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- In preparing for the holy instant, do not attempt to make yourself holy to be ready to receive it
- And that is all
- It is this that makes the holy instant so easy and so natural
- You are still convinced that your understanding is a powerful contribution to the truth
- Forget not that it has been your decision to make everything that is easy and natural impossible!

You have been promised full release from the world you made

“Today we will claim the miracles which are your right, since they belong to you. You have been promised full release from the world you made. You have been assured that the Kingdom of God is within you, and can never be lost. We ask no more than what belongs to us in truth. Today, however, we will also make sure that we will not content ourselves with less.” Lesson 77 Excerpts

“... Tell yourself quite confidently that you are entitled to miracles. Closing your eyes, remind yourself that you are asking only for what is rightfully yours. Remind yourself also that miracles are never taken from one and given to another, and that in asking for your rights, you are upholding the rights of everyone. Miracles do not obey the laws of this world. They merely follow from the laws of God.

After this brief introductory phase, wait quietly for the assurance that your request is granted.... You have requested that you be given the means by which this is accomplished. You cannot fail to be assured in this. You are but asking that the Will of God be done.

In doing this, you do not really ask for anything. You state a fact that cannot be denied. The Holy Spirit cannot but assure you that your request is granted. The fact that you accepted must be so. There is no room for doubt and uncertainty today. We are asking a real question at last. The answer is a simple statement of a simple fact. You will receive the assurance that you seek.

Tell yourself often today: I am entitled to miracles.

Jesus' part in the Atonement

“I am in charge of the process of Atonement, which I undertook to begin.... My part in the Atonement is the cancelling out of all errors that you could not otherwise correct. When you have been restored to the recognition of your original state, you naturally become part of the Atonement yourself. As you share my unwillingness to accept error in yourself and others, you must join the great crusade to correct it; listen to my voice, learn to undo error and act to correct it.” Ch.3.IV Excerpts

Revelations are inspired by Jesus – The Holy Spirit mediates higher to lower communication

“Revelations are indirectly inspired by me because I am close to the Holy Spirit, and alert to the revelation-readiness of my brothers. I can thus bring down to them more than they can draw down to themselves. The Holy Spirit mediates higher to lower communication, keeping the direct channel from God to you open for revelation. Revelation is not reciprocal. It proceeds from God to you, but not from you to God.” Ch.1.II.5

The process Jesus used to correct error from the bottom up – He united His Will with God's

“I was a man who remembered spirit and its knowledge. As a man I did not attempt to counteract error with knowledge, but to correct error from the bottom up. I demonstrated both the powerlessness of the body and the power of the mind. By uniting my will with that of my Creator, I naturally remembered spirit and its real purpose.” Ch.3.IV Excerpts

How Jesus can erase all misperceptions from your mind

“I cannot unite your will with God's for you, but I can erase all misperceptions from your mind if you will bring it under my guidance. Only your misperceptions stand in your way. Without them your choice is certain. Sane perception induces sane choosing. I cannot choose for you, but I can help you make your own right choice.” Ch.3.IV Excerpts

All are called but few choose to listen

“Many are called but few are chosen” should be, “All are called but few choose to listen.”... The “chosen ones” are merely those who choose right sooner. Right minds can do this now, and they will find rest unto their souls. God knows you only in peace, and this is your reality.” Ch.3.IV Excerpts

Right-mindedness must be achieved before One-mindedness is restored

“Salvation is nothing more than “right-mindedness,” which is not the One-mindedness of the Holy Spirit, but which must be achieved before One-mindedness is restored. Right-mindedness leads to the next step automatically, because right perception is uniformly without attack, and therefore wrong-mindedness is obliterated. The ego cannot survive without judgment, and is laid aside accordingly.” Ch.4.II Excerpts

Right perception = The realization that all perception is unnecessary

“It cannot be emphasized too often that correcting perception is merely a temporary expedient. It is

necessary only because misperception is a block to knowledge, while accurate perception is a steppingstone towards it. The whole value of right perception lies in the inevitable realization that all perception is unnecessary. This removes the block entirely.

Right-mindedness listens to the Holy Spirit – PLUS the Formula for the Final Vision

"The mind can be right or wrong, depending on the voice to which it listens. Right-mindedness listens to the Holy Spirit, forgives the world, and through Christ's vision sees the real world in its place. This is the final vision, the last perception, the condition in which God takes the final step Himself. Here time and illusions end together."

Wrong-mindedness listens to the ego and makes illusions

"Wrong-mindedness listens to the ego and makes illusions; perceiving sin and justifying anger, and seeing guilt, disease and death as real. Both this world and the real world are illusions because right-mindedness merely overlooks, or forgives, what never happened."

Your one remaining freedom in this world is the freedom of choice – Two choices or two voices

"In this world the only remaining freedom is the freedom of choice; always between two choices or two voices. Will is not involved in perception at any level, and has nothing to do with choice. Consciousness is the receptive mechanism, receiving messages from above or below; from the Holy Spirit or the ego. Consciousness has levels and awareness can shift quite dramatically, but it cannot transcend the perceptual realm. At its highest it becomes aware of the real world, and can be trained to do so increasingly. Yet the very fact that it has levels and can be trained demonstrates that it cannot reach knowledge." ACIM Preface Excerpts

The power to work miracles belongs to you

"The power to work miracles belongs to you. I will provide the opportunities to do them, but you must be ready and willing. Doing them will bring conviction in the ability, because conviction comes through accomplishment. The ability is the potential, the achievement is its expression, and the Atonement, which is the natural profession of the children of God, is the purpose." Ch.1.III.1

Jesus is the only one who can perform miracles indiscriminately – Your role is dictated to you

"I am the only one who can perform miracles indiscriminately, because I am the Atonement. You have a role in the Atonement which I will dictate to you." Ch.1.III Excerpts

Ask Jesus which miracles you should perform – you will be acting under direct communication

"Ask me which miracles you should perform. This spares you needless effort, because you will be acting under direct communication. The impersonal nature of the miracle is an essential ingredient, because it enables me to direct its application, and under my guidance miracles lead to the highly personal experience of revelation. A guide does not control but he does direct, leaving it up to you to follow.

"Lead us not into temptation" means "Recognize your errors and choose to abandon them by following my guidance." Ch.1.III Excerpts

The forgiven are the means of the Atonement – Those who are released release others

"The forgiven are the means of the Atonement. Being filled with spirit, they forgive in return. Those who are released must join in releasing their brothers, for this is the plan of the Atonement. Miracles are the way in which minds that serve the Holy Spirit unite with me for the salvation or release of all of God's creations." Ch.1.III Excerpts

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Before miracle workers are ready – they must fully understand the fear of release

"Before miracle workers are ready to undertake their function in this world, it is essential that they fully understand the fear of release. Otherwise they may unwittingly foster the belief that release is imprisonment, a belief that is already very prevalent." Ch.2.V.1

Miracles have effects on your brothers that you may not recognize – this is not your concern

“That the miracle may have effects on your brothers that you may not recognize is not your concern. The miracle will always bless you.... The impersonal nature of miracle-mindedness ensures your grace, but only I am in a position to know where they can be bestowed.” Ch. 1.III Excerpts

The miracle entails a sudden shift from horizontal to vertical perception, collapsing time

“The miracle minimizes the need for time.... the miracle entails a sudden shift from horizontal to vertical perception. This introduces an interval from which the giver and receiver both emerge farther along in time than they would otherwise have been. The miracle thus has the unique property of abolishing time to the extent that it renders the interval of time it spans unnecessary. There is no relationship between the time a miracle takes and the time it covers. The miracle substitutes for learning that might have taken thousands of years. It does so by the underlying recognition of perfect equality of giver and receiver on which the miracle rests. The miracle shortens time by collapsing it, thus eliminating certain intervals within it.” Ch.1.II.6

Miracles are expressions of miracle-mindedness, which means right-mindedness

“I have already said that miracles are expressions of miracle-mindedness, and miracle-mindedness means right-mindedness.

The miracle need not await the right-mindedness of the receiver

“The right-minded neither exalt nor depreciate the mind of the miracle worker or the miracle receiver. However, as a correction, the miracle need not await the right-mindedness of the receiver. In fact, its purpose is to restore him to his right mind.

It is essential, however, that the miracle worker be in his right mind

“It is essential, however, that the miracle worker be in his right mind, however briefly, or he will be unable to re-establish right-mindedness in someone else.” Ch.2.V.3

The healer who relies on his own readiness is endangering his understanding

“The healer who relies on his own readiness is endangering his understanding. You are perfectly safe as long as you are completely unconcerned about your readiness, but maintain a consistent trust in mine. If your miracle working inclinations are not functioning properly, it is always because fear has intruded on your right-mindedness and has turned it upside down.

All forms of not-right-mindedness are the result of refusal to accept the Atonement for yourself

“All forms of not-right-mindedness are the result of refusal to accept the Atonement for yourself. If you do accept it, you are in a position to recognize that those who need healing are simply those who have not realized that right-mindedness is healing.” Ch.2.V.4

The sole responsibility of the miracle worker is to accept the Atonement for himself

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What does accepting the Atonement mean?

“This means you recognize that mind is the only creative level, and that its errors are healed by the Atonement. Once you accept this, your mind can only heal. By denying your mind any destructive potential and reinstating its purely constructive powers, you place yourself in a position to undo the level confusion of others. The message you then give to them is the truth that their minds are similarly constructive, and their miscreations cannot hurt them. By affirming this you release the mind from overevaluating its own learning device, and restore the mind to its true position as the learner.” Ch.2.V.5

Corrective learning begins with turning away from the belief in physical sight

“Corrective learning always begins with the awakening of spirit, and the turning away from the belief in physical sight. This often entails fear, because you are afraid of what your spiritual sight will show you.” Ch.2.V.7

Error cannot be corrected by any device that can be seen physically

“What the physical eye sees is not corrective, nor can error be corrected by any device that can be seen physically. As long as you believe in what your physical sight tells you, your attempts at correction will be misdirected.” Ch.2.V.8

Healing rests on charity, a way of perceiving the perfection of another

“... healing rests on charity, and charity is a way of perceiving the perfection of another even if you cannot perceive it in yourself.” Ch.2.V.9

Charity is essential to right-mindedness

“Charity is essential to right-mindedness in the limited sense in which it can now be attained.” Ch.2.V.9

What is Charity? (Powerful!)

“Charity is a way of looking at another as if he had already gone far beyond his actual accomplishments in time. Since his own thinking is faulty he cannot see the Atonement for himself, or he would have no need of charity. The charity that is accorded him is both an acknowledgment that he needs help, and a recognition that he will accept it. Both of these perceptions clearly imply their dependence on time, making it apparent that charity still lies within the limitations of this world. I said before that only revelation transcends time. The miracle, as an expression of charity, can only shorten it.

Every time you offer a miracle to another, you are shortening the suffering of both of you

“It must be understood, however, that whenever you offer a miracle to another, you are shortening the suffering of both of you. This corrects retroactively as well as progressively.” Ch.2.V.10

Right-mindedness is not equal to the knowing mind – it applies only to right perception

“Right-mindedness is not to be confused with the knowing mind, because it is applicable only to right perception. You can be right-minded or wrong-minded, and even this is subject to degrees, clearly demonstrating that knowledge is not involved.” Ch.3.IV.4

Your difficulty with the Holy Instant is from your fixed conviction that you are not worthy of it

“Humility will never ask that you remain content with littleness. But it does require that you be not content with less than greatness that comes not of you. Your difficulty with the holy instant arises from your fixed conviction that you are not worthy of it.... God did not create His dwelling place unworthy of Him. And if you believe He cannot enter where He wills to be, you must be interfering with His Will. You do not need the strength of willingness to come from you, but only from His Will.” Ch.18.IV.3

The holy instant comes from your willingness combined with the unlimited power of God's Will

“The holy instant does not come from your little willingness alone. It is always the result of your small willingness combined with the unlimited power of God's Will. You have been wrong in thinking that it is needful to prepare yourself for Him. It is impossible to make arrogant preparations for holiness, and not believe that it is up to you to establish the conditions for peace. God has established them. They do not wait upon your willingness for what they are. Your willingness is needed only to make it possible to teach you what they are.” Ch.18.VI.4.

In preparing for the holy instant, do not attempt to make yourself holy to be ready to receive it

“You merely ask the question. The answer is given. Seek not to answer, but merely to receive the answer as it is given. In preparing for the holy instant, do not attempt to make yourself holy to be ready to receive it. That is but to confuse your role with God's. Atonement cannot come to those who think that they must first atone, but only to those who offer it nothing more than simple willingness to make way for it. Purification is of God alone, and therefore for you.

Rather than seek to prepare yourself for Him, try to think thus:

I who am host to God am worthy of Him.

He Who established His dwelling place in me created it as He would have it be.

It is not needful that I make it ready for Him,

but only that I do not interfere with His plan to restore to me my own awareness of my readiness,

which is eternal. I need add nothing to His plan.

But to receive it, I must be willing not to substitute my own in place of it.” Ch.18.IV.5

And that is all

“And that is all. Add more, and you will merely take away the little that is asked. Remember you made guilt.... Release yourself to Him Whose function is release. Do not assume His function for Him. Give Him but what He asks, that you may learn how little is your part, and how great is His.” Ch.18.IV.6

It is this that makes the holy instant so easy and so natural

“It is this that makes the holy instant so easy and so natural. You make it difficult, because you insist there must be more that you need do. You find it difficult to accept the idea that you need give so little, to receive so much. And it is very hard for you to realize it is not personally insulting that your contribution and the Holy Spirit's are so extremely disproportionate.

You are still convinced that your understanding is a powerful contribution to the truth

“You are still convinced that your understanding is a powerful contribution to the truth, and makes it what it is. Yet we have emphasized that you need understand nothing. Salvation is easy just because it asks nothing you cannot give right now.” Ch.18.IV.7

Forget not that it has been your decision to make everything that is easy and natural impossible!

“Forget not that it has been your decision to make everything that is natural and easy for you impossible. If you believe the holy instant is difficult for you, it is because you have become the arbiter of what is possible, and remain unwilling to give place to One Who knows. The whole belief in orders of difficulty in miracles is centered on this. Everything God wills is not only possible, but has already happened. And that is why the past has gone. It never happened in reality. Only in your mind, which thought it did, is its undoing needful.” Ch.18.IV.8

Miracle Ready - Summary

- Tell yourself quite confidently “I am entitled to miracles” and that you asking only for what is rightfully yours
- Wait quietly for assurance that your request is granted
- You are simply asking that God’s Will be done
- There is no room for doubt and uncertainty
- You will receive the assurance that you seek
- Tell yourself often today – I am entitled to miracles
- Jesus is responsible for correcting your errors – not you
- To follow Jesus’ example, you must unite your will with God’s Will
- To have your errors corrected, you must bring them under His Guidance
- You must be “right-minded”
 - Right-mindedness is the realization that all perception is unnecessary
 - Right-mindedness Formula = Choose to listen to the Holy Spirit + forgive the world + borrow Christ’s Vision to see the real world in its place
 - This is the condition in which God will take the final step Himself
- The power to work miracles belongs to you, but you must be ready and willing, and then Jesus will provide the opportunities and direction
- You must ask Him which miracles you should perform
- Always follow His Guidance and you will not have wasted efforts
- Jesus is the only One Who can perform miracles indiscriminately
- You must wholly forgive yourself before you will be able to release others
- You must fully understand the fear of release
- Miracles involve a sudden shift from horizontal to vertical perception – time is collapsed
- Miracles do not await the right-mindedness of the receiver
- Never rely on your own readiness, but maintain a consistent trust in His Readiness
- The sole responsibility of the miracle worker is to accept the Atonement for himself
- Accepting Atonement means that you recognize that mind is the only creative level
- You must stop relying on your physical sight to guide you – Turn away from it
- Error cannot be corrected by any device that can be seen physically
- Healing rests on CHARITY
- Charity = perceiving the perfection of another even if you cannot perceive it in yourself
- Charity = seeing others are going far beyond their actual accomplishments in time
- Acknowledge that your brother needs help and also that he will accept it
- Every time you offer a miracle to another – you shorten suffering for both of you
- You must have conviction that you (and your brother) are worthy of the miracle
- Miracles come from your willingness combined with the unlimited power of God’s Will
- Never try to purify yourself before receiving a miracle – God is the purifier
- Your part
 - Ask for the miracle
 - Remember there is no order of difficulty in miracles
 - Ask Jesus which miracles you should perform
 - Follow His Direct Communication
 - Have a willingness to make room for the miracle
 - Do not interfere with God’s Plan to restore you to your own awareness of readiness
- Release yourself to Him Whose function is release
- Your contribution is not necessary
- You need understand nothing
- And that is all