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RAJ: Good afternoon.

AUDIENCE: Good afternoon.

RAJ: And welcome to everyone who is joining us on the Internet.

We've been talking last few weeks about having false gods, in so many words. We've talked about the first commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," and the second, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven images or any likeness of any thing in the heavens above, the earth beneath, or the waters under the earth."

And I've been homing in on the word "*likeness*." Because the ego, or from the ego frame of reference you look at God, which means you look at anything that you can see, and you say, "That's an elderly lady. That's a fat woman. That's a young person, inexperienced. That's a beautiful person," and as you do that and you *apply a definition* to what you're looking at, you are creating *a likeness*. And if you *believe* what you're saying, you *serve* that likeness. You behave on the basis of that likeness. Put simply, a false god, or a *likeness* of God, is any definition *you apply* to anything. But specifically it's any definition that you apply to God that calls It something *other than* God.

Those first two commandments lay the groundwork for being awake. Have only one God and don't make any likenesses of that God. Don't make-up definitions for What God Is Being and then serve those definitions, because when you do, you are not serving God and you're also not fulfilling your Function.

What is your Function? The *Course* uses the word "co-creation." And everyone would love to be a co-creator with God. It's very egotistically satisfying to think of having such a capacity. But to co-create with God is to be that point, that movement, that *act of acknowledging* God in what you see.

And I'll tell you, when you look at your neighbor and you say, "Wow, she's a real bitch," *you're not* acknowledging God and *you're not co-creating* with God. You're engaged in *nothing*—an *act* that is *empty*. And in the absence of your ability, or willingness, to see God there, you've divorced yourself, separated yourself from God. And as I said, you're not fulfilling your Function *which is* to

be seeing God there and to have no other wish on your mind except to stand in *awe of God*.

God treasures your attention. But you withhold your attention from Him when you look at each other, or you look at any thing, and you give it a different definition and choose to honor that definition. So you've withdrawn your attention from God and you've given it to *the definition* that you prefer to *apply to* that Aspect of God, we'll say. This *application* of a definition to the Presence of God is the meaning of the word "projection." It's that simple. You don't have to get into deep psychological explanations.

Now, it's very important to understand that the lady that you've described as beautiful, or the lady that you've described as elderly, or the gentleman that you've described as fat, *is not* a projection. What you've *called them* is a projection, but what you're seeing *is not*.

The world *is not* a projection of your ego. And the world and Universe will not disappear when you stop projecting *your* private, personal definitions upon them. What will happen when you stop applying your definition *to* these things is that in the absence of the noise, the static of *your thinking* processes, *What Everything Is* will have an opportunity to register with you, because you won't be making noise that you distract yourself from Reality with.

Now some of the definitions you govern yourselves by, we'll say, did not originate with you. Some of them originated with your parents, or those you accepted as your teachers in one way or another.

And so, a loving parent might at one point have said, "You know, I know you love to build things, but building things requires a knowledge of math, and math just doesn't happen to be one of your skills. It's not something you're adept at. But you are very adept musically speaking. And so I would encourage you, instead of going into construction, to go into the field of music." Now this might sound like a very caring and loving and constructive and supportive thing to say, but what may the child have heard? "You're not very adept at math." And so for the rest of that child's life, he doesn't tackle things that require math and doesn't apply himself to be curious about the principles of math. And so he gets to be forty-five years old, and whether or not the statement was true, he is not very skilled at math. So some of the definitions you have adopted from other sources, and some of the definitions you apply to yourself are ones you made-up along the way all by yourself.

But, you know what? There's no one that math can't be taught to if you have a teacher who's willing to take the time and find the way in which to express it that piques the curiosity of the student, and gives him the impression that it's

something *he can* comprehend. Then that student will let go of this *definition* and open himself up to the pleasure of finding that he's quite capable.

Now let's also get very clear on something else. It's really nice to be able to find someone to blame for your problems—someone *other than* yourself. And so, to say, "Well, my problems were caused by the ignorance of my parents and their telling me, in all helpfulness, what I couldn't do and what I ought to do," instead of saying that, you've got to remember something. Whenever someone says something to you, it's like, if you're a computer user, it's like having a program on your computer and an announcement comes out from the company who designed the program that there's an upgrade. And you can investigate the upgrade. You can get all the information on it. You can even download it so that you can use it temporarily to try it out. But there comes a point where, in order for you to have it as your own, you must what? *Endorse it*. You must give it *your* endorsement, and register it, and perhaps pay for it. At this point, in effect, it goes on *your* hard drive. And that fact that *you* have put it on your hard drive, and you've kept it on your hard drive, is nobody else's fault. You can't *blame* anyone else for it.

So if your parents have said, "You're not very good at math," or, "You're not very good at this," or, "You really will never be very good at social interactions; you are a misfit," if you're operating on the basis of that, it's not because *they said it*. It's because, at some point, *you endorsed it*. And *you by your own determination* incorporated it as a result of *your* decision.

And the simple fact is that no matter *where* your definitions came from, they still constitute false gods. They still constitute *likenesses applied to* Something that is utterly Whole, something that is utterly Complete—you, or your Brother, or anything you see in your world.

And waking up is a matter of abandoning the definitions, no matter where they came from. And some of the definitions you will have to abandon will require you, first of all, to let go of the pleasure you get at blaming *someone else* for your having the problems you're having. All problems are the evidence of having applied a definition *on top of* the Presence of God, *on top of* Creation Itself, and honoring that definition and thus *obscuring* Creation. And by obscuring Creation and refusing to see It because *you value* the definition you have made-up *more than* What It Really Is, you *neglect* to recognize God there, which is *your God-given Function* and is *the part* you play in co-creation.

Let's go into the book.

The subject heading is:

RAJ READING: *Projection versus Extension*

[Editor's Note: This heading is not in the first and second editions.]

RAJ READING: *You have made by projection, but God has created by extension.*

RAJ: The *Course* speaks often about “making” as opposed to “creating.” And the easiest and simplest way to grasp the meaning of that is that you *apparently* practice authority by applying a definition to something. You *make-up* the meaning for that thing which was *fully* expressed by God in the first place. So after you have *made-up* your definitions...

PAUL: [pause] Just a moment. [pause]

RAJ: ...you must arrive at a point where you *unmake* them.

RAJ READING: *You have made by projection, but God has created by extension. The cornerstone of God's creation is YOU,...*

RAJ: What is a cornerstone? It's not only the starting point of a building, but it's also a repository of *the meaning* of what is being created. You are the cornerstone of God's Creation because, in effect, you are *that which completes* It by *embodying* It. And you embody It by *recognizing* It for What It Is. You, for lack of better words, are God *recognizing Himself* in His Creations. You're that inseparable from the Movement of Creation and *that inseparable* from God.

RAJ READING: *The cornerstone of God's creation is YOU, for His thought system is light. Remember the rays that are there unseen.*

RAJ: Meaning unseen while you are covering them over with your definitions.

RAJ READING: *The more you approach the center of His thought system,...*

RAJ: God's.

RAJ READING: *...the clearer the light becomes.*

RAJ: Or you could say, the more *illuminated you are*, the more illuminated by *Truth* you are.

RAJ READING: *The closer you come to the ego's thought system, the darker and more obscure becomes the way. Yet even the little spark in your mind is enough to lighten it. Bring this light fearlessly with you, and hold it up to the foundation of the ego's thought system bravely. Be willing to judge it with perfect honesty. Open the dark cornerstone of terror...*

RAJ: In other words, the cornerstone of the ego.

RAJ READING: *Open the dark cornerstone of terror on which it rests, and bring it out into the light. There you will see that it rests on meaninglessness, and that everything of which you have been afraid was based on nothing.*

My brother, you are part of God and part of me. When you have at last looked at the ego's foundation without shrinking, you will also have looked upon OURS.

RAJ: Meaning Our Foundation.

Okay, how many of you remember from last week what we described as the cornerstone, as the thing that you have hidden away out of sight which is the cornerstone of the ego's frame of reference? I'm not going to make you answer that in front of everyone. But remember that the cornerstone of the ego is—which you *keep secret*, keep *hidden away* even from yourself—is that *of yourself you can do nothing*. That's the bad news.

It happens to be the glorious Truth, *but* you have taken it as *a challenge*, not as a statement of fact. You have taken it as something to disprove, and you've said, "*Yes, I can.*" And *being* or *existence*, for you, has become nothing more than attempting to come to the point where *you have* successfully authorized something, and you have managed to get your other dreaming Brothers and Sisters to *agree* with you.

It's insulting. It's humiliating. It's the most awful thing in the world to arrive at the realization that *you of yourself can do nothing*. You avoid it at all cost. Why? Because it leaves you feeling *powerless*. And if you are powerless, it means that you are helpless and vulnerable. But you must come to that awareness without resisting it. You must come to that point of awareness with a willingness to embrace it, *if* you are to get out of the crab barrel, if you are *to escape* the bondage to all of the ignorance that follows the false premise that "you of yourself can do something." You see?

RAJ READING: *When you have at last looked at the ego's foundation without shrinking, you will also have looked upon OURS.*

RAJ: You see, when you're willing to look at the fact, not just intellectually, but, I'm going to say, with commitment—when you're willing to look at the fact that *you of yourself can do nothing* and yet *you exist*—even if you of yourself can do nothing, *you still exist*—you are still experiencing *Being*—it means that you, *because of Something Else*, exist. You, *because of Something Else*, can act. Aha! That is the cornerstone of the Father's Thought System. "I, *with my Father*, can do all things." You see? That's what the words, "I of myself can do nothing," really means. It says, because you still find yourself existing, then you, *because of the Father*, because of *your* Father, because of what *your* Inheritance is,

because of what *your Birthright* is *by virtue of what your Father is*, can do all things. You see?

But you must be willing to go into that dark hidden place where you've covered up the realization that *you of yourself can do nothing*, and there's *nothing to be done* about it, and *abide* with that, I said, with commitment—meaning without any desire to change that fact in any way, shape, or form.

So again because it's important.

RAJ READING: *When you have at last looked at the ego's foundation without shrinking, you will also have looked upon OURS. I come to you from our Father to offer you everything again. Do not refuse it in order to keep a dark cornerstone hidden, for ITS protection will not save you. I GIVE you the lamp and I will go WITH you. You will not take this journey alone. I will lead you to your true Father, Who hath need of you, as I have.*

RAJ: Well, what does that mean, “I will lead you to your true Father”? It means that I will lead you to the place in your Conscious Awareness where you are able to look at a thing and *see God there*, instead of your definition. It doesn't mean I'll lead you to a man in the sky with a long white beard. But I will take you to the Evidence of Creation and help you to see It for What It Is—the ongoing, ever-present *Act of God being* the Movement of Creation in all of Its Glory—so that you are *seeing It*, experiencing It, *feeling* It in all Its Glory, and standing in awe of It with the inescapable realization that what you are experiencing *is God*, and *not* what you had thought It was. And not only that, *you seeing* It as God, is a God-given Capacity that is *your Nature* and *your Function* so that *your seeing* It for What It Is, is part and parcel of the experience of *the Godness* of Everything, including yourself.

RAJ READING: *Will you not answer the call of love with joy?*

RAJ: [laughing] No.

Your habits are still too delicious to you. It's still too easy to apply a *snap judgment*. Something happens and out of your mouth comes, “She's a difficult one to deal with,” or, “He just won't shut up. He's so insensitive.” You *just love* to make those pronouncements. You *just love* to apply those definitions, because they express some part of your capacity to see things *uniquely*; different from everyone else. And that builds up your sense of yourself *as an authorizer*. And then if you can get enough other people *to agree with you* that he's very insensitive, or she's really difficult to deal with, then you become a force for changing public opinion and creating group consensus. And of course, group consensus is power, isn't it? Whew. Wow.

So:

RAJ READING: *Will you not answer the call of love with joy?*

RAJ: Not really.

So you've got to be alert. You've got to be willing to watch what you're doing with your mind. And bite your mind's tongue when it wants to come up with a judgment, and then when it wants to get others to join you in seeing what you mean so that there's group consensus—*mutually*-agreed-upon definitions. You see? Remember, every decision you make determines who you are choosing your Father/father to be—*God*, or your *capacity*, your so-called “*capacity*” to create yourself and be equal to God.

Now, you're not all ignorant. We've been together too long.

And so as it says here:

RAJ READING: *You have learned your need of healing. Would you bring anything ELSE to the Sonship,...*

RAJ: Meaning your need for healing.

Well, it is humiliating. The ego says you're supposed to be self-sufficient and *without need*—except *of yourself you can do nothing*, so you need help. You need a Father. You need a Source.

You're like a toaster with a plug that's not plugged into anything. You need to get plugged back in. “Oh gee,” the toaster says, “do I really have to be plugged into that socket? There must be a way for me to fulfill my function of browning that bread *without* having to do *that*.”

Yeah, you need to acknowledge your need. You need to acknowledge that *of yourself you have no existence*, so to speak. You have *no capacity* to be something. But when you plug into the Source, you have the capacity to be everything, because *nothing* That God *Is* has been withheld from you in His Self Expression.

[Editor's Note: In the first and second editions, the following heading appears here: *The Gifts of Fatherhood*]

So:

RAJ READING: *You have learned your need of healing. Would you bring anything ELSE to the Sonship, recognizing your need of healing for yourself? For in this lies the beginning of knowledge;...*

RAJ: It's likewise not just approaching your Brothers and Sisters or the Brotherhood itself with your need, acknowledging that you need *every single one* of them. *Bring your need to God.* You've got to recognize, you've got to come to a point where you're willing to *re-embrace God* and annul the divorce you got, and invite God back in. Why? So that you can have the Experience of God, but also—and not feel so lonely—but also so that in having the Experience of God, you say, “Ahhh!” You see, a little bit of *awe*. “Ohhh!” And you *recognize* and acknowledge God as God. You recognize and acknowledge your Brother, or that thing, or the other thing, as the Presence of God—*awesome*. And in *that* recognition take *your part* in co-creation and fulfill your Function, and come back into the Fullness of *your* Being.

RAJ READING: *Would you bring anything ELSE to the Sonship, recognizing your need of healing for yourself? For in this lies the beginning of knowledge;...*

RAJ: Or, as you know, I would say, *Knowing*, with a capital “K”.

RAJ READING: *...the foundation on which God will help you build again the thought system which you share with HIM. Not one stone you place upon it but will be blessed by Him, for you will be restoring the holy dwelling place of His Son,...*

RAJ: Meaning you.

RAJ READING: *...where He wills His Son to be and where he IS.*

RAJ: Again, you're neither behind the Point of Perfection nor advancing toward it; you're at that Point and must understand yourself *therefrom*.

Continuing.

RAJ READING: *In whatever part of the mind of God's Son you restore this reality, you restore it to YOURSELF.*

RAJ: If you are engaged in restoring that awareness to your Brother, *for* your Brother, you restore it to yourself as well. Because what are you doing when you're looking at your Brother? Engaged in restoring it to him, you are saying, “*I'm willing. I'm unwilling to do anything less than see the Presence of God there. I will persist in seeing the Presence of God there, in spite of my habitual inclination to see my best... what I think is my best definition.*”

RAJ READING: *In whatever part of the mind of God's Son you restore this reality, you restore it to YOURSELF.*

RAJ: What you give, you get to keep.

RAJ READING: *For you dwell in the Mind of God WITH your brother, for God Himself did not will to be alone.*

To be alone is to be separated from infinity, but how can this be if infinity has no end? No-one can be BEYOND the limitless because what has no limits must be everywhere.

RAJ: Again, we're talking about the *Singularity* of God. There's no outside to *Infinite Unity*.

RAJ READING: *There are no beginnings and no endings in God, Whose universe is Himself. Can you exclude yourself from the universe, or from God Who IS the universe?*

RAJ: No. I'm adding that. No.

RAJ READING: *I and my Father are one...*

RAJ: Now that's a statement you're all familiar with, if you've read the *Bible* much.

RAJ READING: *I and my Father are one...*

RAJ: But listen.

RAJ READING: *I and my Father are one with YOU, for you are part of US. Do you really believe that part of God can be missing or lost to Him?*

If you were not part of God, His Will would not be unified.

RAJ: There wouldn't be a Singularity.

RAJ READING: *Is this conceivable? Can part of His Mind contain nothing?*

RAJ: You know, when you got this bill of divorcement, was there suddenly a void in the middle of God where you had been—a black hole, an emptiness, a nothingness?

RAJ READING: *If your place in His Mind cannot be filled by anyone EXCEPT you, and your filling it WAS your creation, WITHOUT you there would be an empty place in God's Mind.*

RAJ: Now see, try to keep all of this out of the realm of theories and ideas. If there can't be an empty place in God's Mind, then there *isn't* an empty place in God's Mind where you were—which means that you are still there *right now*, today, as each of you sit there paying attention. It's happening in the Mind of God.

You as God Created You, not as you have come to *define* yourselves to yourselves, are unchanged from What God Set In Place As You. And that's why you must begin to consider yourself, apprehend yourself, at the Point of Perfection. Because as long as you see yourself as far off from the Point of Perfection, working toward it, that will be the definition applied on top of the You *that is already Home*, and *blind* you to the Truth about you that you're already Home, and make it *seem as though* it is going to take *time* to get there.

Now remember, last week I also mentioned that the moment you began to want to have a different perspective on Creation—one of your own—and so you began to apply a little torque to it, that act of *resistance* to What You Are and What Your Function Is *and* Whatever The Thing Is that you were applying torque to, will cause you to seem to be moving away *from it*—or by reverse, that it will be moving away *from you*, such as in the expanding universe theory where everything you look at is moving away from you, no matter where you might be in the universe. And as a result, when you look out at the universe, you're seeing the past, even though *Creation* is the *Now* Conscious Experience of Being. That *act of resistance* causes a *sense of time* to come into play. See, you're pulling back. You're slowing down. You're moving at odds with the Movement Itself, which is timeless. And so you *create* a *sensation* of time for yourselves.

RAJ READING: *Extension...*

RAJ: Meaning the Movement of Creation.

RAJ READING: *...cannot be blocked, and it HAS no voids. It continues forever, however much it is denied. Your denial of its reality arrests it in time,...*

RAJ: In other words, as a sensation you're experiencing—a *false* sensation you're experiencing.

RAJ READING: *...but NOT in eternity.*

RAJ: Which is another way of saying *not in actuality*.

RAJ READING: *That is why your creations have not ceased to be extended, and why so much is waiting for your return.*

RAJ: Reality hasn't stopped just because you've said, "*Time out*," which really meant "*time in*," and you gave yourself an experience of time, which means that you've given yourself the experience of watching the Movement of Creation move *away* from you and be *unavailable* to you, even though it continues to be the Only Thing Really Going On.

RAJ READING: *Waiting is possible ONLY in time, but time has no meaning. You who made delay...*

RAJ: Do you see now how it is you made delay? By resisting the Movement and causing this artificial sensation *of time* right in the middle of Eternity.

RAJ READING: *You who made delay can leave time behind simply by recognizing that neither beginnings nor endings were created by the Eternal, Who placed no limits on His creation, nor upon those who create like Him. You do not know this simply because you have tried to limit what HE created,...*

RAJ: And how did you try to limit it? By applying a different interpretation. By creating a definition and applying the definition, like a tail on a donkey, to some Aspect of What God Was Being.

RAJ READING: *...and so you believe that ALL creation is limited.*

RAJ: You see? Whatever bias you apply to one, any small part of Creation, is going to get equally applied to *all parts* of Creation, as far as your perception is concerned.

If you're wearing glasses and you put a waver, you grind the glass so that it refracts light differently, then *everywhere you look* you will see what you're looking at affected by that waver. How you have *determined things are* is the way Reality will be distorted for you—*all* of Reality. You cannot have a selective distortion. That's why you feel vulnerable, in one way or another, under all circumstances. That's why you don't feel invulnerable ever. And yet, invulnerability is your Birthright.

So:

RAJ READING: *How, then, could you know your creations, having DENIED infinity?*

RAJ: You're still the Christ, even though you just say, you're saying, "No, I'm not. No, I'm not. I'm a human being enjoying the struggle of survival and relishing the opportunity of overcoming the odds. That's what I am. And I'm enjoying it too damn much to take the easy road out, you know, where it's just all given to me."

Continuing.

RAJ READING: *The laws of the universe do not permit contradiction. What holds for God holds for YOU. If you believe YOU are absent from God, you WILL believe that He is absent from YOU.*

RAJ: But the fact is, continuing,...

RAJ READING: *Infinity is meaningless WITHOUT you, and YOU are meaningless without God. There IS no end to God and His Son, for we...*

RAJ: We. We.

RAJ READING: ...*ARE the universe.*

RAJ: Universe all turned into One. All turned into One. One *being* All—the Conscious Experience of Being—the *Infinite* Conscious Experience of Being in which All exists Infinitely.

RAJ READING: *God is not incomplete, and He is not childless.*

RAJ: I'm sorry. You may think that you got a divorce from Him and that you are now on your own, [laughing] but you *cannot* be an orphan and the Father *cannot* be childless. The Singularity disallows it. *What Creation Is disallows* for what creation *isn't*.

RAJ READING: *God is not incomplete, and He is not childless. Because He did not will to be alone, He created a Son like Himself.*

RAJ: Duh. What other materials did He have to make a Son out of *other than Himself*? Of course He created a Son like Himself. The Son is the Extension of Him.

RAJ READING: *Do not deny Him His Son, for your unwillingness to accept His Fatherhood has denied you YOURS.*

RAJ: What does that mean? It's denied you the capacity to see the creations you have been *being*, even while you have insisted that you are divorced from the Father, and *are* an orphan who is having the time of his life attempting to *succeed* at being an independent authority *just like God*.

Again.

RAJ READING: *Do not deny Him His Son,...*

RAJ: One, two, three, four, five—six words. And those six words are the *undoing of the dream*. If you would do what those words said, you would wake up.

RAJ READING: *Do not deny Him His Son, for your unwillingness to accept His Fatherhood has denied you YOURS. See His creations as HIS Son,...*

RAJ: Abandon your definition of the bitch next door, *abandon* your definition of the insensitive guy down the street, and *look* to see God there.

RAJ READING: *See His creations as HIS Son,...*

RAJ: Wow! And what would that mean? Again, it would mean that you're fulfilling your Function again, your Divine Function—the only thing you *exist for—to see God* and to *acknowledge* God for *What God Is* right there. The Glory of What Your Brother Is, when it dawns upon you, will uncover the Glory of *You*

to you, which you'll also have to be willing to *acknowledge* and *value* and appreciate and enjoy. It constitutes coming back into your Right Mind.

RAJ READING: *See His creations as HIS Son,...*

RAJ: His Offspring. His Expression. His *Self-Expression*.

RAJ READING: *See His creations as HIS Son, for yours were created in honor of Him.*

RAJ: When you look at any thing and *you see God there*—and you let yourself have the experience of its *awesome, awesome Godness*—*you*, for lack of better words, are being the other half of Creation—the co-creator, the one fulfilling his or her Function of recognizing and acknowledging God there, glorifying God right there, because that's more meaningful to you than *any* definition you might *ever* have come up with. *That recognition* is your creation. That willingness to see the Presence of God where the bitch next door had been seen a moment ago is the *Gift you give* that honors God and constitutes *your* creation.

RAJ READING: *See His creations as HIS Son, for yours were created in honor of Him. The universe of love does not stop because you do not see it, and your closed eyes have not lost the ability to see. Look upon the glory of His creation, and you will learn what God has KEPT for you.*

RAJ: Is it really so important to see what's wrong with your Brother or Sister so you can't be hurt by him? Is self-protection so important, so essential, that you cannot dare to trust anything or anyone, where you must constantly be on the alert and on guard for something your Brother might do? Well, it seems reasonable. It does seem reasonable when you look around.

But you see, you're stuck *out there in appearances* and you're not asking, "*What am I doing? How am I using my mind? Why am I feeling vulnerable? Why is a feeling of vulnerability present? Is it because my neighbor is undependable and untrustworthy, or might it be for another reason? Might it be because I have chosen to be an independent agent? And therefore I'm engaged in actively denying my Source. And in effect, I'm trying to brown toast when I'm not plugged in and the elements in the toaster can't get red. And I'm trying to do something that's impossible. And I'm trying to do it without having any innate, intelligent realization that I'm trying to do something impossible and that trying to do something impossible is not part of my Nature. Am I feeling uncomfortable because my Sanity is telling me that I'm trying to exist in a frame of mind that has a false premise, and therefore means that everything that is based upon that false premise and follows it, is going to be equally wrong? Do I really need to be on guard against my neighbor? And do I really need to treat*

him as though he's untrustworthy and let him know that he's not untrustworthy in my eyes? Because there's no way for me to treat him as though he's not trustworthy without conveying it in some way to him and making him feel uncomfortable." You see?

And the answer lies in the fact that your feeling of vulnerability, that seems to call for wary alertness, lies in the fact that you are trying to function in a disconnected way from *your Source*, that *disallows you* from experiencing your Birthright—one aspect of which is *invulnerability*, because *Being* is a Singularity, which means it is *without* conflict.

Again.

RAJ READING: *The universe of love does not stop because you do not see it, and your closed eyes have not lost the ability to see.*

RAJ: You see, everything is still at the Point of Perfection, and Reality is only an eyelid away. All it requires you to do is to open up your eyes. But opening up your eyes means you've got to be willing to abandon your love affair with your definitions, and your so-called "capacity" to make them up and make commitment to them and thus cause you *not* to see Reality.

RAJ READING: *Look upon the glory of His creation,...*

RAJ: Whose Creation? *His* Creation.

RAJ READING: *Look upon the glory of His creation,...*

RAJ: Acknowledge and recognize *God there*, and you once again fulfill your Function and come back into your Sanity.

RAJ READING: *Look upon the glory of His creation, and you will learn what God has KEPT for you.*

RAJ: Well, one of the things He kept for you was You unaltered by your temporary *wish* to try to do the impossible. And Who You Are will be returned to you *as* your Conscious Experience.

RAJ READING: *God has given you a place in His Mind which is yours forever.*

[Editor's Note: Raj said "God *had* given you" because that is the way it is in the *Sparkly Book*. But the *original HLC Text* has it as "God *has* given you" as shown in the exact *HLC Text* quote above.]

RAJ READING: *Yet you could keep it only by GIVING it, as it was given YOU. Could YOU be alone there, if it was given you because God did not will to be alone? God's Mind cannot BE lessened. It can ONLY be increased, and everything He creates has the function of creating. Love does not limit, and*

what it creates is not limited. To give without limit is God's Will for you because only this can bring you the joy which is His, and which He wills to SHARE with you. Your love is as boundless as His...

RAJ: Why?

RAJ READING: ...because it IS His.

RAJ: The Love you love with is God's.

There is no little radical general store sitting just outside of Infinity where you can go and get a radical black-market packet of Love with which to Love. There's no place to go to, to find the ability to Love outside of the Presence of God, or outside of the Presence of What You Are as God Presencing Himself right there where you are.

“But, gee, my love has to be special, doesn't it? The way I love my wife has to be different from the way Joe down the street loves his wife.” Well, where you gonna go to get this little bit of different kind of love? And why would you want a different kind of love when the Love That God Is, is Infinite and Awesome?

You see? Instead of trying to go and get a little bit better love from this ad in the newspaper, or this ad in the *Playboy Magazine*, or whatever, you need to dare to take a deep breath, and relax, and let go of the definitions, and look at your wife, or whatever it might be, with a desire to see What God Is Being there. In other words, inviting God in, so that revelation can occur, and you are put in the position of playing your part in co-creation by *recognizing* God there, *experiencing God there*, so that there is this spontaneous exclamation of pure recognition. That Gift is the Gift of God's Love in the *recognition* of God's Love bringing into play the Singularity that causes the so-called “independent you” who's been struggling to get to the top of the barrel to give up the ghost, replaced by You with an *unaltered* and *unbiased* Conscious Experience of What Is Real.

Now, the simple fact is that you have to rouse yourself from your dream. If you're intent upon your dream and I come and shake your shoulder, the sensation of your shoulder shaking, being shaken, will become incorporated into the dream. And the dream will go on. *You must rouse yourself* from the dream.

You're already rousing, because you're *inquiring* because *there is* curiosity. *But I* cannot do it for you. I can only tell you *why it's safe* to rouse yourself. I can only tell you that in the process, you may go through stages where nothing you see means anything, because now you're seeing everything *minus* the definitions *you gave to it* and momentarily it seems as though they mean nothing. But you must *abide there* with the curiosity, the interest, the desire to know what they

do *mean*, and inquiring *of them* to reveal themselves to you. Express *your need* to know.

Don't busy yourself *asserting knowledge* that you make-up. And, I'm telling you, that every ounce of commitment you bring to this, right here, right now, without waiting till after you die, will pay off because *here and now* is the only place you're having a *misperception* of Reality, which means *here* is where Reality confronts you. *Here* is where Reality is in your face.

And it doesn't matter how many people *aren't* doing it. It doesn't matter how many people think all of this is nonsense. It doesn't matter whether people *dislike you* because you're rousing yourself from the dream. It doesn't matter how many people are distressed because you won't play their game any more.

Peace on earth. Good will toward men. It's needed *here*. Why? Because in Reality *that is* What's Going On.

I know, you can think of so-and-so and so-and-so and another so-and-so and say, "No way. The Truth couldn't possibly be going on there." There you go! [snap of the fingers] You just came up with a definition—a string of words that you can choose to honor and make commitment to and base your behavior upon. *But it doesn't mean it's the Truth.*

"Oh! So-and-so has cancer on his arm. I can *see it*. I saw it on his arm. Oh, it's there. And he's gonna die from it. The doctor said." How on earth could you possibly get past that? How on earth could you get to the experience *of healing* that shows *nothing there* except Perfection, unless you are willing to *back up* from that string of words, and withdraw your commitment *to them*, and *insist upon* finding God there? "If there's anything going on there at all, *it must be God*, in spite of what I'm seeing, else I couldn't have a false or untrue definition *about It*. There's an '*It*' that I have a definition about. And the '*It*' is God, and It is flawless."

And I'm telling you, and I don't know why I would *need* to tell you, but I must tell you that *healing is* the inevitable evidence of greater and greater inner illumination of the Truth. And there had *better be* evidences of healing that contradict the *mutually-agreed-upon* definitions that your gods, the doctors, and your fears have put into place. And I'm telling you that healing is possible *right where* it seems to be impossible. And I'm saying that *right where* there seem to be world leaders, or terrorists, or whatever it might be, *right there*, just as with the cancer, *in spite of the appearance, God Is Being there*. And *here and now* is where you need to cut through the definitions you've given to the appearances and your commitment to those definitions.

You need to get *past them*. You need to say, “Father, I’ve created some definitions here, and I’ve made *commitment* to them. And *they* are beginning to scare me. *They* are beginning to make me think there is no alternative to life as hell. And *I* don’t choose to go down this road any further. Father, help me see *What You Are Being* right there where so-and-so, *Christ* so-and-so, is using his mind poorly.”

You are going to have to become more aggressive. Not aggressive against the bitch next door, or the insensitive guy down the street, or the irresponsible leader of a government—you don’t have to become aggressive against them. You must become aggressive in your intent to get *past* the definitions *you* have in place *that keep you from* seeing God there and keep you from witnessing instantaneous healing that seems to have no objective justification.

You can have the instantaneous evidence of Wholeness because God has not created anything *other* than that. And your Function has *not changed* from being that which has the capacity to *recognize* God there, and *acknowledge* God there, and experience *with awe* the *Goodness*, the *Godness* of God there, knowing that the *Mind* you are seeing God *with*, right there, *is God also*.

Remember, it all boils down to something rather simple—projection or Extension. Either you are going to project a definition you have made-up, or one that you have endorsed and adopted, *out there on* your world—which is a loveless act; an act, an *empty* act that doesn’t actually accomplish anything at all except an ongoing experience of distress for you—there’s either that choice or there’s the choice of Extension.

Extension meaning what? Your willingness to give something. Your willingness to give your attention to the Presence of God that *has* to be there, with more commitment than you have given to your definitions, with a *desire* to see the Good that is there. *That’s* an Extension. That is an *Act of Care*. Not an act of caring for a poor, awful, misguided this, that, or the other thing, but a Love for What *Has To Be There* *behind* the definition that’s been applied to it. Underneath the definition that’s been applied to it, you make that *Gift* of the desire to see it, no matter *what* seems to be going on. You *invite in* the Experience of God there, of Good there. That’s Extension. You see?

Oh, you say, “Well, projection, extension. You know, projection, *I’m giving*. You know, I’m, you know, I’m plastering my definition right over their face. You know, *I’m giving* something. And I’m giving them the best definition I can come up with. They ought to be grateful.” That’s *not* a Gift. That’s a *demand*. That’s a *taking away* of something. It’s insisting upon a *lesser experience* than *the God Presence* that’s there.

Projection is when *you apply* [small laugh] not only something that's not wanted, but something that *isn't even real, on top of something that's Real*. That is projection.

Now this week, pay attention and watch how many times you project a hateful thought. Watch how many times you project a thought onto somebody—a cute, little, sneaky and mean definition. Watch it, so that you may withdraw it immediately. Because it's *that empty act* that keeps you from *seeing* God, glorifying God, and experiencing instantaneous healings of situations. It keeps you in a constant state of vulnerability, because you're trying to make toast without being plugged in. And *you are delaying*. *You are creating* this sense of time. You are delaying your Peace and your Joy. You are holding your Good at arm's length.

And so, with that, I will say good night for tonight. And I look forward to being with you next week.

You know, it could sound like I've said a lot of things that you should feel bad about. But, no. You know, you can use your mind poorly, and you can use your mind well. When you're using your mind poorly, you're doing nothing. And when you're using your mind well, *you're co-creating with God*. So, although it will be an uncomfortable experience when you're using your mind poorly, rather than applying another definition of judgment against yourself, just see that, well, you can do things this way and it doesn't feel good, and you can do things another way and at least Raj says it'll feel better. "I can do it this way, or I can do it that way. And so, you know what? I'm going to apply myself a little bit to doing it a different way this week." You see? Just realize you can do it and be uncomfortable, or you can try something that *will lead to everything and more*, that you had been striving for, all by yourself.

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