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In the process, we've talked about the *journey without distance*, we've talked about the fact that the only thing ever confronting you is the Kingdom of Heaven—Reality, every day in what you call this mundane physical world. I've been saying it isn't a mundane physical world, it is the Kingdom of Heaven—we'll say, seen through a glass darkly.

The journey without distance is the journey which involves abandoning the dark glass. It isn't a matter of abandoning what you've seen through the dark glass, it's abandoning the choice to see through a glass darkly. It's a journey without distance because you're already at your destination.

So what does that mean? It means you just don't happen to be letting in the Reality of this mundane world and you're only letting in the concepts about it, which your ancestors and you have developed and set into place as a means of understanding and coping with life.

I know you've heard me say that all that is ever confronting you is the Kingdom of Heaven, and that you need to look with innocent eyes. And you may well say, "Well, over the last five years I have been willing to look with innocent eyes and I'm still in the same rat race I was. I'm still seeing things as I used to see them. True, there have been some major shifts and my life isn't as unpleasant as it used to be but I cannot, for the life of me, indicate to you or anyone else that I have the foggiest idea of what it means to be Awake.

"And then you tell me, it's right in front of me and it's a matter of how I'm choosing to look at it. And I don't know how to do it any differently. I continue to listen to you because I have hope, but there are times that I do feel hopeless. There are times I think about not listening anymore. There are times I have stopped listening and then returned."

I can't be any more grounded, any more blunt, any more straight-forward than this: If, in your daily experience, in your experience of being, if you are experiencing suffering, if you are experiencing pain—hurt of any sort—*something is wrong*. All of you feel that. And I'm telling you that that feeling is the truth. It is not you fooling yourself, imagining that life should be without suffering, when in fact, it is a suffering condition and one that ends in death . . . That's not the truth!

You could say that all ministers, all teachers of God who tell you that you do not have to suffer, that it's not your Birthright, are just playing on some unconscious desire you have to not face the facts. And that's not the truth. And the only way you're going to find out that it's not the truth is to persist in

the face of your doubt, to persist in the face of your getting tired of not experiencing significant success at Awakening.

You are going to have to persist. Because you're standing in the presence of Reality—you're standing in the middle of Reality—Reality is the constituting presence of you. You're not separate from it. And your having the clear undistorted experience of that fact is not only your Birthright, it is your inevitable conclusion to this dream of existence, which has as its bottom line characteristic, suffering—inseparable from Being.

Now, we go into the book and it says:

How long can it take to be where God would have you? For you ARE where you have forever been and will forever be.¹

Now you can read that sentence quickly and move on and not stay with it and not face what it means and therefore, not be frustrated. But it says . . .

. . . you ARE where you have forever been and will forever be.

And it follows the sentence that says . . .

How long can it take to be where God would have you?

So . . .

. . . you ARE where you have forever been and will forever be.

And that is where God would have you.

Now that doesn't mean that God would have you be in an experience of conflict and suffering. It means that God would have you be in the clear conscious awareness of Reality as *It* is, and not as you're currently experiencing it.

Because that is where God would have you, and because that is where you are, then there's no process for you to go through. There's no lifetimes in which you are to refine your soul and become equal to Reality or deserving of Reality. There is not a process of overcoming guilt for things you did wrong that you must pay for before you can enjoy freedom and the clear true experience of Reality.

A Course In Miracles (reference pages)
Chapter 15 – Section – TIME AND ETERNITY
¹ *Sparkly Book – p.351, Last Par. / JCIM – p.147, Last Par. / CIMS – p. 296, Par. 18*
Chapter 15 – Section – THE END OF DOUBT
First Edition – p. 284, 1st Full Par. / Second Edition – p. 305, Par. 3

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