



CIRCLE OF ATONEMENT

What Are "Our Creations?"

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The Text of *A Course in Miracles* includes two words that have puzzled students since the book was originally published. Those two words are "our creations" and, while the Course calls them "our joy" and "our treasure", most of us are left wondering: what exactly are they? In this episode of A Course in Miracles Radio, Circle founder Robert Perry and executive director Emily Bennington discuss specific references to creations in the Course and explore the inherent connection between creation in Heaven and our creative impulse here on earth.

1. The Course defines "creation" as the creating of eternal spirit in Heaven. In contrast to normal usage, therefore, the term "creation" in the Course does not apply to this world.

In this world, it is impossible to create. (T-17.IV.2:1)

The world you see is an illusion of a world. God did not create it, for what He creates must be eternal as Himself, yet there is nothing in the world you see that will endure forever. (C-3.1)

2. Our creations are therefore eternal spirit in Heaven. Their nature is exactly the same as our own true nature. They are pure spirit, formless, holy, and changeless. They are completely real, even if we do not know them now.

A co-creator with the Father must have a son. Yet must this son have been created like himself: a perfect being, all-encompassing and all-encompassed, nothing to add and



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nothing taken from, not born of size nor weight nor time, nor held to limits or uncertainties of any kind. (T-24.VII.6-7)

They are *quite* real, and part of the Self you do not know. (T-16.III.5)

3. Through our creating, we add to the Kingdom. We extend it outward and thus increase its scope.

He created the Sonship, and you increase it. You have the power to add to the Kingdom. (T-6.VIII.2)

We have spoken often of the increase of the Kingdom by your creations, which can only be created as you were. (T-7.IV.13)

4. As hard as it is to accept that we have the power to create just like God, we have to have that power. He created us to be like Him, and first and foremost He is a creator.

...if God created you by extending Himself as you, you can only extend yourself as He did. (T-6.VIII.5)

You therefore are willing to look at the ego's premises but not at their logical outcome. 2Is it not possible that you have done the same thing with the premises of God? 3Your creations are the logical outcome of His premises. (T-7.IX.2)



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5. We do not create by ourselves. We co-create with God and with all our brothers.

You will never know that you are co-creator with God until you learn your brother is a co-creator with *you*. (T-9.VI.8-9)

6. Creation is our joy. It is the unlimited fulfillment of our creative impulse. We are sad, depressed, and unfulfilled because we are not fulfilling our true function. Sadness over not fulfilling our function on earth is a surface manifestation of a larger, deeper sadness.

The whole glory and the perfect joy that is the Kingdom lies in you to give. Do you not want to give it? (T-7.IV.13)

In this depressing state, the Holy Spirit reminds you gently that you are sad because you are not fulfilling your function as co-creator with God, and are therefore depriving yourself of joy. (T-7.V.15)

7. Our love for our children on earth is a tiny reflection of our love for our heavenly children, who are our treasure. And they in turn love us for giving them the gift of life.

You forget the love which even animals have for their own offspring, and the need they feel to protect them....You react to your ego much as God does to His Sons—with love, protection, and great charity. Your reaction to the self you made is not at all surprising. In fact, it duplicates in many ways the way you will one day react to your real creations, which are as timeless as you are. (T-4.III.6)



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Your creations love you as your spirit loves your Father for the gift of creation. (T-8.V.4-5)

For it is them you seek. You seek but for your own completion, and it is they who render you complete. (T-16.IV.8)

8. Our creations call us home (through the Holy Spirit), for they need us to return to them. And we in turn will only find our completion in them.

And they communicate to you through the Holy Spirit, and their power and gratitude to you for their creation they offer gladly to your teaching of your Self Who is their home. (T-16.III.5)

9. Our spirit "has not ceased to create" (T-4.V.2:4). Our creations remain safe in God's Mind and in our own; we have simply dissociated them. But we can know them at any time we really want. If we knew them, we would instantly give up this world to be with them.

Could you but accept one of them, you would not want anything the world has to offer. (T-9.VI.8-9)

God has kept them very safe in His knowing while your attention has wandered. What has been dissociated *is still there*. (T-4.VIII.17)



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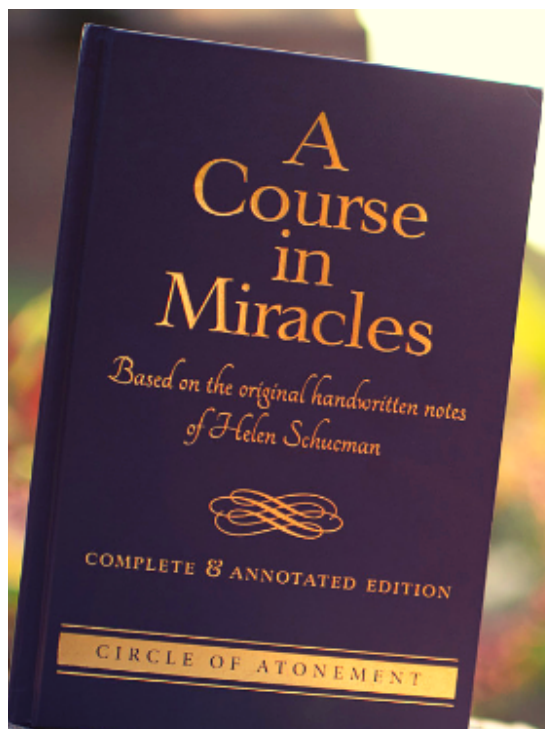
Your creations are protected for you, because the Holy Spirit, Who is in your mind, knows of them and can bring them into your awareness whenever you will let Him. (T-7.VIII.5)

10. The ego blocks extension and thus blocks the remembrance of our function. Conversely, extension on earth opens our mind to creation in God.

The ego's whole thought system blocks extension, and therefore blocks your only function. It therefore blocks your joy, and this is why you perceive yourself as unfulfilled. Unless you create, you are unfulfilled. (T-7.VIII.3)

Do not arrest your thought in this world, and you will open your mind to creation in God. (T-8.VI.10)

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