

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

The Devil's Bible

A Course in Miracles

The most insidious deception ever to circulate on this world is *A Course In Miracles* (ACIM). It was received through the mind of Helen Schucman.

It is a work of total spiritual insanity, intended to completely disrupt reality in the minds of its students, and to bring them to absolute servitude to the Inner Voice, the Light, and the "God" who comes to dwell within their minds.

That is its only purpose. Any other assumed purpose is peripheral to the attainment of that end.

Helen described her circumstances and herself:

"Psychologist, educator, conservative in theory and atheistic in belief, I was working in a prestigious and highly academic setting. And then something happened that triggered a chain of events I could never have predicted. . . . The head of my department . . . unexpectedly announced that he was tired of the angry and aggressive feelings our attitudes reflected, and concluded that, 'there had to be another way.' As if on cue I agreed to help him find it. Apparently the *Course* was the other way."

In such environment Helen went seeking a way to help. The result was Devil entry into her mind.

"Three startling months preceded the actual writing, during which time Bill suggested that I write down the highly symbolic dreams and descriptions of the strange images that were coming to me. Although I had grown more accustomed to the unexpected by that time, I was still very surprised when I wrote, 'This is a course in miracles . . .' That was my introduction to the Voice. It made no sound, but seemed to be giving me a kind of rapid, inner dictation which I took down in a shorthand notebook. The writing was never automatic. It could be interrupted at any time and later picked up again. It made me very uncomfortable, but it never seriously occurred to me to stop. It seemed to be a special assignment I had somehow, somewhere agreed to complete. It represented a truly collaborative venture between Bill and myself, and much of its significance, I am sure, lies in that. I would take down what the Voice 'said' and read it to him the next day, and he typed it from my dictation. I expect he had his special assignment, too. Without his encouragement and support I would never have been able to

fulfill mine. The whole process took about seven years. The *Text* came first, then the *Workbook for Students*, and finally the *Manual for Teachers*. Only a few minor changes have been inserted in the *Text*, and some of those more personal references that occurred at the beginning have been omitted. Otherwise the material is substantially unchanged.”

Caligastia is now presenting himself as Christ to his subjects. Not Jesus — but Christ. There is a profound reason why he comes as Christ, and not as Jesus.

According to apostolic views Jesus was the Christ because he was the Messiah, the one promised in the Old Testament for future rulership of this world. This view was then applied to Jesus by making the *title* Christ into another *name* for Jesus — Jesus Christ.

Over the centuries the term Christ lost its original meaning. It became symbolic of Jesus, and different notions about love, about service, about God, and so on. The image of Jesus as the Messiah, Jesus as God, Jesus as Creator, and Jesus as Savior all became blended into a blurry and ill defined figure. Thus its specific application to a Messiah who would rule this world in righteousness, and care for his people in his shepherd arms, lost definitive content.

The author of ACIM then uses that blurry image to corrupt and deceive.

The Christ image used in ACIM is raw perversion. ACIM does not contain the word Messiah. Its image of Christ has nothing to do with the Messiah, or future rulership of this world. The image of Christ used in ACIM is intended to delude all those minds who have little or no idea of the Messiah. They carry around false images of “Christ,” *even though many of those people look to Jesus for salvation*. They believe the Christ of ACIM is Jesus. ACIM is addressed to that ignorance. Then the *word* Christ falsifies the true Jesus.

“The First Coming of Christ is merely another name for the creation, for Christ is the Son of God. The Second Coming of Christ means nothing more than the end of the ego’s rule and the healing of the mind,” Text, page 58.

The alteration of definitions in ACIM is pervasive, subtle, and blasphemous. Note that the First Coming of Christ was not the visit of Jesus, born as the babe of Bethlehem, and God incarnate. According to the author of ACIM it was something dramatically different: another name for the creation. Thus he completely denigrates the significance of Jesus’ birth.

When he says that Christ is the Son of God he does not mean Jesus. He means himself as this Christ — as a Son of God. He truly was a Son of God, a divinely created Son. He has right to make such claim. But then he perverts by making himself this false Christ. Thus he can say that the Second Coming of Christ is the end of the ego’s rule and the healing of the mind, not the return of

Jesus from his heavenly throne. This is his coming, as this false Christ. He not only removes the significance of Jesus' birth; he removes the significance of Jesus' heavenly rulership.

The one ego he does not expose is his. The ego he is talking about is that of human beings. He wants to bring an end to their ego. As long as they express themselves, as personalities, he cannot control their minds. He must demolish them as free-will agents. He does so by attacking their independence of mind and spirit, i.e., their egos.

He continues:

"I was created like you in the first, and I have called you to join me in the second. I am in charge of the Second Coming . . ."

Clearly, The personality behind these remarks is not Jesus. This personality was created. He was a created divine Son of God, one of those heavenly Sons. Jesus was his Creator. While he attempts to throw a cloud over his remarks he cannot help but proclaim who he really is.

His purpose is to frame the mind of his students to new concepts of the Second Coming. He is in charge of that Coming, the coming of the rebel Prince. Jesus said he was would return; therefore he can use that promise for this perversion. He is this Coming, as he openly states. He calls it the Second Coming, a usurpation of Jesus' true return, in order to betray the loyalties of those who follow him.

He urges his students to join him in this Coming.

Little do they know what they are joining.

On *Text* page 152, italicized and set apart in a single sentence, intended to emphasize, is this remark:

"Christ is in me, and where He is God must be, for Christ is part of Him."

Note the convoluted logic of this remark:

1. By stating that Christ is in me, the author shows that he is not Christ.
2. But this is his deceptive image of Christ, not Jesus.
3. He then states that where this deceptive image of Christ is, God must be. This states that God is within him. Or carried to the further implication, he is God. But he is not God with Jesus; he is God with this false Christ.
4. If we follow the personal pronouns with their capitalization, this Christ, this false image of Jesus, is part of Christ. Clearly the logic is circular.

The statement is intended to obfuscate and confuse, implying that the remarks pertain to Jesus, and Jesus being within the author.

To his agents, confused by this convoluted logic, he thus becomes God, for where this Christ is, God is.

A few pages later, 187, occurs the following:

“Christ is at God’s altar, waiting to welcome His Son. But come wholly without condemnation, for otherwise you will believe that the door is barred and you cannot enter. The door is not barred, and it is impossible that you cannot enter the place where God would have you be. But love yourself with the love of Christ, for so does your Father love you. You can refuse to enter, but you cannot bar the door that Christ holds open. Come unto me who holds it open for you, for while I live it cannot be shut, and I live forever. God is my life and yours, and nothing is denied by God to His Son.”

Here the Son is the human mortal. This Christ is waiting for him at God’s altar. This human is asked to enter the door which this Christ holds open for him. While this Christ lives this door cannot be shut. The human being is invited to enter the door of the mind of this devious being. When the human enters the door, Christ’s life, and hence, by assumption, God’s life, becomes the life of the Son. This Christ, this God, will not deny him the same mind, the mind of the Devil Prince. The human being must enter without condemnation, meaning he must make no evaluation and no judgments concerning the author and source of this invitation.

He pretends he will live forever, when we know his time is short. But that pretense is merely the bait to get the human mortal to enter his mind.

Mind Control

I was appalled when I read ACIM. It teaches you to relinquish your mind, and your choosings, and give them to that Superior Mind. (Bold emphasis is mine.)

“**This is a course in mind training,**” Text pg 13.

“What you do comes from what you think. You cannot separate yourself from the truth by ‘giving’ autonomy to behavior. **This is controlled by me automatically as soon as you place what you think under my guidance.** Whenever you are afraid, it is a sure sign that you have allowed your mind to miscreate and have not allowed me to guide it,” Text pg 25.

“**My control can take over everything that does not matter, while my guidance can direct everything that does, if you so choose.** Fear cannot be controlled by me, but it can be self-controlled. **Fear prevents me from giving you my control.** The presence of fear shows that you have raised body thoughts to the level of the mind. **This removes them from my control,** and makes you feel personally responsible for them. This is an obvious confusion of levels,” Text pgs 24-25.

Numerous occasions within the text repeat, over and over again, this request to turn the mortal mind over to that Superior Mind.

“You must change your mind, not your behavior, and this IS a matter of willingness. **You do not need guidance except at the mind level.**” Text pg 25.

“. . . the mind can elect what it chooses to serve. The only limit put on its choice is that it cannot serve two masters. If it elects to do so, **the mind can become the medium by which spirit creates** along the line of its own creation. If it does not freely elect to do so, it retains its creative potential but places itself under tyrannous rather than Authoritative control. As a result it imprisons, because such are the dictates of tyrants. **To change your mind means to place it at the disposal of TRUE Authority,**” Text pg 10.

If one assumes the Superior Mind is Jesus note what Jesus is demanding of you. He is asking you to turn your mind literally over to his control. Jesus never, in the flesh, taught such practices or philosophy. Jesus always taught the dignity of self, and the gift of choosing given us by the Father. Jesus would never usurp such gift. By giving your mind over to control by this Superior Mind you fall into the very trap it teaches you are not falling into, that of slavery to another mind. And this is the real test of this insidious teaching. How can one distinguish between liberty of sonship with God by giving oneself to the will of God through open and voluntary dedication, and slavery sonship by giving over personal mind control?

As he plainly states, you cannot serve two masters. If you do not completely give your mind to him, you are still clinging to your own mind control.

Paul wrote about the spirit of sonship.

Rom 8:14-15: “For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are the children of God . . .”

ACIM relies on our inability to distinguish between these two forms of sonship, and of spirit. We do so only because we live in a state of great spiritual confusion.

If one assumes the Superior Mind was other than Jesus, these demands take on deeply insidious and deceptive forms. Now the request becomes highly dangerous. If the Voice is not that of Jesus it would make such demands only to gain control of your thinking, and of your mind, in order to convert you to his purposes.

This Superior Mind is asking you to take your choices away from yourself by giving those choices and your mind over to him. Then you are no longer burdened with choice. This relinquishment is highly appealing because you then give

that burdensome responsibility to his mind. In the days when churches could define and frame our choices, in a world of relative simplicity, moral and spiritual choices were black and white. But the present world of spiritual tolerance and moral relativity now makes our choices uncertain, and fraught with personal dilemmas. We ache for clarification and for means of removing such burdens from ourselves. If a Voice or Superior Mind comes along offering to make those choices we are receptive to his offer.

The possible depth of deception is easily recognized by the fact that we have no means to test the actual source. The SPIRIT is not discernible to our senses; he appears only by the mechanism of entry into human mind.

You can now better appreciate use of the word Christ. If this Voice is not Jesus, then this Superior Mind is using the word Christ as part of his deception. He does not use the name Jesus because he is not Jesus. He uses the title Christ because it misrepresents who he actually is.

World As Illusion

Consider how the *Manual* describes Jesus:

“The name of Jesus is the name of one who was a man but saw the face of Christ in all his brothers and remembered God. So he became identified with Christ, a man no longer, but one with God. **The man was an illusion**, for he seemed to be a separate being, walking by himself, within a body that appeared to hold his self from Self, as illusions do. Yet who can save unless he sees illusions and then identifies them as what they are? Jesus remains a Savior because he saw the false without accepting it as true. **And Christ needed his form that He might appear to men and save them from their own illusions.**” *Manual* pg 83.

The presentation clearly makes Jesus different from Christ. Jesus saw the face of Christ in all his brothers. This reaffirms our conclusion that this Christ is being redefined as a nebulous conceptual notion to show that Jesus was not Christ. According to this teaching **Jesus was an illusion**. He became this perverted Christ when he recognized the illusion. Thus Jesus was not a perfected being, living upon earth in human form, but merely another human mortal, an illusion, who needed this perverted Christ to save himself and others from their own illusions. The mechanism of Jesus' salvation is his recognition of the illusion (the false) without accepting the illusion as true. In other words, Jesus needed salvation because of his own twisted mind!

What blasphemy!

And then, so insidiously, he switches the identity of the subject of presentation. Now it is no longer Jesus, but this horrible Christ who becomes the subject of action. This Christ needed the form of Jesus that he might appear to men to save them from their own illusions. Stated otherwise, this Superior Mind, taking

on the guise of Christ, uses the form of Jesus to obtain a foothold in our thinking. Frankly and openly, he states that he needed the *form* of Jesus in order to accomplish his purpose. But the fools who accept these teachings do not recognize the significance of the remark. This lack of perception shows how deeply they carry those very illusions they think they will now remove. Only deluded minds would fail to recognize the illusions created by these teachings.

The words *illusion* and *illusions* are used 340 and 462 times respectively in ACIM. This high count denotes the dependency of ACIM on this concept. The Superior Mind teaches that all reality is an illusion. Typical is the following:

“Illusions are investments. They will last as long as you value them. Values are relative, but they are powerful because they are mental judgments. The only way to dispel illusions is to withdraw all investment from them, and they will have no life for you because you will have put them out of your mind. While you include them in it, you are giving life to them. Except there is nothing there to receive your gift.”
Text pg 118.

Throughout ACIM one encounters this switching of subjects from sentence to sentence in a paragraph, and confusion in concepts. The first and second sentences here are about illusions. The third sentence is about values. Then back to illusions. *Them in it* means illusions in your mind. *Nothing there* means no content in your mind to receive the gift of illusions.

From beginning to end in ACIM the Superior Mind redefines reality to alter our perceptions of the world as we actually experience it, and the way we react to it.

“What do your scripts reflect except your plans for what the day SHOULD be? And thus you judge disaster and success, advance, retreat, and gain and loss. These judgments all are made according to the roles the script assigns. The fact they have no meaning in themselves is demonstrated by the ease with which these labels change with other judgments, made on different aspects of experience. And then, in looking back, you think you see another meaning in what went before. What have you really done, except to show there was no meaning there? But you assigned a meaning in the light of goals that change, with every meaning shifting as they change. Only a constant purpose can endow events with stable meaning. But it must accord ONE meaning to them all. If they are given different meanings, it must be that they reflect but different purposes. And this is all the meaning that they have. Can this be meaning? Can confusion be what meaning means? Perception cannot be in constant flux, and make allowance for stability of meaning anywhere. Fear is a judgment never justified. Its pres-

ence has no meaning but to show you wrote a fearful script, and are afraid accordingly. But not because the thing you fear has fearful meaning in itself." Text pg 596.

Here the Superior Mind uses our natural instinct for planning our daily lives to alter what we should expect from life. Disaster and success in our material activities, advance and retreat from our goals, gain and loss in our relationships — all have no meaning.

Note that to maintain conceptual confusion the disaster and success, advance and retreat, gain and loss are not given content. They are offered with conceptual vacuity in order to perpetrate the confusion which the Superior Mind pretends to clarify. A student can fill the vacuous concepts with any content he wishes. This seductive inducement to uncertainty is used throughout the paragraph, and throughout the text of ACIM. Any person who accepts the text seriously cannot help but end in confusion — part of a scheme to alter perceptions of reality.

"It cannot be emphasized too often that correcting perception is merely a temporary expedient. It is necessary only because misperception is a block to knowledge, while accurate perception is a stepping-stone towards it. The whole value of right perception lies in the inevitable realization that all perception is unnecessary. This removes the block entirely. You may ask how this is possible as long as you appear to be living in this world. That is a reasonable question. You must be careful, however, that you really understand it. Who is the 'you' who are living in this world? Spirit is immortal, and immortality is a constant state. It is as true now as it ever was or ever will be, because it implies no change at all. It is not a continuum, nor is it understood by being compared to an opposite. Knowledge never involves comparisons. That is its main difference from everything else the mind can grasp." Text pg 54.

Can any rational mind believe that all perception is unnecessary? The mind which created this material is truly insane. There is one goal: to alter human perception of reality.

"The purpose of the workbook is to train your mind in a systematic way to a different perception of everyone and everything in the world. The exercises are planned to help you generalize the lessons, so that you will understand that each of them is equally applicable to everyone and everything you see. The only general rules to be observed throughout, then, are: First, that the exercises be practiced with great specificity, as well be indicated. This will help you to generalize the ideas involved to every situation in which you find yourself, and to everyone and everything in it. Second, be sure that you **do**

not decide for yourself that there are some people, situations or things to which the ideas are inapplicable. **This will interfere with transfer of training.** The very nature of true perception is that it has no limits. It is the opposite of the way you see now. The overall aim of the exercises is to increase your ability to extend the ideas you will be practicing to include everything.”

“This will require no effort on your part. The exercises themselves meet the conditions necessary for this kind of transfer. Some of the ideas the workbook presents **you will find hard to believe**, and others **may seem to be quite startling**. This does not matter. You are merely asked to apply the ideas as you are directed to do. **You are not asked to judge them at all.** You are asked only to use them. It is their use that will give them meaning to you, and will show you that they are true. Remember only this; **you need not believe the ideas, you need not accept them, and you need not even welcome them. Some of them you may actively resist.** None of this will matter, or decrease their efficiency. But do not allow yourself to make exceptions in applying the ideas the workbook contains, and whatever your reactions to the ideas may be, use them. Nothing more than that is required,” Workbook pgs 1-2.

Here the blatant grasping of human mind by this Superior Mind is so clearly described I am astounded that any human being would submit to such insane requests. He states unequivocally that he will introduce concepts into their minds which they will not welcome and will actively resist, but this does not matter. He is after one thing: control of their minds for a purpose which they would, as normal human beings, actively resist. He has a purpose for them which is beyond the bounds of natural human behavior. They should not decide for themselves.

The Sanctity of Human Mind

On all the evolutionary worlds of space nothing is more sacrosanct than human mind. Human mind is the arena in which mortal beings evaluate their problems, resolve their dilemmas, and make their decisions. Human mind is the realm in which personal choice and personal growth takes place.

These elements of human action are the bedrock of human worth. The purpose of the evolutionary worlds is to create human mortals and to give them opportunity to make their own decisions. In such manner they experience personal growth. This vital necessity is the criteria for opportunity to advance to more cosmic undertakings in the heavenly realms. Without decisions and without growth they could not prepare for those more demanding careers.

In order to preserve that context of growth it becomes crucially important that no spirit being interfere with free-will exercise. Human mortals must be left without interference by higher-order beings in that process.

And here lies the crux of the choice which faces us today. A rebellious spirit being has been left free on this planet to bring such interference — if human mortals so choose.

When a spiritist, a person seeking a spirit guide, or someone desiring to channel information from the spirit world, sits down and says, “Spirit, please talk with me,” then a spirit surely will do so. This irrevocable act opens that human mind to Spirit Entry. The devastating difficulty is that the human mortal cannot specify which spirit will enter because he does not know. He has opened his mind indiscriminately to all spirits.

The partner devastation is that only rebel spirits will enter human mind. Such spirits do not respect human mortals. Those spirits will employ any human mortal who makes himself available to them. Furthermore, those spirits have no other means to now exercise their power.

We have been positively informed of such matters. I repeat the quotation here because I feel it is so important.

Angels do not invade the sanctity of the human mind; they do not manipulate the will of mortals; neither do they directly contact with the indwelling Spirit of the Father. The guardian of destiny influences you in every possible manner consistent with the dignity of your personality; **under no circumstances do these angels interfere with the free action of the human will.** Neither angels nor any other order of universe personality have power or authority to curtail or abridge the prerogatives of human choosing. The Urantia Papers, Page 756.

The single most important attribute God gave us is our own choosing. Neither angels nor any other order of universe personality have power or authority to curtail or abridge the prerogatives of human choosing. Only through relinquishing of those prerogatives can that Superior Mind assume your choosings for you. If you give yourself to him he will enter your mind to take control of your choices. And he will use you for his insidious and deadly purposes.

All those human mortals who permitted spirit minds to enter their minds, all those spiritists and channelers, have sold themselves, truly, to the Devil. Helen Schucman was one of those. Wayne Dyer, a noted psychologist, supports such sordid and treacherous practices. By such process untold millions of human mortals will be lost to eternity. What a deadly cost for those human beings who advocate such philosophies and practices but who truly do not know what they are doing.

Are You Ego?

In ACIM the Superior Mind does not endow you with personality; he endows you with ego. The word personality occurs one time in ACIM. The word ego occurs 922 times.

Why does this Superior Mind call you an ego? As we all know ego is a bad thing. We commonly believe it is that part of us which is selfish. By identifying you as an ego the Superior Mind can denigrate your intrinsic worth as a divinely endowed personality. After he has you thinking you are worthless he can transform you into a being subject to his definition and his manipulation.

Consciousness, the level of perception, was the first split introduced into the mind after the separation, making the mind a perceiver rather than a creator. Consciousness is correctly identified as the domain of the ego. The ego is a wrong-minded attempt to perceive yourself as you wish to be, rather than as you are. Yet you can know yourself only as you are, because that is all you can be sure of. Everything else IS open to question. Text pg 37

The separation, of course, was the rebellion. But this Superior Mind cannot afford to identify it as the rebellion. He must transform history into delusion. Incredibly, according to this Superior Mind, consciousness was introduced at the time of the rebellion. Prior to that time human mortals did not have consciousness; they were creators, not perceivers.

Can any sane mind believe such insanity?

I certainly and deeply desire to be a maturing son of my heavenly Father. That is what I wish to be. According to this teaching, when I mold my life to that goal, I engage myself in an ego exercise.

Consider the twisted concepts. The ego is the questioning aspect of the post-separation self, which is made rather than created. It is capable of asking questions but not of perceiving meaningful answers, because these would involve knowledge and cannot be perceived. The mind is therefore confused, because only One-mindedness can be without confusion. A separated or divided mind MUST be confused. It is necessarily uncertain about what it is. It has to be in conflict because it is out of accord with itself. This makes its aspects strangers to each other, and this is the essence of the fear-prone condition, in which attack is always possible. You have every reason to feel afraid as you perceive yourself. This is why you cannot escape from fear until you realize that you did not and could not create yourself. You can never make your misperceptions true, and your creation is beyond your own error. That is why you must eventually choose to heal the separation.

Do you really believe that you are incapable of perceiving meaningful answers? Is your mind confused because you have not given over your mind to that Superior Mind? Will you come into accord with yourself when you join that Mind?

You can speak from the spirit or from the ego, as you choose. If you speak from spirit you have chosen to 'Be still and know that I am God.' These words are inspired because they reflect knowledge. If you speak from the ego you are disclaiming knowledge instead of affirming it, and are thus dis-spiriting yourself. Do not embark on useless journeys,

because they are indeed in vain. The ego may desire them, but spirit cannot embark on them because it is forever unwilling to depart from its Foundation. Text pg 47.

What is this spirit? It is his spirit, the spirit of the Superior Mind. When you acquire his spirit, when 'you are still and know that he is God,' you become his. In his eyes, and for his purpose, any other journey is useless.

This "Holy Spirit" is the mechanism of miracles. He recognizes both God's creations and your illusions. He separates the true from the false by His ability to perceive totally rather than selectively. Text pg 3.

Thus the Superior Mind becomes the Holy Spirit and usurps your right of choice. He looks beyond your ego, to the center of your mind, where he enters when you give yourself to him.

The Superior Mind cannot give you human respect or dignity. The word respect, with that meaning, occurs six times in ACIM. The word dignity occurs one time. He regards you as, and teaches that you are, insane. The word insane occurs 195 times in ACIM; the word insanity 65 times.

Consider how much vigilance you have been willing to exert to protect your ego, and how little to protect your right mind. Who but the insane would undertake to believe what is not true, and then protect this belief at the cost of truth? Text pg 56.

The Atonement

What is the purpose of this Superior Mind? He has a plan; he is going to create Miracles; he is going to bring the Atonement. He will employ all his human servants to the most devastating personal actions this world has ever seen.

"The forgiven are the means of the Atonement. Being filled with spirit, they forgive in return. Those who are released must join in releasing their brothers, for this is the plan of the Atonement. Miracles are the way in which minds that serve the Holy Spirit unite with me for the salvation or release of all of God's creations." Text pg 7.

The forgiven here are his human agents. They have been released by this Superior Mind from their illusions; now they must release in turn. They must release their brothers and sisters. This is the plan of the Atonement. He will do this through Miracles.

But what is the plan? How will the release be wrought?

"Atonement is for all, because it is the way to undo the belief that anything is for you alone. To forgive is to overlook. Look, then, beyond error and do not let your perception rest upon it, for you will believe what your perception holds. Accept as true only what your brother is, if you would know yourself. Perceive what he is not and you cannot know

what you are, because you see him falsely. Remember always that your identity is shared, and that its sharing is its reality. **You have a part to play in the Atonement, but the plan of the Atonement is beyond you.** You do not understand how to overlook errors, or you would not make them. It would merely be further error to believe either that you do not make them, or that you can correct them without a Guide to correction. And if you do not follow this Guide, your errors will not be corrected. **The plan is not yours** because of your limited ideas about what you are. This sense of limitation is where all errors arise. The way to undo them, therefore, is not OF you but FOR you." Text pgs 156-157.

Here the Superior Mind states explicitly that the plan is beyond those who give themselves to him. Therefore, he does not reveal that plan.

Contrast such teaching with Jesus' plan of personal salvation, and the criteria explicitly described for our entry into the kingdom of heaven.

Because his followers are not adequate to knowledge of the plan, they cannot voluntarily execute the steps of such plan, nor arrange their lives to help fulfill that plan. They must become robotic slaves to execution of his plan.

"Miracles are habits, and should be involuntary. They should not be under conscious control. Consciously selected miracles can be misguided," Text pg 1.

And what will he do with these miracles? He will bring the Atonement, the mechanism by which he will get even with God. He will make God atone for the judgment brought against him. He will bring release of God's people by murdering them. They then will go directly to heaven, and no longer be a burden on this world.

"I am the only one who can perform miracles indiscriminately, because I am the Atonement. You have a role in the Atonement **which I will dictate to you.** Ask me which miracles you should perform. This spares you needless effort, because **you will be acting under direct communication.** The impersonal nature of the miracle is an essential ingredient, because it enables me to **direct its application,** and **under my guidance** miracles lead to the highly personal experience of revelation. A guide does not control but he does direct, leaving it up to you to follow. 'Lead us not into temptation' means 'Recognize your errors and choose to abandon them by following my guidance,' Text pg 7.

"Miracles are part of an interlocking chain of forgiveness which, when completed, is the Atonement." Text, pg 1.

As I studied the *Text* it becomes glaringly obvious that the Superior Mind is after one goal and one goal only: execution of his plan through control of human mind.

His Purpose Is Murder

Incredible as it may seem the purpose of the Superior Mind is murder. He stated so explicitly. How many times does that word occur in ACIM? Thirty-nine.

Accept the dream He gave instead of yours. It is not difficult to change a dream when once the dreamer has been recognized. Rest in the Holy Spirit, and allow His gentle dreams to take the place of those you dreamed in terror and in fear of death. He brings forgiving dreams, in which the choice is not who is the murderer and who shall be the victim. In the dreams He brings there is no murder and there is no death. The dream of guilt is fading from your sight, although your eyes are closed. A smile has come to lighten up your sleeping face. The sleep is peaceful now, for these are happy dreams. Text 542.

If reality is a dream, an illusion, he can substitute his dream. If you rest in his Spirit he will bring you gentle dreams to take the place of those you thought you saw in the world as you perceived it. Then there is no choice as to the murderer and the victim; they do not exist. Now there is no murder and there is no death. He has taken you out of the world of true reality to place you in his world of true illusion. In this manner the dream of guilt fades from the sight of the murderers.

How will he do it? First, by preparing you psychologically, by altering your perception of reality. Then he will strip your mind by giving you his SPIRIT, and his light.

Miracles enable you to heal the sick and raise the dead because you made sickness and death yourself, and can therefore abolish both. You are a miracle, capable of creating in the likeness of your Creator. Everything else is your own nightmare, and does not exist. Only the creations of light are real. Text pg 2.

Would you like to create in the likeness of this Creator? Anything else is your own nightmare. Your life of world reality does not exist when you give yourself to him. He takes you into his reality, into the greatest nightmare of all time. And your deluded mind will stumble over it.

Do you have a twinge of fear that everything is not right? Never mind, he has a fix for that also.

All fear is ultimately reducible to the basic misperception that you have the ability to usurp the power of God. Of course, you neither can nor have been able to do this. Here is the real basis for your escape from

fear. The escape is brought about by your acceptance of the Atonement, which enables you to realize that your errors never really occurred. Only after the deep sleep fell upon Adam could he experience nightmares. If a light is suddenly turned on while someone is dreaming a fearful dream, he may initially interpret the light itself as part of his dream and be afraid of it. However, when he awakens, the light is correctly perceived as the release from the dream, which is then no longer accorded reality. This release does not depend on illusions. The knowledge that illuminates not only sets you free, but also shows you clearly that you ARE free. Text pg 15.

He will direct his people to reach right into the Altar, the literal heart of his victims who no longer are victims.

The Atonement can be accepted within you only by the releasing of the inner light. Since the separation, defenses have been used almost entirely to defend AGAINST the Atonement, and thus maintain the separation. This is generally seen as a need to protect the body. The many body fantasies in which minds engage arise from the distorted belief that the body can be used as a means for attaining 'atonement.' Perceiving the body as a temple is only the first step in correcting this distortion, because it alters only part of it. It DOES recognize that Atonement in physical terms is impossible. The next step, however, is to realize that a temple is not a structure at all. Its true holiness lies at the inner altar around which the structure is built. The emphasis on beautiful structures is a sign of the fear of Atonement, and an unwillingness to reach the altar itself. The real beauty of the temple cannot be seen with the physical eye. Spiritual sight, on the other hand, cannot see the structure at all because it is perfect vision. It can, however, see the altar with perfect clarity. Text pgs 17-18.

The Devil's Bible

The devastating impact of the acts of the Devil's agents upon their personal psychology is impossible to estimate. It may run the gamut from suicide to bliss. In order to salvage a semblance of psychological order out of his murderous rampages he needs a vehicle to offer succor to those agents. He also needs a theology by which they can justify their acts. ACIM is designed to do that. When they return to their homes from their errands, as they clean their weapons, as they wash their clothes, and as they take their showers, they will have reminders of their acts. If he is to preserve them for another errand he needs some means to hold them until his deadly service is done.

I offer selections from ACIM to demonstrate the truly insidious nature of this deadly work — when viewed from the perspective of its true purpose.

The communication link that God Himself placed within you, joining your mind with His, cannot be broken. You may believe you want it broken, and this belief does interfere with the deep peace in which the sweet and constant communication God would share with you is known. Yet His channels of reaching out cannot be wholly closed and separated from Him. Peace will be yours because His peace still flows to you from Him Whose Will is peace. You have it now. The Holy Spirit will teach you how to use it, and by extending it, to learn that it is in you. God willed you Heaven, and will always will you nothing else. The Holy Spirit knows only of His Will. There is no chance that Heaven will not be yours, for God is sure, and what He wills is as sure as He is. You will learn salvation because you will learn how to save. It will not be possible to exempt yourself from what the Holy Spirit wants to teach you. Salvation is as sure as God. His certainty suffices. Learn that even the darkest nightmare that disturbs the mind of God's sleeping Son holds no power over him. He will learn the lesson of awaking. For God watches over him and light surrounds him. Can God's Son lose himself in dreams, when God has placed within him the glad call to waken and be glad? He cannot separate himself from what is in him. His sleep will not withstand the call to wake. The mission of redemption will be fulfilled as surely as the creation will remain unchanged throughout eternity. You do not have to know that Heaven is yours to make it so. It IS so. Yet to know it, the Will of God must be accepted as your will. Text pg 250.

My mind will always be like yours, because we were created as equals. It was only my decision that gave me all power in Heaven and earth. My only gift to you is to help you make the same decision. This decision is the choice to share it, because the decision itself is the decision to share. It is made by giving, and is therefore the one choice that resembles true creation. I am your model for decision. By deciding for God I showed you that the decision can be made, and that you can make it. Text 70-71.

O my child, if you know what God wills for you, your joy would be complete! And what He wills has happened, for it was always true. When the light comes and you have said, God's Will is mine, you will see such beauty that you will know it is not of you. Out of your joy you will create beauty in His Name, for your joy could not more be contained than His. The bleak little world will vanish into nothingness, and your heart will be so filled with joy that it will leap into Heaven, and into the Presence of God. I cannot tell you what this will be like, for your heart is not ready. Yet I can tell you, and remind you often, that what God wills for Himself He wills for you, and what He wills for you is yours. Text 184-185.

This is a very simple course. Perhaps you do not feel you need a course which, in the end, teaches that only reality is true. But do you believe it? When you perceive the real world, you will recognize that you did not believe it. Yet the swiftness with which your new and only real perception will be translated into knowledge will leave you but an instant to realize that this alone is true. And then everything you made will be forgotten; the good and the bad, the false and the true. For as Heaven and earth become one, even the real world will vanish from your sight. The end of the world is not its destruction, but its translation into Heaven. The reinterpretation of the world is the transfer of all perception to knowledge. Text 195-196.

The Atonement has always been interpreted as the release from guilt, and this is correct if it is understood. Yet even when I interpret it for you, you may reject it and do not accept it for yourself. You have perhaps recognized the futility of the ego and its offerings, but though you do not want them, you may not yet look upon the alternative with gladness. In the extreme, you are afraid of redemption and you believe it will kill you. Make no mistake about the depth of this fear. For you believe that, in the presence of truth, you might turn on yourself and destroy yourself. Little child, this is not so. Your 'guilty secret' is nothing, and if you will but bring it to the light, the Light will dispel it. And then no dark cloud will remain between you and the remembrance of your Father, for you will remember His guiltless Son, who did not die because he is immortal. And you will see that you were redeemed with him, and have never been separated from him. In this understanding lies your remembering, for it is the recognition of love without fear. There will be great joy in Heaven on your homecoming, and the joy will be yours. For the redeemed son of man is the guiltless Son of God, and to recognize him IS your redemption. Text 224-225.

This is the miracle of creation; THAT IT IS ONE FOREVER. Every miracle you offer to the Son of God is but the true perception of one aspect of the whole. Though every aspect is the whole, you cannot know this until you see that every aspect is the same, perceived in the light and therefore one. Everyone seen without the past thus brings you nearer to the end of time by bringing healed and healing sight into the darkness, and enabling the world to see. For light must come into the darkened world to make Christ's vision possible even here. Help Him to give His gift of light to all who think they wander in the darkness, and let Him gather them into His quiet sight that makes them one. Text 241.

As miracles in this world join you to your brothers, so do your creations establish your fatherhood in Heaven. You are the witnesses to the Fatherhood of God, and He has given you the power to create the witnesses to your fatherhood in Heaven. The miracle that God created is perfect, as are the miracles that you establish in His Name. They need no healing, nor do you, when you accept them. Yet in this world your perfection is unwitnessed. God knows it, but you do not, and so you do not share His witness to it. Nor do you witness unto Him, for reality is witnessed to as one. God waits your witness to His Son and to Himself. The miracles you do on earth are lifted up to Heaven and to Him. They witness to what you do not know, and as they reach the gates of Heaven, God will open them. For never would He leave His Own beloved Son outside them, and beyond Himself. Text 242.

Before a holy relationship there is no sin. The form of error is no longer seen, and reason, joined with love, looks quietly on all confusion, observing merely, 'This was a mistake.' And then the same Atonement you accepted in your relationship corrects the error, and lays a part of Heaven in its place. How blessed are you who let this gift be given! Each part of Heaven that you bring is given you. And every place in Heaven that you will fill again with the Eternal Light you bring, shines now on you. The means of sinlessness can know no fear because they carry only love with them. Child of peace, the light HAS come to you. The light you bring you do not recognize, and yet you will remember. Who can deny himself the vision that he brings to others? And who would fail to recognize a gift he let be laid in Heaven through himself? The gentle service that you give the Holy Spirit is service to yourself. You who are now His means must love all that He loves. And what you bring is your remembrance of everything that is eternal. No trace of anything in time can long remain in minds that serve the timeless. And no illusion can disturb the peace of a relationship that has become the means of peace. Text 448.

And that is what the coming great spiritual struggle is all about. God is going to find out who are his true children. What a terrible price we all shall pay.