

## THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL

The Bible says you should go WITH a brother twice as far as he asks. It certainly DOES NOT suggest that you set him BACK on his journey. Devotion to a brother CANNOT set YOU back either. It can ONLY lead to mutual progress. The result of genuine devotion is inspiration, a word which, properly understood is the OPPOSITE of fatigue. To be fatigued is to be DIS-spirited, but to be inspired is to be IN the spirit. To be egocentric IS to be dispirited. But to be self-centered in the RIGHT sense is to be inspired, or in the Soul. The truly inspired are enlightened, and cannot abide in darkness.

Do not attempt to break God's copyright, because His Authorship alone CAN copy right. Your own right authorship does NOT lie in remaking His copies, but in creating LIKE Him.

Embarrassment is ALWAYS an expression of egocentricity, an association which has been made before. (Made, NOT created. This kind of association is ALWAYS man-made). Both of you have completed the SCT stem: When I was called on to speak - with - "I became embarrassed and COULD NOT SPEAK." This should be corrected to "Recognised my Authorship."

Tell Bill that he cannot be embarrassed by his own words unless he believes that HE is responsible for them. We have already corrected "word" to "thought," and he IS free to allocate the authorship of his thoughts as he elects.

4:2 You can speak from his Soul or from your ego, precisely as you choose. If you speak from your Soul, you have chosen to "be still and know that I am God." These words are inspired, because they come from KNOWLEDGE. If you speak from your ego, you are DISCLAIMING knowledge instead of AFFIRMING it, and is thus dis-spiriting yourself. The dis-spirited have no choice BUT to be narcissistic, and to be narcissistic IS to place your faith in the unworthy. Your real worth IS your divine authorship, and your Soul is its acknowledgement. I cannot guide your egos EXCEPT as you associate them with your Souls. Attacking misidentification errors is neither MY function nor YOURS. Destroying the devil is a meaningless undertaking. Cervantes wrote an excellent symbolic account of this procedure, though he did not understand his own symbolism. The REAL point of his writing was that his "hero" was a man who perceived himself as unworthy because he identified with his ego and perceived its weakness. He then set about to alter his perception, NOT by correcting his misidentification, but by behaving egotistically.

Chesterton wrote an excellent description of Cervantes and his perception of his "un-heroic hero," a view of man which the ego tolerates all too frequently, but the Soul NEVER countenances: "And he sees across a weary land, a straggling road in Spain, Up which a lean and foolish knight forever rides in vain." Do not embark on foolish journeys because they are indeed in vain. The ego may will them because the ego IS both lean and foolish. But the Soul CANNOT embark on them because it is forever UN-willing to depart from its Foundation.

3 The journey to the cross should be the LAST foolish journey for every mind. Do not dwell upon it, but dismiss it as accomplished. If you can accept that as YOUR OWN last foolish journey, you are free also to join My Resurrection. Human living has indeed been needlessly wasted in repetition compulsion. It re-enacts the Separation, the loss of power, the foolish journey of the ego in its attempt at reparation, and finally the crucifixion of the body, or death.

4 Repetition compulsions can be endless, unless they are given up by an act of will, or, more properly as active creation. Do not make the pathetic human error of "clinging to the old rugged cross." The only message of the crucifixion is in respect for man's ability to OVERCOME the cross. Unless he does so, he is free to crucify himself as often as he chooses. But this was NOT the gospel I intended to offer him. We have another journey to undertake, and I hope that, if both of you will read these notes carefully, they will help to prepare you to undertake it. (The following paragraphs within the brackets, which came at this point in time, are inserted here from the Special Messages section.)

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[Nothing that relates to a SPECIFIC relationship belongs in the notes. But you HAVE been told that if you ask the Holy Spirit for SPECIFIC guidance in a SPECIFIC situation, He will give it to you very specifically. When you and Bill are ready to ask Him TOGETHER what you can do for M, He will tell you, if you make NO attempt to give the answer FOR Him. Prejudge His answer not, for if you do, you will NOT HEAR IT. But be sure of this:

The Holy Spirit will NEVER teach you to DISRUPT communication, but be wholly willing to let Him MAINTAIN it in HIS way. M is unhappy and afraid, because he thinks communication THROUGH THE BODY can be sought and FOUND. It is no harder for the Holy Spirit to teach him that communication is of the mind and NOT the body, than it is for Him to teach it to you. The Holy Spirit will have no difficulty, and much joy, if you ALLOW Him to teach M this THROUGH you. But be sure that you are willing to learn it WITH him, or you will INEVITABLY interfere with what the Holy Spirit would have him learn with YOU.]