

Lesson 212 • July 31

Central theme:

“I am not a body. I am free. For I am still as God created me.”

Review of:

(192) “I have a function God would have me fill.”

Practice instructions

See instructions in separate document.

Commentary

What is the function God has for me? Lesson 192, which this lesson reviews, told me that “forgiveness represents your function here” (W-pI.192:2:3). I need to be reminded of that. My function is not some particular career or occupation. The content is what matters; the form will shape itself to that content, based on the circumstances of my life. Forgiveness is the content. If I am asking myself what my occupation should be, or what direction my life should take, let me ask myself this question: How does forgiveness best take form in my life right now? Or better yet, let me ask the Holy Spirit that question.

An “occupation” is what occupies most of my life. How, in form, can I occupy most of my life with forgiveness? How can I best serve to look upon illusions and see them disappear? How can I best serve to assist myself, and others, to let go of all guilt? How can I best reflect love in this world?

I work as a writer (you may do something quite different—fill in as you please). But that occupation is not my function; it is only one means of *expressing* my function, which is forgiveness—the same function God has given to all of us. The form may change or disappear; my function remains unchanged. A few years ago I was working as a computer consultant because, at that time, I felt that was the best means I had of fulfilling my function. Then, the form changed. But not the content.

Let me not seek any function in terms of form. Let me always seek the content. It is the content of forgiveness, of reflecting love in this world and releasing from guilt, that will set me free from illusions. No form can do that, since every form is itself part of the illusion. So all that I seek, and all that I lay claim to as mine, is the function God gave me (the content) and not any occupation, or job, or situation.

I am not a body (a form). I am free. I am formless, and I am therefore not tied to form of any kind.