

Course 7 Module 3 Lesson 2

"I See No Neutral Things"

Link to Lesson 17 in A Course In Miracles http://www.acim.org/Lessons/lesson.html?lesson=17

This idea is another step in the direction of identifying cause and effect as it really operates in the world. You see no neutral things because you have no neutral thoughts. It is always the thought that comes first, despite the temptation to believe that it is the other way around. This is not the way the world thinks, but you must learn that it is the way you think. If it were not so, perception would have no cause, and would itself be the cause of reality. In view of its highly variable nature, this is hardly likely.

In applying today's idea, say to yourself, with eyes open:

"I see no neutral things because I have no neutral thoughts."

Then look about you, resting your glance on each thing you note long enough to say:

"I do not see a neutral ____, because my thoughts about ____ are not neutral."

For example, you might say:

"I do not see a neutral wall, because my thoughts about walls are not neutral."

"I do not see a neutral body, because my thoughts about bodies are not neutral."

As usual, it is essential to make no distinctions between what you believe to be animate or inanimate; pleasant or unpleasant. Regardless of what you may believe, you do not see anything that is really alive or really joyous. That is because you are unaware as yet of any thought that is really true, and therefore really happy.

Three or four specific practice periods are recommended, and no less than three are required for maximum benefit, even if you experience resistance. However, if you do, the length of the practice period may be reduced to less than the minute or so that is otherwise recommended.



As your eyes look around the room stop and really see one thing.

Ask each thing you see these six questions and write them in the box:

- 1. What's your story?
- 2. You remind me of *when*
- 3. Who
- 4. Did or Didn't--- *say or do what*
- 5. And I feel (when I think about this now)
- 6. And my VERDICT about you (this thing) is . . .

ITEM		
Story		
When		
Who		
Say/Do		
I FEEL		
VERDICT		



Notes:

