Your Relationship To Your Brother and Sister Is The Most Incredible Blessing!

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I have said to you many times that the greatest of keys to the Kingdom is the key of allowing. For allowing requires trust. Allowing requires vulnerability. Allowing requires that you let the Holy Spirit bring correction to your mind and you no longer strive to make that happen, and as you begin to rest into the key of allowing, peace begins to descend even to the cells of the body, and you find that you react in different ways. You smile even in the midst of situations that used to create such havoc within the mind. And you will look upon your brother or your sister and even if they are casting stones at you, you will marvel at the great Light that shines just beneath their awareness of themselves. And indeed you will know the great liberation that comes when suddenly the shutters are thrown open and you realize, "My God, it's true. I am that Light. I am that Light I have been seeking for countless lifetimes. I am that Light and I am that Light, *now*." (JT - JI)

And then, you see, the body itself begins to be freed up a bit, for you will no longer be trying to stuff your emotions into the little pockets of cells, saying, "Hold on to this stuff. I don't want to look at it."

Instead, you will say, "Okay, open the hatch and let it out." And it will begin to bubble up, for, you see, when Light comes to shine upon shadows, it stirs them up and they will run like crazy, trying to find a corner to hide in but there is no longer a corner, for even the body becomes filled with Light, and the shadows of past memories and old emotions indeed begin to be released. But instead of fearing them, you embrace them. You embrace them knowing – knowing that as you love what you have feared, you embrace it and you therefore transcend it.

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Light Added To Light Only Increases Your Radiance!

That is why ultimately, you see, healing occurs *only* in the mind. And what is healed? The perception that fear must be feared. Fear itself is an illusion. It doesn't mean you don't experience it. Much of what you call your dreams, when you awaken in the morning you would say, "Well, that was unreal. It was just a dream." Fear is no different, and if you would well receive it, fear is the foundation of all dreams. All dreams of time, all dreams of separation, all dreams of anguish find themselves rooted in fear.

But when you allow, when you truly are *willing* to allow the Light you are to shine upon all shadows born of illusion, you know that in you there is a power to say, "I am open. Bring them forth. Throw open the hatches." And you will look at the memories that you may carry of times you have failed, of times you have hurt and been hurt, and you will say, "Oh, look at that. Yes, I can feel that. I remember that when, boy was I ever into it then." And you will shine your Light on it and you will extend forgiveness to yourself, and the shadow itself becomes dissolved into the Light that shines upon it.

Light added to Light only increases your radiance. And after a while the momentum gets going so fast that you can't stop the process. There is no weekend off. And at any time things begin to flood up – and many of you know what I am talking about – always continue to shine your Light on whatever arises within you. Do not become identified with the thoughts of fear and the thoughts of limitation and the thoughts of loss. That is the voice of the ego saying, "No, no, no. Don't identify yourself with Light just yet. I fear my own demise of power."

Just there, just there is the greatest of blessings given to you, given to you of the Father Who loves you: The freedom that can never be taken from you, the freedom of your choice, the freedom of your choice to look upon all things that arise with the Love of Christ.

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"My Goodness, What A Dream I've Had! But Now The Time Of Wakefulness Is Upon Me!"

All loving thoughts are True. Everything else is an appeal for help and healing. Even within yourself. And so, when that voice within you – some of you occasionally know what this is like – rears its head and says, "No, no, you can't do it. Don't leap off the cliff," love it and realize that voice is not yours. If you need to, you can imagine that a stranger has slipped in, in the middle of the night and is sitting in your living room, believing now that that home belongs to the stranger. And that stranger is the voice that would have you believe that you are other than what you are created to be: The Thought of perfect Love in form.

Love cannot be accomplished. It cannot be gained. It cannot even truly be fashioned. Love cannot be found because it is not an object outside of yourself. It cannot be created for it has always been. Love waits in certainty. Love waits in patience for the Holy Son of God, who has but dreamed the dream of separation, to rest for just a moment and to be willing to choose anew, to turn from the roar and the din of the world – and the world is not outside of your own mind – to choose again to touch the place of Perfect Peace and of Grace. And to look upon the face of Love is to see and know your Self.

And in the end of all seeking and in the end of all striving, the awakened Son rejoices and laughs uproariously and says, "My goodness, what a good dream I've had. But now the time of wakefulness is upon me." And for a little while you seem to find yourself yet in space and time, and you look down at the hands of the body formally called "your body" and you marvel. You look at the body anew. For what seemed to be something that was always filled with conflict between a place that imprisoned you and a place you hoped to find safety, the thing that you don't even understand what it is, has been translated, translated into a beautiful and Holy temple, translated into nothing more, nothing less, than a simple means through which the awakened Mind of Christ extends Love to the parts of himself formally perceived as strangers and friends, brothers and sisters, so that the wholeness, the whole Mind of Christ might awaken and merge back together into its own Reality. Now that happens to you more often than you give yourself credit for.

Each Moment Is The Opportunity For Awakening!

When you set aside every fear, when you set aside every need, when you set aside believing that you know what your needs are, when you are willing to just stop judging your brother and for a moment you look into someone's eyes and you embrace eternity – and everyone knows what that is like because you've done it a million times. No matter how fleeting, you have done it a million times – and that moment of no thought and no time in which the two fragments that *seem* to be separated by bodies become one and the Light of Love shines through the eyes, for indeed the eyes are the window of the soul, and those sparks of Love meet. Not a love that craves. Not a love that needs attachment, but a Love that recognizes Love.

That is called the Holy Instant and it makes all things new. *And that is why your relationship to your brother and sister is the most incredible blessing, the most precious possession you can ever have.* Each moment of relationship provides you with the opportunity to choose holiness and not specialness. Love instead of fear. Forgiveness instead of judgment.

And because you look upon your brother and because you look upon your sister and you realize they are the means of your salvation, you will no longer tolerate error in yourself, and you will look upon them and see the face of Christ. You will learn to look past the body, to look past time and history. You will learn to discern that radiant Light which shines in them as it shines in you. And then you will learn the magic involved in the simplicity of this teaching. You will learn what you choose to teach, and in teaching you must learn it for yourself.

That is why there is no time to lose. *Each moment is the opportunity for awakening*. Each moment the opportunity for healing, that the things of time that have *seemed* to be a burden upon you and upon your brother can be placed aside. And the mantle of peace like a gentle dove can descend upon you, wrapping you in the shawl of a perfect Love, bringing such joy to your being that you cannot find words to describe it and no way to contain it. And you finally realize, "I don't have any choice. I have to give it away. My Father keeps pouring so much of it into me, it just keeps picking up the speed. I just have to keep giving it away." And then the miracle has occurred.

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"Let It Rip! All That I Need For My Awakening Is Presented To Me Here!"

Gone is the seeker. Gone is the one who needs. Reborn is the finder. Reborn is the one who gives, who lets the Light of Christ shine so radiantly within them with every breath and within every thought and with every word and with every deed that they themselves marvel at the miracles that unfold. And you begin to dance through time, and you see that the Holy Spirit has translated it into a magical kingdom in which every day is filled with the Grace of miracles.

And every day is a little better than the one before, and the only thing you need to pay attention to is to simply watch so that you don't become a little contracted against the on-flowing tidal wave of joy that descends to light up your mind and your Heart and even the cells of the body.

You have a saying in your language, "Let it rip." See, you must understand that when I walked upon this plane the language that I was given to use was rather serious for the most part – rather formalized – and so there were some limitations in how the Gospel could be expressed. At least when words were used – but not when there was dancing and laughter and singing and rejoicing and embracing.

Unto you it is given in this day and in this hour to truly look around you and to see, "All that I need for my salvation, all that I need for my awakening is presented to me here. For here is my brother and my sister who has walked together with me since before time is, given to me of God. And as I love them, I love the One who has sent me forth. And as I love them, I honor them. And as I honor them, I learn to honor the Son that dwells within my own Heart." And in honoring that Son, the Atonement is completed on Earth as it is already completed in Heaven. And Heaven is your Home.

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Above All Things, Never Let Your Vigilance Slip!!!

Delight – and listen well – delight in the blessings of time and see not a single moment as that which would imprison you. For there is nothing outside of you, while within you is the absolute freedom of choice, given wholly and never earned, in which you can look upon the things of time, each event that time *seems* to require of you, and you can bring the blessing of Christ to it. You can choose to radiate instead of contract. You can choose unlimitedness instead of limitation. *You can choose Love instead of fear*. That is the great gift of time.

Because time was created in error, it is then translated into the means by which you awaken from time itself. Therefore, use it constructively. Realize that you live in a domain in which avoidance of relationship is absolutely impossible. Therefore, embrace your relationships – even the ones that push your buttons. For, rest assured, they are the ones given unto you in that moment – and not a year before or a year after – they are the ones that provide the very stepping stones upon which you are asked to walk so that you can pass through an old ring of fear and realize that you've just awakened a little more fully. And the power of the radiance of that Light you are has penetrated, incarnated, a little more deeply into the mind, and even into the body.

So, next, when someone casts stones at you, rush up and give them a kiss on the cheek. Say, "Thank you so much. My goodness gracious, now I can heal this part of myself." *Above all things, never let your vigilance slip.*

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You Have The Power In Each Moment To Remember That All Events Are Neutral!

I have said to you many times, that the world you see is nothing more than the effect of the thoughts you have held within the mind. $\{WMe31\}(WM29)$

Therefore, awakening requires the act of vigilance and discipline – the discipline to cultivate a way of living in which you observe your own thoughts, in which you listen to the words that are coming out of your mouth, in which you observe the feelings that are evoked within your body, the reactivity that *seems* to own you, and to see these things as innocent and simply self-caused.

When next, then, something is reflected to you by the world that causes you to become angry, causes you to be in judgment, stop right where you are, and look, not with judgment of your judgment, but with innocence and honesty:

Oh, I see that I am judging someone. That's an interesting cloud passing through the sky of my awareness. I wonder if I might be able to make another choice?

Now, the mind will tell you, "But this person just broke into my house and stole my stereo. Of course I have a right to be in judgment! I have a right to feel angry." But I say unto you, anger is never justified. It doesn't mean you won't experience it, but stop fooling yourself into believing that there is some validity to it. What if that one who has just broken into your home and taken your stereo equipment, or what-have-you {some other idol that you love}, what if you understood *that you had the power in that moment to remember that all events are neutral*? They merely provide you with a chance to choose Love. {WMe 32} (WM 30)

What if you literally chose the "insane" way, according to the world, of looking upon that one who has just done that act as a brother or sister who is crying out for help and healing – who does not know how to live in this world without being of the world, who does not know the way to self-forgiveness, that does not know the Truth of the Light that lives within them, that does not recognize their great power to create whatever they want in a way that is not hurtful to anyone – to look upon them with compassion rather than reactivity?

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It begins in simple ways. And to set the stage, I want you to very much remember that time has been given to you that you might use it *constructively*. That means when you awaken in the morning, realize that you are in school. You don't have to drive anywhere, you're already there! {WMe 32} (WM 30)

And that the universe is literally helping to assist *you* into having experiences that will bring things up for you, so that you can choose to look at them *differently*, and thereby, discovering the great power *within* you – the freedom *within* you to choose what you want to perceive, to elicit *only* what you want to feel. So again, that even if nails are being driven through the hands, you finally are liberated in the power to choose Love, and, therefore, to overcome this world.

Having said this, understand then, *that each of your days is a blessing and a gift, if you use it from the full commitment to awakening.* Your day is chock full of a million opportunities to discover a deeper truth! Therefore, never feel that the purpose of your life must be something other than what you're involved in. For remember what we spoke of earlier:

You are literally creating everything you choose and nothing is forced upon you.

And now we're going to take that thought just a little deeper for a moment, because it literally means that if you have decided you want to awaken, it means you have already called to yourself every experience that can truly best serve your awakening. And the friends and the family – the people you have relationships with – are those who likewise can best gain from the experiences elicited through your relationships. It means that right here, and right now, you're already demonstrating the power that you're seeking – *the power to truly choose to awaken*, and to command the whole of Creation to serve you in that awakening. {WM 33}

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My Chosen Channels Cannot Fail!

My trust in you is greater than yours in me at the moment, but it will not always be that way. Your mission is very simple. You are asked to live so as to demonstrate that you are not an ego, and I do not choose God's channels wrongly. The Holy One shares my trust, and accepts my Atonement decisions because my will is never out of accord with His. I have said before that I am in charge of the Atonement. This is only because I completed my part in it as a man, and can now complete it through others. *My chosen channels cannot fail*, because I will lend them my strength as long as theirs is wanting. (T 68) [T-4.VI.6.]

I will go with you to the Holy One, and through my perception He can bridge the little gap. Your gratitude to your brother is the only gift I want. I will bring it to God for you, knowing that to know your brother *is* to know God. If you are grateful to your brother, you are grateful to God for what He created. Through your gratitude you come to know your brother, and one moment of real recognition makes everyone your brother because each of them is of your Father. (T 69)[T-4.VL7.]

Love does not conquer all things, but it does set all things right. Because you are the Kingdom of God, I can lead you back to your own creations. You do not recognize them now, but what has been dissociated is still there.

As you come closer to a brother you approach me, and as you withdraw from him I become distant to you. Salvation is a collaborative venture. It cannot be undertaken successfully by those who disengage themselves from the Sonship, because they are disengaging themselves from me. God will come to you only as you will give Him to your brothers. Learn first of them and you will be ready to hear God. That is because the function of Love is one.

Begin the practice periods today with this assurance, offered to your mind with all the certainty that you can give:

"I am one Self, united with my Creator, At one with every aspect of creation, And limitless in Power and in Peace." (WL 95)

Do not forget today. We need your help; your little part in bringing happiness to all the world. And Heaven looks to you in confidence that you will try today. Share, then, its surety, for it is yours. Be vigilant.

Throughout the day do not forget your goal. Repeat today's idea as frequently as possible, and understand each time you do so, someone hears the Voice of hope, the stirring of the Truth within his mind, the gentle rustling of the *wings of peace*.

Your own acknowledgment, you are one Self, united with your Father, is a call to all the world to be at one with you. To everyone you meet today, be sure to give the promise of today's idea and tell him this:

"You are one Self with me, United with our Creator in this Self. I honor you because of What I am, And What He is, Who loves us both as one."

Amen.

~ Jeshua



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