

“Your Place in God’s Mind”

(T-11.I)

1. Either God or the ego is insane. You must decide between them.

- They each put forth a total thought system
- They are each internally consistent
- They are diametrically opposed in all respects
- They have diametrically opposed results
- You must choose between them (not vacillate between them)

2. Deciding between them is a result of answering the question “Who is my father?”

This means: What is the source of my identity? What is my ruling principle? Who is my ultimate authority?

Nothing alive is fatherless, for life is creation. Therefore, your decision is always an answer to the question “Who is my father?” And you will be faithful to the father you choose. (1:6-8)

3. The cornerstone of the ego’s thought system is that it is your father. This is delusional, because *you* made it.

If *you* made the ego, how can the ego have made *you*? The authority problem remains the only source of perceived conflict, because the ego was made out of the wish of God’s Son to father *Him*. The ego, then, is nothing more than a delusional system in which *you* made your own father. (2:2-4)

4. This is so insane that the ego has to hide it in the dark cornerstone of its thought system.

It sounds insane when it is stated with perfect honesty, but the ego never looks upon what it does with perfect honesty. Yet that is its insane premise, which is carefully hidden in the dark cornerstone of its thought system. (2:6-7)

5. You need to go on a journey, guided by Jesus, to uncover this dark cornerstone.

The closer you come to the foundation of the ego’s thought system, the darker and more obscure becomes the way. But even the little spark in your mind is enough to lighten it. Bring this light fearlessly with you, and hold it up to the foundation of the ego’s thought system bravely. Be willing to judge it with perfect honesty. Open the dark stone of terror on which it rests, and bring it out into the light. There you will see that it rests wholly on meaninglessness, and that everything of which you have been afraid has been based on nothing. (3:5-10)

Visualization

You are walking down a dark, dank corridor, underneath some massive stone building, the thought system of the ego.

The way is becoming ever “darker and more obscure.”

You are approaching the dark cornerstone of the ego.

You have a sense of horror about what you are approaching.

But Jesus is beside you, leading the way.

You feel your hand in his.

He hands you a lamp, which illuminates the way.

Looming up ahead, you see the cornerstone on which the ego’s whole edifice is built.

You arrive at the cornerstone and, with Jesus still at your side, you bend down and break the cornerstone open, not knowing what you will find inside.

What you find is a stone tablet with ancient letters carved on it, but you cannot make them out in the dim light.

You take a deep breath and bravely hold up your lamp to the tablet.

It says simply, “I, the ego, am your father.”

But then, in smaller letters at the bottom, it says, “I, the ego, was made by you.”

This obviously makes no sense.

If *you* made the ego, how can the ego have made *you*?

It sounds like the ravings of a mad person.

You think, “This is nothing to be afraid of. This is nonsense!”

You say “*I renounce the ego as my father.*

I renounce the ego’s entire thought system.”

The building begins to fade, leaving you and Jesus standing in light.

Finally, you say, “*I accept instead my real Father.*

He is what defines who I am.

He is my Source, my ruling principle, and my home.”