

Week 11

T-3.III Atonement without Sacrifice

The One Generalization (8:7)

- The resurrection demonstrated that **nothing can destroy truth.** (8:1)
- **Nothing can prevail against a Son of God** who commends his spirit into the hands of his Father. (9:1)

Sacrifice is a notion totally unknown to God. It arises solely from fear of [one's past thoughts and deeds]. (11:1-2)

- *"Your so-called "sins" were not atoned for by [Jesus'] bloody sacrifice on the cross, but by his resurrection, the affirmation that no sacrifice is needed because your "sins" have caused no harm at all."*

The Atonement [acceptance of perfect love], *not* sacrifice, is the only appropriate gift to your own altar. (17:3)

- *"If we see resurrection as the Atonement, the message is that we must embody the innocence of God, and then nothing will be able to mar our perfect wholeness."*

Innocence is wisdom (7:8) and it is strength (16:3).

- *"True innocence does not ignore the corruption that pervades the surface level of life. Instead, it sees right through that grimy surface to a primordial reality that shines with immortal innocence."*
- *Innocence is strength because it "rests on the foundation of reality itself...[like] a mighty oak whose roots are sunk deep into the nature of God."*

Italicized quotes are from Robert Perry's commentary on this section



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Cameo 15: Edgar Cayce

- Sacrifice of himself due to his own “profound sense of personal unworthiness.” (p 1783) -
 - “he used his own mind at the ‘*expense* of his body’.”
 - “he worked under very great strain, which is *always* a sign that something is wrong.” (p1780)
- “Mind is the builder” -
 - it is only what [the mind] is building *now* that really creates the future. The past, in itself, does not have the ability to do this.” (p1784)
- “I remind you that no effort is wasted.” (p 1785)

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T-3.IV: Innocent Perception

- **Partial innocence** - “having no knowledge of the unpleasant and evil things in life” (Cambridge Dictionary) - We see this as naive, child-like
- **Partial wisdom** - being aware of all the evil and unpleasanties that really face us out there
- **Total innocence and wisdom** - unaware of evil, which does not exist and it is perfectly aware of everything that is true (T-III.7:8-9)

“Innocent (or true) perception means that you never misperceive and *always* see truly.” (T-3IV.3:6)

“[The innocent] do not suffer from the delusions of the separated ones. The way to correct all such delusion is to withdraw your faith from them and invest it only in what is true.” (T-IV.4:7-5:1)

“Because you see them as they were really created and can really create, you offer them your own validation of their truth. This is the real healing which the miracle actively engenders.” (T-IV.6:3-4)

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T-3.V: Perception versus Knowledge

- **Perception:** We are trying to know objects that are outside us and thus remain beyond our reach. We can 'touch' them only through the two intermediaries of our physical senses and our mental interpretations. In perception, our uncertainty can never completely be cleared up because we are at a distance from what we are trying to know.
- **Knowledge:** We know something directly. We are inside of it and it is inside of us. Our knowing of the thing and the thing itself are one and the same. There is no need for senses or interpretation, for questions or seeking insight.

“To know is to be certain...knowledge is power because it is certain, and certainty is strength. Perception is temporary...[it is] subject to fear or love. Misperception produces fear, and true perception induces love. Neither produces certainty...True perception is the basis for knowledge, but knowing is the affirmation of truth.” (2:1)

“Being of God, knowledge has nothing to do with your perceptions at all. That is what it can only be a gift of God to you.” (7:4-5)

“Right perception is necessary before God can communicate directly to His Own altars, which He has established in His Sons.” (11:1)



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T-3.VI: The Divided Mind (1-9)

Three levels of the mind

- Superconscious - level of heavenly awareness; state of mind above consciousness
- Subconscious/unconscious - base filled with the drive to express love to others (miracles) and superficial level
- Conscious mind - in between these two levels; managing the impulses that come from above it, below it, and outside of it (the world). Uncertain and confused. Level of perception (3:3).

However, in its natural state, the mind is one with spirit. “Your spirit knows, loves, and creates. These are its unequivocal functions” (1:2-3).

“Right-mindedness applies to the state of mind which induces accurate perception. It is miraculous because it heals misperception, and healing is indeed a miracle in view of how you perceive yourself. The spirit does not need healing, but the mind does.” (7:3-6)