

# The Meaning of Miracles

(Taken in part from *A Course in Miracles*, pages 3-6).

- Miracles occur naturally as expressions of love. The real miracle is the love that inspires them. In this sense, everything that comes from love is a miracle.
- All miracles mean life, and God is the Giver of life. His Voice will direct you very specifically. You will be told all you need to know.
- Miracles are habits, and should be involuntary. They should not be under conscious control. Consciously selected miracles can be misguided.
- Miracles are natural.
- Miracles are healing because they supply a lack; they are performed by those who temporarily have more than for those who temporarily have less.
- Miracles are thoughts. Thoughts can represent the lower or bodily level of experience, or the higher or spiritual level of experience. One makes the physical, and the other creates the spiritual.

- Miracles bear witness to truth. They are convincing because they arise from conviction. Without conviction, they deteriorate into magic, which is mindless and therefore, destructive or rather, the uncreative use of mind.
- Miracle is a service. It is the maximal service you can render to another. It is a way of loving your neighbor as yourself. You recognize your own and your neighbor's worth simultaneously.
- Miracles are associated with fear only because of the belief that darkness can hide. You believe that what your physical eyes cannot see does not exist. This leads to a denial of spiritual sight.
- Miracles rearrange perception and place all levels in true perspective. This is healing because sickness comes from confusing the levels.
- A major contribution of miracles is their strength in releasing you from your false sense of isolation, deprivation and lack.
- Miracles arise from a miraculous state of mind, or a state of miracle-readiness.
- Miracles honor you because you are loveable. They dispel illusions about yourself and perceive the light in you. They thus atone for your

errors by freeing you from your nightmares. By releasing your mind from the imprisonment of your illusions, they restore your sanity.

- Miracles are examples of right thinking, aligning your perceptions with truth s God created it.
- Miracles arise from a mind that is ready for them. As an expression of what you truly are, the miracle places the mind in a state of grace.

Spirit is in a state of grace forever.

Your reality is only spirit

Therefore, you are in a state of grace forever.

- Miracles, however, are genuinely interpersonal, and result in true closeness to others. Revelation unites you directly with God. Miracles unite you directly with your brother.
- You are a perfect creation, and should experience awe only in the presence of the Creator of perfection. The Miracle is therefore a sign of love among equals.