

“The Call to Awake”

(T-6.VI)

At some point or another, we all wish that God would just lift us out of this mess. Why won't He do that for us? This section provides a beautiful, affirming, and utterly logical answer to that question.

The kind solution	The unkind solution
<p>You were perfect You needed no development. This is the kindest way that you could have been created.</p> <p>You introduced <i>abilities</i> and <i>uncertainty</i> “The introduction of abilities into being was the beginning of <i>uncertainty</i>, because abilities are potentials, not accomplishments” (1:3).</p> <p>Now you are in the impossible situation of being perfect but having to perfect yourself “It is curious that the perfect must now be perfected. In fact, it is impossible” (1:7-8).</p> <p>The solution is to develop your abilities to the point where they get you out of it “In an impossible situation, you can develop your abilities to the point where they can get you out of it” (2:3).</p> <p>“You have a Guide to how to develop your abilities (2:4)</p> <p>“You have a model to follow” (2:6) This model—Jesus—“will strengthen your command and never detract from it in any way” (2:6).</p> <p>In this process, you are the commander “You have no commander except yourself” (2:4).</p> <p>This is all so because the perfect are adequate to bring themselves to the awareness of their perfection (3:3)</p>	<p>You were perfect</p> <p>You introduced abilities and uncertainty</p> <p>Now you are in the impossible situation of having to perfect yourself</p> <p>God decides this <i>is</i> an impossible situation—you can't get yourself out</p> <p>So He takes matters into His Own hands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He confronts the self you made with the truth of who you really are (5:5) • He proves to you that you are wrong about yourself (3:2), that you have thought insanely (5:1) • He teaches you that you have actually made a split mind, that your mind is no longer whole (6:11) <p>“This would demonstrate that the perfect are inadequate to bring themselves to the awareness of their perfection” (3:3)</p>

