

THE CHILD WITHIN

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FROM A LETTER ABOUT INNER DISQUIET AND FEAR

Sweet friend,

Thank you for the card and the confidence in me that believes I might write something to lift your spirits. Please know that EVERYONE experiences the longing for an "external" Father to whom we may turn for comfort. I can't count the times I felt that way, nor the letters from ministers, practitioners and teachers confiding that they have such longings to the point of anguish.

Inasmuch as INFINITE "Father/Mother/Child" cannot be confined to an "inside" or an "outside," there IS "Father" outside Awareness, as certainly as within Awareness. God is BOTH within and without, not merely one or the other. So, Miriam, go ahead and talk aloud to your Father, in any way you wish. Jesus did. The prophets did. I do. Many do. It feels very good to be the Child of God, allowing God (whatever "God" is) to know "my" thoughts and "needs" even before I speak.

This human experience-in-time IS very much like a dream. When we awaken from the night dream, we awaken into the same world we were dreaming ABOUT, but then we see it through nondreaming eyes. Apparently it is much the same at the "death" of the flesh body. We might all be surprised to find that we do indeed "take it with us," just as we take the awake world into the sleeping world and vice versa. It is suggested in the religions of the world that whatever we leave still unresolved during our life-in-time will be unresolved "in the second heaven and earth." Whatever is unbound "here," will be unbound "there." This is why it seems so important (to me) to understand and unbind (forgive) every situation that comes to mind. I do not want to leave a single "enemy," a single unmended fence of human experience; I do not want to leave a single person who has been misled or given false hope by my words and actions.

Sooner or later, everyone asks the question in your letter: "Will all this world and this Miriam disappear when I stop breathing?" Yes, I'd guess that Miriam's world will eventually disappear; but not the Awareness that asks that question. THAT is eternal, being the Awareness of God/Mind/Good, the Ineffable Godhead which is prior to all. Even the identity you assume is Miriam doesn't disappear, it seems to me. It doesn't disappear when you fall asleep and dream, does it? Does it disappear when you awaken and let the night's dream go? No, the singular Miriam POINT OF VIEW is still here, both ways. But, sooner or later, we UNDERSTAND that limiting, point-headed sense of Self and THANK it for the lessons it teaches.

The me-sense is the delineation of Awareness. Awareness Itself is the God-sense of "the world." The "world" is the total of God's qualities and attributes as they appear separately, or "in time," filtered through the me-sense. Ah so, the Answer lies in comprehending the nature

of this Awareness that reads these words.

Miriam, I have written all these things a thousand times before, with as many illustrations as are necessary to speak to the Heart and be understood there. There is a Child in you who understands all these things already.

You write, "God is the 'I that I am' means nothing to me—words." That is about par for those who struggle with the metaphysical courses. But if that is restated as "God is the EYE-AWARENESS that SEES this, my world," does that make more sense? It should. That's partly what Moses came to realize one day, after which he was soon leading himself and all his loved ones out of bondage.

"I'm just not at peace," you write very honestly. Neither was Jesus, Miriam, all the way through his crucifixion. The more of Truth that is revealed to one, the greater is that one's anguish at the sights and sounds of the human condition. That anguish is sometimes the Mark that we are on target. But, despite the sights and sounds of the world that cause you anguish, there is a deep and abiding peace within yourself, Miriam Light, and there is no way to get there except through that eternal Child of yourself, all former beliefs surrendered— even the cherished beliefs that come from the study of Judaism or Pentecostalism or aught else! The Child of God is YOURSELF, awaiting Miriam's call to come forth and prove it is still right here.

It amazes me how so many would rather suffer the torments of hell than surrender ANY of their beliefs and let the sweet Peace of the Child enter into the old belief's place-in-time-and-space. The ego's full cup of intellectualism leaves no room for the renewing Wine of God's Peace. It is necessary to pour out a few of the old notions, exactly as the Christ said.

Miriam, the Child claps hands and laughs; It isn't afraid of doctors or hospitals or anything else. Father/Mother/God takes good care of this Child I am and you are.

TROUBLE IN RIVER CITY

So I see or hear something "terrible" about someone close to me. What is really going on?

My "friend" is me, and there is nothing "terrible" happening here where I-Awareness am.

There is nothing "terrible" happening with God, and God is here and everywhere, BEING this Awareness that has heard the news and all things else.

What I heard via the senses was heard in linear time and space—external and after the Fact. Therefore, what I heard was an echo, a shadow in time, not the Reality Itself.

The echo has no power over the Original Perfect which preceded it. I-Awareness hang in with the Original Perfect (Godhead) and know that the next echo in time can bring the "better" sound, more nearly resonating with the Original Perfect. I ANTICIPATE GOOD, the "better," in the space/time arena, confirming the underlying Godhead.

I know the "gap" (time and space) which allowed the distortion to (seem to) enter this

Experience I Am is also the gap which allows the pure, perfect, non-moving, already present Light of the Real to shine through the old shadow (echo in time) with ANY POSSIBILITY, not just those that seem academically, logically, humanly most probable and most likely. The echo is not bad, but is calling attention to Something Greater. The echo is not valid or capable of causing trials and tribulations unless I believe the echo is real!

I realize that I came out of my cocoon going through precisely the same struggle as my friend is faced with; only the names and events are different. We all struggle with the Discipline in time. I forgive and unbind him (myself). He (the perfect Image of Self) is not guilty of suffering and sin. He is not guilty of ignorance. Then, knowing this forgiveness, I go right on expecting confirmation of Good right here where I bodily am and right "there" where friend appears. There IS here. I know that as I was/am forgiven, so he is forgiven—and I LIVE this forgiveness. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

SABBATH! CONFIRMATION! I keep the Prior Light as holy. I give thanks--and do not labor over the Scene. I give thanks, knowing that confirmations never stop. How could that be? Because Awareness is looking at the qualities and attributes of God—and nothing else.

With much love,
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