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Sometimes I am thoroughly convinced that we are powerful spiritual creators who have been "turned loose" to create what we want. I like this idea. I see myself awakening to being a wonderful nurturer, a planter of seeds of new thought, a spiritual being who can actually create new life forms. I see myself as being an individual.

At other times I don't want to be independent at all. I just want to be enveloped in the pure energy of my Creator. I have had experiences of being flooded with light, like floating in the Aurora Borealis, which have given me some sense of the magnificent energy of our Creator, and of our oneness with that energy. At these times I've had feelings of total security, joy, harmony, and peace. There are times when that feeling is all I want.

I see myself as not needing to be an individual at all. I don't care about my individual identity. I see that together we are the same loving consciousness, without the need for individuality.

Those seem to be the two extremes of my perception of myself; independent individual or dissolved into oneness with my Creator and all of life. While I imagine these two extremes occasionally, most of the time I imagine myself somewhere between those two extremes, on a continuum of independence versus dependence. Perhaps the correct word for this middle ground is interdependence. In this middle ground I see myself as an individualized member of a community of spiritual beings. I am in a community of co-creators who are forever committed to helping each other, and serving the creative function our Creator gave us. At times this circle includes just my guides, angels, and past-life parts of my soul. At other times, this circle includes all of humanity, joined together as individualized aspects of the same divine consciousness. We share the consciousness, but we each have our own particular individualized frequency of vibra-

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tion as well. In this model, I am balanced between being one with the circle and being an individual.

Thus, my thoughts of who I really am spiritually range on a continuum from:

a freely creating individual, but aware of my creator, having only my own individual consciousness, creating in love, and thus multiplying the pure energy of my Creator,

to

an individualized aspect of a common consciousness, sharing a common loving consciousness with others and my Creator, as a community, multiplying the energy of each other and our Creator, but reaching out individually from that consciousness as the rays of the sun from the central light,

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total oneness with the thoughts and actions of my Creator, living totally within the pure love energy of my Creator, serving as needed, sustained completely by the thoughts of my Creator, and desiring no individuality.

My fluctuation along this continuum from independence to interdependence to dependence, influences how I look at my actions in the physical world, how I view my spiritual experiences, what I want to awaken to, and what could be the process for awakening. For example, I sometimes view myself as a powerful spiritual being who can create whatever he wants, when acting from love. Thus, when I ask for spiritual help, I am asking only my True Self. While I recognize and appreciate the help of guides and angels, I see that my goal is to be independent—to be able to create a loving reality here through reliance on my True Self. I do not deny my Creator nor my spiritual helpers, but my goal is to be a freely creating individual True Self; to be the complete sphere, not just the shape that is limited to Flatland.

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At other times I ask help only from my angels and guides, or from Jesus or Mary. I am overjoyed to receive this help from my spiritual helpers, and marvel at the way coincidences line up perfectly to bring me what I need to awaken, even though the process seems so slow at times. I accept this help the way a member of a family of friends accepts

help. I see myself as representing that family here on earth, as we jointly try to raise the consciousness of all humanity. But in this process, I do not see myself as independent and free as when I rely on only my True Self for the creating.

At other times, I pray to my Creator for everything I need. While I realize that spiritual helpers may be used by my Creator in the process, I rely completely on the grace of my Creator. I am content to let my Creator take over and give me whatever is necessary for my spiritual and physical health. I surrender my own thoughts, asking only for the thoughts of my Creator to fill my mind.

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I can identify with all of these points on the continuum at different times. Sometimes this fluctuation bothers me. Sometimes I feel deeply uncomfortable when I think of oneness with my Creator, because it may mean the loss of my individuality. At other times, this thought brings me peace. Have I identified myself with my ego in the first case, and with my True Self in the second? Which is the correct approach?

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Perhaps both approaches are correct, if they both are based on the premise that we are the gift of our Creator. Perhaps there is a place for some of the independent flavor of the ego, if the goal is still to create only love. Perhaps my movement along the continuum now, in this physical plane, indicates the movement we experience in spiritual dimensions. Perhaps we can lose our identity from time to time in the energy of our Creator, and at other times branch out in individuality to create what we wish. Or, perhaps we can choose to stay eternally in one place on the continuum of love, if we wish. Maybe my wavering from one end of the continuum to the other is really just a symptom of the gift our Creator has given us—the freedom to choose.

As long as my goal is to produce love energy, I believe that any point I choose on the continuum is fine. It is acceptable to envelop myself totally in my Creator for awhile, to be a person who doesn't affect the pure love energy of the universe in any way. There is a role for me. Thank goodness there are those who chose that role, for they are the spheres which helped remove the others from

negativity in Flatland. And perhaps they are the guides who help us constantly.

If on the other hand I decide to be an adventurer, to be more independent of my Creator, to be an expander of the creation, that is an acceptable role, too. I can choose to be an adventurer who acts independently, or one who works in a team. Of course, when I am awakened I will always realize that I am sustained by the same pure love energy as everyone else, whether I act "freely and independently" or not.

I'm wondering if this idea of different roles might be what Jesus meant when he said that there are many mansions in our Creator's house. The mansions, or modes of acting, are all equally acceptable, even if the adventurers sometimes get carried away a little, as we have done in our earth experience. Maybe that risk just "comes with the territory," and everyone, including our Creator, knows that is the chance we take. There is no judgment of us by our Creator; just help for us to correct our mistake.

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wrong for surrendering personal individuality. That can be a point of loving service on the continuum, and it is a pathway to awakening which will succeed. This person chooses to look for the security, safety, and love found in total reliance on the Creator, or on the messengers of the Creator, and is willing to give up all individuality.

The person who thinks that he or she should consciously take charge of the spiritual awakening by visualizing light being sent to people, searching for the unlimited freedom of creative love inside, or acknowledging the divinity in each person, also chooses a path that is helpful for our awakening. That person explores, investigates, and questions, while at the same time keeping in mind the goal of awakening to loving service.

The person who is somewhere between these two ends of the continuum, being an individualized aspect of the one community of Spirit, also aids our awakening. That person is an adventurer who knows the value of a community of support here on earth and spiritually; that person branches out, then comes back to the community for support, like a bird that darts out from the

flock in flight, and then moves back to be part of the group again.

Freedom is a gift from our Creator. We can freely choose where we want to be on the continuum now, and after we are fully awakened to who we are. We can move about from one end to the other with ease, enjoying the benefits of any of the infinite positions. The desire for freedom seems to be ingrained in each and every person, whether it be political, economic, or religious freedom. Maybe this desire is a direct reflection of the gift of "freedom on the continuum" which our Creator gave to us.

If we can stay close to our Creator, why do we branch out as adventurers? Perhaps our Creator has asked us to multiply love energy because that is how our Creator and we are sustained. That is the food we need. Maybe the task offered to us is to "go and multiply" the love energy, expand that energy in the universe. In our current physical condition, most of us aren't creating love energy to our full potential. We are creating a lot of fear energy, or perhaps more accurately, transforming our love energy into a lower vibration called fear. Perhaps our

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power is that we are spiritual transformers. It is as if we take in energy and do with it what we please; leaving the energy at the same level, lowering it, or raising it to the higher vibration level of our Creator.

I think our Creator recognizes only energy at the same pure vibration level as our Creator. Thus, when we transform that pure energy into a lower vibration energy, of fear or negativity, we make a form which our Creator cannot even recognize. That lower level of vibration is out of our Creator's realm of perception. Our Creator cannot detect a lower vibration level, because it doesn't exist; it is an illusion, a dream. Maybe that is another way of saying that "Our Creator forgives our sins." Perhaps our Creator does not even perceive them—does not think "Tom sinned by getting angry at Jane, but I forgive him." The energy that Tom creates by transforming love energy into a lesser vibration of negative energy is not even real to our Creator. Thus it is correct to say that Tom creates an illusion or a dream when he gets angry. The anger certainly seems real to Jane, but it isn't to our Creator. Under this

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analysis, forgiveness becomes just seeing only the light in a person, and not recognizing the negative aspects.

The spheres who dreamed up Flatland were those who chose to be on the more adventurous point on the continuum—the point where individuality plays a larger role, and the ego model comes in to say, “Get out there and act. You are powerful.” That attitude worked well as long as the connection was kept to the other spheres, and to the Creator. The spheres in Flatland initially transformed their Creator’s high vibration into new manifestations of equally high vibration.

The earth is a free-will planet, where adventurers have congregated to create what they wish. We started out to transform energy into pure love energy. And then, as we somehow lost consciousness of that pure love energy, our transformers malfunctioned. Our consciousness spiraled into memory loss. We couldn’t take in enough pure love energy to multiply that energy because the negative field that built up around us prevented the higher vibration from sustaining us in our original form.

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According to this hypothesis, we humans here on earth aren't sinners, but instead the more adventurous and "independence seeking" of the community of spiritual beings. By taking chances, we have put ourselves in a bit of a jam. Those who stay out of this negativity can now help us come out. They are our guides and angels. But the awakening can't occur until the negative fear energy that surrounds us is transformed into a higher vibration of energy that looks more like the pure love energy we truly are. I believe we are now getting a massive influx of high-vibration energy to help us transform the fear into love.

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she has had to content herself with a lower vibration level of energy, so that we can continue to live here. The earth is a transformer just as we are, but she cannot send as much pure loving energy back to our Creator as she receives because we drain her. We keep her from the role she wants to perform. Perhaps it is time for her to retain more of her pure energy herself, to grow into the loving transformer she was intended to be. She must move to a higher vibration level, and we are asked to raise our individual and collective vibration levels to join her on this path toward our true function. We have the freedom to decide whether to go along with her now or not.