

## Week 13

### T-3.XI The Unshakable Foundation

- The authority problem is my denial that God authored me. The belief that I created myself is the root of the separation. The projection of our authority problem is what we have called the devil.
- The self-concept is a direct rejection of God's authorship of me. It is a mental image that I construct and then identify with. I think it's me. And this lie becomes the foundation on which my thought system rests. But it's not true. This lie was constructed by the power of my mind, and so holds great power for me
- I must use that same power of my mind to reject this false foundation.
- God is the only true Authority. I didn't create myself. I am not an image of my own creation. God created me, and by doing so, He not only brought me into existence, He set my identity forever.

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*"The mind can make **the belief in separation** very real and very fearful. And this belief is the devil. Look at your life and see what the **devil** has made. But know that this making will surely dissolve in the light of truth, because its foundation is a lie." (9:1-2, 5-6)*

*"Your creation by God is the only foundation which cannot be shaken, because the light is in it. Your starting point is truth and you must return to this beginning. Much has been perceived since then, but nothing else has happened. That is why your spirit is still in peace, even though your mind is in conflict." (10)*

*"The world is not left by death, but by truth." (13:7)*



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### Cameo 16 Helen's Extra Mile

- Helen was asked for help by someone. She initially refused this help, but then reverses this error by working late to take down guidance to help this person.
- The result of genuine devotion is inspiration
  - *Devotion to a brother cannot set you back, either. It can only lead to mutual progress. The result of genuine devotion is inspiration, a word which, properly understood is the opposite of fatigue.” (p1787)*
- Serving another's needs in **genuine devotion** is how we serve our own needs
  - Devotion <—> wisdom
  - Leads to mutual progress
  - Fills you with uplifting vitality of the spirit

*“Through going the extra mile with a brother and helping him forward on his journey, we will have gained a priceless inner store of wisdom, progress, and inspiration. We will be infused with the endless energy of the spirit.” (Robert Perry)*





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### T-4.I The Last Foolish Journey

- Ego/egocentrism - leaves us feeling drained, weak, self-conscious, and unworthy. Pouring attention on ourselves leaves us feeling fatigued, rather than full of vitality
- This is the natural outcome of believing we are a separate being
- Do we -
  - *“Set about to alter this misperception, not by correcting [our] misidentification, but by behaving egotistically.” (5:5)* In other words, do we identify with ego and compensate by inflating the ego?
  - or-
  - Undertake *“another journey”* in which we dis-identify with the ego and identify instead with our own true nature and its unlimited worth: *“Your real worth is your divine authorship.” (4:2)*





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### Cameo 17 Bill's Class

- Reluctance to follow a genuine calling - whether a teaching function or some other form of helping/healing others
  - Feelings of inadequacy
  - Fear of placing self-image at the mercy of the images others will have of us
- We have to think about larger attitudes and perspectives we are injecting as we perform this function
- Realize you've been chosen precisely to perform this function because
  - You have the ability to do so from a place apart from the ego, which is the way out of ego
  - You will be able to "inspire (with hope for healing) rather than dispirit" those who are sent to you
- Know that you will not be left alone - Jesus will be with you