

How the Book is Organized

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A Course of Love was received in three distinct sections, or “books”—**the Course, the Treatises, and the Dialogues**. With this Combined Volume all three sections are brought together for the first time.

- **The Course** complements the thought system of ACIM by establishing wholeheartedness, an integration of mind and heart, allowing them to work together to create a state of unity which can be experienced.
- **The Treatises** are four in number: A Treatise on the Art of Thought; A Treatise on the Nature of Unity and Its Recognition; A Treatise on the Personal Self; and A Treatise on the New. *“You stand at the beginning, with a Self now devoid of the meaninglessness you attempted to assign to it. You stand empty of untruth and about to embark on the journey of truth. You stand in the transformational moment between the unreal and the real.”* (T3:2.10)
- **The Dialogues** are a catalyst for sweeping changes through a profound, highly personal call back to Self, utilizing the preparation provided in the first two Books. In “The Forty Days and Forty Nights” you ascend the mountain with Jesus as an equal, sharing in companionship and dialogue as you prepare to return to level ground as a new Self. *“As you engage in dialogue...your ability to embrace all while focusing on your own purpose will begin a new process of individuation. You are now ready to reclaim your Self.”*
- **The Foreword**, written by the editor, presents the story of how ACOL came to be.
- **The Introduction**, beginning on page 1, was received by Mari Perron on Valentine’s Day, 2006, several years after she received ACOL itself, and as she was preparing to self-publish ACOL as a series of three volumes. It was evidently intended to introduce ACOL.
- **The Addendum, Learning in the Time of Christ** was received by Mari Perron in 2003, as she prepared The Treatises and The Dialogues for initial publication. It was evidently intended as an aid to the reader, and also anticipated the formation of discussion groups.