

The Great Secret of Enlightenment

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The great secret of enlightenment is only a secret you've been keeping from yourself. What's the secret? *I am responsible for what I see.* That's it. All I'm doing is providing evidence that that is true. It must be true because that is the universal law – it's inescapable. You are responsible absolutely. All I'm doing is providing an atmosphere wherein which this is self-evident. You get a clear reflection from me, that's all. You are the Source of the reflection.

I'm the reflection, but the quality of this reflection is Light. You could say the Light has come. There's Light in your dream now. The Light is doing all the work – making the adjustments. The more aware of Light you are, the happier you will be and the less you will have to do. Ultimately you need do nothing as the Light in you does everything. It's the Mind Training of A Course In Miracles. Everything you were offered this morning as a demonstration is here with you now.

The evidence that your experience is true is offered in what I'm about to read to you from Chapter 18, The Light in the Dream. I'm about to integrate your experience. It really doesn't help you to have a Light experience without an integrating it into the context of your dream, your self-concept.

"You who have spent your lives in bringing truth to illusion, reality to fantasy, HAVE walked the way of dreams. For you have gone from waking to sleeping, and on and on to a yet deeper sleep."

Listen to me. Listen carefully. Each dream has generated other dreams. Why? Because your mind is all-powerful.

"Each dream has led to other dreams, and every fantasy that SEEMED to bring a light into the darkness but made the darkness deeper."

Every fantasy! I've found the solution: I've got a new boyfriend. This one's gonna work for sure. What happened? It's made the darkness deeper – it has just led to more disappointment.

"Your GOAL was darkness, in which no ray of light could enter. And you sought a blackness so complete that you could hide from truth forever, in complete insanity."

Anyone ready to make an admission? Isn't this what you've been trying to do: trying to hide from the Light. You retreat deeper and deeper into the darkness, into insanity. What's insanity? Insanity is denying the thoughts in your own awareness – attempting to deny what's already in your own mind. What is all of this? These are all thoughts in your own mind that must be healed and accepted by you as the cause. I am responsible for what I see.

Why is it so difficult? I don't understand. How many times have I said that to you? I am responsible for what I see. Do you believe it? You should be receiving enough evidence because it is true and I am an atmosphere wherein which all that you see is evidence that it is true. So

you must know. Don't come to me pretending that you have not been told exactly what you need to do. You need to accept responsibility for the thoughts in your own awareness and you need to do it *as a practice*.

All of this is arising in me. *God is in everything I see because God is in my mind*. Exactly. If you see something else, you are mistaken. It's time to practice – you've been given everything. I'm going to ask you now to bring the Light into the darkness – it's your function. You need to stand on your own two feet. I need you to grow up. I need you to drop into your balls a little bit and face your own opposition. Don't be afraid – there's nothing out there that you haven't created.

You see how easy it is – you are standing in the midst of your own creation. You are allowing them to be recognised by you. That takes a profound discipline, because you hate that. You hate them or else they wouldn't be out there. You are *consciously* trying to separate yourself – just stop! Stand still – have a good look at yourself. It's called healing. You're not doing anything that isn't absolutely necessary to remember who you are.

“What you forgot was simply that God CANNOT destroy Himself. The light is IN you.”

You can't escape from it because you brought the Light with you. How about the Light that's enlightening your dream right now? You brought it with you. You rejected it and placed it outside of you, in your brother. Where's the Light? In the place where you're rejecting it. What do I see in you? The Light of reality – I see it in every one of you. Why is it all I see? Because it's all I want to see. It's a choice that I'm making.

How can I live in Light? By choosing and desiring only the Light. It's the only thing that's going to make you happy. If you deny the Light, you will be unhappy because you are denying your Self. I'm glad you are receiving me. I'd like to see that Light drop all the way in, so you can be here and not be afraid. Just open up your disposition of reception. I need you to be an embodiment of the Light – if you are going to serve God.

Embodiment – you want another word in there? I want you to be a manifestation of the Light. It shouldn't be too difficult. Why? Because *that's what you are!* You are a manifestation of the Light. It's something that's natural, when you stop fighting it. Why am I here? I'm here on His behalf – all the way down to the toes. I'm not afraid of not having money, all the bullshit that human beings are afraid of – I'm not afraid of anything. I'm here on his behalf. This is a very little place. You're only being confronted by your own denial. Keep it simple and you'll be happy.

“The light is IN you. Darkness can COVER it, but CANNOT put it out. As the light comes nearer, you WILL rush to darkness.”

I'm trying to help. It's just a tendency. You call that the ego. The ego is just a little tendency to hold onto the grievance. The more Light there is, the stronger the tendency. You are here because of that tendency. As the Light increases, the awareness of the tendency will increase. You are here because you are responsible for what you see. You made a choice. You are here because you want to be here. So, don't complain to me. I'll help you to increase frequency – I can do that. But don't complain to me if you are making a choice to stay here and wondering why you're not leaving.

"I don't understand. Nothing's happening" Have another look. Nothing's happening because you don't want anything to happen. If you want it to happen, you will see that it is happening. I love you guys. I'm just trying to help you with the integration.

Say to me, "I'm wrong about everything". That's the very first lesson. When I say it, I mean it. I'm wrong about everything. *That's what my salvation is!* I'm not trying to hold onto a position. No, I'm wrong. If I'm right, there is a world. I don't want to be right. I'm tired of being right. I'd rather be wrong about this. This is just a maturation – the maturation of the human condition, nothing more.

Now you can be of service. Because if you are wrong about this, you need to be shown how to proceed. Because if you're wrong, there's no way to proceed. There's nothing you can do – you're wrong about this. The moment you try to do something, you will be wrong, because you're already wrong here. There's no point in trying to fix it now – its too late. Rely on something that's right about this. That something is me. I'm right about this.

You're wrong about this. "I want to be right about this". Be wrong and you will be right. I'm one step ahead of you. I'm wrong about this and I know that I'm wrong. That's why I can enjoy what I do. The first thing I do when I come in, is recognise that this is all wrong. Now I can be happy. I'm not trying to do anything. The correction is being made through my recognition that this is all wrong. Something else is making the correction. The thing that's right is making the correction.

In other words, I have no investment in the outcome of this. I don't care how this looks – it's all wrong anyway. Here's how I make decisions. I make the decision for the thing that's going to fail sooner. I'm only speeding up your time. If I'm faced with two opportunities, I choose the one that has a better chance of failing. I'm trying to help you think the way a whole mind thinks. A whole mind is only interested in speeding up time.

The first thing I do when I come in is ask "how can I speed this up?" How can I generate sufficient conflict, so you will say "I've had enough of this, I want to get out of here". This is why Jesus says, you will rush into darkness when the Light has come, because you know your time is up. Your time IS up. The Light has come. There is Light in your dream, and the Light is directing you toward the resolution. What's the resolution? All of this fails. Are you OK with that? Do you want to go for another ride? The only solution you have is calling on God. Are you OK with that? I'm making this very plain. This is A Course In Miracles – and it's true.

As the light comes nearer, you WILL rush to darkness shrinking from the truth, sometimes retreating to the lesser forms of fear, and sometimes to stark terror. But you WILL advance, (you will advance, you WILL advance) because your goal IS the advance from fear to truth. YOU KNOW THIS. The goal which you accepted IS the goal of knowledge, for which you signified your willingness.

How do I know? Because you are here. I know because you are here with me. I know that somewhere you signified your willingness to remember the Truth.

Fear seems to live in darkness. When you are afraid, YOU HAVE STEPPED BACK. Let us then join

quickly in an instant of light, and it will be enough to remind you that your goal IS light.

That's what I'm doing with you right now. Why are we gathered? We are meeting in an instant of Light in order to remind you that your goal is Light. All I'm doing is reminding you. The Light is a decision you have made. That's why I'm here. I'm just reminding you, you have already made that decision and therefore already transcended the darkness. Your mind is exactly as powerful as mine. The Light has come...

Truth has rushed to meet you, since YOU called upon it. If you knew Who walks beside you on THIS way, which YOU have chosen, fear would be impossible. (Repeat: If you knew Who walks beside you on THIS way, which YOU have chosen, fear would be impossible.) You do NOT know, because the journey into darkness has been long and cruel, and you have gone deep into it. A little flicker of your eyelids, closed so long, has not yet been sufficient to give you confidence in yourselves, so long despised. You go TOWARD love, still hating it, and TERRIBLY afraid of its judgment upon you. And you do NOT realize that you are NOT afraid of love, but only OF WHAT YOU MADE OF IT.

You are advancing to love's MEANING, and away from ALL illusions in which you have surrounded it. When you retreat to the illusions, YOUR FEAR INCREASES, for there is little doubt that what YOU think it means IS fearful. But what is that to us, who travel surely and very swiftly AWAY from fear?

Now here comes Jesus:

You who hold your brother's hand also hold mine, for when you joined each other, you were NOT alone. Do you believe that I would LEAVE you in the darkness you agreed to leave WITH me? In your relationship (in your relationship) is this world's light.

Where's the Light? It's in your relationship! It's in your relationship with one another. Where is the Light? BE VERY CAREFUL WITH THIS. Let this be delicate because it is – infinitely delicate. The Light is in your relationship. The Light is in your relationship. One more time, you HAVE to hear this: The Light is in your relationship. Now, you have a tendency to reduce the Light through judgement, and that's how you fail to see.

Look again - I'm wrong about everything. The only thing that's here is the Light of our holy relationship. When you see it in one, you see it in all. You going to have to accept (certainly if you are around me) that it's in everyone. The Light that you see in me is in all of you. There's only one Light, and the Light is in you. It's the Light that you bring. You're learning, in other words, to integrate. You've been given a glimpse of the Light and now you are learning to integrate. You are learning to see the same Light everywhere.

Why is that so difficult for you? Because you are living in the *memory* of the obscurity. Everything that surrounds you is a memory of the denial of the Light. You call it a dream. All of the content of your dream – everything that you are associating with is a denial of the Light. But the Light is with you. It's another way of saying "step back". Stop associating with the figures of your own denial – step back. Let the Light in you step forward.

The Light in you will only embrace, will only love, will only accept, will only forgive. Can you hear me? That will make you very happy. It's what I'm offering you – the happiness associated

with being in Light. What right have you to be in Light? Its what you are. Its what everything is. You don't *deserve* it – you *are* that. You can't purify yourself – its not possible. If you were dirty or sinful, you could never be purified. Listen. If you were really guilty, you could never be purified – it would be impossible. Its simple.

The only reason you are purified is because you're inherently sinless. There's nothing wrong with you. What's wrong with you, is an illusion. Its called judging yourself. We are making progress now with the integration. Listen:

The gift is given forever, for God Himself received it. You CANNOT take it back.

You cannot take it back. It's too late for you. The gift was received. When you turned to God, the gift was received. And, you can't take it back – it's over, in other words. When you made the gesture toward God, it ended. What is this? Integration. All you need do now is see the evidence that has been given you that you've already made the decision. You've already transcended this condition. It's what I keep telling you. You succeeded. You escaped. Or you couldn't be here.

I'm just here to help you see the evidence that's all around you, that you were successful at leaving this place. It will look like this gathering – the Great White Brotherhood. You are gathered with all these guys – minds that have made the same decision. We're in the upper room now, in this transitional frequency. You're dream is getting brighter and brighter because the Light has come, because you called upon it. Again, how do I know you called upon it. Because you're here with me!

It's impossible that you be here with me unless you called upon the Light because that's what I am. I'm just trying to train your mind sufficiently to receive the evidence that your prayers have been answered, or that you are responsible for what you see which is the same thing. Your prayers being answered is what being responsible for this is. In other words, you are getting exactly what you're asking for – all the time. The world is a reflection of your desires. Yes or no? Your prayers are being answered all the time.

I'm just reminding you, showing you that that's true. I'm dreaming a dream along with you but my dream is a Light dream. We call it a hologram of Light. Its changing all the time - the Matrix is adjusting all the time – getting brighter and brighter, because the Light has come. Don't be confused with what you see – enjoy the Light. Simple. All around you is the evidence that your prayers have been answered. Listen. This is you in the integration. I love you. I love Max (the dog). He's all Light. You see he's just an open heart – wide open.

You who are now the bringers of salvation, have the function of bringing light to darkness. The darkness in you HAS been brought to light. Carry it back TO darkness, from the holy instant to which you BROUGHT it. We are made whole in our desire to make whole.

Did you hear it? Come on, you're a teacher now. You're going to have to do what it is given you to do. You are made whole as you make whole. You are made whole in your desire to make whole. You're a teacher now – you have a desire to heal. In the desire to heal, you are healed. Why? I am responsible for what I see. I'm healing the thoughts and ideas in my own mind. Please don't make a big deal of it. If you are here, you're a healer. Keep it simple.

We are made whole in our desire to make whole. Let not time worry you, for all the fear that you experience is really past.

Do you remember? All of this fear is already past. We've already joined in a holy instant. It's already over. What are you worried about? The first thing you forget is it's already over. We've already transcended this place. It's just an integration that's occurring. Don't worry about it – I've got you. We're all together. It's happening in you. I'm a spokesman for what is going on in your own mind. It's a job – I've got a job. I was elected. No one wanted the job. The only reason you get this job, is no-one wants it. Who the hell wants to do this? Who wants to be crucified? Anyone? The only reason I got the job is I'm from Brooklyn. I can take a shot. I'm happy to be here. I'm happy to serve. This is a dream and it's ending. All of the evidence is right here with you.

Time has been re-adjusted to help us do together what your separate pasts would hinder.

In other words you are looking to the Light. You're no longer looking to the past. The past is gone. Say to me, the past is gone. What's present? This joining. The present joining is what Jesus calls it. Listen:

You have gone PAST fear, for no two minds can JOIN in the desire for love without love's joining THEM. Not one light in Heaven but goes with you. Not one ray that shines forever in the Mind of God but shines on you.

This is the Great White Brotherhood. The Light is all around you. You are getting help inside and outside of time. There's help coming in everywhere. All the lights of heaven are beginning to light up. They're lighting your way home.

Heaven is JOINED with you in your advance to Heaven. When such great Light has joined with you, to give the little spark of your desire the power of God Himself, can YOU remain in darkness? You are coming home together, after a long and meaningless journey which you undertook apart, and which led nowhere. You have FOUND each other, (you have found your brother, you have found your brother, you have found your brother) and will light each other's way. And from this light will the Great Rays extend back into darkness and forward unto God. To shine away the past, and so make room for His Eternal Presence, in which everything is radiant in the light.

I love you. You're in the right place. You're in the right company. The Light is all around you. The Light is in your relationship. Try not to look on the past as you look at your brother. Can you help me with this? I really need your help. Try not to diminish him to a figure in your dream. Try to see what's really there, the Light that you called upon when you asked for help.

It's an amazing idea that when you look out, you are remembering your own past lives – reincarnation. All around you, these images, are your past lives. It's all going on all the time. You'll find evidence of yourself everywhere in time. Your function, your responsibility is to accept responsibility for all. I'm here with you showing you how it's done. It's the last thing you will ever do. It's not even you doing it. You just need a little bit of willingness.

It's already been done for you. I'm trying to speed up your time. What you are doing has already been done for you. You don't need to do that anymore – no matter what it is you're

doing. It's already been done – by you. I'm just taking away the time it takes to do it. It doesn't take time. It's already done. Space is the illusion that it takes time. Don't be fooled. If you need help, say I need help. I'm right here. You can see me. I'm vibrating at your frequency. I'm not afraid. I'm right here. How can I help you? What would you like to do? Do you want to stay here or do you want to leave with me? Do you want to retain this idea about yourself or do you want to leave here with me? Do you want to accept the idea that I'm bringing?

I feel your determination but I'm not seeing your sincerity. I hear you saying words and I know there's a need there – your life's a mess. The desire is there but I'm not seeing sincerity. You don't really mean it. Which means that you haven't had enough pain yet. What else could it mean? The only incentive to accept the resolution is pain, is suffering. If you're not suffering, you have no incentive.

This goes for each and everyone of you. In other words, you have to say "I have no need of this" and that's a personal decision. I can't make it for you. I can only demonstrate that it works. When you say, sincerely, I have no need of this, it disappears. I'm demonstrating it – I'm showing you how easy it is. I have no need of this and it's gone, the whole story. Saying it and meaning it are two different things. Saying I have no need of this sickness while at the same time cherishing it because it brings attention to you – you are getting some satisfaction out of it. How do you expect to transcend it?

You are only going to transcend it when you are no longer satisfied with it – when you're not calling attention to yourself. Sickness is an attempt to call attention to yourself. You want to wake up with me? Mature in this practice. Please, put your toys away. Stop calling attention to yourself. I'm here on his behalf. I'm not here for myself. I have no needs apart from his. His needs are my needs. He needs me to save the world therefore I need to save the world. It's nice to be heard. My only need is to save the world because that's why He needs me. His will is mine. I'm here to help you now. I'm saving you time, and therefore pain.

(to a brother) Do you hear anything I offer you? I don't want to give you pain. The most painful thing to you is happiness. Hates to see it in others. Hates to see it in himself. That's crazy my friend. Now you're going to tell me "yes, I'm crazy". You find satisfaction in that. You like being crazy. You always run into this – the one that likes to be crazy. You're wrong about yourself.

You're not what you made of yourself. You are as God created you. I don't accept you as you're presenting yourself to be. It's a lie, it's an illusion. It's not who you are. I know who you are, and it's only that Self that I will accept. You pretend all you want – I don't accept it. I only accept you. I don't accept the lie you are telling me. It's an illusion. I accept only you. I know who you are.

I'm just waiting here for you to present that self to me. That's where we join and that Self is singular. That's how I know when you're doing it. The way that I know you're doing it, is I see myself. I present myself to you. It's called forgiveness. What is forgiveness? Presenting myself to me. You can teach that as I'm using my mind if you like. I'm OK with that – you're a mind. There's only one mind. The difference between us is what the illusion is. I think wholly. Can you hear the difference between us?

From my perspective, you're the whole too. You just seem to have forgotten. That's all. I'm here

to remind you. Your thoughts are whole. If you are sick, you're wholly sick. There's no solution there – stop looking. The solution is you're not sick, you're not separate. I don't know how to help you anymore than that. I do exactly what you do. I think exactly what you think, but I'm not guilty.

In other words, I've accepted responsibility for what I see. That's the difference. That's how I see Ana for instance. I don't see something else. I see that for which I'm responsible. Ana is going home with me because I am responsible for that. Its because of me that she's here. She's coming home with me. How about you? What are you doing? What is she to you? Are you responsible for her? Are you taking her home with you. Or is she something else? Is she a reason for you staying here?

I am trying to give you another perspective of what your brother is. What's Ana? A gift sent from God to serve me in my assignment here. That's why she's coming home with me. And that's true for everyone – all of you who choose to be that along with me In other words, you're here on my behalf and that's why you're saved. You can accept that and be that or you can deny that and say "I'm not worthy to be with you". You become one of the reluctant apostles. I'm not worthy. I'm going to betray you. I'm not worthy of the Light, so I'm going to betray you.

How do you betray me? *By not being worthy!* You've already betrayed me by saying I'm not worthy. That's what betrayal is! I've just told you're not other than what I am. Why won't you accept it from me? You're worthy because I'm worthy. Saying you're not worthy is saying I'm not worthy. When are you going to hear this and stop ??? Saying I'm not worthy is saying Jesus' not worthy. It's an old idea: I'm not worthy – I have to do penance. Forgive me Father for I have sinned. It's time to accept it now. You can accept the Light has come. Stop lying to me. I know who you are. Stop pretending.

Remember it really helps you if you remember that you're just dealing with ideas – nothing substantial. There's nothing really here that's substantial. It's not objective. It's just an idea in your mind. Now to you, that's insanity – the fact that everything is just an idea in your mind. You want it to be something substantial, out there, that you can rely upon as a reference – you call it a boyfriend. You call it something – anything other than you. This is why you're afraid of the Light, because the light reveals there's nothing out there. Look around you – you're doing fine. There's no-one out there. The Light's in you.

We're leaving here together as the Light – its giving and receiving. When you turn to the solution and see Grace, you will naturally extend it – that's the impulse. That's how I can tell whether or not you're doing it. The way I can tell is that you're relying upon the Light, is that you're extending Light. If I see you're unhappy, I know you are relying on yourself. Try not to overcomplicate it.

We're moving into a new cycle now and in this new cycle, I will expect that you are making application of what you learned. I will expect that you are standing on your own feet and you are embodying the Light. If you cannot do that, you probably won't be able to stay. In other words, if you're not demonstrating the Truth of what you've learned, you may not be able to stay in the frequency. Not because you're not wanted here, but because *you don't want to be here.*

There's nothing I can do about that. You are close to the boat – I can see you. You either swim toward the net or you disappear back into the obscurity. There's nothing I can do about that – it's a decision you're making. I can promise you that I'm here and that I've already left. You're approaching the boat – you are very close. Now, you make the decision. Now, you're going to have to pop your head above the water and take a breath of fresh air. Or swim back down into the obscurity of your own shit. The water's pretty cloudy down there. You've been shitting down there for a long time. There's gotta be a seahorse somewhere. No, there's shit all the way down – come on home.

I'm here if you need me – you can rely upon me. I'm always here. Time is short. I barely have time for a trip to Scotland. All the healing is in Scotland – the Old Man's laughing. You just have to keep your eyes open – be the happy witness of the changes. The dream's coming true. I got you, don't worry about it..

(Lylian speaks in Spanish for a while, Josh translates) The mind has an inherent capacity to transcend the condition it finds itself in. In other words, don't waste time feeling sorry for yourself. You waste a lot of time feeling sorry for yourself, rather than doing something proactive.

Carmen reads from Teachers Manual:

How The Correction Is Made

You but mistake interpretation for the truth. And you are wrong.

But a mistake is not a sin, nor has reality been taken from its throne by your mistakes.

God reigns forever, and His laws alone prevail upon you and upon the world.

His Love remains the only thing there is. Fear is illusion, for you are like Him.

In order to heal, it thus becomes essential for the teacher of God to let all his own mistakes be corrected. If he senses even the faintest hint of irritation in himself as he responds to anyone, let him instantly realize that he has made an interpretation that is not true. Then let him turn within to his Eternal Guide, and let Him judge what the response should be. So is he healed, and in his healing is his pupil healed with him.

The sole responsibility of God's teacher is to accept the Atonement for himself. Atonement means correction, or the undoing of errors. When this has been accomplished, the teacher of God becomes a miracle worker by definition. His sins have been forgiven him, and he no longer condemns himself. How can he then condemn anyone? And who is there whom his forgiveness can fail to heal?

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Why should he do it instantly? Because if you wait, you're separate. Did you hear me? If you are irritated at all, you've misjudged what you see and instantly realize you have made an interpretation that is not true.

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What happens is exactly what needs to happen, in order for the healing to occur. Don't be confused – it's perfect.

There are more of you now joining me in this approach, in transition to the other side. I want to offer this to you – it's getting easier. The more that do it (gesturing), the easier it is. Many are ready to make that gesture. I can use your help to make the gesture along with me. Can you do that with me? Let all that go – who cares? None of it's going to matter anyway. We're leaving here altogether and that's what matters. We will see together what our individual dreams had hidden.

(woman speaks in Spanish)

Josh: What I can offer you, it's a lot easier than all of that because it's before all of that. In other words, it's effortless. The only thing that remains is an open disposition. In other words, you are just looking for the solution and you know it's not contained in your idea of yourself. The solution is always being given from outside of that idea and now it's easy. Stay there. That's the practice, that's the disposition. Stay in the continuing resolution which is before the problem arises. Stop inventing reasons why the solution hasn't been given.

Now your function as a miracle worker will be to allow that to be always and everywhere evident in you – to bring and represent that solution. And that requires a great discipline. I'm here on His behalf. And I'm going to stand here and not be afraid because I'm here on his behalf. Be happy. Everything's been given. Just relax. Thank you Father. It's a privilege to serve.

Namaste.