

# What is my Special Function? (according to ACIM?)

There is a confusion among the community about what our special function is. Is it just the healing of my mind? Or the extension of healing to others? I have tried to break this down in a way that shows practical examples in my life of this that correlate with what Jesus says in ACIM. Thanks to the article written from [Circle Of Atonement](#), as I plucked a lot of quotes from there which made my research easier :)

## Definition of function:

*the action for which a person or thing is specially fitted or used or for which a thing exists : purpose*

*The second applies this general idea to human occupations:*

*professional or official position: occupation*

*a specific occupation or role: in my function as chief editor*

[\(T-10.In.3:3\)](#). "He [God] gave you the power to create"

[\(T-7.V.9:9\)](#). "I have spoken often of the increase of the Kingdom by your creations"

[\(T-8.VI.8:6-9\)](#): God...does not will to be alone. That is why He created His Son, and gave him the power to create with Him. Our creations are as holy as we are, and we are the Sons of God Himself, as holy as He is. Through our creations we extend our love, and thus increase the joy of the Holy Trinity

**- this is a foundational element in the Course's thought system. And it establishes the basic template for what becomes our special function.**

*Do the Holy Spirit's work, for you share in His function. As your function in Heaven is creation, so your function on earth is healing. God shares His function with you in Heaven, and the Holy Spirit shares His with you on earth. [\(T-12.VII.4:6-8\)](#)*

This "healing" may sound as if it's *inner* healing, the healing of our own minds, but that is clearly not what is meant. After all, our earthly function is a mirror of our heavenly

function, and our heavenly function is "extending outward" (T-6.V.1:7). Therefore, our earthly function must also be extending outward.

**A Course in Miracles is a course in learning how to extend miracles to our brothers.**

## OUR EARTHLY FUNCTION

One of my fav sections that I take seriously. It speaks to our function on earth..... Not just heaven....this is from unedited version of ACIM...

"Having been restored to your original state, you naturally become part of the Atonement yourself. You now share my inability to tolerate lack of love in yourself and in everyone else, and must join the Great Crusade to correct it. The slogan for this Crusade is "listen, learn, and do." This means

Listen to my Voice  
Learn to undo the error  
and Do something to correct it.

The first two are not enough. The real members of my party are **active workers**. The power to work miracles belongs to you. I will create the right opportunities for you to do them. But you must be ready and willing to do them, since you are already able to. **Doing them will bring conviction in the ability.** I repeat that "*You will see miracles through your hands through Mine.*" Conviction really comes through accomplishment. Remember that ability is the potential. Achievement is its expression. And Atonement is the Purpose.

The word "Special" is added onto our function....because course takes 2 perspectives  
1) we all share the same function of healing but 2) that we all have a specific role to play in the healing of our brothers

This notion of special function as a function unique to each person is stated with utmost clarity in "The Special Function" section:

*Let him no more be lonely, for the lonely ones are those who see no function in the world for them to fill; no place where they are needed, and no aim which only they can perfectly fulfill.*

*Such is the Holy Spirit's kind perception of specialness; His use of what you made, to heal instead of harm. To each He gives a special function in salvation he alone can fill; a part for only him. Nor is the plan complete until he finds his special function, and fulfills the part assigned to him. (T-25.VI.3:6-4:3)*

You are fulfilling a unique part only for YOU

*I have a special place to fill; a role for me alone. Salvation [of the world] waits until I take this part as what I choose to do. (W-pll.317.1:2)*

Later on, the Course makes it explicitly clear that the design of our special function is based on our special abilities. Lesson 154 says:

*It is not our part to judge our worth, nor can we know what role is best for us; what we can do within a larger plan we cannot see in its entirety. Our part is cast in Heaven, not in hell. And what we think is weakness can be strength; what we believe to be our strength is often arrogance. (W-pl.154.1:5-7)*

This speaks to me... I have NO idea I would be doing [Whole and Healthy Kitchen](#). I did not know I could do this, had these skills or that I was “good enough “ to do it... I was thrown into this because I saw it in a meditation and my brothers in my world kept telling me of it.

Once I started though, the people appeared for me to work with to prove to me I am PERFECT for this job!! I have been learning the specifics of my function since I said YES.

*Whatever your appointed role may be, it was selected by the Voice for God, Whose function is to speak for you as well. Seeing your strengths exactly as they are, and equally aware of where they can be best applied, for what, to whom and when, He chooses and accepts your part for you. (W-pl.154.2:1-2)*

Many different roles are needed on earth. Some are scribes like helen, a priestess who experiences revelations & works miracles, teachers or healers....all of which jesus mentions in ACIM.

Finally, based on the particular kind of healing we offer, **certain people are sent to us who need that kind of healing**. The Course says this in many places and in many ways:

*And to each one has He allowed the grace to be a savior to the holy ones especially entrusted to his care. [\(T-31.VII.8:3\)](#)*

*If you [Bill] adhere to this role [while teaching a class on abnormal psychology]...you will inspire rather than dispirit the future teachers and therapists I am entrusting to you. (Urtext)*

*But whatever stage he [the therapist] is in, there are patients who need him just that way. (P-2.I. 4:5)*

*Certain pupils have been assigned to each of God's teachers, and they will begin to look for him as soon as he has answered the Call. [\(M-2.1:1\)](#)*

*The Holy Spirit knows your part in the redemption, and who are seeking you and where to find them. [\(T-13.VIII.7:3\)](#)*

Healing these specific people *is* our particular part in the world's salvation. The salvation of the world is the healing of everyone. But we by ourselves do not heal everyone (except very indirectly). Our job is to heal only our tiny portion of everyone, only the ones who have been entrusted to us. These people, then, are our contribution. They are our legacy.

OUR PERFECT CUSTOMER!! Hahah... learning with with wahk so much. They are specific people I am to help.

### **What about those passages that say forgiveness is our function?**

I think part of the reason students adopt the "just forgive" model is that there are a number of places where the Course openly says forgiveness is our function:

*Forgiveness is the only function meaningful in time. [\(T-25.VI.5:3\)](#)*

*Forgiveness is the only function here. [\(T-26.VII.8:5\)](#)*

*Forgiveness is my function as the light of the world. [\(W-pl.62.Heading\)](#)*

*Your function here on earth is only to [forgive him. \(W-pl.192.10:6\)](#)*

What about these passages? Don't they clearly support the "just forgive" model? Actually, they don't. Whereas we tend to see forgiveness as a way to free our own minds from the poison of resentment, the Course tends to characterize it as a way in which we free *others* from the burden of *guilt*. This heals them and in turn saves us by convincing us of our innate holiness. To say that forgiveness is our function, then, gets us right back to saying that *healing others* is our function, for forgiveness is how we heal them.

The end. Hope this was helpful and that you are able to find these quotes in the course and go deeper into them with Jesus as your guide.

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