

1: Themes in The Kite Runner

CHAPTER 14 GUILT AND FORGIVENESS WE MUST DISCOVER WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR INSIDE NOT OUTSIDE OF OURSELVES We all have an inner peace we can learn to consciously access.

But as the one embraces all men whatever, so the other includes all righteous men; because as in the former case none can be a man without the carnal generation, so in the other class no one can be a righteous man without the spiritual generation; in both instances, therefore, there are many: For as by the disobedience of one man many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, that the offense might abound. But after he has said: It may therefore be correctly affirmed, that such infants as quit the body without being baptized will be involved in the mildest condemnation of all. That person, therefore, greatly deceives both himself and others, who teaches that they will not be involved in condemnation; whereas the apostle says: By the offense of one upon all persons to condemnation. Then there arose in men affections common to the brutes which are productive of shame, and which made man ashamed of his own nakedness. However many were the years they lived in their subsequent life, yet they began to die on the day when they received the law of death, because they kept verging towards old age. Thus, then, was fulfilled what God had spoken: In the day that you eat thereof, you shall surely die. Hence men are on the one hand born in the flesh liable to sin and death from the first Adam, and on the other hand are born again in baptism associated with the righteousness and eternal life of the second Adam; even as it is written in the book of Ecclesiasticus: Of the woman came the beginning of sin, and through her we all die. Whence also it is written: They, therefore, who say that the reason why infants are baptized, is, that they may have the remission of the sin which they have themselves committed in their life, not what they have derived from Adam, may be refuted without much difficulty. For whenever these persons shall have reflected within themselves a little, uninfluenced by any polemical spirit, on the absurdity of their statement, how unworthy it is, in fact, of serious discussion, they will at once change their opinion. They are themselves driven to adopt their opinion, if I am not mistaken, by their prejudice for some other theory; and it is because they feel themselves obliged to allow that sins are remitted to the baptized, and are unwilling to allow that the sin was derived from Adam which they admit to be remitted to infants, that they have been obliged to charge infancy itself with actual sin; as if by bringing this charge against infancy a man could become the more secure himself, when accused and unable to answer his assailant! However, let us, as I suggested, pass by such opponents as these; indeed, we require neither words nor quotations of Scripture to prove the sinlessness of infants, so far as their conduct in life is concerned; this life they spend, such is the recency of their birth, within their very selves, since it escapes the cognizance of human perception, which has no data or support whereon to sustain any controversy on the subject. But those persons raise a question, and appear to adduce an argument deserving of consideration and discussion, who say that new-born infants receive baptism not for the remission of sin, but that, since their procreation is not spiritual, they may be created in Christ, and become partakers of the kingdom of heaven, and by the same means children and heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ. And yet, when you ask them, whether those that are not baptized, and are not made joint-heirs with Christ and partakers of the kingdom of heaven, have at any rate the blessing of eternal life in the resurrection of the dead, they are extremely perplexed, and find no way out of their difficulty. For what Christian is there who would allow it to be said, that any one could attain to eternal salvation without being born again in Christ " [a result] which He meant to be effected through baptism, at the very time when such a sacrament was purposely instituted for regenerating in the hope of eternal salvation? Whence the apostle says: Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us by the laver of regeneration. But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. For Christ died for the ungodly. If they were hurt by no malady of original sin, how is it they are carried to the Physician Christ, for the express purpose of receiving the sacrament of eternal salvation, by the pious anxiety of those who run to Him? Why rather is it not said to them in the Church: Take hence these innocents: And let no one suppose that infants ought to be brought to baptism, on the ground that, as they are not sinners, so they are not righteous; how then

do some remind us that the Lord commends this tender age as meritorious; saying, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven? Even so, however, perhaps we must revert to the tenet which I mentioned just now, that infants ought to be baptized, because, although they are not sinners, they are yet not righteous. But when He had said: I came not to call the righteous, as if responding to this, Whom, then, did Thou come to call? Immediately He goes on to say: Therefore it follows, that, however righteous they may be, if also they are not sinners, He came not to call them, who said of Himself: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners. They therefore seem, not vainly only, but even wickedly to rush to the baptism of Him who does not invite them — an opinion which God forbid that we should entertain. He calls them, then, as a Physician who is not needed for those that are whole, but for those that are sick; and who came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Now, inasmuch as infants are not held bound by any sins of their own actual life, it is the guilt of original sin which is healed in them by the grace of Him who saves them by the laver of regeneration. Some one will say: How then are mere infants called to repentance? How can such as they repent of anything? The answer to this is: If they must not be called penitents because they have not the sense of repenting, neither must they be called believers, because they likewise have not the sense of believing. But if they are rightly called believers, because they in a certain sense profess faith by the words of their parents, why are they not also held to be before that penitents when they are shown to renounce the devil and this world by the profession again of the same parents? The whole of this is done in hope, in the strength of the sacrament and of the divine grace which the Lord has bestowed upon the Church. But yet who knows not that the baptized infant fails to be benefited from what he received as a little child, if on coming to years of reason he fails to believe and to abstain from unlawful desires? If, however, the infant departs from the present life after he has received baptism, the guilt in which he was involved by original sin being done away, he shall be made perfect in that light of truth, which, remaining unchangeable for evermore, illumines the justified in the presence of their Creator. But how novel and astonishing is such an assumption, as if there could possibly be salvation and eternal life without heirship with Christ, without the kingdom of heaven! Of course they have their refuge, whither to escape and hide themselves, because the Lord does not say, Unless a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot have life, but — he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you shall have no life in you. What answer to this can be adduced, unless it be by that obstinacy which ever resists the constancy of manifest truth? Will, however, any man be so bold as to say that this statement has no relation to infants, and that they can have life in them without partaking of His body and blood — on the ground that He does not say, Except one eat, but Except you eat; as if He were addressing those who were able to hear and to understand, which of course infants cannot do? But he who says this is inattentive; because, unless all are embraced in the statement, that without the body and the blood of the Son of man men cannot have life, it is to no purpose that even the elder age is solicitous of it. For if you attend to the mere words, and not to the meaning, of the Lord as He speaks, this passage may very well seem to have been spoken merely to the people whom He happened at the moment to be addressing; because He does not say, Except one eat; but Except you eat. What also becomes of the statement which He makes in the same context on this very point: The bread that I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world? Who indeed can doubt that in the term world all persons are indicated who enter the world by being born? For, as He says in another passage, The children of this world beget and are begotten. From all this it follows, that even for the life of infants was His flesh given, which He gave for the life of the world; and that even they will not have life if they eat not the flesh of the Son of man. Hence also that other statement: The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. He that believes in the Son has everlasting life; while he that believes not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him. In neither, say some, because, as they are not yet able to believe, so must they not be deemed unbelievers. This, however, the rule of the Church does not indicate, for it joins baptized infants to the number of the faithful. Now if they who are baptized are, by virtue of the excellence and administration of so great a sacrament, nevertheless reckoned in the number of the faithful, although by their own heart and mouth they do not literally perform what appertains to the action of faith and confession; surely they who have lacked the sacrament must be classed among those who do not believe in the Son, and therefore, if they shall depart this

life without this grace, they will have to encounter what is written concerning such "they shall not have life, but the wrath of God abides on them. Whence could this result to those who clearly have no sins of their own, if they are not held to be obnoxious to original sin? Now there is much significance in that He does not say, The wrath of God shall come upon him, but abides on him. The reason why this grace comes upon one man and not on another may be hidden, but it cannot be unjust. For is there unrighteousness with God? For it is not said in vain, Your judgments are a great deep. The profundity of this the apostle, as if with a feeling of dread, notices in that exclamation: O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! He had indeed previously pointed out the meaning of this marvellous depth, when he said: For God has concluded them all in unbelief, that He might have mercy upon all. How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out! For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counsellor? For of Him, and through Him, and in Him, are all things: Now those very persons, who think it unjust that infants which depart this life without the grace of Christ should be deprived not only of the kingdom of God, into which they themselves admit that none but such as are regenerated through baptism can enter, but also of eternal life and salvation " when they ask how it can be just that one man should be freed from original sin and another not, although the condition of both of them is the same, might answer their own question, in accordance with their own opinion of how it can be so frequently just and right that one should have baptism administered to him whereby to enter into the kingdom of God, and another not be so favoured, although the case of both is alike. For if the question disturbs him, why, of the two persons, who are both equally sinners by nature, the one is loosed from that bond, on whom baptism is conferred, and the other is not released, on whom such grace is not bestowed; why is he not similarly disturbed by the fact that of two persons, innocent by nature, one receives baptism, whereby he is able to enter into the kingdom of God, and the other does not receive it, so that he is incapable of approaching the kingdom of God? Suppose both were carried off, would not both enter the kingdom of heaven? And yet there is no unrighteousness with God. Perhaps, however, the now exploded and rejected opinion must be resumed, that souls which once sinned in their heavenly abode, descend by stages and degrees to bodies suited to their deserts, and, as a penalty for their previous life, are more or less tormented by corporeal chastisements. To this opinion Holy Scripture indeed presents a most manifest contradiction; for when recommending divine grace, it says: For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of Him that calls, it was said, The elder shall serve the younger. For whence does it come to pass that a person shall from his earliest boyhood show greater moderation, mental excellence, and temperance, and shall to a great extent conquer lust, shall hate avarice, detest luxury, and rise to a greater eminence and aptitude in the other virtues, and yet live in such a place as to be unable to hear the grace of Christ preached? Or how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? Where, I say, did they acquire diverse deserts? If they had indeed passed any part of their life in heaven, so as to be thrust down, or to sink down, to this world, and to tenant such bodily receptacles as are congruous to their own former life, then of course that man ought to be supposed to have led the better life previous to his present mortal body, who did not much deserve to be burdened with it, so as both to have a good disposition, and to be importuned by milder desires which he could easily overcome; and yet he did not deserve to have that grace preached to him whereby alone he could be delivered from the ruin of the second death. My anxiety, however, to bring this work to an end does not permit me to dwell longer on these topics. But on one point, which among many I have found to be a very strange one, I will not be silent. If we follow those persons who suppose that souls are oppressed with earthly bodies in a greater or a less degree of grossness, according to the deserts of the life which had been passed in celestial bodies previous to the assumption of the present one, who would not affirm that those had sinned previous to this life with a special amount of enormity, who deserve so to lose all mental light, that they are born with faculties akin to brute animals " who are I will not say most slow in intellect, for this is very commonly said of others also, but so silly as to make a show of their fatuity for the amusement of clever people, even with idiotic gestures, and whom the vulgar call, by a name, derived from the Greek, Moriones? And yet there was once a certain person of this class, who was so Christian, that although he was patient to the degree of strange folly with any amount of injury to himself, he was yet so

impatient of any insult to the name of Christ , or, in his own person, to the religion with which he was imbued, that he could never refrain, whenever his gay and clever audience proceeded to blaspheme the sacred name, as they sometimes would in order to provoke his patience, from pelting them with stones; and on these occasions he would show no favour even to persons of rank. How will they be able to attribute to him a previous life of so disgraceful a character that he deserved to be born an idiot, and at the same time of so highly meritorious a character as to entitle him to a preference in the award of the grace of Christ over many men of the acutest intellect? Let us therefore give in and yield our assent to the authority of Holy Scripture , which knows not how either to be deceived or to deceive; and as we do not believe that men as yet unborn have done any good or evil for raising a difference in their moral deserts, so let us by no means doubt that all men are under sin , which came into the world by one man and has passed through unto all men ; and from which nothing frees us but the grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ. For who would dare to say that Christ is not the Saviour and Redeemer of infants? But from what does He save them, if there is no malady of original sin within them? From what does He redeem them, if through their origin from the first man they are not sold under sin?

2: Riven's Guilt, Ireliia's Forgiveness Chapter 16, a league of legends fanfic | FanFiction

Guilt is good. Yes! Guilt actually encourages people to have more empathy for others, to take corrective action, and to improve themselves. Self-forgiveness following guilt is essential to esteem, which is key to enjoyment of life and relationships. Yet, for many, self-acceptance remains elusive.

Micchami Dukkadam and Kshamavani In Jainism , forgiveness is one of the main virtues that needs to be cultivated by the Jains. No private quarrel or dispute may be carried beyond samvatsari, and letters and telephone calls are made to the outstation friends and relatives asking their forgiveness. May I have friendship with all beings and enmity with none. In their daily prayers and samayika , Jains recite Iryavahi sutra seeking forgiveness from all creatures while involved in routine activities: I would like to confess my sinful acts committed while walking. I honour your permission. I desire to absolve myself of the sinful acts by confessing them. I seek forgiveness from all those living beings which I may have tortured while walking, coming and going, treading on living organism, seeds, green grass, dew drops, ant hills, moss, live water, live earth, spider web and others. I seek forgiveness from all these living beings, be they "one sensed, two sensed, three sensed, four sensed or five sensed. Which I may have kicked, covered with dust, rubbed with ground, collided with other, turned upside down, tormented, frightened, shifted from one place to another or killed and deprived them of their lives. By confessing may I be absolved of all these sins. By begging forgiveness he obtains happiness of mind; thereby he acquires a kind disposition towards all kinds of living beings; by this kind disposition he obtains purity of character and freedom from fear. They should forgive and ask forgiveness, appease and be appeased, and converse without restraint. Similar forgiveness practices were performed on islands throughout the South Pacific , including Samoa , Tahiti and New Zealand. Modern versions are performed within the family by a family elder, or by the individual alone. Popular recognition[edit] The need to forgive is widely recognized by the public, but they are often at a loss for ways to accomplish it. However, not even regular prayer was found to be effective. Akin to forgiveness is mercy , so even if a person is not able to complete the forgiveness process they can still show mercy, especially when so many wrongs are done out of weakness rather than malice. The Gallup poll revealed that the only thing that was effective was " meditative prayer ". Stories of Justice and Forgiveness When two individuals are able to forgive each other it results in a long happy marriage. When does forgiveness usually accrue? Does it accrue before an argument or after an argument? Does forgiveness take a role when a person breaks a promise? The six components are: Also how the couple react to the situation based on their feelings and how they personally respond to the situation. Emphases on exploring the pain that the individual has experienced. The nature of forgiveness is discussed. Also the individual commits that they will try to forgive the spouse Work phase: Also couples tend to focus on who proves the other wrong which can cause more problems and can make the problem worse because it will make it harder to forgive one another. The researchers also came up with recommendation for practitioners and intervention to help individuals that are married on how to communicate with each other, how to resolve problems and how to make it easier to forgive each other. It encouraged forgiveness and made couples happier together. Forgiveness takes The different forms of forgiveness The danger in communicating in forgiveness That Perpetrators and victims have different perceptive context is important [64] Furthermore, the researchers thought of ways to further help married couples in the future and suggested that they should explore the following: The importance of seeking forgiveness Self-forgiveness The role of the sacred in marital forgiveness [64] Relationships are at the sentiment aspect of our lives; with our families at home and friends outside. Relationships interact in schools and universities, with work mates and, with colleagues at the workplace and in our diverse communities. In the article it states, the quality of these relationships determines our individual well-being, how well we learn, develop and function, our sense of connectedness with others and the health so society. What they came up with was most salient characteristics shared by students who were very content and showed positive life styles were the ones who "their strong ties to friends and family and commitment to spending time with them. What the study showed that people whom had good family relationship, they were able to carry out more positive outside relationships with friends.

Through the family relationship and friendships the character of the individual was built to forgive and learn from the experience in the family. It just goes to show that to have a good base at the start of a young age, will train the person to have good better well-being with outside interactions. As they thought to answer, she observed their reaction. She observed their blood pressure, heart rate, facial muscle tension, and sweat gland activity. To deliberate on an old misdemeanor is to practice unforgiveness. Pondering about their resents was stressful, and subjects found the rumination unpleasant. When they adept forgiveness, their physical stimulation glided downward. They showed no more of an anxiety reaction than normal wakefulness produces. This study investigates self-forgiveness for real hurts committed against the partner in a romantic relationship couples. For both males and females, the mistaken partners were more content with their romantic relationship to the extent that they had more positive and less negative sentiment and thoughts toward themselves. In the study when looking at the victimized partners were more gratified with the relationship when the offending partner had less negative sentiment and thoughts towards themselves. It concludes that self-forgiveness when in a relationship has positive impact on both the offending and victimized partner. Some researchers have taken a critical approach and have been less accepting of the forgiveness intervention approach to therapy. This can result in the individual feeling negatively towards themselves. It might inadvertently promote feelings of shame and contrition within the individual. Children[edit] There has been some research within the last decade outlining some studies that have looked at the effectiveness of forgiveness interventions on young children. There have also been several studies done studying this cross culturally. In this study, Hui and Chau looked at the relationship between forgiveness interventions and Chinese children who were less likely to forgive those who had wronged them. Some studies claim that there is no correlation, either positive or negative between forgiveness and physical health, and others show a positive correlation. In a study on relationships , regardless if someone was in a negative or positive relationship , their physical health seemed to be influenced at least partially by their level of forgiveness. This is due to the relationship between forgiveness and stress reduction. Forgiveness is seen as preventing poor physical health and managing poor physical health. This is theorized to be due to various direct and indirect influences of forgiveness, which point to forgiveness as an evolutionary trait. See Broaden and Build Theory. Reducing hostility which is inversely correlated with physical health , and the concept that unforgiveness may reduce the immune system because it puts stress on the individual. Indirect influences are more related to forgiveness as a personality trait and include: Unforgiveness is as an act of hostility, and forgiveness as an act of letting go of hostility. Heart patients who are treated with therapy that includes forgiveness to reduce hostility have improved cardiac health compared to those who are treated with medicine alone. This correlation applies to both self-forgiveness and other-forgiveness but is especially true of self-forgiveness. Individuals who are more capable of forgiving themselves have better perceived physical health.

3: Forgiveness - Wikipedia

Chapter Repentance Must Go With Forgiveness It is clear from the text which we have lately quoted that repentance is bound up with the forgiveness of sins. In Act_ we read that Jesus is "exalted to give repentance and forgiveness of sins."

The Three Steps of Forgiveness Musings: What if it has nothing to do with anything external? The Course reminds us: What if I could not really push Jesus or the Holy Spirit away and choose to be a make-believe separated self, even if I thought I wanted to? In the third step we simply experience peace through the Holy Spirit. He clears us of all our made-up pain from our belief in sin, guilt, and fear in the first two steps. The course does not aim at teaching the meaning of love, for that is beyond what can be taught. Here are some Course places that mention the three stepsâ€¦ The first one is the shortest but probably the most succinct: The first two steps in this process require your cooperation. The final one does not. Your images have already been replaced. By taking the first two steps, you will see that this is so. I call this seeing. I hold the past against everyone and everything, making them my enemies. There will be no past, and therefore no enemies. And I will look with love on all that I failed to see before. Step Three 3 WB les. The world I see attests to the fearful nature of the self-image I have made. As it is replaced by truth, vision will surely be given me. And with this vision, I will look upon the world and on myself with charity and love. Step Three 4 Text p. Step One I made the decision myself, but I can also decide otherwise. I want to decide otherwise, because I want to be at peace. Step Two I do not feel guilty, because the Holy Spirit will undo all the consequences of my wrong decision if I will let Him. I choose to let Him, by allowing Him to decide for God for me. Step Three 5 Text p. It depends on your mind, and as you made it the ego by believing in it, so you can dispel it by withdrawing belief from it. Do not project the responsibility for your belief in it the ego onto anyone else, or you will preserve the belief. But having accepted the errors as yours, do not keep them. What was projected out step one is seen within step two , and there forgiveness lets it disappear step three. For there the altar to the Son is set, and there his Father is remembered. Here are all illusions brought to truth and laid upon the altar. What is seen outside must lie beyond forgiveness, for it seems to be forever sinful. Where is hope while sin is seen as outside step one? What remedy can guilt expect? But seen within your mind, guilt and forgiveness for an instant lie together, side by side, upon one altar step two. There at last are sickness and its single remedy joined in one healing brightness step three. God has come to claim His Own. There are other references that we may find that will stand out more to each of usâ€¦ and when in doubt, ask Jesus for help to be lead somewhere in the Course he may want us to lookâ€¦ One, Two, Threeâ€¦ Another way of briefly describing the three steps of forgiveness is the followingâ€¦ What if the real source of my not feeling peaceful or happyâ€¦ is not something external in your behavior or even my own behaviorâ€¦ no matter how bad that behavior may seem. But the world has none to offer. All its roads but lead to disappointment, nothingness and death. Seek not escape from problems here. Be not deceived by all the different names its roads are given. They have but one end. And each is but the means to gain that end, for it is here that all its roads will lead, however differently they seem to start; however differently they seem to go. Their end is certain, for there is no choice among them. All of them will lead to death. On some you travel gaily for a while, before the bleakness enters. And on some the thorns are felt at once. The choice is not what will the ending be, but when it comes. Any questions call Tim or Lyn

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Comments "The Stuttgart Declaration of A Casy Study of Guilt, Forgiveness and Foreign Policy" is Chapter 15 from Trinity and Transformation: J. B. Torrance's Vision of Worship, Mission, and Society, edited by Todd Speidell,

Irelia sat in her office in the Placidium, it was just down the hall from Karma and the other Elders. She chewed nervously at the first knuckle of her index finger, she was sick of waiting for some news. She feared that Riven would manage to leave and never come back. The Captain jumped slightly at the knock on the door, she had been so lost in her own thoughts she forgot she was in her office. It was one of the messengers, carrying a letter. She picked it up, seeing the symbol in the corner, she ripped it open frantically. It was from one of the scouts she had sent out to find Riven; she had told them only to write if they found her. The scout continued to write to say that Riven looked exhausted as Irelia had asked for a status update if they could get close enough to give one. She left to inform Karma and a few other Elders that she would be leaving the Placidium and would return in roughly a week. It would give her three days to get there, a day to convince Riven to return and three days to return. She would write if anything changed. Irelia informed her second in command to take over the normal duties of her office, but to write to her if anything important came up while she was gone. It took her a few hours to gather her things but she left the Placidium, heading for the Navori villages on the outer edge of Ionia before dusk. It took Irelia two and a half days to reach the Navori villages; she only stopped when she decided to settle in for the night. Once she was there, she set up the agreed signal for the scout to come and find her. The scout responded to her signal within two hours. He bowed slightly at the sight of his superior. Around them, makeshift cemeteries were created to take care of the hundreds dead, most of them without real head stones or signifiers of any kind. There were too many killed for that. It was at one of these cemeteries that Riven was found. She stood at the end of a long line of freshly covered graves, staring at them. Irelia stepped forward, making it so that Riven could see her. Why did you leave? Was it something I did? I want you to leave. I need to bring you back to the Placidium. The test results Soraka was waiting on finally came back, you need a few more treatments first before you can recover properly. Just leave me be. Which is it, Riven? She removed her Commander's coat, flaunting that she was a Noxian in one of these towns would not be smart. Irelia paid for a room at the Inn, refusing to let Riven sleep on her own in case she decided to flee again. Neither the Noxian nor the Ionian felt the presence of the person watching from afar as they settled into their room. Once inside, Irelia locked the door, leaving her alone with Riven. What did I do that made you distrust me so much? She buried her face into her knees for a moment before looking up at the Captain to answer. You were going to use me like Noxus did. He had a point so I left. Not after what I did. I care for you, I want you to be with me. Was that what you meant by public service? I care too much now. But you need to be more honest. I think you should know that my last partnerâ€¦ She uhâ€¦ She died. She was a Commander in the military; I found her body after we lost a battle. It was a long time ago now but I thought I should tell you if we are being honest now. Your review has been posted.

5: "The Stuttgart Declaration of A Casy Study of Guilt, Forgiveness " by Roger Newell

Guilt says "I did something bad" and shame says "I am bad" - and both are lies from the devil! God loves you, no matter your past, and He sent Jesus to forgive all your sins. 15 You must learn, you must let God teach [].

At first, he cannot tell whether she is a human or a ghost. In fact, they are both ghosts of their former selves, and their chill hands and hesitant words reveal the strangeness of this meeting. Both Hester and Dimmesdale talk with each other about the past seven years, and Dimmesdale confesses his misery and unhappiness. He compares his silence with her public confession and realizes how his hidden guilt is tormenting him. This torture has led to insanity and "that eternal alienation from the Good and True, of which madness is perhaps the earthly type. The minister reacts to this revelation with anger at first, blaming her for his torture and realizing why he intuitively recoiled from Chillingworth on their first encounter. Dimmesdale, for his part, forgives her and asks God to forgive them both. He believes that Chillingworth is the worst sinner of them all because he "violated, in cold blood, the sanctity of the human heart," unlike he and she, who "never did so. While he falters, Hester encourages him, claiming that he can lead a powerful life for good and still fulfill his mission on earth. When the minister says he cannot do this alone, she tells him she will go with him. Analysis This chapter is pivotal in many respects: Also in this chapter, Hawthorne reveals his philosophy on punishment and forgiveness: In this way, Chillingworth is the worst of the three sinners. Finally, the author provides hope that his characters will find an escape, a way out of their earthly torment. He explores the conflict between natural law and Puritan law in their escape plans. During the past seven years Dimmesdale has been continually tormented by the dichotomy between what he is and what people believe him to be. His parishioners are "hungry for the truth" and listen to his words as if "a tongue of Pentecost were speaking! He bears his shame alone. While Hester tries to console the minister and persuade him that he has repented and left his sin behind, Dimmesdale knows that he can go no place without carrying his hidden guilt along. Hester realizes that she still loves Dimmesdale, and she courageously tells him this, even as she reveals her silence concerning Chillingworth. And whose place is it to provide redemption and forgiveness? While Hester believes they can outrun "these iron men" with their rules, guilt, and punishment, Dimmesdale is not so sure. Two forms of moral law are at work here – the laws of God and nature and the laws interpreted and written by "these iron men. Dimmesdale is reluctant to leave because he believes God has given him a post which he must not desert. Hawthorne shows the relative strengths of his characters in this argument. Hester reaches within herself and uses the strength and inner courage she has relied on over her seven long and lonely years. In fact, for Hester, "the whole seven years of outlaw and ignominy had been little other than a preparation for this very hour. Glossary misanthropy distrust or hatred of people.

Chapter Fixing guilt and family relations. The thing about silence, it gives you a lot of time to think. Overall, the carriage ride back to Canterlot was mostly quiet.

The Needless Sacrifice 1 Beyond the poor attraction of the special love relationship, and always obscured by it, is the powerful attraction of the Father for His Son. There is no other love that can satisfy you, because there is no other love. This is the only love that is fully given and fully returned. Being complete, it asks nothing. Being wholly pure, everyone joined in it has everything. This is not the basis for any relationship in which the ego enters. For every relationship on which the ego embarks is special. And it would keep the giver bound to itself through guilt. It is impossible for the ego to enter into any relationship without anger, for the ego believes that anger makes friends. This is not its statement, but it is its purpose. For the ego really believes that it can get and keep by making guilty. This is its one attraction; an attraction so weak that it would have no hold at all, except that no one recognizes it. For the ego always seems to attract through love, and has no attraction at all to anyone who perceives that it attracts through guilt. For having been made real to you, it is essential to look at it clearly, and by withdrawing your investment in it, to learn to let it go. No one would choose to let go what he believes has value. Yet the attraction of guilt has value to you only because you have not looked at what it is, and have judged it completely in the dark. As we bring it to light, your only question will be why it was you ever wanted it. You have nothing to lose by looking open-eyed, for ugliness such as this belongs not in your holy mind. This host of God can have no real investment here. The ego wishes no one well. Yet its survival depends on your belief that you are exempt from its evil intentions. It counsels, therefore, that if you are host to it, it will enable you to direct its anger outward, thus protecting you. And thus it embarks on an endless, unrewarding chain of special relationships, forged out of anger and dedicated to but one insane belief; that the more anger you invest outside yourself, the safer you become. For the chain of savagery belongs not around the chosen host of God, who cannot make himself host to the ego. In the name of his release, and in the Name of Him Who would release him, let us look more closely at the relationships the ego contrives, and let the Holy Spirit judge them truly. For it is certain that if you will look at them, you will offer them gladly to Him. What He can make of them you do not know, but you will become willing to find out, if you are willing first to perceive what you have made of them. The "sacrifice," which it regards as purification, is actually the root of its bitter resentment. For it would prefer to attack directly, and avoid delaying what it really wants. Yet the ego acknowledges "reality" as it sees it, and recognizes that no one could interpret direct attack as love. Yet to make guilty is direct attack, although it does not seem to be, For the guilty expect attack, and having asked for it they are attracted to it. For each one thinks that he has sacrificed something to the other, and hates him for it. Yet this is what he thinks he wants. He is not in love with the other at all. He merely believes he is in love with sacrifice. And for this sacrifice, which he demands of himself, he demands that the other accept the guilt and sacrifice himself as well. Forgiveness becomes impossible, for the ego believes that to forgive another is to lose him. It is only by attack without forgiveness that the ego can ensure the guilt that holds all its relationships together. For relationships, to the ego, mean only that bodies are together. It is always this that the ego demands, and it does not object where the mind goes or what it thinks, for this seems unimportant. As long as the body is there to receive its sacrifice, it is content. To the ego the mind is private, and only the body can be shared. Ideas are basically of no concern, except as they bring the body of another closer or farther. And it is in these terms that it evaluates ideas as good or bad. What makes another guilty and holds him through guilt is "good. And those who are united at its altar accept suffering and sacrifice as the price of union. In their angry alliances, born of the fear of loneliness and yet dedicated to the continuance of loneliness, each seeks relief from guilt by increasing it in the other. For each believes that this decreases guilt in him. The other seems always to be attacking and wounding him, perhaps in little ways, perhaps "unconsciously," yet never without demand of sacrifice. For what the ego really wants you do not realize. Anger takes many forms, but it cannot long deceive those who will learn that love brings no guilt at all, and what brings guilt cannot be love and must be anger. All anger is nothing more than an attempt to make

someone feel guilty, and this attempt is the only basis the ego accepts for special relationships. Guilt is the only need the ego has, and as long as you identify with it, guilt will remain attractive to you. Yet remember this; to be with a body is not communication. And if you think it is, you will feel guilty about communication and will be afraid to hear the Holy Spirit, recognizing in His Voice your own need to communicate. And how can He communicate with you, while you believe that to communicate is to make yourself alone? It is clearly insane to believe that by communicating you will be abandoned. And yet many do believe it. For they think their minds must be kept private or they will lose them, but if their bodies are together their minds remain their own. The union of bodies thus becomes the way in which they would keep minds apart. For bodies cannot forgive. They can only do as the mind directs. As long as you believe that to be with a body is companionship, you will be compelled to attempt to keep your brother in his body, held there by guilt. And you will see safety in guilt and danger in communication. For the ego will always teach that loneliness is solved by guilt, and that communication is the cause of loneliness. And despite the evident insanity of this lesson, many have learned it. And He will do so, for the power of God in Him and you is joined in a real relationship so holy and so strong, that it can overcome even this without fear. In the holy instant guilt holds no attraction, since communication has been restored. And guilt, whose only purpose is to disrupt communication, has no function here. Here there is no concealment, and no private thoughts. The willingness to communicate attracts communication to it, and overcomes loneliness completely. There is complete forgiveness here, for there is no desire to exclude anyone from your completion, in sudden recognition of the value of his part in it. In the protection of your wholeness, all are invited and made welcome. For your completion makes you His in your awareness. And here it is that you experience yourself as you were created, and as you are.

7: 2Timothy From Guilt to Forgiveness & more (Psalm)

Through love and forgiveness we can begin to lead the life we have always wanted. Learn how to heal relationships by releasing guilt and letting go of the fear that separates us. We deal with the basic spiritual principles used to find another way of looking at the world.

For most of the novel, Amir attempts to deal with his guilt by avoiding it. But doing this clearly does nothing toward redeeming himself, and thus his guilt endures. And Amir himself feels betrayed. But Baba has been dead for fifteen years, and there is nothing he can do about the situation. Neither feelings of betrayal nor punishment are enough to redeem Amir. Rescuing Sohrab from Assef is not enough either. Only when Amir decides to take Sohrab to the United States and provide his nephew a chance at happiness and prosperity that was denied to his half-brother does Amir take the necessary steps toward atonement and redemption. Forgiveness Ideas about forgiveness permeate *The Kite Runner*. Yet the person who speaks most poignantly about the nature of forgiveness is Rahim Khan. Rahim Khan understands that it is God who readily forgives those who ask for forgiveness, but it is people who have a hard time forgiving. Thus, the only way complete forgiveness can occur is when one forgives oneself, and that will only occur when one has truly attempted to atone for the mistakes that one has made. Love Every relationship in *The Kite Runner* is strained at one point or another, thus providing multiple examples of the complexity of various types of love. The two relationships thus demonstrate "albeit unknowingly to the characters" the nature of brotherly love, a love that includes jealousy and insecurity. Most of the characters are living a life that includes a personal quest for love. And most of them realize that both forgiveness and love of self are necessary before you are able to love another. The socioeconomic differences are also explored in the United States, as Baba and many other immigrants give up lives of relative prosperity and security for manual labor and little pay. In addition to the differences between Muslim sects, *The Kite Runner* also alludes to the differences between European and Western Christian cultures on the one hand, and the culture of the Middle East on the other. And the conservative Taliban, which outlaws many customs and traditions, also demonstrates the differences within the same religious groups. The Immigrant Experience *The Kite Runner* effectively demonstrates that the difficulty of the immigrant experience begins when one attempts to leave his homeland. Baba and Amir are among many Afghans who struggle to leave "under cover of night, unsure of the next passage, taking calculated risks. Obviously, some immigrants die before they even reach their new homes. In addition to the difficulties of their lives in a new country, the immigrants also have to deal with the perception of them among those who stayed behind. Amir realizes this when he returns to Afghanistan. Finally, the adjustment to a new country is not just about learning a new language; it is about maintaining traditions and some semblance of your own culture. Baba loses his status and still has his old world prejudices, thus demonstrating the precarious balance between old and new. Soraya and her mother also demonstrate the difficult role women have balancing the expectations of an old world culture with the new world in which they are living.

Chapter Ireliã sat in her office in the Placidium, it was just down the hall from Karma and the other Elders. She chewed nervously at the first knuckle of her index finger, she was sick of waiting for some news.

All of us need it. I have read the scriptures, and I know the consequences. I know that I am damned and can never be forgiven, and therefore why should I try now to repent? You do not know the power of God nor his goodness. You can be forgiven for this heinous sin, but it will take much sincere repentance to accomplish it. Continuing to instruct her, he saw hope awaken in her until finally she exclaimed: I shall really repent and wash my filthy garments in the blood of the Lamb and obtain that forgiveness. Kimball The miracle of forgiveness brings peace and helps us grow closer to God. There is a glorious miracle awaiting every soul who is prepared to change. Repentance and forgiveness make a brilliant day of the darkest night. When souls are reborn, when lives are changed—then comes the great miracle to beautify and warm and lift. When spiritual death has threatened and now instead there is resuscitation, when life pushes out death—when this happens it is the miracle of miracles. And such great miracles will never cease so long as there is one person who applies the redeeming power of the Savior and his own good works to bring about his rebirth. In a world of turmoil and contention this is indeed a priceless gift. Necessarily peace is a personal acquisition. For Church members this is the essence of their preparation, their readiness to meet the Savior when he comes. They will be partakers of the blessing the Savior promised to his apostles: Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Those who heed the call, whether members or nonmembers of the Church, can be partakers of the miracle of forgiveness. God will wipe away from their eyes the tears of anguish, and remorse, and consternation, and fear, and guilt. Dry eyes will replace the wet ones, and smiles of satisfaction will replace the worried, anxious look. Those laden with transgressions and sorrows and sin may be forgiven and cleansed and purified if they will return to their Lord, learn of him, and keep his commandments. And all of us needing to repent of day-to-day follies and weaknesses can likewise share in this miracle. To the prophets the term unclean in this context means what it means to God. To man the word may be relative in meaning—one minute speck of dirt does not make a white shirt or dress unclean, for example. But to God who is perfection, cleanliness means moral and personal cleanliness. Less than that is, in one degree or another, uncleanness and hence cannot dwell with God. Were it not for the blessed gifts of repentance and forgiveness this would be a hopeless situation for man, since no one except the Master has ever lived sinless on the earth. But when most of us think of repentance we tend to narrow our vision and view it as good only for our husbands, our wives, our parents, our children, our neighbors, our friends, the world—anyone and everyone except ourselves. Similarly there is a prevalent, perhaps subconscious, feeling that the Lord designed repentance only for those who commit murder or adultery or theft or other heinous crimes. This is of course not so. If we are humble and desirous of living the gospel we will come to think of repentance as applying to everything we do in life, whether it be spiritual or temporal in nature. Repentance is for every soul who has not yet reached perfection. It opens the door to happiness and peace and points the way to salvation in the kingdom of God. It unlocks the spirit of humility in the soul of man and makes him contrite of heart and submissive to the will of God. Every normal individual is responsible for the sins he commits, and would be similarly liable to the punishment attached to those broken laws. He took upon himself the punishment for the sins of all the world, with the understanding that those who repent and come unto him will be forgiven of their sins and freed from the punishment. Repentance is a kind and merciful law. It is far-reaching and all-inclusive. Every man must follow the same course whether he be rich or poor, educated or untrained, tall or short, prince or pauper, king or commoner. That first step is the turning point at which the sinner consciously recognizes his sin. This is the awakening, the conviction of guilt. Without this there can be no true repentance because there is no acknowledgement of sin. Alma tried to convey this to Corianton when he said: Often people indicate that they have repented when all they have done is to express regret for a wrong act. But true repentance is marked by that godly sorrow that changes, transforms, and saves. To be sorry is not enough. The plaster must be as wide as the sore. The fasting, the prayers, the humility must be equal to or greater than the sin. There must be a

broken heart and a contrite spirit. Of course, even the conviction of guilt is not enough. It could be devastating and destructive were it not accompanied by efforts to rid oneself of guilt. Accompanying the conviction, then, must be an earnest desire to clean up the guilt and compensate for the loss sustained through the error. This is abandonment of the sin. Providing that a person discontinues his sin with the right motivesâ€”because of a growing consciousness of the gravity of the sin and a willingness to comply with the laws of the Lordâ€”he is genuinely repenting. This criterion has been set by the Lord: In other words, it is not real repentance until one has abandoned the error of his way and started on a new path. True repentance prods one to action. One must not be surprised that effort is required, and not merely desire. After all, it is work which develops our moral as well as our physical muscles. He must make them. He may need to come to hate the spotted garments and loathe the sin. He must be certain not only that he has abandoned the sin but that he has changed the situations surrounding the sin. He should avoid the places and conditions and circumstances where the sin occurred, for these could most readily breed it again. He must abandon the people with whom the sin was committed. He may not hate the persons involved but he must avoid them and everything associated with the sin. He must eliminate anything which would stir the old memories. The man who leans heavily upon his Lord becomes the master of self and can accomplish anything he sets out to do, whether it be to secure the brass plates, build a ship, overcome a habit, or conquer a deep-seated transgression. The confession of sin is a necessary element in repentance and therefore in obtaining forgiveness. His shame often restrains him from making known his guilt and acknowledging his error. Sometimes his assumed lack of confidence in mortals to whom he should confess his sin justifies in his mind his keeping the secret locked in his own heart. The confession of his major sins to a proper Church authority is one of those requirements made by the Lord. These sins include adultery, fornication, other sexual transgressions, and other sins of comparable seriousness. This procedure of confession assures proper controls and protection for the Church and its people and sets the feet of the transgressor on the path of true repentance. Many offenders in their shame and pride have satisfied their consciences, temporarily at least, with a few silent prayers to the Lord and rationalized that this was sufficient confession of their sins. Such confession is a sign of growing repentance. The voluntary confession is infinitely more acceptable in the sight of the Lord than is forced admission, lacking humility, wrung from an individual by questioning when guilt is evident. Those of lesser gravity but which have offended othersâ€”marital differences, minor fits of anger, disagreements and suchâ€”should instead be confessed to the person or persons hurt and the matter should be cleared between the persons involved, normally without a reference to a Church authority. One lifts at least part of his burden and places it on other shoulders which are able and willing to help carry the load. Then there comes satisfaction in having taken another step in doing all that is possible to rid oneself of the burden of transgression. When a person has experienced the deep sorrow and humility induced by a conviction of sin; when he has cast off the sin and resolutely determined to abhor it henceforth; when he has humbly confessed his sin to God and to the proper persons on earthâ€”when these things are done there remains the requirement of restitution. He must restore that which he damaged, stole, or wronged. A thief or burglar may make partial restitution by returning that which was stolen. A liar may make the truth known and correct to some degree the damage done by the lie. A gossip who has slandered the character of another may make partial restitution through strenuous effort to restore the good name of the person he harmed. If by sin or carelessness the wrongdoer has destroyed property, he may restore or pay for it in full or in part. This is true also of wives and mothers. Likewise if children have wronged their parents, a part of their repentance must be to right those wrongs and to honor their parents. As a rule there are many things which a repentant soul can do to make amends. The true spirit of repentance demands that he who injures shall do everything in his power to right the wrong. And through it all we must remember that the pleading sinner, desiring to make restitution for his acts, must also forgive others of all offenses committed against him. The Lord will not forgive us unless our hearts are fully purged of all hate, bitterness and accusation against our fellowmen. In his preface to modern revelation, the Lord outlined what is one of the most difficult requirements in true repentance. For some it is the hardest part of repentance, because it puts one on guard for the remainder of his life. This scripture is most precise. Having gained that ground he then must live the commandments of the Lord to retain his vantage point. This is necessary to secure complete

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forgiveness. One can hardly do the commandments of the Lord in a day, a week, a month or a year. That transgressor is not fully repentant who neglects his tithing , misses his meetings, breaks the Sabbath, fails in his family prayers, does not sustain the authorities of the Church, breaks the Word of Wisdom , does not love the Lord nor his fellowmen.

9: Musings: The Three Steps of Forgiveness - School for A Course In Miracles

Newell, Roger, *"The Stuttgart Declaration of A Casy Study of Guilt, Forgiveness and Foreign Policy - Chapter 15 from "Trinity and Transformation: J. B. Torrance's Vision of Worship, Mission, and Society" ().*

This topic is just not talked about. Let's reduce shame for all, and look at ways to support the people who are suffering. Author of "Is That Me Yelling? I am becoming a fan quickly! I will read more on how you weave families into the process of recovery. Families are so often an after-thought. In my experience, the family is the number one vehicle to lasting change and stability. Loved One In Treatment? A thoughtful, well-researched, and highly accessible review of the neurobiology of addiction. Lisa Frederiksen captures this exciting and developing field of science with clarity, compassion and hope. In order to provide high quality treatment, education about the disease of addiction is crucial to clients and their families and friends. She has also given quality training on this subject to the staff of The Sequoia Center that enhanced the quality of treatment to our clients. No where is there any compilation of information Lisa provides with these two publications. Thank you Lisa for your work! You saved my life. Family Law Attorney Attending Presentation: Alcohol and Divorce I have spent some time on your website in the last couple of days. I learned so much. Family Member of an Addict in Treatment Thank you for all the work you have done in educating families about this disease. Spouse Oh thank you, thank you. As I read your words I actually felt weight leave my body. I lost my beautiful 34 year old son 27 months ago to heroin overdose. It felt like a 14 year battle for his very life—and we lost. Thank you for your devotion to this destruction of family.. Recovering Alcoholic If you are one of the 91 million Americans affected by secondhand drinking, you need to read this book. Just what is secondhand drinking? Know you cannot change a brain — therefore behaviors— of a person who is already showing drinking behaviors. The only thing you can do is to protect yourself. This book helps you to do just that. Sandy Swensen, Author of "The Joey Song" It was great to hear addiction reframed as a brain disease in a way that could be understood. Focusing not only on the addicted individual but on the family as well. Here are some of the written comments: Lisa Frederiksen — very good, new concepts, effective presentation. Saturday keynote — Excellent. I loved learning about SHD with Lisa! Lisa gave me the missing pieces of the puzzle that I knew always existed. Saturday keynote was very interesting and easy to follow. Thanks for everything you did and are doing in the world of addiction. The symptoms and situations described in this book are real and clearly written from first-hand experience. Also, it had never entered my mind about healing our family or that we even needed it. But sitting here at my desk, I feel—for the first time in over a year — hopeful. You were the first person I reached out to and then my journey began. I want to thank you. I have a spiritual life too—relying on my Higher Power to do for me what I cannot do for myself. I am in a grad program to get my MSW. Thank you again for being you? Anonymous Lisa Frederiksen is a dynamic speaker who has a great depth of knowledge about her subject matter. Her Secondhand Drinking presentation at our event was outstanding and very well received. Many of the conference evaluations listed Lisa as the most valuable part of the event. I am optimistic that many lives can be positively influenced by her transformative work. Lisa breaks down the vicious cycle of abuse, violence, and tragedy, which are all components of Secondhand Drinking. I am excited because Lisa identifies the suffering of family members who are directly affected by SHD, and then outlines a prevention strategy to inform, educate, and take a stand against dangerous drinking behaviors. How many of us have been affected by drunk drivers, for example? My cousin lost her life to one. It affected not only her through the tragic loss of life, but effects rippled through the family—mom, dad, and sister, whose lives will forever be changed. How many wives and children hide or become scarce when daddy is drinking? Take time to watch. Thomas Crawford Fitzsimons An essential aspect in the treatment of addictive disorders is consideration of the needs of the family members, friends, co-workers, etc.

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