

# **“The Unification of Abilities”**

## **(T-7.II)**

This is a section on abilities. Let's begin by thinking of your most prized ability (or one of them), so that you can apply everything we discuss to that particular ability.

### **Abilities began with the ego, and we usually develop our abilities for ego reasons**

You will notice that we have used the term “abilities” as a plural, which is correct. That is because abilities began with the ego. (4:1-2)

### **The ego sees them as potentials to excel: “to be superior to: surpass in accomplishment”**

Abilities began with the ego, which perceived them as a potential for excelling. This is how the ego still perceives them and uses them. (4:2-3)

### **Yet the idea of competition is the source of all conflict, so we must be vigilant against it**

Because God's equal Sons have everything, they cannot compete. But if they perceive any of their brothers as anything other than their perfect equals, the idea of competition has entered their minds. Do not underestimate your need to be vigilant *against* this idea, because all your conflicts come from it. (11:1-3)

### **The Holy Spirit can use these same abilities to teach us His lessons**

The Holy Spirit teaches you to use what the ego has made to teach the opposite of what the ego has “learned.” (4:6)

### **He makes them into potentials for *equalizing***

The fact that this was not the ego's reason for learning is totally irrelevant. The effort was made to learn, and the Holy Spirit has a unified goal for all effort. He adapts the ego's potentials for excelling to potentials for *equalizing*. (5:3-5)

### **By devoting them to one goal, the abilities themselves become unified**

If different abilities are applied long enough to one goal, the abilities themselves become unified. This is because they are channelized in one direction, or in one way. Ultimately, then, they all contribute to one result, and by so doing, their similarity rather than their differences is emphasized. (6:1-3)

### **When you follow His way, then, *everything* becomes easier**

You can excel in many different ways, but you can equalize in one way only....

That is why professional tasks will be easy to complete when you have learned this course. (6:4, 7:1)

**Exercise**

Now see yourself in your mind's eye walking toward a holy altar, with a shaft of light shining down on it.

In your hands, you are carrying the ability you chose at the start, pictured however you like.

As you reach the altar, see yourself lay this ability gently and sincerely on the altar.

Say to the Holy Spirit,

*I give this ability to You.*

*Even though it's something my ego made, I want You to use it to teach me the opposite of what the ego has learned.*

Then ask,

*Holy Spirit, what would You tell me about how I can use this ability now?*