

“Hearing God’s Answer in Everyone”

(T-9.II)

1. “Everyone who has ever tried to use prayer to request something has experienced what appears to be failure” (1:1).

2. “This is...true...[even] in connection with requests which are strictly in line with this course” (1:2).

3. This “might be incorrectly interpreted as ‘proof’ that the course does not mean what it says” (1:3).

4. Sometimes “what you request of the Holy Spirit is what you really want, but...you are still afraid of it” (2:1).

5. “All prayers are answered, and this must be true if no effort is wasted” (3:1).

6. If you would know your prayers are answered, you must do the following:

Do not doubt your brother. Believe in him. See the Holy Spirit in him.

This gift to him will allow the light in his mind to shine into yours.

And this light will reveal to you the true meaning of his words.

His words will become the truth and *the Holy Spirit’s answer to you*.

7. How can this be when he might be speaking nonsense?

“He may be making no sense at the time, and it is certain that if he is speaking from the ego, he *will* be making no sense” (T-9.III.2:2).

8. We have examples where Jesus saw in someone’s words a deeper spiritual truth than they saw.

From the footnote: “For example, in the Chapter 1 dictation, Jesus says that Bill’s Freudian slip, in which he misheard ‘river’ as ‘rivet,’ was ‘an expression of a Soul gaining enough strength to request freedom from prison.’”

9. But if you see them truly, even when what they say is nonsense, you can see a deeper message in their words.

If our ears are truly open, the Course says we will see a world in which

...everything is lit with hope and sparkles with a gentle friendliness. Nothing but calls to you in soft appeal to be your friend and let it join with you....And you will understand it is *this* call that everyone and everything within the world has always made, but you had not perceived it as it was. *s*And now you see you were mistaken. *o*You had been deceived by forms the call was hidden in, and so you did not hear it and had lost a friend who always wanted to be part of you. (T-31.I.8)

Exercise

Choose someone who said something recently to you that seemed of the ego, and say to this person:

I do not doubt you. I believe in you.

I see the Holy Spirit in you.

I see you as God's Son and my brother.

May the light in your mind shine into mine and reveal to me the real meaning of your words.

Holy Spirit, what was the truth in this person's words?