

The TRANSFORMED WORLD

Excerpts from A Course in Miracles

Reading: W 189

HS: Holy Spirit
L: Love
M: Mind



The Transformed World

“Things which seem quite solid here are merely shadows there; transparent, faintly seen, at times forgot, and never able to obscure the light that shines beyond them. Holiness has been restored to vision, and the blind can see.”

W 159 Para 1 L 3 – 4

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“You have defiled the altar, but not the world. Yet Christ has placed the Atonement on the altar for you. Bring your perceptions of the world to this altar, for it is the altar to truth. There you will see your vision changed, and there you will learn to see truly. From this place, where God and His Son dwell in peace, and where you are welcome, you will look out in peace, and behold the world truly. Yet to find the place, you must relinquish your investment in the world as you projected it, allowing the Holy Spirit to extend the real world to you, from the altar of God.”

Ch. 12 III Para 10 L 4 – 9

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“You cannot stop with the idea the world is worthless, for unless you see that there is something else to hope for, you will only be depressed. Our emphasis is not on giving up the world, but on exchanging it for what is far more satisfying, filled with joy, and capable of offering you peace.”

W 129 Para 1 L 2 – 3

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“Christ’s vision pictures Heaven, for it sees a world so like to Heaven that what God created perfect can be mirrored there.”

W 159 Para 3 L 3 – 5

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“For He (the Holy Spirit) Who loves the world is seeing it for you, without one spot of sin upon it, and in the innocence that makes the sight of it as beautiful as Heaven.”

Ch. 21 III Para 9 L9

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“And in His judgment will a world unfold in perfect innocence before your eyes. Now will you see it with the eyes of Christ. Now is its transformation clear to you.”

W 164 Para 5 L 4 - 6

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“The world becomes a place of joy, abundance, charity and endless giving. It is now so like to Heaven that it quickly is transformed into the light that it reflects. And so the journey which the Son of God began has ended in the light from which he came.”

W 249 Para 1 L 5 - 7

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“‘Heaven and earth shall pass away’ means that they will not continue to exist as separate states.”

Ch. 1 III Para 2 L 1

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“The world the holy see is one with them, just as the world the ego looks upon is like itself. The world the holy see is beautiful because they see their innocence in it.”

Ch.20 III Para 6 L 2 - 3

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“The world will be transformed before your sight, cleansed of all guilt and softly brushed with beauty.”

Ch. 19 IV Para 15 L 2

“Vision already holds a replacement for everything you think you see now. Loveliness can light your images, and so transform them that you will love them, even though they were made of hate.”

W 23 Para 4 L 2 – 6

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“... what is dedicated to truth as its only goal is brought to truth by faith.”

Ch. 19 I Para 1 L 3

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To feel the Love of God within you is to see the world anew, shining in innocence, alive with hope, and blessed with perfect charity and love.

W 189 Para 7 L 1

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“Nothing around you but is part of you. Look on it lovingly, and see the light of Heaven in it. So will you come to understand all that is given you. In kind forgiveness will the world sparkle and shine, and everything you once thought sinful now will be reinterpreted as part of Heaven. How beautiful it is to walk, clean and redeemed and happy, through a world in bitter need of the redemption that your innocence bestows upon it! What can you value more than this? For here is your salvation and your freedom. And it must be complete if you would recognize it.”

Ch. 23 Intro Para 6

“I have indeed misunderstood the world, because I laid my sins on it and saw them looking back at me. How fierce they seemed! And how deceived was I to think that what I feared was in the world, instead of in my mind alone. Today I see the world in the celestial gentleness with which creation shines. There is no fear in it. Let no appearance of my sins obscure the light of Heaven shining on the world. What is reflected there is in God's Mind. The images I see reflect my thoughts. Yet is my mind at one with God's. And so I can perceive creation's gentleness.

W 265 Para 1

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“I ask for nothing but your own release. There is no place for hell within a world whose loveliness can yet be so intense and so inclusive it is but a step from there to Heaven. To your tired eyes I bring a vision of a different world, so new and clean and fresh you will forget the pain and sorrow that you saw before. Yet this a vision is which you must share with everyone you see, for otherwise you will behold it not. To give this gift is how to make it yours. And God ordained, in loving kindness, that it be for you.”

Ch.31 VIII Para 8 L 2 – 7

“Let us be glad that we can walk the world, and find so many chances to perceive another situation where God's gift can once again be recognized as ours! And thus will all the vestiges of hell, the secret sins and hidden hates be gone. And all the loveliness which they concealed appear like lawns of Heaven to our sight, to lift us high above the thorny roads we travelled on before the Christ appeared.”

Ch.31 VIII Para 9 L 1 - 3

“I am surrounded by the Love of God. Father, You stand before me and behind, beside me, in the place I see myself, and everywhere I go. You are in all the things I look upon, the sounds I hear, and every hand that reaches for my own.”

W 264 Title & Para 1 L 1 – 2

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“Idols have disappeared, and the remembrance of God shines unimpeded across the world. Christ's face is seen in every living thing, and nothing is held in darkness, apart from the light of forgiveness. There is no sorrow still upon the earth. The joy of Heaven has come upon it.”

M No. 28 WHAT IS THE RESURRECTION? Para 2 L 5 – 8

“Yet it (the world) can become a treasure house as rich and limitless as Heaven itself. No instant passes here in which your brother's holiness cannot be seen...” Ch.26 I Para 5 L 3 - 4 **

“The smallest leaf becomes a thing of wonder, and a blade of grass a sign of God's perfection.” Ch.17 II Para 6 L 3 **

“Are you a spirit, deathless, and without the promise of corruption and the stain of sin upon you? So the world is seen as stable, fully worthy of your trust; a happy place to rest in for a while, where nothing need be feared, but only loved.” Ch.31 VI Para 6 L 7 - 8 L **

“God's world is happy. Those who look on it can only add their joy to it, and bless it as a cause of further joy in them.” W 301 Para 2 L 1 - 2 **

“I said before that God so loved the world that He gave it to His only begotten Son. God does love the real world, and those who perceive its reality cannot see the world of death. For death is not of the real world, in which everything reflects the eternal.” Ch.12 III Para 8 L 1 - 3 **

“If you could accept the world as meaningless and let the truth be written upon it for you, it would make you indescribably happy.” W 12 Para 5 L 3 **

“Yet there is a Child in you Who seeks His Father's house, and knows that He is alien here. This childhood is eternal, with an innocence that will endure forever. Where this Child shall go is holy ground. It is His Holiness that lights up Heaven, and that brings to earth the pure reflection of the light above, wherein are earth and Heaven joined as one.” W 182 Para 4 L 3 - 6 **

“Forgiveness turns the world of sin into a world of glory, wonderful to see. Each flower shines in light, and every bird sings of the joy of Heaven.” Ch.26 IV Para 2 L 1 - 2 **

“And we ask but that Your Will, which is our own as well, be done in us and in the world, that it become a part of Heaven now. Amen.” W 189 Para 10 L 9 - 10 **

“As I recognize my holiness, so does the holiness of the world shine forth for everyone to see.” W 58 Para 2 L 5 **

“How lovely is the world whose purpose is forgiveness of God's Son! How free from fear, how filled with blessing and with happiness! And what a joyous thing it is to dwell a little while in such a happy place!” Ch.26 VI Para 6 L 1 - 3 **

“You could, in fact, gain vision from just that table, if you would withdraw all your own ideas from it, and look upon it with a completely open mind. It has something to show you; something beautiful and clean and of infinite value, full of happiness and hope. Hidden under all your ideas about it is its real purpose, the purpose it shares with all the universe.” W 58 Para 5 **

“How do the open-minded forgive? They have let go all things that would prevent forgiveness. They have in truth abandoned the world, and let it be restored to them in newness and in joy so glorious they could never have conceived of such a change. Nothing is now as it was formerly. Nothing but sparkles now which seemed so dull and lifeless before. And above all are all things welcoming, for threat is gone. No clouds remain to hide the face of Christ. Now is the goal achieved.” M No.10 Open-Mindedness Para 2 L 1 - 9 **

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“We are one with Him (God) today in recognition and remembrance. We feel Him in our hearts. Our minds contain His Thoughts; our eyes behold His loveliness in all we look upon. Today we see only the loving and the lovable.”

W 124 Para 4 L 3 – 6

“His (Christ’s) Holiness shows you Himself in him whose hand you hold, and whom you lead to Him. And what you see is like yourself. For what but Christ is there to see and hear and love and follow home? He looked upon you first, but recognized that you were not complete. And so He sought for your completion in each living thing that He beholds and loves. And seeks it still, that each might offer you the Love of God.”

Ch.24 VI Para 6 L 4 - 9

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“Each spot His (the great Transformer of perception) reason touches grows alive with beauty, and what seemed ugly in the darkness of your lack of reason is suddenly released to loveliness. Not even what the Son of God made in insanity could be without a hidden spark of beauty that gentleness could release.”

Ch.17 II Para 5 L 4 - 5

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“When you have looked on what seemed terrifying, and seen it change to sights of loveliness and peace; when you have looked on scenes of violence and death, and watched them change to quiet views of gardens under open skies, with clear, life-giving water running happily beside them in dancing brooks that never waste away; who need persuade you to accept the gift of vision?”

Ch.20 VIII Para 1 L 1

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“How holy are our minds! And everything we see reflects the holiness within the mind at one with God and with itself.”

W 124 Para 2 L 1 – 2

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“What but Christ’s vision would I use today, when it can offer me a day in which I see a world so like to Heaven that an ancient memory returns to me? Today I can forget the world I made. Today I can go past all fear, and be restored to love and holiness and peace. Today I am redeemed, and born anew into a world of mercy and of care; of loving kindness and the peace of God.”

W 306 Para 1

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“Father, let not Your holy world escape my sight today. Nor let my ears be deaf to all the hymns of gratitude the world is singing underneath the sounds of fear. There is a real world which the present holds safe from all past mistakes. And I would see only this world before my eyes today.”

W 293 Para 2

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“Return with me to Heaven, walking together with your brother out of this world and through another, to the loveliness and joy the other holds within it.”

Ch.18 I Para 12 L 4

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“The path becomes quite different as one goes along. Nor could all the magnificence, the grandeur of the scene and the enormous opening vistas that rise to meet one as the journey continues, be foretold from the outset. Yet even these, whose splendor reaches indescribable heights as one proceeds, fall short indeed of all that wait when the pathway ceases and time ends with it.”

M No.19 WHAT IS JUSTICE? Para 2 L 5 - 7

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