

“The Answer to All Questions”

(T-6.V)

Two levels of questioning and answering

On the surface, the ego raises a never-ending series of questions (3:3).

And then it always speaks first—quickly telling you its answer to every question (1:2).

But it never *really* answers them (3:3).

This all started with the primordial question: “What am I?” (3:2).

The ego raised this first question, which was the beginning of doubt (3:2) and remains the doubt within all doubt.

The ego always obscures the real question—often with distractions—because the real answer is in you and it doesn’t want that answer to dawn on you (3:4).

So the real question is never *really* asked.

Examples of “inventive activities” (3:4) designed to “hide the *real* question and keep it out of mind” (T-4.VII.12:4)

- “The alchemist’s age-old attempts to turn base metal into gold” (T-4.VII.13:1)
- Trying to invent perpetual motion machines (T-4.VII.14:2)
- Squaring the circle (T-4.VII.15:2)
- Carrying pi to infinity (T-4.VII.15:2)
- Cryonics (T-4.VII.15:4)

The Holy Spirit always answers

While all this asking of superficial questions and hiding of the real question has been going on, the Holy Spirit has been giving us the real answer all along.

“The Holy Spirit does not speak first, but He *always* answers” (4:1).

Everyone has called on Him, and has been answered (4:2).

“He answers for all time” (4:3).

This means we have always had the answer and have it now (4:3).

What is His answer?

Hear, then, the one answer of the Holy Spirit to *all* the questions which the ego raises:
(8:1)

Before we hear His answer, we need to do two things:

1. We need to ask the first and central question consciously. We are asking it all the time, just not *really* asking it. So let’s do that now. Spend a minute asking yourself “What am I?” Underneath all the trappings and images, what are you? Really?

2. Now be prepared to treat the Holy Spirit's answer as *the* answer. The natural tendency is to think of it as 10% of the answer: "I am a member of this family with this job, this body, this history, this net worth, etc. And as an additional feature, I am also a child of God."

(Please read the following lines very slowly and intentionally, inserting your name when you see an asterisk:)

*You * are a child of God, a priceless part of His Kingdom,
which He created as part of Him.
Nothing else exists, and only this is real.
You have chosen a sleep * in which you have had bad dreams,
but the sleep is not real, and God calls you to awake.
There will be nothing left of your dreams when you hear Him,*
because you will be awake.
Your dreams have contained many of the ego's symbols,* and they have confused you.
But that is only because you were asleep * and did not know.*

When you awake, you will see the truth around you and in you,
and you will no longer believe those dreams,
because they will have no reality for you.
But the Kingdom and all that you have created there * will have great reality for you,
because they are beautiful and true.
In the Kingdom,* where you are and what you are is perfectly certain.
There is no doubt there,* because the first question was never asked.
Having finally been wholly answered, it has never been. (8:1-9:5)*