

Have you ever repeatedly repeated a word so many times it almost didn't sound like a real word anymore? Or maybe you changed the syllable to accent? Take the word **wrong**. After repeating it multiple times it almost sounds like it could be the past tense of ring. Spoiler alert—it's not. What about the word **correct**? Repeating that and putting the accent on the first syllable it looks like co-wrecked—a joint effort to wreck something. And what about the word **any-more**? We're not being specific about what 'more' we want—just *any* will do.

Then there's the word **exact**. Saying exact over and over with the first syllable accented, we get ex-act—a previous act. How did we **enact** it? Oh, that's another one—**enact** becomes: an act. It's easy to see the play on words.

Let's look at the word **Unity**. After saying it a dozen times with the accent on the second syllable, we get Unit E. What about units A through D? Let's take the word **conscious**. Repeating it, we come up with con-shush. That sounds good—shush the cons and think more positively.

It seems most any word could be contemplated, and some new meaning expounded from it. Words are a form of communication, but they are not the only form. Communication also comes through the unspoken words of music, dance, art, nature. Verbal words are perhaps a way of communicating on the human level, while other forms of communication speak to our inner self—our spirit born of the One Spirit. The Spirit that connects all of us.

I was thinking about how after repeatedly repeating a word it almost doesn't sound like a real word. This made me think of how we get programmed with the beliefs of race consciousness. Often we're not even aware of it. If that feels wrong, we can accent something different. We can choose what is correct for us; the joint effort is with Our Source. We can release old beliefs and enact new ones. We can have exactly what we desire. We can open ourselves to—not just *any* more good—but to all Good. Units A,B,C and D might mean **Already Been Created Divinely**. We can consciously choose the Truth and move into Unity.

Those are some 'er my thoughts to season your mind throughout all seasons.

Light and Love,  
Kathy Purcell, *Editor*

**"It isn't about the words you say.  
It's about the energetic message you send."  
~Pete Carroll**

## TREATMENT

### GOD IS LOVE AND LOVE IS GOD

by Rev. Victoria Kelley, R.Sc.P.

Divine Infinite Intelligence is always expressing Life as me. My life is love, understanding, calm, joy, peace, robust health, compassion, order and abundance. My life and God's life are One.

I ignore the appearance of conditions and situations and always return to the Truth of my existence. I am love and peace within, and I live in this Truth. I can find the silver lining in any situation. I speak these words as a declaration with conviction and clarity. Anger and resentment are not a part of who I am and when these emotions arise I bless the emotions and situation and return to Truth. My journey is eternal and blessed and my human existence is but a learning ground and I can choose daily for only good in my life. I believe in and expect miracles and I acknowledge them with grace and heartfelt recognition.



It is with extreme appreciation and gratefulness for my very existence as a manifestation of the One and my ability to be the co-creator of my life. I am perfect, whole and complete just as I am and I now release my words to the Divine Universal Law as my desires are manifested. And so it is.

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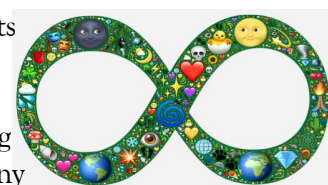
## CONTINUING MY LEARNING

As a new student at the Holmes Institute this term, I am taking a class that is so thought provoking and exciting! The class is called Earth Speaks. It combines the studies of psychology, ecology and spirituality. Dr. Craig Chalquist, the instructor for the class, said the first week;

A Gaian approach opens new doors of perception and opens up our vision of the inter-dependence of all things within the natural world. There is a symphonic quality to this interconnectedness, a quality which communicates an unspeakable magnificence.

Speak Earth is listed as a psychology class, but it informs from so much more than one line of thinking. When I come back to our basic principle that we are one, everything is God, it is so delightful to experience the learning. Paying attention to dreams and journaling are part of the practices for class.

This class points out the change that is necessary for the planet and all of its inhabitants to be able to continue. The race beliefs that have dictated how we take care of the planet are not sustainable nor healthy. Answers are already available to us when we look to God for them. Earth is an expression of God as well as each species that is living on the earth. There is more going on here than what we see. I'm hoping to capture many of these as I complete the final paper.



I began classes in June and have studied through the summer. I've completed two ministerial classes and am in the final two weeks of this psychology class and a class called Understanding the Bible, which is a religion class. It has been a study of the making of the Bible, rather than a study of the contents. Both classes have offered wonderful learning.

As I move into this Masters degree in Consciousness studies, I am letting Spirit lead the way. I don't know if I will have the funds to begin the next term, since the sale of my mom's house is still in process. I am finding a wonderful experience in trusting that everything is working out perfectly. It is a practice of what this whole education is about. Faith, prayer and demonstrations.

~Terry Barrett, R.Sc.P.

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*Thank You!*

## SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to our new Practitioner,  
 Terry Barrett R.Sc.P.  
 for her inspirational talks on  
**Coming Into Communion and You Matter**  
 JoAnn Fisher for **Happy Bird Day**  
 Michael Laakso for **Questions and Answers**

## CELEBRATE LIFE!

### AUGUST

6 Jill Fairchild  
 16 Tony Matsumoto  
 24 Jean Kipper

### SEPTEMBER

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 7 Sandy Roy  
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 30 Diann Roll



## INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

	<u>APR 22</u>	<u>MAY 22</u>	<u>JUN 22</u>	<u>JUL 22</u>
Income	\$3,012	\$2,504	\$2,339	\$2,591
Expenses	\$2,757	\$2,751	\$2,860	\$2,513
Income minus Expenses	\$255	(\$247)	(\$521)	\$78
Attendance	104	117	88	117

## MISSION STATEMENT

*To Serve and Support each other  
in Living from Spirit.*



## VISION STATEMENT

*We are a growing spiritual community  
expressing Love and Oneness with all.*

### SOM CLASS—STARTING AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER

Tuesdays, 4:00 pm–6:00 pm

Via Zoom

Co-Facilitated by: Rev. Deb Nygaard and

Rev. Lynn Osborne

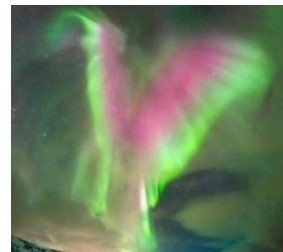
Suggested Tuition for credit \$80 for the Course

### COURSE IN MIRACLES

Future meetings to be announced soon.

Sequim Center for Spiritual Living  
is “Open at the Top.”  
We welcome members of the  
community to join us.  
For membership information,  
please contact Rev. Lynn at 681-7451

*“I don’t believe in learning from other people’s pictures. I think you should learn from your own interior vision of things and discover, as I say, innocently, as though there has never been anybody.” ~Orson Welles*



## VISUALIZATION VS. VISIONING

The Sequim Center is sponsoring a free workshop for all members and their friends.

Join us as we explore the difference between Visualization and Visioning.

Why it works so well for some and not for others.

We will be having an actual Visualization session and Visioning session and a guest speaker.

**This will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup>, on Zoom from 11:00am-2:00pm**

To register please email, text or call Victoria  
and the Zoom link will be sent to you.

**Facilitator Rev. Victoria Kelley, R.Sc.P, 425-785-1788- Cell  
Victorialkelley@aol.com**

## WHAT'S IN A WORD?

Sometimes we read or hear a word or phrase, and something quite different than the typical meaning comes to mind. This column is a place to share what's in a word for you. Below are three examples. If you have any meaningful words you would like to share, we welcome you to submit them to Kathy Purcell.

**A RISE / ARISE**—If it seems someone is trying to get **A RISE** out of us, we can **ARISE** to a higher level of consciousness and continue to live from the Truth.

**DETER / DETOUR**—If something shows up to **DETER** us, we can think of it as merely a **DETOUR** and still reach our desired destination.

**INNUENDO / IN THE END YOU KNOW**—If someone makes an **INNUENDO** about us, we can ignore it, for **IN THE END YOU KNOW** it does not speak the Truth.

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## PRACTITIONER STUDIES: TERM 1

I was very excited and honored to start on the journey of learning what is involved in becoming a SOM Practitioner. It is an intensive journey through how life comes to be the way it is for each individual. It starts out by learning and understanding what the expectations are for Professional Practitioners. This course of study involves a strong commitment to spiritual development that deepens spirituality as well as an increased understanding of how thoughts and feelings are essential to successful Treatments for healing. The emphasis is on self-discovery and self-healing through understanding the different influences that have shaped each individual's life. Some of the areas that were explored were the Law of Cause and Effect, how early life events underlie a person's beliefs, values, and attitudes, and the effect of race consciousness on every person. Each week, there was daily meditation, journaling, reading for each topic covered, and class discussion.



The class is facilitated by Michael Laakso with the support of Rev. Lynn and Practitioner Terry Barret. I have learned so much from their experience, spiritual awareness, excellent instruction, and support. I am thankful and blessed to have such guides on this journey. The second term begins in May and I am looking forward to gaining more wisdom and spiritual awareness through the material covered within this term. I would also like to thank Rev Victoria Kelly for a wonderful healing session that was part of the course requirements and which she so graciously agreed to do with me.

~submitted by Glenda Totten-Hatch

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*“Ask students to go to places, to see things for themselves, to actually experience the learning, to play, to inquire.”*  
*~Diana Laufenberg*

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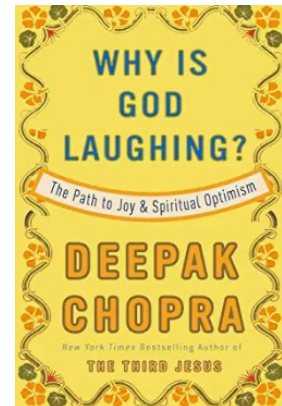
## HAPPY BOOKER RECOMMENDATION (Reprint)

WHY IS GOD LAUGHING? by Deepak Chopra  
The Path to Joy and Spiritual Optimism



And yet another book by Deepak Chopra that brings us a new twist on Spirituality. It's a fictional tale about a depressed, fearful comedian and his unlikely mentor who shows him and the reader a path back to hope, joy, and enlightenment with many laughs along the way.

“Meet Mickey Fellows, a successful L.A. comedian, a regular guy with a fair share of fears, egocentricities and addictions. After his father’s death, Mickey meets a mysterious stranger named Francisco, who changes his life forever. The two begin an ongoing discussion about the true nature of being.



Reluctantly at first, Mickey accepts the stranger’s help and starts to explore his own life in an effort to answer the riddles Francisco poses. Mickey starts to look at those aspects of himself that he has hidden behind a wall of wisecracks all his life. Eventually Mickey realizes that authentic humor opens him up to the power of spirit-allowing him to finally make real connections with people.”

Chopra spells out lessons from Mickey’s journey in the last part of the book.....ten reasons to be optimistic, even in a challenging world. He believes the healthiest response to life is heartfelt laughter. Why is God Laughing also shows us there is always a reason to be grateful, every possibility holds a promise of abundance, and that obstacles are simply opportunities in disguise.

Happiness is a hidden power lying within each of us. Mickey Fellow’s journey shows us the way.

Love, Blessings and Joyful Reading times!  
JoAnn Fisher, The Happy Booker

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“If I can get you to laugh with me, you like me better, which makes you more open to my ideas. And if I can persuade you to laugh at the particular point I make, by laughing at it you acknowledge its truth.” ~John Cleese

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# Celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Workshop

On September 24, 2022



My how time flies when you are having fun! I can remember the first workshop I gave after becoming a Practitioner. How could I forget, I was scared silly! I decided on a prosperity workshop as I had extensive training on that subject back in the 70's with Dr. Leo Fishbeck and Dr. Frank Richelieu. Due to their teachings of the principles of Science of Mind and prosperity and the prosperity change in my personal life I felt that is what I wanted to share with my first workshop.

It was held at Phoenix Rising in Port Townsend on the upstairs level in that beautiful and spacious room. We had a wonderful attendance due to our kind and generous members and their wiliness to be a support to this new Practitioner. There were also attendees from Port Townsend as the owner of Phoenix Rising had put the flyer in her store window.

The workshop went better than what I had imagined, in my fear, and everyone had a good time. As I look back I see where my fear of it not going perfectly brought about an ironic situation. Four of our members who attended received parking tickets! Attending a prosperity workshop and then receiving a ticket where you will be paying out money, I was deeply embarrassed to say the least. The four members found it comical or so they said. They were gracious and were willing to pay for the tickets. I knew I had to do something about this situation, if I could, and collected the tickets from our four members and went to the police station to present my case. I explained about the workshop and pointed out the discrepancy between the posted signs of a two hour parking and the continual advertising and posting and encouragement for folks to come to Port Townsend for dinner and a movie and just how can that be accomplished with a two hour parking limit. Is it not punishing the folks who do try and spend time in our city? Well, I am not sure if it was my protesting or the fact that complaints had been made about one of our meter maids that was being investigated, but the tickets were collected by the police and did not have to be paid. I felt victory had been brought to an ironic situation.



# 40!

From that same first workshop there was a lady from Port Townsend who was living in her car with her three dogs, and she attended. We talked after the workshop was over and she left with all of the materials that were given out. Months passed, around eight if I recall correctly, and she looked me up with a beautiful story. She had now found a job and a small house with a yard for her three dogs. She was happy and wanted to let me know how the workshop had helped her and her continued follow up with Religious Science of Mind principles. I thanked her for sharing her demonstration with me and I knew in my heart this was Divine Intelligence letting me know to go forward without fear. What a blessing!

I have facilitated thirty-eight more workshops over the years with the fortieth coming on Zoom on September 24<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to when future workshops can be held in person again with the treats, coffee and muffins, followed by a grand lunch together and the socializing and hugging and the prizes and materials taken home. However, Zoom has been a blessing to be able to continue the workshops, learning and sharing, and keeping us connected. Our Sequim Center continues to be a blessing to our members and to the community.



*~Respectably submitted by Rev. Victoria Kelley, R.Sc.P*

## Congratulations Sequim Center for Spiritual Living!

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*“I do believe we’re all connected. I do believe in positive energy. I do believe in the power of prayer. I do believe in putting good out into the world. And I believe in taking care of each other.” ~Harvey Fierstein*

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## **BASIC SOM QUESTIONS** By Rev. Michael Laakso

We have an on-going column which is designed to answer some basic Science of Mind questions. We trust this will give you new insights, allowing you to better understand SOM principles.

### **What is Infinity? Part Thirty-Eight**

Our last two articles have been examining how a Nineteenth Century New Thought Truth student would find their teaching in the Bible. A few Eastern scriptures were beginning to be translated into English, but the Bible was the standard text for Westerners for spiritual study for most of that century. We made it to the Garden of Eden story and parsed through most of that parable. Some loose ends remain to consider.



We found the Garden story indicates Spirit's (our) earthly experience as compared to the Seven Days of Creation which is our spiritual creation as Mind individuated. The body is formed from the elements of the earth. The Breath of Life makes the body a living form now housing that invisible Air-beingness, air representing Spirit, the self-aware, conscious side of Mind. Adam begins naming everything he sees. Naming is labeling and labels actively separate Unity into nouns and verbs, forms and phenomena. Once labeled, the mind easily gives these an identity, always limited, a piece/part rather than a representation of the whole of its authoring Unity. In truth, all of Spirit is infinitely present in every point, form and phenomenon. Looking from Spirit, this vast unification is obvious. Mystics call this witnessing the Perfection of all that is.

Adam cannot find himself a companion. The Law/Lord puts him to sleep. Adam's thought is the Law/Lord of his life experience. His distancing himself from his Source consciousness by the act of naming – “chopping up” Unity—he loses consciousness. Nowhere does it say that Adam awakens. This indicates he lives in an unconscious state, unaware of the Truth, his Creator, and his own Nature, one with its Creator. As he dreams, his natural androgyny seems to split into a separate male and a separate female. Adam is on an internal adventure; what Joseph Campbell called the “Hero's journey.”

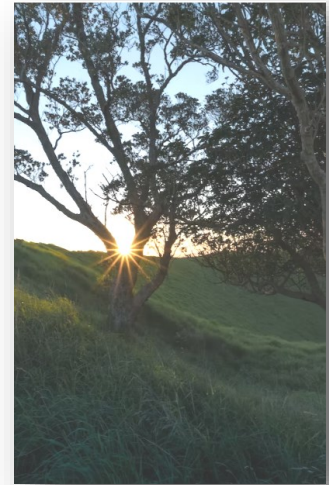
The Garden, Eden, is a place where everything needed for a good life is effortlessly supplied. Truth students speak of the “Edenic Consciousness,” meaning a mind-set of welcoming our Good with gratitude but also conscious companionship with our Source Mind (for which we were created). As Divine Mind creates effortlessly, our Edenic consciousness mirrors God's Mind state and the right Good appears at the right time free from struggle, lawfully and *apparently* miraculously, the normal state in Eden.



We examined the two thinking systems at the center of the Garden, symbolized by two trees. A tree is a wonderful symbol for a thought system: its roots are underground, in the subconscious, and the trunk represents the central idea or organizing principle, which then splits up into individual perceptions as that idea is applied to each event or object witnessed. We perceive based on our central thought, essentially projecting that idea onto the “screen” of our environment. These mind experiences are all the branch and twig ends, reaching out and “touching” the world.

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The trees are named the Tree of Life and the Tree of the “knowledge” of Good and evil. The Trees indicate their central Thought in their names. From the Seven Days of Creation, we saw the creation of the physical environment, but more so the creation of *every living* thing. Like produces like, so God is Life since life comes of Its creating. We know God is Unity, being All Good. The Tree of Life represents the thought of Livingness; though its manifestations may look diverse, all demonstrate the One Life. Also from the Seven Days of Creation, we know only Good is Real. So “knowing” evil, the contradiction of Good, cannot be a possibility. Only the Real can be known and is always known by direct contact with no go-between. Moreover, evil cannot be Real since we learned only Good exists, as God declared the Whole of His creating. These two points show the second tree represents a thinking system of absurdities; of ideas that cannot be actually known because they are absolutely unreal.



So we have a thinking system of delusion on one hand and a thinking system of aliveness, Reality, sanity on the other. One is a dualistic system and the other is nondual, Unified. It is probably important to mention here that there are no illusions in the world. All illusions are in the mind, which goes on to think it sees them as realities in the world. Illusions are the result of a dualistic idea of Life and Self.

We examined the snake/temptation story. In this dream journey, what does the snake represent? From the dualistic viewpoint, the snake is the Enemy of God, Satan. The word “satan” means hater or accuser. Don’t we all have an accusing voice in our minds, a voice that hates this and hates that? A voice that gets offended and upset, is touchy and high maintenance. To me this is ego’s voice, and ego is not an “entity” but an idea of what I am, a limited, fragile, untrue idea. Hence its defensiveness. Ernest Holmes comments that there are many voices in the subconscious mind – and many of them are negative and negating. From the Unity viewpoint, this is unquiet mental energy that propels the journey forward. Consider that Adam sleeps, due to his separatist thinking. Temptation has already triumphed. The snake simply establishes what has already happened in mind: dualism. Adam split up the living into categories, differentnesses. Adam set this inner energy in motion already. His assuming the dualistic viewpoint has already begun. Now it becomes official, that is, named.

What this illustrates is mind’s tendency to take what is given it and automatically expand that to the furthest implication. Mind naturally elaborates on whatever it is given. Consider Divine Mind’s creation of all the varieties of life forms on earth. Life as Mind elaborated every environment with many kinds of life activities: fish, birds, reptiles and cattle in the waters, sky and land respectively. We cannot change how Mind operates, but knowing how it operates, we can select with care what we give our mind. Adam gave his mind the idea of apartness, separation, with his naming activity. God was his right and perfect Companion. He lost sight of his Source and that constant Love and Care in Whom he lives, moves and has his being.

Now, having integrated more completely the dualistic idea, he (and Eve, his internal feminine reflection) have their first negative emotion: shame. Nakedness is no shame in God’s Mind Who hides nothing and accepts everything as Good and very Good. Adam has become self-conscious, in the sense of being flawed, not enough, wrong, like his body has impure parts, though it is God-created. Shame is just another of the negating, accusing subconscious voices. Adam and Eve cover that generative part of their body. Hiding is another sign of ego, the false idea of self. God hides nothing, is completely honest and transparent in all senses. It is the all Good. What’s to hide, and why?

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**“In the cellars of the night, when the mind s moving around old trunks of bad times, the pain of this and the shame of that, the memory of a small boldness is a hand to hold.” ~John Leonard**

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More so, Adam is ashamed of his body. This flags his identification with his physical vehicle. Limitless Spirit is thinking it is a bounded form. This is how ego operates. This false idea of our self substitutes a body/form for the formless Identity Infinite Mind created as us. How we identify our selves is determinate of how we see life, others, the world environment. Adam now identifies with his body – dust – and has lost his awareness of the spiritual Identity – breath/Spirit – that he actually is. Adam has internalized falsehood and the consequences continue to unfold.

Adam used to experience God intermittently, if also daily, *“walking in the Garden at the time of the evening breeze...”* This communing used to be always, but naming truncated that conscious contact. Now, when the sound of God’s walking is heard, they hide themselves. Running away from God, feeling shame, is a consequence of dualistic thinking and untrue self-identification. Having judged themselves inadequate, they projected onto God that judge and became afraid of their Creator. Again, hiding is a sign of the ego. *“We are as sick as our secrets,”* we hear in 12-step rooms. Thinking oppositely from God, our joy in that relationship is an early casualty.

God feels the retreat and asks questions with obvious answers but the *retreaters* are in need of acknowledging what they did. Interestingly, their answers show their continuing innocence. They don’t lie. They are still novices at this duality thing.

Next come the “curses.” To the serpent the Lord said:

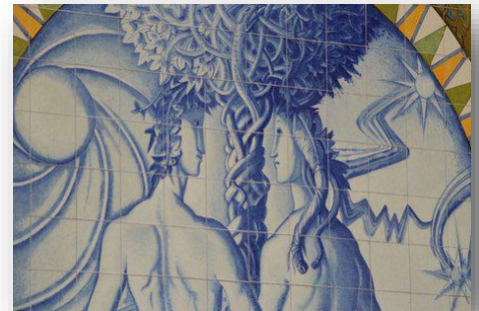
*‘On your belly you shall crawl and dust shall you eat  
all the days of your life.  
I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
between your brood and hers.  
They shall strike at your head.  
And you shall strike at their heel.’*

To the woman he said:

*‘I will increase your labor and your groaning,  
And in labor you shall bear children.  
You shall feel an urge for your husband,  
And he shall be your master.’*

And to the man he said,

*‘Because you have listened to your wife  
And have eaten from the tree which I forbade you,  
Accursed shall be the ground on your account.  
With labor you shall win your food from it  
All the days of your life.  
It will grow thorns and thistles for you,  
none but wild plants for you to eat.  
You shall gain your bread by the sweat of your brow  
Until you return to the ground;  
For from it you were taken.  
Dust you are, to dust you shall return.’*



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We need to point out that Divine Mind never curses but only blesses. Using the Nondual viewpoint, this is obvious. Divine Mind, being infinite, has only one side, an inside of total Goodness. Being infinite, It cannot comprehend cursing or condemning, but only creative blessing that loves and blesses all. However, when we take on the dualistic viewpoint, cursing seems logical and inevitable. We curse ourselves by the untrue, unloving thoughts we think about our selves and everything else.

Essentially, these words declare the collapse of the Edenic experience. The Edenic consciousness has been interrupted and though Eden continues as a potential experience, Adam's current consciousness has exempted him from experiencing it. Enmity has been introduced where before only Harmony was. Pain has been introduced where before only Peace was. Struggle is introduced where before complete Ease was. These consequences indicated to a 19<sup>th</sup> Century Truth student the action of the Law of Mind and are both cautionary and promising; cautionary for the obvious loss of Harmony, Peace, and Ease, but also promising for tracing out the thinking that produced that loss. Reversing the process is the way back to Eden! And Truth students were interested in finding solutions to the strife, pain and struggle in their own lives as well as the lives of others. Hence the practice of re-identifying our selves with Source Mind and Its many Attributes; and affirming this True Identity consistently as the way back, and paradoxically the way forward.

After the Lord/Law cast Adam and Eve out of Eden, *'to the east of Eden he stationed the cherubim and a sword whirling and flashing to guard the way to the Tree of Life.'* The concern here was to prevent Adam from making his dualistic state permanent. The dualistic mind sees this as further punishment. In fact it is a mercy. The nondual mind desires Adam's fulfillment of his journey homeward and this ensures his current state be temporary. Adam will have to face these "temple guardians" on his way back to his beginnings, now armed with wisdom and a clearing consciousness. These act as filters to ensure the homeward travelers are prepared to deal with their first errors and so can pass through in safety. Otherwise, they are repelled for more learning and experience.

This journey must come full circle, for incompleteness is an impossibility in the Mind of God. The experience of separation must find its resealing in Oneness recognized and lived. No separation has occurred. We only think it has. As we shift our thinking from dualistic to Unitary, we waken from the dream of apartness and see Reality has not changed. Jesus retells this story as the parable of the Prodigal Son. He scotches the guilt and shame, the trappings of dualistic thinking. A son merely wanders off, learns his error by experience and determines to come home. He is met with jubilation. And so are we.

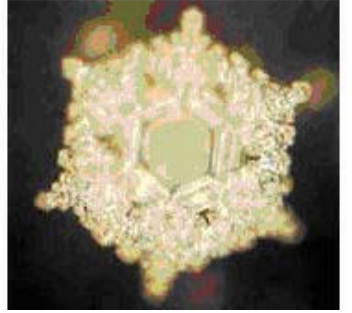


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**“He who experiences the unity of life sees his own Self in all beings, and all beings in his own Self, and looks on everything with an impartial eye.” ~Buddha**

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