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RAJ OPENING COMMENTS: Good afternoon. In one way or another all of you are reaching beyond whatever the norm is in your lives. You call it being on your spiritual path. You call it being religious. You call it by any number of names. Many of you are pursuing this because there is what you would call an unexplainable love of God—even though you cannot tell me what the word God means—or an unreasonable and unexplainable valuing of that which is spiritual, that which is divine. Some of you, and more often than not this is the case, generally speaking, one is religious, one is on their spiritual path because life is being experienced as difficult, rough, a hardship and you want relief. And so to put it in a nutshell, very often you are on your spiritual path to improve your life.

Now, most of you have an underlying feeling that suffering is illegitimate, that it's not your birthright and that you are bound to experience freedom from it. And this feeling comes from a deep knowing in you—it is a remembrance of the Truth. No matter what your reasons for being on your spiritual path, if I may put it this way, successfully being on your spiritual path is going to involve one thing—transformation! The Biblical injunction is: “Be ye transformed.” And then it continues: “By the renewing of your mind.” “Oh, I just wanted my life transformed. I just wanted my experience transformed. How involved do I have to get? How much does my mind have to change in order to experience an improvement in my life?” Well, you know what, I'm not going to answer that question. It doesn't matter how much it's going to have to change. It matters that you recognize that that's where the changing is going to occur. And then let it occur, no matter how tiny the steps are that you take.

The reason for prayer, the reason for asking for guidance, the reason for reaching out to the Holy Spirit or God or whatever you feel the Prime Mover is, the reason for doing it is so that what is beyond your present mindsets might gain entrance into your awareness so that you have a means of escaping the bondage of your habitual thinking—the boundaries, the definitions that you are currently using to define everything. And you see the fact is that as long as you are relying upon your current definitions, your current understandings of things there is nothing new present. And so the re-newing of your mind can't occur. Prayer or asking your guides specifically for guidance is the means by which you create a weakness in the boundaries that you have established by means of your definitions, your confidences as to how things work and what they are. When you ask for help, you

abandon a self-determined, self-responsible stance, which is the very thing that blocks the renewing of your mind.

One of the primary themes of A Course In Miracles is expressed in the words, “there is another way to look at this,” and this, and this, and this, and that and the other thing. This is another way of weakening the definiteness of your definitions. It is the way that you become defenseless. And if you want, you can spell fence, f-e-n-c-e... de-fence-less, boundary-less.

“Well, can’t I just have an understanding of what’s right, of what’s appropriate, and still just be me? This renewing of my mind stuff sounds like I might have to change and experience myself differently. That’s scarier than having a different understanding of something—still being who I think I am and who I want to be.” No, being on your spiritual path means allowing your experience of who you are to be transformed. And you know what? You can have no preconception of what the transformed you will be before you allow the transformation to begin!

Why am I saying this? I’m saying it because it’s important for you to understand that Awakening, Enlightenment isn’t an intellectual process, but it is a transformational process that begins at the very essential center of you and comes forth like the center of a flower that pushes the petals back and comes out into the foreground, showing the flower in its fullness. I chose that example because it truly expresses what transformation is about when you allow transformation that you cannot be in control of to occur.

Transformation does not mean you are going to be changed into something that someone else has decided you ought to be. Transformation is the process by which the essential divine you that you already are begins to emerge, coming forward into clear view—not just to everyone else, but to yourself as well! You see? And so what will come forth is pre-ordained, because you already are who you divinely are. You already are what you essentially and Really are, with a capital “R”.

And so this abandonment of definite definitions as to what everything is and who you are does not make you subject to something beyond you that might control you. It makes you subject to the essential you, the divine you that you already are, but which you have forgotten you are.

Now, what I am meaning to convey to you today about Awakening, Enlightenment and transformation is that it will not just be a new way of interpreting everything else, it will constitute real change in your experience of who you are. Your behavior will change because your attitude will change. Your behavior will change because your experience of your unity with All That Is will be different, a different experience from the isolated, vulnerable, tiny sense of yourself that finds itself to be very uncomfortable and needing relief. And you see it’s the relinquishment of your definite definitions, and it is the yielding into that

which you are not in control over that seems to be fearful, seems to be risky, which is why no one voluntarily rushes into the experience. It is also the reason that most people engage in their spiritual path for the purpose of rearranging circumstances or improving conditions so that this fearful one, this isolated and vulnerable one might feel more safe without having to abandon that vulnerable sense of self. You see? But the change involves letting the essential you come forth onto center stage, as it were, like the center of the flower does, which is a new experience of who you are.

Very often when one gets near this place of relinquishing control and yielding there is an uprising of fear. And it is because there is an abandonment of control that you are on the verge of activating, if I may put it that way. And one says, “Well, this can’t have anything to do truly with Awakening. I must be on the wrong track, because fear wouldn’t be present in a genuine experience of Awakening.” And so I am making it clear to you that although it isn’t an integral part of Awakening it is something that every one of you will likely not escape the experience of.

And if you understand that that fear is simply a fear of losing control when the fact is that control is not essential to your experience of fulfillment, you will dare to risk the chance that letting go of the fear provoked control will in fact allow the even more essential you that you really are to become illuminated and brought forth as an experience of invulnerability, as an experience of peace and as an experience of what I’m going to call grounded purpose. And I simply mean by that a grounded experience of the impulse of life to express itself. In other words, fundamental motivation. Not motivation of the sort that you felt as a fearful, tiny entity, but the motivation of your essential being that is nothing other than the impulse of Creation that God is being, that you are not different from.

And so yes, because you are emerging from a well-fortified sense of tininess which is motivated by fear, you will find that fear aggravated as you dare to abandon it. And it is the abandonment that is the reason, it is the step needing to be taken that your spiritual path promotes, it is the stepping off the edge, as it were, that guidance is with you for the purpose of activating or impelling. Your limited thinking and your general defensiveness says that the taking of that leap, the yielding into the total absence of control is a suicidal act! It is absolutely insane! It is irresponsible! But it is lying!

All of your very definite definitions as to what everything is, and who you are and how everything works is like a crust, a spherical crust that has formed around your heart... I do not mean the organ in your body—your Soul, your heart, you know what I mean, your innocence, your capacity to have trust without doubt. And that crust is experienced by you as your safety, your moat around your castle, your line of defense, that which saves you from destruction.

Your spiritual path no matter what it's approach, as well as your willingness to experience the influx of Spirit has only one goal. And that is to crumble, to undo the seeming integrity, structural integrity of that crust, so that your heart might be able to extend itself without running into the barrier of that crust. And so that it might connect with the heart of everything and everyone else without running into that crust.

The crust is constituted of your very definite definitions. And your very definite definitions are what you use to tell you who you are. And so if that crust of definite definitions as to who you are is going to crumble, why you're going to have to let a new you come forth, or at least that's the way it will seem. But remember that I pointed out that the only thing that can come forth is pre-ordained. Because there is only one thing that is underneath that crust and it's your heart. You see? It's that which is Real about you that is not different from what God is and has always been.

And so, my point in bringing this up today is to reassure you that when you get to that point where fear arises because you know you're moving into a place that your conditioned thinking tells you will make you extremely vulnerable, you can dare to continue forward the millimeter or two that it will take to get past the edge of your practice of control, so that you can experience your heart, so that you can experience the love that you are, so that you can experience a new experience of you, indeed, a new experience of you that is in actuality the experience of who you anciently are, who you have always been. And you will sigh a sigh of relief because you will feel more like you than you have since you started this little adventure, this little excursion into self-will, into the experiment at having perceptions of your own of creation different from the Father's point of view.

So don't be so ready to step back from this place where fear arises in you. I know I get to be repetitious on this point, but I will say it again because it describes what I'm saying. As you get to the edge of the ego boundaries, no matter where along the boundary you come to the boundary you stand at the threshold to the Kingdom of Heaven. And so the boundary of your ego definitions of yourselves is covered, painted, illustrated if you will by the ego with gargoyles, scary figures. Why? Because the old sense of you is going to fail if you go beyond. The limited sense of yourself will crumble if you go beyond it.

So if you know that the gate to the Kingdom of Heaven are not Pearly gates but are gates with gargoyles around them to keep you, to scare you back, to keep you away from moving across that threshold you will not say, "Oh, this must be the gate to hell. These aren't Pearly gates." You'll say, "Ah, this must be the gate to the Kingdom of Heaven because this is the only place the ego would feel called upon to throw such a fright into me. This must be the place where the end of its existence will occur." And you will have the courage to move through the gargoyles and be transformed, be changed, be changed in a way that causes you to

experience your integrity to the tips of your toes, rather than in your little finger or in what you define to be a fanciful thought.

So be aware that Awakening involves the transforming of your mind. And that when you get to the verge of the transformation you will experience fear and that this is a signal to you that you are at a place where the ego is feeling threatened. And the only time it feels threatened is when you are close to the discovery of who you divinely are. And then take this as the justification for moving forward, rather than retreating. If you understand this you will not be thwarted in your reason for being on your spiritual path. Nor will you be discouraged by the idea that if what you're doing is a result of guidance it won't have at any time any vestiges of fear associated with it. I guarantee you that one who is providing you with an Enlightened divine perspective, which will inevitably undo the ego's limited perception of everything, the ego is going to say, "There is an enemy! There is an enemy! There is an enemy! Be on guard! Be on guard!" The alarm bells will go off and the ego will do everything it can to save you from what it sees to be the horror of being governed by God. This is inevitable!

I'm telling it to you straight so that you will not back off, and you will not abandon for a time your spiritual growth because it isn't what you thought it would be. I am saving you time by telling you where it will apparently not be easy when you had expected that perhaps it would be a piece of cake, because it was a divine process.

If you will remember that the Father did not banish you from the Kingdom of Heaven—from your Right Mind—and that you abandoned your Right Mind by saying, "I would like to experiment with having different perspectives of Creation," then you will begin to understand that this one who stepped aside from the Father's perspective of Creation to create new perspectives, new perceptions, this one has to abandon itself, You see? The creator of perceptions has to abandon its stance as a creator of perceptions. You will understand why that sacrifice of identity will seem to be scary. But you'll also understand that that sense of identity as creator of perceptions is not who you truly are. And has constituted a limited experience of divine being, of your being the Son or Daughter of God, the offspring, the direct expression, the presence of God manifest. You see? Which is the center of the flower which is going to come out as the transformation of your mind, the renewal of your mind occurs as you let your Right Mind emerge.

Now, we will take a break and when we return we will have a question and answer format. I wanted to take this time today to share this because very often in this question and answer format the questions have to do with rearranging the furniture, as it were, with how do I improve this situation or circumstance or how do I get out of the suffering that I am in. And I wanted to remind you that although I will answer those questions, my function is not just to help you have a better dream. And to remind you of what your spiritual path is really about, what

Enlightenment and Awakening is really about, what coming back into your Right Mind is all about, and that IS what it is all about, not just the improving of “the human experience.”

Lastly, the human experience is not useless or meaningless, it is the Kingdom of Heaven seen through a glass darkly. And so as the renewing of your mind occurs and as you come back into your Right Mind, the Kingdom of Heaven that you call the “human condition” will become obvious to you as the Kingdom of Heaven and therefore as an improved experience. If the human experience, the suffering, the pain, the sin, disease and death is a misperception of the Kingdom of Heaven, then the correction of it doesn’t involve manipulating the misperception but healing the misperceiver. You see that? Of all of you coming back into your Right Mind by the renewing of your mind, because somewhere in you you’ve said, “yes, I will let the essential me come forth and I will do it by ceasing to exercise absolute control over my experience.”

We will take a break.

RAJ: Before going into questions that you might have brought with you, does anyone have comments or “yes, buts” or questions that my comments brought forth? If you do, if you’ll raise your hands.

QUESTION: Well, I do have a comment on that is that for the past week or ten days I have been in an absolute funk, which I would equate as fear. And the only thing I had is thank you for your words, cause I feel they were directed really at my specific situation I was in the last ten days. So I thank you.

RAJ: You are welcome. But you cannot take all the credit.

QUESTION: I didn’t take it all, just a little bit.

QUESTION: With regard to being transformed or like what you said, can you explain the disengagement, the detachment with which the world can be viewed if you are transforming. Boy is that ever an awful way to put what I’m trying to get across. My experience is that the world around me keeps on going and I don’t much care. And this would appear to be harsh. But I can’t help that.

RAJ: Your words are expressing the attitude or feeling you experience when you are not hooked? Correct?

QUESTION: Yes.

RAJ: When you say I can’t much help that it is not like you are summing the world, you are saying that that is literally the experience. You have no need to apologize for the fact that you are not hooked?

QUESTION: Sometimes I feel the need to apologize.

RAJ: But that is not what you expressed in those terms just now?

QUESTION: That’s right!

RAJ: Indeed. Oh, yes! Now, one does not have to be totally Awake, one does not have to be totally transformed forevermore in order to experience

perspective, in order to experience balance of the mind in which one isn't hooked by those things which before hooked you. The means by which one can experience this is really simple. It is through meditation. Now I am speaking of meditation that is not guided. I am speaking of meditation that does not have a focus, a purpose like healing the world, or blessing someone who is suffering and so on. I am talking of meditation such as TM. I am talking of meditation where one pays attention to the flame of a candle. I am speaking of meditation where one sits quietly and pays attention to the sensation of breathing in and out. A meditation that does not have an intellectual focus.

When one utilizes this kind of meditation it very rapidly moves that one into his or her peace. In other words, that's all the more complicated it is to move into that place that we could call the center of you. Into that place where you have escaped the hooks of the ego.

I've said before that the only thing the ego cannot defend itself against is disregard. All forms of attack, all forms of manipulation, all attempts to get rid of the ego by one means or another the ego can successfully defend itself against. Why? Because the ego is itself a defense mechanism. It is the means by which each of you, unconsciously now, denies yourself the experience of the Father's perspective. It is the means by which you deny yourself the direct perception of Reality. Meditation of the sort I described doesn't deal with the ego at all. In fact, it moves you out of all intellectual or conceptual processes. And the ego cannot defend itself against that and you find yourself moving into your peace.

And I've said before that this peace is not just a physical peace, it is not just a movement from an experience of tension to an experience of relaxation. It is a movement into a direct experience of your essential being. And so this peace that you experience is literally you touching, having an almost sensory experience of and a direct experience of the very self that you are, which is the presence of God. And then I have mentioned that what emerges out of that without any coercion is an experience of joy, not giddy emotional joy, but it is an illumination of the peace that is vital and alive. And then comes Love. And at each point you feel your inseparableness from it.

Now I am getting off the subject, but I wanted to explain that. My point is that we are not talking about some complex process that leads to Awakening or that helps to move you from a state of reaction to your circumstances to a place where your circumstances do not govern you. It is a simple thought-less process. Meaning a process in which thoughts play no part. And it is available to all of you at any moment that you choose to abandon thinking because the inevitable result of the abandonment of thinking is this slipping through what the Course refers to as the little gap. And when you slip through it, which is something that is never the result of effort, one finds himself or herself in her or his peace. In other words, having a direct experience of the divine one that you are, all be it, a limited

experience of it, as I mentioned, because then comes joy and then comes love and I haven't told you what comes next, and that's not what we're going to talk about today.

In your peace, indeed, the Kingdom of Heaven continues to be the Kingdom of Heaven, or as you said the world goes on, but you don't care. What you mean is that you don't care on the basis that you had cared when you were not in your peace. And to be very honest with you—or if you are very honest with yourself—you will find that the reason you cared when you were not in your peace was because you felt guilty and responsible in some way for correcting that which you were guilty of. And maybe the only thing you were guilty of is the fact that you haven't yet corrected the situation, even though it might not be your responsibility.

Well obviously your reaction to circumstances when you are not in your peace is a reaction of confusion. Now when you are in your peace you are incapable of reacting. But you are capable of being conscious of everything that is going on. And from there, which is the place of your integrity, you truly are able to know what needs to be responded to and what does not. And so, there will be much that you will not respond to that when you were not in your peace you would have responded to. The difficult part of this is that this place of reacting to life's circumstances because you are not in your peace is something everybody is engaged in and everybody has taught everybody else what the rules of reaction are. And these rules of reaction all fall under the heading of “being responsible, a responsible individual with integrity.”

And so when you find yourself in this experience, this direct experience of the peace of your being, and there is much that you would have responded to reactively that you find yourself experiencing no reactive response to, you have stepped out of the mutual agreement as to the rules of the game. And those who are insisting upon reinforcing those rules will look at you and say, “You are being irresponsible.” They will say, “Well, if this is what the spiritual path is about I want nothing to do with it because there is no love in it.” And what it means is that, “you are not reinforcing my need to be able to prove to you that you are guilty and put the responsibility for me off on you.” And I guarantee you that that is really the general definition of what love is in the world today. Love is you behaving in a way that you are responsible for my confusion and the results of my confusion, and as long as you play that game I don't need to feel guilty because you're doing it for me. You see? That's the definition of love, generally speaking.

And so, I'm glad you brought this up because this is another unexpected aspect of becoming clear, of Awakening, because you find that in your clarity and your peace and your ability to be absolutely appropriate you aren't received with open arms. And you aren't necessarily received by an acknowledgment of the value, the divine value of what you're expressing. And so you are likely to say again, “Well, this can't really be the true path of Awakening because I'm running

into more problems, more difficulties.” Well I’ll tell you that the only reason it’s a difficulty because you haven’t yet hung out as it were, you haven’t abided in this experience of “not caring” in the manner that you cared when you were in a reactive state. And because you haven’t abode there long enough to get the feel of it you cannot feel the integrity of standing in that place where you are not reinforcing insanity. And so you do not feel at peace about it!

And so I will tell you that when that happens you first of all need to back off from the attack on you or on your new vantage point, made by those who used to play the game with you, and you need to say, “What is the nature of my experience here where I am not reacting to what I used to react to? What am I experiencing in this place where I apparently don’t care anymore about what I used to care about and react to?” And when you pay attention to the experience, aside from the reactions of others, you will find that it is still the experience of your peace. And that even though you aren’t able to express in words very well the fullness and depth of the experience there is something—well I used earlier the word grounded—there is a groundedness, there is in you permeating you, not just peace but what I’m going to call an infinite stability that you can’t personally account for. In other words, you can’t personally account for it because you didn’t in any way or means generate it. You might say it’s an experience of bigness! But that is an inadequate word. It is an infinite stability that constitutes a support for your not abandoning it, not abandoning your peace to get back into a reactionary interchange that is part of this mutual agreement with everyone, because everyone’s decided what the rules are.

This infinite stability is very often felt to be you being Loved by God. What it is is you feeling union with God. But as long as you want to use the words, “It feels like God is Loving me,” use those words. Because what you are feeling and describing with those words is the experience of atonement, even though the fullness of what atonement is hasn’t yet registered with you.

If you will pay attention to the experience you are having in your peace that causes you not to care anymore in the way you used to care, you will not be easily distracted from that experience of integrity and you will not abandon it to engage once again in reaction from an uncentered level. And everyone else who might be distressed because you’ve abandoned the game of the mutual agreement as to what the rules are and what everything means... when those who are frustrated with you because you have abandoned the game, react and attack you verbally or emotionally or in whatever way, you, if you stay in that place of your peace and the feeling of this infinite stability will recognize that you are not there to relieve them of their frustration by rejoining the game and indeed you will have to continue to apparently not care anymore. You see? That’s something that you don’t expect to be a part of becoming clear.

But you see, as you withdraw your participation in a game of active ignorance the group of those consciously engaged in active ignorance diminishes and that group loses power. And so their practice of active ignorance, not having as wide an acceptance now, is less reinforced and thus it is a little bit less dense. Which means the individualities who have devoted themselves to this game are a little less dense. That is the evidence of healing whether they wanted it or not. And so you have cared, you have been a presence, the effective of which is love. And that's what you need to become aware of, so that you rest more easily in your "not caring anymore" in the manner that you cared before.

And so you see because I have expressed this to you and to others who may not have arrived yet at the point of that experience you will not be surprised and thrown off guard when it happens. And if you are not thrown off guard when it happens it will not be a point of distress for you. You'll say, "Oh yes, Raj said that this would happen. And here it is. I see it. It's clear as a bell." And you will experience less distress in your process of Awakening than one who has not heard this yet.

Did that answer your question?

QUESTION: Yes it did, thank you.

RAJ: You are welcome.

QUESTION: I don't know how much I can add to that, but I think I'm experiencing what you're talking about right now. And that it feels very good. And it's exactly like you said, the more people engaged in coming from their integrity the more that seems like a snowball effect. And other people pick it up and carry it a little bit further and a little bit further until the other's who want to engage in that smaller place end up getting backed into a corner. But the rest of us can continue on in that expanding growth kind of a thing and the peace. And the others that got backed in the corner can either join us and drop there stuff or just stay in the corner...

RAJ: Or leave.

QUESTION: Or leave that would be a nice choice, but...

RAJ: Indeed, and whoever they may be they will stay in the corner until they are willing to abandon their commitment to staying in the corner.

QUESTION: Right! I was once in the corner myself, so I understand where they're at! That's all.

RAJ: Indeed.

QUESTION: That's all I have to say!

RAJ: There is another important aspect to this here and that is that when you stay in touch with the experience of your centeredness and your peace, and you feel this infinite stability, you realize that there is a whole lot of self-justification that you used to engage in that is simply unnecessary, and thus when those with whom you used to play the game get frustrated with you and demand

that you account for yourself you will not feel threatened by that demand because you will recognize that you simply don't have to account for yourself.

QUESTION: That's true.

RAJ: And the reason you realize that you don't have to account for yourself is because you're not experiencing guilt.

Any other questions?

QUESTION: Great since you've already answered the question, actually it's not a question it's just a point of clarity. In my community there's a great deal of poverty. I sense a tremendous amount of sorrow but no guilt. Can you... in your explanations...

RAJ: You yourself are experiencing sorrow, but no guilt?

QUESTION: Yes, but not guilt. I don't feel responsible for their poverty. But I'm not blind to their experience.

RAJ: Indeed, you express the sentiments of all of those who are Awake observing you—and not just you but everyone. And I know that there are those who will say, “well, those who are totally Awake couldn't possibly feel sorrow.” And indeed, it is not the best word. When a member of the family leaves, like the Prodigal Son, the family notices and feels the absence of the active presence and the participation of an aspect of its wholeness. And it is not happy, if I may put it that way. The void which is not representative of Reality is recognized and felt as (I am trying to think of a word that will not have any ego aspects to it) an inability to express love that is recognized by the one loved as having been extended. One could say, “it doesn't feel right,” but I don't mean that it feels wrong. One could say that it doesn't feel comfortable. It simply means that there is an experience of a desire to have that one who is not feeling the embrace of love to feel it once again, so that the communion, so that the union of being can be felt by all.

And so although it is not totally appropriate to say that the Awakened ones feel sorrow they do feel the fact that the Brotherhood yet has the opportunity to feel its unity fully, and desires that because that is the Birthright of God's infinite self-expression. So it elicits a conscious desire for this unity to be totally and absolutely experienced without any of the Brotherhood ignoring their place in that unity.

So I understand completely what you are saying, yes. We also recognize that it is not our responsibility to change your mind or force you back Home into your Right Mind. And so we do not feel responsible for whatever you might be experiencing in your choice to see Creation with a perspective you have created that is not all inclusive as the Father's perspective is. But we are ever presently alert and available ready to recognize the first slight indication on the part of any of you to want to come back Home—that the slightest indication with any of you that you are becoming dissatisfied with the perceptions you have created, and where there is waning commitment to the definitions you have evolved—and when that

slightest weakening occurs, and there is just the slightest opportunity that the love that we are expressing might register with you, you are greatly supported so that there might be greater and greater courage on your part to abandon the rules and the concepts and the definitions which seemed to have comforted you and which seemed to have given you definition.

And although we cannot take one step for you we can be there to say, “go on take one more step! Good! Now take one more step it’s safe! Good!” You see? We are there! And we are there because it is our Birthright to experience you experiencing us as we are, and yourself as you are truly, so that the Whole of the Brotherhood experiences its integrity consciously. So, although you may not feel responsible, although all of you may not feel responsible for another’s circumstances or for resolving them for them, you can recognize what the circumstances appear to be and be available when there is the slightest indication that a renewing of their mind is becoming of interest to them. So that you may encourage them even though you cannot take one step for them. And most certainly without ever taking on a personal sense of responsibility for getting them Home. The feet that took them away have to bring them back!

The decisions used to justify creating a different perspective of Creation have to be undecided, if you will, abandoned. You see? Any other questions?

QUESTION: I would like to know what I most need to know at this time in my life. And I would also like to know also what I most need to do. Thank you. (This sounded like a lady that was visiting that I think Judy said was over 100 years (young).)

RAJ: Well, the thing you most need to know “at this time in your life” is that this time in your life is no different from this time in the life of one who is just two days old. It has nothing to do with the time in your life, it has to do with where you are standing. And always where you are standing is at a threshold, which you either can neglect to step over or step over. And it is the same thing with one who is two days old or one who is twenty years old. They stand on the threshold of abandoning themselves to that which is beyond any current definition of themselves that they have acquired and used to define themselves.

And so what you need to know is—and you do know this—that at this point in your life you do not, you cannot intelligently say, “I probably don’t have time to wake up.” It has nothing to do with time. It has to do with, if you want to call it this, it has to do with space. It has to do with whether you’re going to stand where you’re standing or move the fraction of an inch that it takes to be just a little bit beyond where you are, where you abandon yourselves to the renewing of your mind and transformation.

You at this instant, and everyone else at this instant stand literally at the threshold of the unknown. Except as I pointed out to you earlier, the unknown that

you stand on the threshold of is the essential you, the center of the flower, which inevitably must come forth!

Now I said earlier that you don't have to attack the ego, in fact I said that if you attack the ego or any of the ego perceptions the ego would be able to defend itself flat out, and that the only thing the ego cannot defend itself against is disregard. You realize how little effort one needs to put into the act of disregard? That's all the effort it takes to wake up! No effort at all! The absence of effort, and I pointed out that when one meditates one slips through the little gap, one doesn't climb into it, then no effort occurs, one slips into it.

And so moving the millimeter or so that it takes to embrace the unknown is an effortless thing that occurs by virtue of becoming centered and letting in the greater experience of the divinity of you, the greater experience of who you are, which is ageless. And the agelessness of you will replace what you called "this time in my life" right here! And the infant who is two days old or the youngster who is twenty years old who makes this same transforming renewal of mind will find that the time in his life or her life that they would refer to will be replaced by the agelessness of them and the limits of being a two year old and twenty year old will dissolve.

So what you need to know right now, and it has nothing to do with this time in your life, it has everything to do with the fact that now is the only moment you have. And what you need to know now is that you, right as you sit there, right as you are being conscious in this instant, stand at the threshold! The same place everyone else is standing, with the same opportunity to have your mind renewed and your experience of being conscious.

We will take a break.

QUESTION: Hi, Raj.

RAJ: Good afternoon.

QUESTION: In the past you had confirmed my feeling that a marital separation was needed. It would appear that we don't have enough money to support two households, and my wife is dragging her feet as far as generating income. My question is this: Should I simply move out and let the financial chips fall where they may?

RAJ: Meaning what?

QUESTION: Well we're wanting to keep the house we have in the neighborhood we have and my son in the school he is in. And is it appropriate to me simply to, since I'm the one generating the income just go out and get a place for myself that's, you know, a simple means of existence and essentially give her the rest and in a sense put more of the pressure on her to come up with the rest in order to keep that going, or do I need to stay until she gets it together to get more money?

RAJ: Well if you want to have a healthy, wholesome, balanced and I'm going to say an abundant experience then do not approach this in any way with a control issue. You do not want to force her to do anything. You do not want to force anything. But you do want to be intelligent. I have indicated, as you said, that it is important for you to have some space in which to allow further clarification to occur. I would encourage you to do exactly what you described and when you say let the chips fall where they may, let that include the possibility that the chips falling where they may might involve an increase in your income that allows the needs to be met while you become further clarified about your fulfillment.

To think somebody needs to learn a lesson here other than you will put you in a position of acting so as to cause leverage, to cause justice to come into play, when at all times when you are engaged in the resolution of a problem by virtue of... (A noise occurred that some button had to be pushed to stop the noise. And then he came back saying...) My point is that justice is what is already occurring! Creation, as I've said, is the only thing going on on God's terms, and therefore what you are engaged in here is the process of letting yourself into the awareness of what the already existing justice is, which is justice for ALL. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: What you say makes complete sense. I guess you know I was just wanting to really get a specific answer if I should... It's like making the move and let the Universe do its thing, instead of me trying to get it together before I make the move. So you were saying I should make the move?

RAJ: It is appropriate, yes.

QUESTION: Is everything in order with my alignment on my relationship with my son regarding this? I have a little difficulty in that I project some of the rejection that I felt from my father on to this, that I will not be living in the same house with my son and that creates a lot of pain for me.

RAJ: You're thinking entirely too much! Take one step at a time. This step has to do with you coming into a clearer experience of your integrity and that will bless him.

QUESTION: Great. Finally, the last three times I've been here you've given me very profound answers that have effected me deeply, is there anything else along those lines that you want to tell me at this point?

RAJ: No, what I had to say today about the transformation of each of you by allowing of the renewing of your minds is where it's at for you! You've gotten your message for today!

QUESTION: Thank you.

QUESTION: Hi, thanks. Where do I begin, I've got about a thousand questions for you, so let me try and make this short and sweet. In the last month and a half has been a very trying time, I lost a relationship and a death of a real close relative. And you mentioned about being on the edge, and I felt that I'm on the edge looking for something else but it's so foggy I can't see! I'm hoping you can shed a little light through this fog and give me some guidance as to where I should be going next.

RAJ: Your fulfillment comes to you! You see, like the Prodigal whose fulfillment was already present with him, everyone at one point or another decided to turn their back on it and look for it on their terms! There is a great deal of pride which is encouraged around setting your goals and creating your future and accomplishing things. You set a goal, you give yourself a direction to go in to get or achieve that goal—to get your fulfillment. And it's all predicated on the idea that you have to create your fulfillment, when the fact is that your fulfillment is your Birthright. And the moment you stop going for it and succumb into the presence of you in the moment you're in your fulfillment begins to register with you. It seems to come to you, again very much like the example of the Prodigal Son who upon abandoning his intent to do it his way and started for home found that his Father came to meet him. You see? Your fulfillment comes to you, because it never was taken away from you. You've always taken who you are truly with you wherever you have gone in the attempt to become what you think you ought to be!

And that statement should be printed and hung on your refrigerator where you can see it everyday!

So instead of thinking that now you must have a new direction to go in, I encourage you to adopt an attitude of, "Well, it 's going to be interesting to see how the Universe, or the nature of things, or if you will God, unfolds my experience of the fulfillment of my being now!" That very thought is like prayer. It is the way in which you abandon self-sufficiency and let something else in by becoming curious about movement that is going on outside of your consciously directed life. That's joining. That is abandoning independence.

Fulfillment is the nature of the Movement of Creation. It is therefore, the nature of Being, it's the nature of existence. And so if you're feeling antsy to get on with it, let that antsiness motivate you not to get your feet moving but to in effect sit down and relax and watch to see how it comes to you. This is not laziness! This is a truer attitude! That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: So I should just shut up, sit down and it will come to me?

RAJ: Ah, but let there be interest, interest so that you are paying attention. Let there be expectancy—not expectancy of something that you have formulated and put out into the ethers to let the energies gather around and give form to, not something you have in anyway set into motion yourself. Sit down only

figuratively speaking as the means by which you become allowing of your fulfillment registering with you and then be curious, which mean attentive so that you will recognize it when it happens. You see? So it is passive in the sense that you will not decide what it is you want and go after it, but it is active in the sense that you are remaining alertly conscious with interest to see—for lack of better words—what God is unfolding, or what the nature of being is unfolding, or what the Universe is bringing forth to identify your fulfillment. You see?

QUESTION: I think I understand, thank you very much.

RAJ: You do understand, and you are welcome.

QUESTION: Hello, Raj.

RAJ: Good afternoon.

QUESTION: Hello, Raj.

RAJ: Good afternoon.

QUESTION: I was married 25 years before I dared to leave that was two years ago and since I have gained a little bit of distance. But what I have not been able to perceive is what this marriage meant for me. I have the feeling, I mean it was a long painful experience and I have the feeling I missed the point, or I did not learn a lesson. Therefore, I wanted to ask you whether you can help me with this.

RAJ: And you are afraid you will repeat the mistake?

QUESTION: I would not dare to do that again!

RAJ: Oh it did not escape you. It was the way in which you learned the meaning of sovereignty. It is the way in which you learned finally to how to say “no.” It is the way you laboriously, but inexorably, persistently moved to the point where you no longer sacrificed your integrity for the sake of a principle. A most valuable experience no matter how long it took. And it is a learning that is fraught with what I am going to call transfer-value that is affecting and will continue to affect most of the other areas of your life.

It has been a process of emancipation. It has been a process of growing up. You made a shift from being a child to being an adult, if I may put it that way. And when you left the marriage it was the equivalent of what everyone thinks arriving at 21 years old means. And you know what? Whenever anyone does that it is worth applauds whether it does occur at 21 or whether it occurs at 58, you see, and so you can be pleased. You can be as happy as day of graduation. It doesn't matter whether you went to school a lot longer than everyone else before you graduated. The meaning of graduation is honorable. And I honor you and I encourage you to honor yourself.

What more can I say? It doesn't matter that there's yet a lot that you don't know about some things. It simply means that there are wonderful thresholds of discovery. But there's one thing that you don't have to be afraid of and that is, you don't have to be afraid that in the process of wonderful discovery you will suffer

from the disastrous results of etiquette, of being a good boy, of living up to other people's expectations. At the bottom line you will not have to suffer from giving preference to anything and everything other than your deeply felt integrity. This is wonderful! You are at a point where you are unwilling to become dishonest in favor of not upsetting anyone else.

I want to say congratulations, but I embrace you with love and acknowledgment instead. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: Thank you. Much I did know in my heart, but the moral concepts of my up-bringing I think contradicted it, so I got a bit confused. May I just ask a connecting question. What is the future of the family, because so many people are separating and it's always painful regarding the children and so on and there must be something in the making which I can...

RAJ: Oh I will tell you that your children were much clearer about this than either you or your wife were a long time ago and they are not suffering from this but relieved. In spite of your conditioning, which tends to over-shadow your clarity, the honesty that I spoke of, of your actions blesses them. And they will dare to be honest themselves because of it. And that will bless everyone they are associated with. Is there any other guilt that you would like me to...

QUESTION: No, thank you very much. That was totally to the point! Thank you very much.

RAJ: You are welcome.

QUESTION: At the last gathering Debra asked you what she should know, what it is you would tell her. And you asked her what she would be most afraid to know. And so I would like to ask the question that I'm most afraid to hear the answer to. And that is can you tell me the truth about the Angel project?

RAJ: I can, but we must do that privately.

QUESTION: Can I have an ETA for that? I'm at your disposable!

RAJ: <ggg> Between now and Wednesday.

QUESTION: That works for me.

RAJ: Indeed.

QUESTION: Thank you very much.

RAJ: You are welcome.

QUESTION: Good afternoon, Raj.

RAJ: Good afternoon.

QUESTION: You seem to be having a very good time this afternoon. And I'm enjoying it also. You are so expressive and I appreciate and acknowledge that.

RAJ: You do not know how much of a work out it has been on previous Sundays.

QUESTION: It's showing! I don't know how specific this is, or appropriate, but I'm going to ask it anyway. A month ago I was told by my

guidance to prepare to go to Las Vegas to attend a seminar. I got all the point to pack and get ready to go and the wear-with-all didn't show up. And the invitation has reentered my life but the wear-with-all has not shown up and I'm just curious. Am I being lead towards Sage or away from, or anything to do with Sage seminars?

RAJ: It is inappropriate for me to speak of this while you are still in the middle of the learning. I do encourage you to trust the process! Because it is geared toward your experience of clarification, the renewing of your mind. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: Thank you and that is appropriate.

RAJ: You are welcome.

QUESTION: I have a lot of questions going through my mind right now, but I had one narrowed down but it's being overwhelmed by another. I'm at a point in my progression as far as my spirituality goes where I'm asking a lot of questions. And how I was raised, that wasn't appropriate. You know it wasn't...

RAJ: Are you also taking time to listen for the answers?

QUESTION: I hope!

RAJ: Continue.

QUESTION: I'm trying. And I catch myself often getting a feeling of something, and I don't want to hear it so I move on to my next question.

RAJ: I just want to mention to those who haven't discovered it yet, that asking question is an excellent way of avoiding answers. Continue. I appreciate your honesty there.

RAJ: Can you be a little more specific so that... **QUESTION: Okay. I guess more of that... I guess in myself it's just questioning... not necessarily verbalizing any questions, but saying in myself... asking (that's not the word I want I guess) questioning if I'm following on a path that I actually believe or if I'm following on borrowed light so to speak. But the thing that I'm really struggling with right now is, I've finished a stage in my life as far as schooling and that part of my life goes and I'm moving on to something new and very frightening to me. And I'm being pulled in many different directions and at different times they all seem okay.**

QUESTION: Yeah. I moved from Utah and I moved up here to Oregon. And I've had a lot of criticism for that from my father and my family. And I'm curious, right now I'm deciding whether it's something that I want to stay in Oregon, because I'm feeling some great enlightenment happening in myself, or do I want to... or I guess I should say do I need to stay and complete that process that I feel like is happening, or do I want to go and perhaps begin a new one and go back to Utah?

RAJ: And you are aware that possibly to move on to a new one is a way of avoiding the fullness of this one?

QUESTION: Right! I think! Yeah, I feel as a big part of that of me staying I feel a lot of fear around a relationship that I'm feeling a lot of emotions around. And I'm wondering if it's something I need to stay and deal with what's happening as far as my relationship goes with this person, or do I need to get away from it?

RAJ: I encourage you to stay. And I encourage you to stay with the intent of confirming in your integrity in your actions relative to this relationship, no matter which way it goes. What I mean by that is if it is appropriate for the relationship to continue and grow because it's in harmony with your integrity, you need to do that. If the relationship must end because that is what is in harmony with your integrity then that is what needs to be done. But whichever way it goes—which you will discover what is appropriate—whichever way it goes it needs to be followed through so that at the conclusion of the unsureness you move forward with your integrity in tact. If you leave now you will simply be avoiding the demand for the strengthening of your integrity that confronts you. I said the demand for the strengthening of your integrity, another way of putting it would be the opportunity to feel your sovereignty or strength more fully, with greater self-respect. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: Thank you.

RAJ: You are welcome. You see, it isn't just a matter of sticking it out to resolve it—to resolve IT! It has to do with an inner process of experiencing your substance—the substantiality of you. And it would be a shame to miss that since the opportunity is in front of you to have it illuminated. That's all.

QUESTION: Hi, Raj.

RAJ: Good afternoon.

QUESTION: I'm thrilled to be here and be having this experience. And all I can say is I'm full, not only with food. Is there anything I need to hear from you?

RAJ: You might be surprised to hear this, but not today!

QUESTION: Thank you.

RAJ: You are welcome.

QUESTION: Hello, Raj.

RAJ: Good afternoon.

QUESTION: Can you tell me why I am at Campfire and particular what role I play with those who encourage parents to get involved with their children. I kind of feel like I've talked myself into a circle and helped everybody off the hook and I'll kind of do it myself. And they can do all the taking the brochures to the schools and gathering everything and I'll come out... And that doesn't sound right either. But when I tell them listen to what

people are saying and put it back in front of them and say if you want to get involved with your own children, do it! And we'll show you a way of doing that, or we'll give you tools to help that happen. But since all the staff have left and no one's stepped forward to take their places I'm at a point of maybe I should be rethinking how I'm doing it, or what I'm doing there or what the programs for?

RAJ: The simplest way I can put it is that at the moment there is nothing for you to do, except to pay attention, ready as I said earlier to respond to the slightest bit of interest that is given when someone wakes up to the fact that they have a want or a need and they are turning for help. Do not attempt to force life back into this present void. And do not attempt to do what everyone else would have done all by yourself. At the moment it is appropriate to let things lie taking no steps. I will say that within a month to six weeks it will be appropriate for you to let it be known, preferably with letter or letters to others that you are present and willing to work with anyone who is interested in participating. But do it without conveying in any way any kind of judgment on those who seem not to have shown any interest at all. And above all do not think that everyone else has thwarted you in doing what you are able or capable of doing or contributing.

In other words, do not provide a charge to the situation by interpreting, period. Those who need to participate won't recognize that they are needed until their lack of participation begins to show up as, shall I say, a less than desirable circumstance. Once they have that recognition then when you speak, when you contribute it will be received and responded to with camaraderie. I know that at the moment it seems like it would be the responsible thing to find some way to inspire or generate interest. Don't do it!

I do not answer questions for Paul that Paul does not ask. And I've shared before a fairly well known saying that "a mind that's changed against its will is of the same opinion still." You have to wait without judgment, without opinion, until a mind is present that is interested in change, that has a want. You see? And this interim here while you are waiting for that want to be expressed is an essential part of the want coming forth. That's the end of the answer.

QUESTION: Can I ask a question of clarification?

RAJ: Yes.

QUESTION: Are you talking about potential members coming forward, or are you talking about a specific unit that is leaderless right now, or about my not having...

RAJ: The former.

QUESTION: Okay, that helps.

RAJ: What can I say? There has been a great unity and cohesiveness that we all have been together today. And it has felt good! And it has been my pleasure to participate in this mutual unfolding of love and clarity. Thank you.