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Intimate Connection With Jesus Christ

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God can be found....B.D. No. **3458**

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God does not hide Himself from you if you seek Him.... He allows Himself to be found by everyone and enlightens the path which leads to Him. And therefore no-one who desires light will need to walk in darkness; no-one who strives to possess the knowledge of God and His reign and activity will be denied it. For He reveals Himself always and constantly.... Every God-seeker will be able to recognize Him if he pays attention to his thoughts which come to him from the spiritual kingdom, providing he desires information about spiritual questions, about God as creator and His living creations. For He does not keep Himself hidden because it is His will that you should find Him and because His love desires you, thus you should not remain separate from Him. But anyone who wants to unite with God must have found Him, he must have recognized Him after he wanted to learn to recognize Him.... He must seek Him in order to find Him.... and thus he must believe that God is.... He must affirm a supremely perfect being, even though he cannot yet form an idea of Him, yet he must feel in his heart that without this perfect being nothing can exist which is, so that he now desires this being. And his desire will be satisfied, for as soon as he believes that he is the creature of an omnipotent creator, the eternal creator will also take care of His creations, and this in an obvious way.... He always and constantly steps into its path so that the child will get to know its father. And the child will also feel the father's love as soon as it shows love to Him itself. Thus it will find God through love, just as God also allows Himself to be found by giving love to the human being. Only people who feel love in their hearts will seek God, for loveless people don't want to acknowledge God; they close their eyes if He gets in their way, for they are in bondage to God's adversary who uses all means to dethrone God.... and thus wants to deprive people of all faith in God. Anyone who seeks God and wants to find Him can only do so through love.... And therefore God reveals Himself to people of love by enlightening their thinking, by removing the veil from their eyes, by revealing Himself to them if they have become lovers.... and thus profoundest wisdom is the result of their life of love. For every revelation of God contains wisdom within itself, whether it comes to the human being mentally or through the voice of the spirit. Every revelation contributes towards the recognition of the eternal deity, God Himself lets the human being gain insight into His rule and activity in the universe and in the spiritual kingdom, and he is then introduced to profoundest knowledge which, in turn, brings him closer to the highest and most perfect being, because knowledge, recognition, deepens the love for God and love unites the human being ever more intimately with God, Who is the eternal love Himself. And God lets Himself be found.... He draws everyone who strives towards Him to Himself by virtue of His love, which never ceases and always embraces His creatures with the same strength.... He seizes what approaches Him and never lets it fall.... For He desires His children because they are His creatures who, having come forth from His love, have gone astray and cannot become blessed until they have returned home to the father's house again.... And therefore God comes to meet everyone and seeks to guide him onto the right path. He comes Himself to fetch His children home, and He rejoices in every child which seeks Him of its own accord, because He possesses this child's love and can now make it happy with His love for all eternity....

Amen

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Belief in God in Jesus....B.D. No. **8541**

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It is only necessary for you to believe in Me and take the path to Me when you suffer hardship.... for you, like children, to take refuge with the Father, Who will protect you in every spiritual and earthly

adversity because you entrust yourselves to Him.... Time and again I emphasise that you only ought to contact Me in thought, through kind-hearted activity or in prayer and, truly, you will not be able to go astray anymore, because your bond with Me also guarantees you My help to be delivered from My adversary and to return to the One from Whom you once originated. Admittedly, evidence for the existence of a God and Creator cannot be given to you, you have to **believe** in Him.... Yet if you are willing to do so then you will see the evidence that bears witness to Me in everything that surrounds you.... And by just thinking about it you will already be able to come to believe in Me.... I just do not want you to spend your life thoughtlessly, to only take notice of the world and believe that your earthly life is an end in itself....

You should always ask yourselves **why** and for **what reason** you live on earth.... in order to then also get hold of the thoughts about a God and Creator, which will time and again encircle you like waves, for the purpose and goal of your earthly life is to recognise a God and Creator, to acknowledge Him and to desire making contact with Him. Then this God and Creator will also take hold of you and never ever let you fall again.... And He will also convey the knowledge of Jesus Christ, your Redeemer, to you.... For you will have to find Him so that you lose your weaknesses, so that your ascent to the pinnacle is assured.... For even if you recognise Me, you will have little willpower to seriously strive for Me, since you are too weak due to the sin of your past apostasy from Me.... And for the sake of strengthening your will the man Jesus died on the cross in order to acquire the blessings of a stronger will for you.... I Myself came to help you in your great spiritual adversity which was the result of your original sin, and I Myself accomplished the act of Salvation for the redemption of your guilt in Jesus the human being . So the path of return will now be possible for you if you appeal to Jesus Christ for strength, if you place your guilt of sin at his feet and express the sincere will to return to the Father, Who took abode in Jesus, Who united Himself with Him for all eternity.... Even if you thus believe in God as the Creator and Redeemer, this God can never ever be regarded as being separate from Jesus Christ, for God and Jesus are one, God merely made use of an external human shell which people called 'Jesus', but Who sheltered the fullness of **Me** in Himself.

I created everything, even the human shell of Jesus came forth from Me, Which I chose for Myself in order to be able to stay amongst people. You humans, too, came forth from My will yet you once separated yourselves from Me voluntarily, for only love establishes a bond with Me but you forfeited it of your own free will, whereas the human being Jesus was permeated by love, thus My fundamental substance was in Him, for this **is Love**.... Hence, in keeping with His nature He must be God Himself, and only his external shell was human until He spiritualised it as well, so that it was able to unite with His divine Soul and nothing human remained once Jesus had accomplished the act of Salvation.... Anyone who therefore has recognised Me in Jesus has also escaped the darkness, for then the Light Itself will draw him into higher spheres, for I Myself Am the Light, and the light shone to earth through the human being Jesus because it permeated the human being completely. And I would like to send this ray of light to all of you, yet your heart has to open itself to Me, you must direct your thoughts towards the One Who created you.... You have to muster this will freely but then you will also be seized by My merciful love and everything will be done to impart the correct knowledge about Jesus Christ to you.... and if you acknowledge Him as God's Son and Redeemer of the world Who became as one with Me you will never ever be able to go astray again....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Test of will on earth.... following Jesus.... connection....

B.D. No. 5672

May 10th 1953

Only in union with Me will you find your bliss.... You once voluntarily separated yourselves from Me and thereby became blissfully unhappy, you must voluntarily return to Me in order to also be placed into the state of beatitude, which can therefore only be found in the union with Me. Nothing can replace what you find in Me and with Me, and therefore every striving in a different direction is

an idle run for your soul which is only held up on the path to perfection, which only prolongs its return to Me as soon as it strives towards a different aim than unification with Me. I alone want to be your aim, because I alone can give you the beatitude which you have lost through your own fault. Therefore, all My care will be to turn your will towards Me, I will always guide you or arrange your destiny such that you will be urged to take refuge in Me.... yet always respecting your free will. But because your will itself is decisive there is also the danger that you will direct it wrongly, that you will strive for something else and thus delay your return to Me. For My adversary likewise tries to determine your will, even though he cannot forcefully influence you. He always presents you with other aims which you should pursue in order to distract you from the only right aim.... But you will hardly reach your aim by detours. Your time on earth as a human being will pass quickly, you are only granted a short period of time during which you can achieve the final unification with Me, and as soon as you don't use this short time wisely it will be lost for you. Through Jesus Christ the path has been clearly shown to you humans where you can attain complete unification with Me; you only need to take the path of following Jesus in order to safely reach Me, yet you must consciously travel this path, you must stretch out your hands towards Me so that I can grasp you.... Hence you must mentally enter into contact with Me through heartfelt prayer and receive the strength from Me through a life of love, which now already proves the entered connection with Me. Only in this way can you reach your aim on earth, only in this way will you fulfil your earthly task, only in this way will you consciously turn your will over to Me and be accepted by Me. Your earthly life is only intended to test your will, which once turned away from Me and towards My adversary and which should now detach itself from him and fully surrender to Me again.... You should enter into direct contact with Me.... Do you understand what I ask of you? That I alone want to fill your **heart**, that you should prepare it for Me alone, that I want to be your lord and king, that I cannot tolerate any foreign gods next to Me to whom you turn your thoughts, because then they will always stand in the way of a complete union with Me, for I want to possess your undivided love, your undivided heart and your will. Once you were supposed to decide between Me and My adversary, but you followed him in blind love and left Me. So you should now leave everything on earth and follow Me alone.... then you will pass your test of earthly life, you will direct your will correctly and acquire the right to eternal beatitude again. And because your past apostasy from Me was due to the fact that you were unable to see Me, because I wanted to make the path of return to Me easy for you, I Myself became visible to you in Jesus Christ, so that you should now love Him and strive towards Him and thereby profess Me, Who embodied Myself in Jesus Christ in order to be a visible God for you humans, to Whom you can now give all your love and acquire His love, Who wants to receive you into His kingdom in order to prepare eternal bliss for you, which you can only enjoy in complete union with Me....

Amen

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Constant connection with God....

B.D. No. 5812

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My will is that you constantly remain in contact with Me, that you constantly carry out works of unselfish neighbourly love and remember Me in prayer, that you desire My strength and open yourselves to receive it, which you can only do consciously through prayer or through loving activity.... My will is only that you don't exclude Me from your thoughts or make My approach impossible through unkindness. Then you will walk your earthly path without Me, then someone else will immediately join you and try to make you submissive to himself, and then you will be abandoned to ruin. As long as I can still influence you in some form or other.... but this is determined by your own free will.... you are not endangered, for then you will be illuminated by My strength of love which will infallibly help you to ascend; without Me, however, you are powerless and exposed to My adversary's activity who even uses effective means to gain control over you. I respect the least will which turns to Me in order to now also reveal Myself to the human being, yet this will must be present.... The human being is not allowed to show any resistance towards the being Which created him and Which he

recognizes as his God and creator.... he must allow himself to be guided, he must want to surrender to Him, the human being must want to gain My affection, then I will recognize his will as being turned towards Me, and then I will always stand by him with help and advice and fend off the attacks of the enemy of his soul.... Then he opens the door of his heart to Me and I can now provide him with My strength of love.... However, people's will is mostly indecisive, i.e. the person lives into the day and only pays attention to what seems advantageous to his body.... He does not mentally deal with problems which could clarify his relationship with Me.... And therefore he not infrequently completely excludes Me from his thoughts without consciously being at My adversary's will.... He lives only to the world and is content with the fulfilment of earthly work and duties.... he does not think.... He does not need to sin against Me, he does not need to act lovelessly, he does not need to be a slave to My adversary yet, and yet he has not yet recognized Me as the aim either.... And this person is in greatest danger of losing himself completely to My adversary, for he unconsciously strives towards him and his kingdom and I cannot help him as long as he does not let Me enter his thoughts, as long as he does not consciously turn to Me in prayer and as long as he only lives for himself but not for his neighbour. And these people are in the majority who are not obviously bad or materialistic and yet only think of themselves, who therefore completely neglect an activity of love and consequently cannot draw strength of love from Me, but who fall prey to My adversary's slightest onslaught, who counts on the human being's selfish love and therefore quickly gains influence.... but which I cannot suppress or ward off either, because I am not called upon for help, because the human being has not yet recognized Me Myself and therefore does not take the path to Me either if he is in need. The connection with Me is indispensable for the attainment of the aim which you humans have set for your earthly life. And this connection first has to be established mentally, although at first it is more of a question than a certainty.... or else the human being has to unconsciously perform labours of love, then he will acquire strength from Me which will gradually also let him remember Me.... The separation from Me gives My adversary the right and the opportunity to exert his influence.... the connection with Me, on the other hand, repels him and renders his activity powerless.... for a person who unites with Me does not react to the influence of his soul's enemy. And this person need not fear being lost because I will not let anyone fall who remembers Me....

Amen

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Intimate connection with Jesus Christ by ideas

Creation miracles should make you think....

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Again and again the wonders of creation are pointed out to you, and you should not blindly pass them by, for everything around you proves Me and My might, yet you humans are incapable of letting even the tiniest little plant, the smallest living being come into being.... not to mention yourselves as the crown of creation. And you move in the midst of the whole creation as something completely independent and self-evident and do not ask what meaning and purpose creation serves. And everything should still remind you of a creator, who is exceedingly wise and powerful and Whom His love determines to create such an environment for you, in which you are to enjoy yourselves. You yourselves.... as the greatest marvel of My creation.... you can think, and you only apply this privilege to create for yourselves everything that would be added to you in vain if you would think about the meaning and purpose of creation and yourselves and now live according to this purpose. Because as I maintain the whole creation, so also I maintain your bodily life and all worry about it would be useless. But the thoughts of men go other ways.... what is nearest to them they pay no attention to, nor do they think about the creator and sustainer of all things.... But every such thought would be answered for them out of the kingdom of light, and that truly so that they would now also see in Me as their creator the motive why and for what purpose I have put man on earth. And such an attitude would be right and would soon let man mature that he would fulfil the meaning and purpose of earth life.... But how different is it with the creatures, which My will has put into this world? They carelessly pass by what I have given them for joy, and not with one thought do they dwell on Me and ask themselves about the reason of their earth life. But with increased eagerness they chase after the world with its goods, and their whole wanting and thinking is meant for the bodily well-being. But exactly the earthly world is the kingdom of My adversary, whom I certainly overruled by letting creation come into being, therefore took his following from him, but had to leave him his rule over you in the stage as man, where he now seeks to have an effect on you again with all power through "his world", through hard matter, in which the whole immature spiritual is bound.... And exactly this "matter" you strive for and in your desire you go far back, because it was eternities ago when you had overcome this matter and had advanced upwards in your development. And that is why you are so endangered by your desire for earthly goods, because as soon as it fills your whole sensing, you will hardly still look at the creation around you and also not ask yourselves for what purpose I let it come into being. And precisely this question could become a blessing for you, because then you would recognize your creator as a God of love, wisdom and might, to Whom you could turn and establish a close bond with Him.... And your purpose of earthly life would be fulfilled, for I truly do not ask much of you, I only want one thing, that you should recognize and learn to love Me. And the work of creation around you is most capable of that, that you look at all these miraculous works in thoughts of Me and your love towards Me grows and you want to get into contact with Me to now no longer loosen this bond. Creation is therefore proof of My existence and My love for all created things; you can recognize Me Myself, and you will also know that only love has allowed it to come into being. And you will ask yourselves why My love thus became effective.... And the answer will always be given to you if you earnestly desire it, for light will come to all who desire light....

Amen

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You humans take a significant step forward if you raise your thoughts up to Me.... to the infinite Spirit Who rules the universe.... if you turn with questioning thoughts to the Being in the belief that It created you.... For this step already takes you into the spiritual realm, you enter a sphere which cannot be made accessible to you by people but which has to be made known to you by Me Myself.... although I also avail Myself of people again if you yourselves are not yet appropriately shaped so as to be able to hear Me and My answer.... Nevertheless you will have established the mental bond with Me first, and blessed are you if you don't disconnect this connection with Me again.... if you time and again detach yourselves from the world and try to find **Me**.... Blessed are you if you mentally ask questions so that I will be able to mentally reply to you.... For this is the beginning of your assured spiritual enlightenment and therefore also an ever firmer bond with Me.... Just for once think about whether and what exists **outside** of earthly-visible things.... and you will have already taken that significant step, for it is decisive for your development.... it is the step to higher spheres which has to be taken by every person who wants to become perfect. But in order to do this a person must be able to detach himself from the world, he must not wholeheartedly succumb to it, he must have recognised the worthlessness of earthly matter, for this matter blocks his path of ascent. But once a person has allowed his thoughts to wander into spiritual heights earthly matter will soon no longer be desirable to him....

However, the desire to find out more about an as yet unknown sphere has to arise in him by itself, and this wish will certainly be granted. Hence the destined progression of every person's earthly life provides him with the reason and would be able to make him think.... he will be directed to spiritual spheres through books or conversations, and he will time and again be gently addressed by Me Myself in the form of thoughts arising in him with a spiritual goal.... And then **his** will must guide him and blessed is he if it takes the **right** direction.... Questions arising in him concerning Me are often better than a belief in Me which is not yet alive, for I Am able to educate someone who mentally asks questions and reveal Myself to him such that he can gain convinced faith.... whereas a conventional believer will not ask questions and can therefore not be instructed such that his faith will awaken to life. Everything will truly be done on My part to stimulate a person into thinking, yet I will not infringe upon free will.... However, anyone who willingly makes mental contact with Me or the spiritual kingdom which is as yet inaccessible to him will not be excluded by Me.... My love will reveal itself to him and he will learn to see brightly and clearly, his spirit will become enlightened and he will belong to Me forever....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Will.... thought.... action.... responsibility....

Your will is free and therefore you are not forced to be good, just as you cannot be forced into bad deeds or thoughts by the forces of darkness, but it is up to you alone how you intend to lead your way of life. And if you are forced by people who are superior to you in strength to do deeds which are contrary to God, then you are not responsible for these actions, for then only your will, your inner attitude, decides what you are forced to do. But if your thoughts are bad, if your will is willing to let these thoughts become deeds, then you will not be relieved of responsibility and will have to take the consequences of your deeds upon yourselves, on earth or in the kingdom of the beyond. Actions carried out of free will therefore have an effect such that they determine life in eternity, provided they have not already found their reward or punishment on earth, whereas actions carried out under compulsion can certainly be significant for earthly life but do not endanger the soul's life after death. For these actions are the responsibility of those who had power over the human being and thus made his will unfree. They have to answer for the deeds they instigated, and their guilt is sometimes so great

that eternal times are needed to atone for their guilt. The human being should examine himself more and more to what extent his innermost thoughts correspond to the divine commandments, to what extent his actions correspond to his thoughts, for thoughts are always the products of free will. Therefore, thoughts must be good if they are to correspond to God's will. If the thoughts deviate, if they take the wrong direction, then the human will has decided to act in opposition to God, even if he cannot carry out a deed. Therefore he is already responsible for his thoughts, because these are born of free will. And therefore the human being must give account of his thoughts, for again it depends on whether they are forcibly directed towards evil or good by fellow human beings or whether they arise in the human being of his own accord.... But the human being will always have the opportunity to reject thoughts he dislikes, for his thought activity again depends on his will, and it is also capable of dropping thoughts which oppose him, just as he can always inwardly condemn bad works and thereby free himself from all complicity. God only pays attention to the human being's innermost will, which is therefore expressed in his thinking. And God will never condemn him for what he does if this contradicts his inner will. But he is often confronted with the decision, and then he has to prove himself, otherwise one day he will have to answer for his thoughts and actions. For God gave the human being free will, but he must now also use it in the right way.... in good thoughts, words and deeds which will one day have an effect in the spiritual kingdom and bring the soul eternal life....

Amen

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Every mentally directed thought is detachment from the opponent....

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Every thought is blessed which applies to Me or the spiritual kingdom, for it first testifies to the inner life, the life which is to be lived next to the earthly life if the latter is to be successful for the soul. Anyone who only thinks about the kingdom which is not of this world has already taken a step towards Me, and he will also follow this path and no longer deviate from it. For the spiritual kingdom will no longer let go of anyone who has paid attention to it, because I Myself will no longer let him go once this path to Me has been taken. Earthly life as such does indeed demand a lot of thoughts from the human being, because the human being lives in the midst of the world and therefore also has to turn his thoughts towards the world and its demands.... But nevertheless, this is not the actual life which completely satisfies the human being if he is of a will turned towards Me. Only the one who still belongs to My adversary will find full satisfaction.... Therefore, every spiritually directed thought already proves the striving towards Me, and such a person can no longer be satisfied by the world alone, he will often let his thoughts wander into a kingdom which he suspects to be his true home and therefore again and again mentally returns to it. And such spiritual thoughts will also always be connected with thoughts of Me Myself, and therefore I can also take possession of the soul and hold it so that it can no longer escape Me and My love and voluntarily allows itself to be captivated by My love. Thus, as soon as a person reflects on the goal and purpose of his earthly life, as soon as he thinks about his God and creator, as soon as he tries to fathom His nature and is willing to enter into His will, as soon as he demands to be instructed correctly and truly about all such questions, his thoughts will move outside of the merely worldly life and I Myself will become the focus of his inner life.... And then I can truly also influence the human being and always with success, for free will moved him to his thoughts, and this free will also gives Me the right to take possession of his soul and to now provide it with everything it needs for maturing and perfection. Every spiritually directed thought towards Me or My kingdom is a voluntary detachment from My adversary, which I can and will then also make full use of in order to completely redeem him, for such spiritual thoughts will irrevocably be directed to the cross of Golgotha, where the divine redeemer Jesus Christ will accomplish the redemption, thus completely freeing the human being from the enemy and opponent of life.... But the fact that the human being's thoughts are directed towards the cross will always be the concern and endeavour of all beings of light which surround the human being and which also try to influence him mentally on My behalf, because the human being's will and strength alone is still weak as long as he is

still under My adversary's control. However, every spiritually directed thought also gives these beings of light the right to exert their influence, and thus every soul which is only of good will is also in the constant care of spiritual guardians, and it will also certainly one day reach the goal for the purpose of which it walks across this earth....

Amen

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Bonding with God in the middle of the world....

B.D. No. 7481

December 18th 1959

In the midst of the world's hustle and bustle you should often seek My spirit, i.e. send up a heartfelt thought to Me that I will not let you go alone but can always make you happy with My presence.... In the midst of the world's hustle and bustle.... for you are constantly claimed by the world and can easily entangle yourselves in its bonds.... And therefore you should not lose the bond with the **spiritual** world, which alone is worth striving for and in which I am the ruler from eternity. And you cannot get lost if your thoughts keep wandering to Me, for then I will not leave you but hold you firmly by My hand, and wherever you go and stand I am with you, and you can safely go all ways even through the hustle and bustle of the world. But who remembers Me even in the world? There are only a few for whom I stand higher than the world, and therefore only a few will consciously enter into the bond with Me. These are My own who carry Me in their hearts, who remember Me at all times and who can therefore also walk safely through the world's hustle and bustle because they always have Me as their companion. But this requires firm faith in Me and love for Me which makes them constantly long for My presence. And only a few ever have this faith and love for Me. But these are to be praised happily, for they are the ones who are close to Me and whom I will protect on all their paths. The majority, however, regard the world as their God and only hope for everything from the earthly world and strive with all their might for its goods and treasures, believing that they will then possess everything their heart desires.... And yet, such people only acquire transient values, they are not spiritual wealth, they are only pseudo goods which pass away with the person's death, which he cannot take with him into the kingdom of the beyond. Yet people don't want to know anything about this, and thus they value earthly goods far too highly and use all their strength to acquire such transient goods which are of no use to them for their souls and their salvation. And these people will not send up any thoughts to Me when they are in the midst of the world's hustle and bustle, for their God is this earthly world with its goods, and they have completely devoted themselves to it. And thus I cannot be present to them either, for every person has to long for My presence, he has to consciously establish the bond with Me, which, however, does not happen with the children of the world because the world keeps them tied to My adversary, who is also the lord of this world. And yet, even a thought of Me would suffice for Me to take the human being by the hand and lead him through this world to another aim: that I would direct his eyes spiritually once this bond has taken place.... But I do not use coercion, and I can only ever advise people to seek My presence and to secure it for themselves.... so that they will attain beatitude on earth already and one day in the spiritual kingdom, in the kingdom which is not of this world....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Blessing of mental communication with God....

B.D. No. 6859

June 28th 1957

Anyone who listens to Me when I speak to him takes the reliable path of ascent.... And I speak to all those who receive My Word, who in turn accept it from those who question Me in thought and who thus also may regard the thoughts they receive as **My Words**. You cannot think wrongly once you have acknowledged Me as the source of truth by directing your thoughts to Me, once you want to know the truth. Nor can you take misguided paths anymore once you appeal to **Me** for guidance.... But

you must willingly offer Me the opportunity to speak to you, and that always happens when you mentally occupy yourselves with Me, your God and Creator, for every thought of Me calls Me to you, and I follow this call.

You should often occupy yourselves with Me in thought, because this means that your heart is receptive for My communication and because you can only ever gain by this, for then you will also constantly receive the strength to do what I ask you to do, what My communication conveys to you as My will. You have to establish the connection with Me yourselves, because you had once isolated yourselves from Me.... You need not do anything else but think of Me without a will of resistance.... I Am always willing to meet you as soon as I recognise in your thoughts the resolve to make contact with Me.... And then you are truly protected from taking misguided paths, since now that I can speak to you I have also gained influence over you. Thus it is truly not difficult for you to acquire an immeasurable amount of everlasting riches in earthly life, as this is the result of your mental bond with Me.

It is completely impossible to leave Me empty-handedly, it is completely impossible that I will **not** make use of such a bond and remain silent in you, for I Am only waiting for such quiet moments when you make contact with Me, when you enter into conversation with Me or approach your God and Creator with questions, and I will certainly answer you again in the form of thoughts, if I cannot speak to you directly through the inner Word. This is why every person has the opportunity and the right to communicate with Me, and every person will receive as much as he desires. Even if nothing is visibly given to the body, the soul can still receive unlimited riches for itself. I **want** to speak to you, and I will speak to every one of you who thus is willing to listen to Me, who wants to hear My voice.... You all should avail yourself of this assurance, you should excel yourselves and devote every free minute to Me, and you would truly use your time on earth well. Then the connection would be established ever more frequently, because you would desire Me from the bottom of your heart, Whom you now recognise as your Father and constantly wish to be spoken to by Him. And you will also gladly comply with everything, you will fulfil My will because you have already adopted My will as your own, because the constant bond with Me also results in a constant submission to My will and because you have become enlightened as to Who I Am and what kind of relationship exists between us.... Think of Me daily and hourly, never exclude Me from any undertaking, constantly let Me be present with you by mentally calling Me to you.... And you will truly not take the path through earthly life in vain, you will grow and mature and reach the goal.... You will join Me once more in order to never ever separate from Me again....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Intimate connection with Jesus Christ by prayer

Right prayer is the bridge to God.... Jesus Christ.... The bridge to Me is the prayer....

B.D. No. 5686
May 27th 1953

There is no insurmountable gulf between us, for your prayer will always bridge it as soon as it is a prayer in spirit and in truth.... And the prayer's depth of feeling determines the length of the path to Me. You can enter into direct contact with Me if you speak to Me like a child speaks to its Father. For then I will be with you, then every distance will have been overcome, then you will have breezed across the gulf between us and come close to Me, for I comply with your call and come to meet you as soon as I hear the voice of your heart. Do you now know the exquisite means at your disposal in order to come to Me, do you know what effective gift of grace prayer is for you? Due to your imperfection you are still far away from Me as your God and Creator of eternity, yet I do not deny you to enter into a dialogue with Me and draw close to you as a Father, Who also embraces his still imperfect children with love and takes account of their faults and weaknesses. I listen to you as soon as you speak to Me in childlike faithful prayer. Yet on the other hand, you can only pray to Me correctly if you believe in Me, thus every prayer in spirit and in truth requires your belief in Me, in My love, wisdom and might.... If, however, you believe in Me, then every word will also arise from your heart, then it will no longer be a formal prayer, then only the child will speak with its Father.... and then it will also achieve everything that is only in its best interest. But in order for you to have a living relationship with Me you must also be able to have the right concept of Me, Who gives you the opportunity for this as the Saviour Jesus Christ.

Imagine your Saviour in His overwhelming love that embraces all of you humans, and remember His suffering and His death on the cross on behalf of sinful humankind and you will also be able to love Him in return, to confide in Him and to tell Him whatever weighs you down, and you will, because He Himself was a human being just like you, be able to expect complete understanding from Him for all your suffering and adversities, and you will turn to Him, Who is your friend and brother, Who due to His love wants to help all of you, Who wants to draw you to Himself into the celestial kingdom in order to make you forever blissfully happy. I Myself became a visible God for you in the Saviour Jesus Christ, and if you offer your love to Him you also give your love to Me, your God and Father of eternity, for He and I are one, and anyone who sees Him sees Me, Who lived on earth as the human being Jesus in order to gain your love, in order to sacrifice Myself for love of you, who were wretched in your sinful state and in your infinite distance from Me would have had to perish had I not established a bridge in order to make the path to Me passable.... You all can cross the bridge if you speak to Jesus, your Saviour and Redeemer, in heartfelt prayer, if you love Him and therefore also comply with His simple commandments. Then you will also be allowed to experience His love, He will help you spiritually and bodily. He will guide you and smooth all paths which lead upwards to Him, into His kingdom, to eternal life....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Prayer in spirit and in truth....

B.D. No. 5653
April 16th 1953

No one will call upon Me for help in vain who sends his supplication to Me in spirit and in truth. But how should you pray so that your call reaches Me? You should not utter a lip prayer, for I will not hear and listen to it because your heart is uninvolved, because you do not establish contact with Me but always remain on earth, because you only practice a form which has no life. But even a

prayer of intellect does not reach My ear, even though the human being intellectually acknowledges Me as God and creator from eternity and in this belief in Me utters words through which he believes to have established the connection with Me. I require a different prayer, I require complete trust in Me, I require the plea of a child which recognizes the father in Me and comes to Him in complete trust that He will help it. A child's trust is the strength of faith and a prayer sent to Me in this way comes from the heart and reaches My ear. Then it is not the human being who talks to God but the child to the father.... Only when a person in the silence of his heart seeks Me in thought, when he converses with Me, when he unadornedly and undisguisedly spreads out before Me everything that oppresses him, when he humbly commends himself to Me and My care, when he has removed all barriers between himself and Me, if he lets Me be present through heartfelt prayer, if he prays in spirit and in truth, then his spirit will swing up to Me, or I, too, will bend down to My child and its plea will not go unheard.... I will not disappoint a child which comes to Me with such faith and complete trust with all its requests, I will also reveal Myself to it as a faithful father, I will not leave it in adversity. I will not let its faith go to waste, for it does not seek Me in the distance, it dares to come to Me and yet remains deeply humble, otherwise it would not pray but demand.... But a prayer of understanding is a demand which the human being makes of Me because he believes himself entitled to it through his acknowledgement of Me.... Such an intellectual prayer lacks profound humility, for where humility is present the intellect is silent but the heart speaks all the louder. You should pray in spirit and in truth.... and you can only do that if you establish the relationship of a child with Me.... Then the path from you to Me is not far, then you can always be with Me in thought, then you will also always draw Me to you, for then your thoughts will always be directed towards Me with love, and I recognize and feel your love and can therefore already have an effect on you through My spirit.... And then you will never make a wrong request, for the father always hears when His child calls to Him....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

'Enter into thy closet....'

B.D. No. 6050

September 13th 1954

Withdraw into your closet if you want to pray, for only in solitude can you find the connection with Me, only in solitude can you unite with Me so intimately that I can hear your voice, that your prayer is sent to Me in spirit and in truth. And even if you are in dire trouble while you are amongst people or are put under pressure from outside you must detach yourselves for a few moments from your surroundings and send a short but heartfelt call to Me, and I will hear you and help you.... I just want to hear your heart speak and not merely your mouth.... And therefore you must enter the closet of your heart, you must withdraw from the world and from everything that might disrupt your silent prayer. You must avoid everything that attracts your eyes, that makes such an impression on you that it will take your mind off Me.... you must completely disregard all outside impressions. You must withdraw into solitude and turn your thoughts to Me.... only then will you be able to pray in spirit and in truth, only then will you come to Me like children come to the Father and confide all your problems to Me.

And then your Father will always be willing to help you. Then you yourselves will apply strength to your prayer, you yourselves will determine the fulfilment of your requests, for if you speak to Me like a child speaks to its Father I cannot deny you any wish and My help is assured to you. But if the words are only shaped by your mouth, and if this happens for hours on end, they will not reach My ear, they will fade away unheeded, for this kind of prayer has no strength, such a prayer is abhorrent to Me.... And therefore it is up to yourselves whether your prayers will be granted, for I promised you that I will give you what you ask of Me.... And My Word will indeed come to pass. Nevertheless, I only pay attention to the words of your heart but you often believe that you have done enough by prattling with your mouth and are disappointed if your prayers are not then granted.... Withdraw into the closet of your heart and then speak to Me freely, with complete confidence, and your wishes will indeed be granted....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Call daily upon the name of Jesus....

B.D. No. 7129

May 24th 1958

With Me and in My name you shall start every day, deal with every undertaking and thus fulfil your daily tasks, and you can also be certain that your work will be blessed, be it earthly or spiritual activity. But as soon as you walk alone, that is, without having asked for My assistance, you will do a lot of pointless work, you will have to struggle with difficulties or it will not always be successful. Just a heartfelt thought of Me will already assure My assistance, and if you consciously call upon Me for My blessing and support then everything will turn out just right by itself, and you will be able to calmly carry out your day's work. You should always know that you are besieged by dark forces which are able to access you if you fail to surround yourselves with a protective wall by calling upon My name, by appealing to Me for blessing your work. And once they have gained access to you it will be far more difficult to repel them again than it would be if you had refused access to them from the start. For they weaken you will, which can only catch up with what it had neglected to do by summoning all its strength: by calling to Me for help.

The battle for your souls is constantly fought, and your victory is often made difficult by these dark forces, but this is frequently up to yourselves, because you can request unlimited strength and should always do this through heartfelt prayer for My guidance, My protection and My blessing.... This is why you should never start your daily work without Me, you should call My name in your heart, appeal for reinforcement of your will and completely hand yourselves over to Me.... Then I can protect you from your souls' enemy, then you will be surrounded by countless beings of light who will refuse to admit him, then you will cheerfully and free of worry carry out your daily work in the awareness of strength and inner peace. And then nothing will be able to upset you anymore because you know that I Am always present and arrange everything.

The inner bond with Me is the best guarantee for bringing all your plans to fruition, be they earthly or spiritual affairs, for then I Myself can always influence you and your thoughts and direct your actions such as is right and beneficial for you. Yet as soon as you isolate yourselves from Me, as soon as you loosen the connection, different thoughts transmitted by My adversary will begin to dominate you and deprive you of your inner calm, they will worry you and leave you open to bad forces which will continue the work of inner disintegration and discord, so that even your daily work will not be blessed and your soul will be at risk of being captured by him.

And again, you can only release yourselves from this danger if you take refuge in Me, for I Am ready to help you in your spiritual difficulty at all times. But without Me you cannot free yourselves from him and his influence, without Me you are too weak and therefore at his mercy. However, you can avoid all such pressures if you hand yourselves over to Me and My protection time and again, if you always appeal for My blessing, if you commend your physical and spiritual wellbeing to Me and never neglect to call upon My name.... and thereby openly acknowledge Me in Jesus Christ.... Then you will be erecting a wall which My adversary will not be able to pull down, for he will take flight from Me and My name, and thus he will also let go of you if you just faithfully speak My name in every adversity and danger....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

"Come to Me...."

B.D. No. 7473

December 7th 1959

It is My will that you gather yourselves in prayer and lift your eyes to Me as soon as you are in distress of body or soul. Then it will fall away from you, as I have promised you with the words:

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you." And it is truly not difficult to turn to Me, of Whom you know that He loves you and will always love you for all eternity. You therefore also know that you will not make a wrong request if you entrust your needs to Me in all intimacy and ask Me for help. "Come to Me...." Can I entice and call you more clearly than with these words? "I will refresh you." I want to take the hardship from you and strengthen and refresh you, I want to give you what your soul needs when you are in **spiritual** hardship, but I also want to provide for you earthly when you are in physical hardship, I always want to lovingly take care of you because I Myself do not want you to..., that you suffer but you yourselves create all these sufferings and hardships through your various faults and shortcomings which you should and can remedy with My strength and therefore first require strength for this, which you should receive in heartfelt contact with Me in prayer or through loving activity.... This is why such hardship often has to come upon you but it need not last if only you adjust yourselves correctly to it.... if you look within yourselves and ask yourselves where and how you are still deficient and then make an effort to remedy this deficiency. I want nothing else than that you work on your soul yourselves and provide it with the necessary maturity to open up the kingdom of light when you depart from this earth.... I only want you to enter the kingdom of the beyond as maturely as possible, and therefore you will sometimes have to go through trials where your faith is to prove itself.... The belief that I am always ready to help if only you call upon Me in the right way, that I may help you.... and praying to Me in the 'right way' only means that you intimately unite with Me and speak to Me as intimately as a child speaks to its father.... Once you have established this right childlike relationship with Me, only then will you see how easily you will be relieved of your worries, how quickly everything will be resolved and you will be released from your adversity, be it spiritual or earthly burdens which weigh you down.... They can all be taken over by Me so that the cross will not weigh you down so heavily.... For My love helps you to carry it or even takes it off you completely, as it is good for your soul.... And therefore I can only ever say to you: Establish the intimate bond with Me in prayer.... It is the easiest means to become free from your burden, and you will not send any prayer to Me in vain which ascends to Me from the depth of your heart and therefore also reaches My ear. I will listen to you and give you back the peace of your heart if you have lost it due to My adversary's influence, who knows your weaknesses very well and therefore attacks you where you are vulnerable.... And he also knows about your weakness of faith and therefore he also intervenes there. Resist him and come to Me in complete trust, Who is stronger than he is and can and will protect you from him and his attacks at any time if only you trustingly hand yourselves over to Me, so that I have full right over you towards My adversary, but whom I cannot push away as long as you still grant him the right over you and your hearts.... that you thus succumb to his temptations with weak faith. Heartfelt prayer to Me will give you so much strength that you will be able to resist him and join Me ever more closely, Who only awaits your call in order to be able to defend you against him. Do not disregard the great strength which lies in a right prayer.... Use this great grace again and again, for through a right prayer in spirit and in truth you can achieve everything with Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Blessing of connections from earth to the kingdom of light... rays....

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When the eternal love descends to you in order to prove Itself to you, countless rays emanate into the darkness of this earth, and attracted by these rays countless beings find themselves, to whom the darkness causes agony and who also notice the tiniest glimmer of light and rush towards it. A connection from earth to the spiritual kingdom is exceedingly blessed because it is a possibility to also impart a glimmer of light to the souls in the beyond, for these keep themselves.... especially when they are still very immature.... near earth, and through such connections they can come to the realization that they themselves no longer dwell on earth and that nevertheless a contact exists between the earthly kingdom and their present abode. Yet even such souls are attracted by the rays

who no longer have an earthly bond but feel the torments of darkness in darkened spirits.... A small ray of light can now also give them a little illumination of spirit, and it is therefore a great blessing if a person enables the eternal love Itself to send a ray of light to earth, for the light cannot shine down into darkness **against** people's will. The benefit such souls feel when a ray of light also touches them is indescribable, and even a hardened soul can soften and give up its resistance, for it was **love** which had touched it and which also does not remain without strength as soon as the soul voluntarily finds itself where it beholds light. And if you humans now consider that every intimate connection with the spiritual kingdom, every spiritual thought and especially every prayer in spirit and in truth always transfers you into radiant light.... if you consider that you are always surrounded by souls which are only waiting for the flashing of a ray of light because they have already been able to observe it with you, then it is a conscious work of redemption on your part if only you often establish this bond which enables the shining down of the divine light of love. For the souls in darkness can only ever be shown the path through a glimmer of light to you.... where, through God's love and grace, the path leading out of darkness to the light is also shown to them. And if those souls only once receive light about the redemptive work of the man Jesus, if only once they can be truthfully informed of the greatest work of love and mercy which was offered for all people, for all sinners, then even the unredeemed souls in the spiritual kingdom will know that they themselves have to take the path to Him, the divine redeemer Jesus Christ.... Then the small glimmer of light will have helped to ever brighter light, and every soul which allowed itself to be touched by the divine light of love will now bring large crowds of souls from darkness again and likewise seek to push them into the circle of light where it found help and a light which did it unspeakable good.... which is why it seeks to pay off its gratitude with redeeming activity. It is difficult to address the souls in the beyond who dwell in darkness, for they are still in the same defence as on earth, and light cannot be given to the souls **against** their will either.... But as soon as a connection is established between earth and the spiritual kingdom, which is not concealed from such souls by God's grace, a quite human curiosity first awakens in them and they unconsciously enter the circle of light which surrounds these people in order to also be touched by a ray of light from which they then no longer want to separate themselves.... Once such a bond is lifted again that the human being pursues his earthly thoughts or duties again, these beings nevertheless remain close to him in order not to need to do without a ray of light when it shines again. And therefore every spiritual activity is an immense blessing, for it has far more effect in the kingdom of the beyond than on earth, where you humans often have little success. But the souls you called out of darkness through God's ray of love, which you yourselves granted access to through your will, are eternally grateful to you. And if you still consciously call upon these unredeemed souls you can truly accomplish a work of redemption of the greatest magnitude, for there is great hardship in the kingdom of darkness where many souls are already languishing for endless times and are approaching a new banishment if they don't escape the darkness before the end and allow themselves to be touched by a ray of love.... Always remember those souls in prayer and often give them the opportunity to experience the merciful love of the divine saviour Jesus Christ by giving them light through your will to help them by consciously calling them to every spiritual mediation.... And it will be a blessed work that you do....

Amen

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Importance of establishing a connection with God while still on earth....

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July 16th 1943

It is left to the will of man to establish the union with God or not. However, it is decisive for the whole of eternity whether he allows his will to become active in the right way, namely towards union with God.... He must express the admission of his own weakness and helplessness towards God through a conscious call to God, through prayer, which can also only be sent up in thought to Him, Who alone is strong and mighty. The human being has to acknowledge that God is lord over heaven and earth, and this acknowledgement then also results in submission to His will, which is the purpose

and goal of earthly life. For the being is only then powerful when it no longer places itself outside of God's power but works in the same will with God out of His power, because the power from God can only then flow towards it when it has given up its former resistance against God, thus no longer expresses any other will than God's will. Giving up resistance therefore means increased strength.... a transformation of one's own powerlessness into an inflowing abundance of strength.... A person enters this state through prayer, through the call of God, which is an admission of his powerlessness and weakness.... This moment is the actual turning point in his life, when he consciously turns to God. And this moment must absolutely occur in earthly life if his fate is to be decided favourably for eternity. For it is the state of realization which, although it only begins at this moment and is therefore still of the smallest extent, inevitably leads to increased knowledge because the spell which caused the night of the spirit has been broken. Once a person has called upon God in prayer, i.e. once he has turned to the powerful deity, his higher development will progress because the strength from God will support him. However, as long as he does not try to establish this bond, as long as he believes himself to be strong or independent of a stronger power, his state is powerless and his spirit is dark. If he enters eternity in such a state, his struggle for realization there is incredibly difficult, i.e. he does not strive for it because there is nothing for him that seems worth striving for. And this state is dreadful because it can last for eternities and in the beyond the opportunity to consciously turn to God is even less recognized and utilized than on earth. In earthly life the hardship and suffering often drives the human being to ask for help because the life force becomes active in him and drives him to strive for any change of his state. In the beyond, however, the soul is completely apathetic as soon as it is powerless, that it does nothing for its own redemption, that it therefore remains inactive, but its will is not forced in the beyond either. If the human being called upon the eternal deity in earthly life shortly before his death, then the knowledge of Him will remain with him in the beyond, he will continue to think and reason, he will pick up where he left off in earthly life, for once faith in a powerful God has awakened in him he will never let go of it but will turn to Him in every spiritual adversity, he will recognize his own imperfect state and he will also know that he has not made full use of earthly life. Through God's call he has already become a recipient of strength and his soul experiences this flow of strength as an increased desire for God, even if it is not yet worthy of His presence. For this is the manifestation of divine strength, that it inevitably leads towards Him from Whom it originated, that the stream of strength flowing from God thus longs to return there and likewise urges the soul towards Him.... And this longing for God is also the surest guarantee for spiritual higher development in the beyond.... On earth the human being often still falls back into the old life, into the old thinking, as soon as he has come out of the great adversity that caused him to pray. In the beyond, however, the longing for God's help remains because the soul feels its lack of strength.... **This** help it requested in prayer was not always granted to it on earth and yet the soul felt God's love when it passed away and now it constantly longs for this love, even if it has not attained the degree of maturity to be able to enjoy the bliss of beholding God in the spiritual kingdom. The spell has been broken by God's conscious call and spiritual striving immediately sets in in the beyond, that is, as soon as the soul has attained realization its will becomes active and the desire for God stimulates it into loving activity.... whereas souls which lack the first realization often remain in complete lack of will for endless times and this is also a state of weakness, a state of torment and despair and turning away from the beings of light which want to help them. The beings of light can likewise help the former and the souls will not close themselves to their ideas and thus progress in their development. The more intimately a person has established a connection with God in prayer on earth, the more he has detached himself from the opposing power and the less the soul is exposed to its hostilities in the beyond. For God will not abandon the soul which has once fled to Him in its distress and affliction, and a heartfelt cry for help will always bring it spiritual success, even if God, in His wisdom and love, does not fulfil the earthly request and ends the human being's life. He knows about people's weakness of will and so He truly knows best what serves the soul. And He will always give it the greatest possible opportunities for development, both on earth and in the beyond. Yet nothing is as necessary and significant as recognizing the eternal deity while still on earth.... as consciously contacting God in prayer.... For then

the human being recognizes a powerful and mighty being above him and confesses his weakness and helplessness.... And then God takes hold of him and inevitably helps him to ascend....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Intimate connection with Jesus Christ by loving actions

Union of the spiritual spark with the Father-Spirit.... Jesus....

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June 17th 1956

Once the spirit awakens to life in the human being the connection with Me will be established, for the spirit within a person is a spark of My divine Father-Spirit, it is a part of Me and thus the same as I Myself, so then you will also be able to rightfully say 'God is within me.... ' For the spirit within you only awakens to life when you practise love, and then I, as the Eternal Love, can be within you Myself. However, although you all carry this divine spark inside of you it can nevertheless be buried due to your own will, due to your way of life, and remain so until your death.... In that case you went through life 'without God'.... because you lived without love and thereby made every contact with Me impossible.... Even so, you have lived your earthly life and thus left a great blessing unused; you failed to live up to the purpose of your incarnation as a human being: You did not unite with Me but remained in the isolation you once entered as a result of your apostasy from Me. In order to facilitate the unity I helped you with a great act of grace: First I placed a tiny spark of My divine spirit inside of you and then constantly stimulated you to kindle this tiny spark by placing you into situations through destiny where you, with good will, would be able to accomplish labours of love.... It often was and is possible for you humans to let the spark of love within you ignite into a flame. You truly don't lack opportunities but it is an act of free will, and thus you can also neglect being lovingly active and the spirit within you remains dormant and cannot express itself, thus you have **not** established a connection with Me and are dead although you believe yourself to be alive.... And your earthly life is at a standstill, because a life 'without God' can never lead to advancement but attests to the connection with My adversary.

Thus I Myself cannot be **within you** because through your heartless nature you yourselves deny Me entry. This state amongst people can be observed far more than people's heartfelt unity with Me by living a life of love and allowing themselves to be guided by My spirit.... And this state can always be recognised when people no longer have faith in Jesus Christ Who, through His death on the cross, intended to help them strengthen their weak will of releasing themselves from My adversary. The divine teaching of love which the man Jesus preached on earth was meant to show people the path of uniting the spiritual spark within them with the eternal Father-Spirit. This is why Jesus exemplified a life of love to His fellow human beings and also demonstrated the effects of such a way of life: the complete unification with Me, which showed itself in His Words and activity on earth.... What was impossible to achieve before Jesus' sacrificial death, due to people's weakness of will who were still burdened by the original sin, was possible for people to achieve after his crucifixion, because they were granted the strength if they acknowledged Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world and laid claim to His help. And then it also became possible for them to establish unity with Me by awakening the spiritual spark within them through activity of love and thus enabling Me Myself to take effect in them. However, without Jesus Christ no person's spirit can be awakened, for I Myself cannot be in someone who rejects Me, who does not believe that I redeemed him from sin and death.... Although My tiny spiritual sparks lay dormant in every person's soul only love will awaken it to life, love, however, recognises Jesus Christ, it recognises **Me** in Him and unites itself with Me.... or in other words: Love is the divine spark which wants to unite itself with the fire of eternal love.... Then, however, you will be alive even if you lose your mortal life.... You have already been resurrected from death as soon as the spirit within you comes alive, and thus you cannot lose this life again because you have returned to Me and with Me death can never ever happen again....

Amen

Connection with God: Loving activity....

B.D. No. 6553

May 23rd 1956

You enter into contact with Me when you rise your thoughts to Me, but this bond can be severed again at any time because your thoughts never linger on the same subject for long and therefore the will has to be active again and again so that your thoughts deal with Me. But it is different when you establish the connection with Me through **loving activity**.... Then you yourselves draw Me to you, and then you also receive My power of love which chains you to Me ever more, so that the bond cannot be loosened so easily. For anyone who has once kindled love within himself will also nourish the small flame, he will not be satisfied with some work of love but will precisely be stimulated by My power, by My presence, to ever new loving activity. Love is truly the firmest bond which unites you to Me. But a person who repeatedly raises his thoughts to Me will likewise be stimulated to work with love, for his thinking of Me, of his God and Creator, is always a sign of a good attitude, and such mental bonds, if established frequently, will not fail to have an effect on his will and thinking, which will inevitably move along paths which correspond to My will. The bond with Me can never fail to have good effects, and therefore it cannot be recommended to people sufficiently; but the most powerful effect will always be works of love. In every situation in life the human being is offered the opportunity to unite with Me, and anyone of good will will also make use of the opportunities.... But as long as the human being's thoughts concern other goals, as long as the human being lives in self-love, he does not seek Me but keeps himself separate from Me, and as soon as he lacks any bond with Me he is still under the sway of My adversary, who directs his will wrong and therefore is an influence on him, because the human being cannot resist him, because he has no strength which arises from his **loving activity** only.... because **I Myself** cannot assist him, for he makes My presence impossible through his wrong will and thinking. There are two goals which the human being can strive for in thought, but both goals are fundamentally different.... If, however, I Myself am the goal of his thoughts, then the human being can record a great plus at the end of his earthly life, for the bond with Me also yields him a great treasure of grace which precisely presupposes the human being's willingness in order to be utilised. I truly do everything to turn the human being's thoughts towards Me in earthly life.... to prompt his activity of love, yet My adversary leaves no stone unturned either.... And the human being himself is the deciding factor, for his will is free. But his life will be an idle one if he does not find his way to Me.... whereas it can also be richly blessed if he unites with Me in thought and ensures My presence through loving activity.... For then he will remain connected to Me forever....

Amen

Fighting selfish love....

B.D. No. 7294

February 27th 1959

You only should possess a small amount of selfish love and you will find it easy to fulfil My commandments of love for God and your neighbour. Selfish love cannot be small enough, for this alone prevents the human being from performing selfless neighbourly love which is, after all, the most important thing in earthly life if the soul is to reach perfection. But selfish love clings to every person as a legacy of the one who is devoid of all love, who loves himself above all else or he would not have become My enemy and adversary, who lays claim to everything himself and wants to take all authority away from Me. He alone wants to possess, and every kind of selfish love is a demand for possession, hence an acceptance of his plans and a distancing from Me, Who is love Itself. As long as selfish love still prevails within the human being he will not care about his neighbour nor change his nature into love, which first of all requires curbing his selfish love. And so you humans can only ever be informed of the fact that you are still subject to My adversary's influence as long as your selfish love is still predominant, and that should motivate you to fight against yourselves.... You should

always oppose your own wishes with your fellow human being's hardship and try to consider your fellow human being consistently more and do without for his sake. Then your soul will progress greatly, in fact, only the degree of your selfish love enables you to assess the state of your soul, and you should never believe that your work of improving your soul is right as long as you haven't overcome your selfish love, which is the best indicator for your soul's maturity. But you can rest assured that I will help you overcome yourselves if only you have the sincere will to achieve this degree of maturity where your neighbour's fate is closer to your heart than your own. Then you will also receive strength, because I bless every sincere will and help you not to weaken in your determination to become perfect. However, without this fight against your selfish love it is not possible, without this fight you will never selflessly take care of your neighbour, you will never experience the feeling of love which wants to please as long as you are still imbued by desiring love, which is My adversary's share. And he will keep you enchained until you have freed yourselves by being victorious over your selfish love, which is a major advantage for your soul and which can only mature if the human being eagerly improves himself, if he constantly tries to fulfil My will which is always merely expressed in My commandments "Love God above all else and your neighbour as yourself...."

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Unselfish labor of love.... right walk before God....

B.D. No. 2893

September 24th 1943

Examine yourselves, exercise the strictest criticism of yourselves as to how far you submit yourselves to God's commandments and whether your thoughts and actions correspond to God's will.... You must bear one thing in mind, that you do not disregard the divine commandment of love, you must always and constantly make this your guiding principle, that you are active in love in the most unselfish way. You have a task to fulfill on earth, to mature your soul, and you can only do this by leading a way of life which is pleasing to God, thus fully complies with His will. And therefore you must make an effort to discard all selfish love, you must only ever strive to make your fellow human being happy by renouncing your own wishes, you must show him the love which Jesus Christ taught you.... pure, selfless love which is also willing to make sacrifices and does not strive for its own advantage. Such love is pleasing to God and will bring you spiritual progress; you will fulfill the purpose of your earthly life and you will receive God's love in return, Who can only radiate His love to you if you are active in love yourselves. And this divine love will make you happy, it will replace a thousand fold what you give on earth, what you voluntarily sacrifice to Him in order to help your neighbor. And thus you should always try to make yourselves worthy of divine love by living entirely in accordance with His will. You do not sacrifice, but you receive, only that it is other goods which unselfish neighborly love earns you, that they are not earthly goods or pleasures of the world, but purely spiritual goods which God now imparts to you. For this alone is true wealth, which is everlasting and which you will never have to give away once you have received it. God's love considers your soul and tries to make it happy. And what you receive from His hand is truly far more valuable than what the world can offer you, what you strive for in terms of earthly fulfillment.... God's love has no measure and can flow to you in all abundance so that you can already enjoy the bliss on earth which arises from your bond with Him. And therefore strive for this bond as long as you work on earth, for the strength of desire is the measure of its fullness.... Live in love, help at all times and desire nothing for yourselves, take part in every adversity of your fellow human being, try to alleviate it through active help, be the spiritual and physical leader of those who need guidance on earth, make every sacrifice if you thereby accomplish a good work and selflessly step back if you can thereby improve the situation of your fellow human beings.... Live in love, keep the divine commandments and thereby make yourselves worthy to be a candidate for the kingdom of God, which God has promised to those who love Him and prove this love to Him through unselfish acts of love for their neighbor....

Neighbourly love....

B.D. No. 4868

March 29th 1950

What you do to the least of My brothers, you do unto Me, and thereby you demonstrate your love for Me and for your neighbour. For a deed of neighbourly love also testifies to your love for Me and will enrich you far more than you have given up. And who is your neighbour? Every needy human being who approaches you with a request for help is your neighbour, regardless of whether he voices it or whether it remains unspoken. For you will recognise yourselves when your help is needed and appropriate as soon as the spark of love in you flares up and you are affected by your fellow human being's adversity. Yet you can live in abundance and accomplish a deed of neighbourly love without sacrificing anything, but it will not be regarded as such if you lack love, if you help in order to dispose of an irritating petitioner or to shine before your fellow human beings. So many motives can prompt a person to render help, yet I only value a deed of merciful neighbourly love impelled by your heart. And you will experience the fact that, when love grows cold in people's hearts, help for other people will only occur due to organisation and deeds of love will effectively become routine, which certainly can alleviate people's adversity but which cannot be classed as deeds of neighbourly love, as the fulfilment of My commandment of love, and which therefore cannot have any redeeming effect either. The right hand should not know what the left hand is doing.... it should be a quiet giving; yet material gifts alone cannot be described as deeds of neighbourly love. Every other help, every kind look and every caring word can be valued as a deed of love if it comes from the heart. People's spiritual and psychological adversity is often even greater than their earthly adversity, there you should actively help by giving encouragement and comfort in suffering, by lifting people up spiritually, by conveying My Word and leading them back to faith, where it is necessary. All this is part of the commandment of neighbourly love, and I only expect a soft and compassionate heart for you to be able to fulfil My commandment of love for Me and your neighbour and also awaken love in your neighbour's heart, who thereby can be guided on the right path and you will have acquired a double reward. However, you should not help for the sake of reward but only for love of Me, then all your deeds will be blessed....

Amen

Maturing only through love....

B.D. No. 5690

June 1st 1953

Only ever perform works of love and your spiritual ascent is guaranteed.... You cannot mature in any other way than through love; I can certainly assist you with My gifts of grace, yet these should only ever stimulate you into loving activity, because everything else emerges from love, a strong faith, comprehensive knowledge and the all-conquering strength which has its origin in Me.... Whether I convey My word to you, whether I fatefully step into your path in order to influence you to turn to Me in prayer, it is always love which shall fill your heart, which teaches My word as well as determines Me to hear your prayer, because only love produces faith in you which also lets you speak the right prayer. You can only mature through love, and your spiritual progress solely depends on your willingness to love, which is why all your efforts to make Me inclined towards you would be useless if you did not make an effort to live in love.... And you have the opportunity to do so daily and hourly.... You should approach your fellow human beings with kindness, you should make their need your concern, you should feel for them, help them, comfort and support them, you should not pass by your fellow human being's need indifferently.... You should care for them spiritually and earthly wherever possible. A kind word, a good look, a small act of help will already earn you the love of your fellow human being, it will prevent love from growing completely cold, for love should be nurtured like a

little plant so that it does not wither away.... Love is everything, and if love dwindles amongst people there is no salvation for it either. Therefore try to ignite a spark of love everywhere, give much love so that you will find reciprocated love, for only then can My kingdom also come into this world, for My kingdom is where love is, because I Myself can dwell there, because I Myself am in My kingdom when I can enter your hearts which have shaped themselves into love. Love is the divine in the human being which, however, also secures perfection for you, for anyone who stands in love stands in truth, in fullest realization, he stands in light.... There is no other path to perfection than the path of love.... For only through love will you find union with Me and thus also eternal beatitude.... If you live in love your earthly life will also be an easy one, for then you will draw strength from Me and be able to master everything, you will have unshakeable faith in Me and through this faith you will be able to banish every adversity; if you live in love you will be constantly united with Me and everything you now want you will accomplish with Me and out of My strength....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Suffering and hardship as a way to bond with Jesus Christ

Much suffering - Much grace....

B.D. No. 4117

September 7th 1947

Excessive suffering is an exceptional grace, even if you find this incomprehensible; for My love does not want to let you humans slide into the delirium of the world and confronts some of you with hours of starkest adversity in order to bring you back to your senses, or the soul would remain empty-handed and not progress in its spiritual development. Suffering must always be considered as a means to render the human being helpless and make him aware of his weakness, and as soon as the suffering has contributed towards the fact that the soul turns to Me, that it appeals to Me for help and humbly entrusts itself to Me, it is a great blessing and should therefore be viewed as a gift of grace. For suffering leads to Me, whereas the joys of the world as well as all earthly pleasures will achieve the opposite. Suffering motivates people to pray, without prayer it is impossible to make contact with Me. Without prayer you cannot be given the gift of grace, because prayer expresses the will and the longing for Me and thus enables Me to meet the human being and, as fulfilment of his prayer, give to him what he needs.

If, however, the human being is spared suffering, the body will continue to reject the spirit when it wants to communicate with the soul in order to give the person the right guidance and instruction. But it is absolutely essential for spiritual progress, for reaching a high degree of maturity, that the soul be instructed by the spirit and that the soul will thus unite with the spirit. For this purpose I must absolutely grant help to the soul with My strength and therefore must first be asked for it, because the human being's will is decisive and suffering impels its decision. Suffering can also harden a human heart, in which case the person will drift away and no longer strive for ascent, and then there is no other means that would be more successful. But as a rule suffering leads to Me, generally a human being perfects himself through suffering and then it has fulfilled its purpose. Subsequently, you should be grateful for it and also acknowledge it as a grace; for earthly suffering is not a permanent condition and extremely beneficial, providing you want to mature. Then you will be eternally thankful to Me, and in the state of realisation earthly life will be easier for you to understand and you will also be able to cope during the time of great need, for then you will not live your life alone but with Me, because you will open yourselves to Me in prayer and thus receive strength which you, in turn, can use after your own will and with certainty will use for your spiritual ascent, as you are destined to do....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Strokes of fate.... Remedies....

B.D. No. 6290

June 21st 1955

The wounds I have to inflict on you if I don't want you to fall into everlasting death are truly not an expression of wrath, of lack of love, nor are they indications of just punishments for your transgressions.... They are merely remedies to remove ailments which you have caused yourselves and which are needed in order to restore the health of your soul.... It was your own fault that you left the eternal order or your fate would be one of pure happiness and beatitude. Believe Me, I would much rather grant you blissful happiness but you yourselves make it impossible for Me as soon as you leave My order.... however, I will use everything to lead you back into divine order again so that I can make you abundantly happy once more. The more hardship and sorrow, misery and illness are evident on earth the greater are the offences against My order, and by looking at this adversity you humans can see how low you have fallen, for I would truly rather make humanity happy than let unfounded

tribulations befall them in order to restore My eternal order again.... And although the individual person believes himself to be a lesser sinner than the misfortune he has encountered.... you humans don't know the correlations or the extent of a misfortune's effect.... nor do you know who will be helped to mature in turn as a result of the individual person's fate.... You also don't know what you have voluntarily offered to endure **before** your incarnation as a human being.... I, however, know everything, and I truly will not impose upon you a greater burden than you are able to bear....

Furthermore, I offer Myself as a cross bearer if your cross seems too heavy for you.... Unfortunately you don't very often take advantage of My help, and thus you complain about your burden and frequently protest its weight.... You were motivated by **love** to offer yourselves to bear a burden of the cross.... But in earthly life you don't know **why** you, who believe to belong to Me due to your will, have to suffer.... Yet I want you to travel your path silently and without complaining even without knowing the cause, I want you to humbly accept your cross, I want that you always submit to My will in the recognition that the One to Whom you submit yourselves is a God of love and that **everything** you receive from Him will be a blessing for you....

Therefore, don't object to your destiny whatever comes your way.... don't complain and grumble if you want to belong to Me but always rest assured that it is only for your benefit.... that it always signifies help and a restoration of My eternal order.... rest assured that one day you will realise it and be grateful to Me that I allowed you to take this arduous earthly path with its misfortunes but also with My love, which is the reason for everything that affects you, because it only ever wants you to become blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Purpose of need: bonding with God....

B.D. No. 6355

September 14th 1955

Whatever adversity you humans find yourselves in.... I am always ready to help if you appeal to Me for it.... I don't close My ear to a call which is sent up to Me from a believing heart, and I also take care of all those who commend themselves to Me. But every adversity also has a purpose.... to drive people towards Me who still keep away from Me, who have not yet found a close bond with Me, who have forgotten Me in the world's turmoil, even though they don't completely reject Me. I will also cast My nets after them and then hardship will have to bring it about that they push towards Me.... And I will not let them perish, I will help them. People can pass on all their worries to Me, they can come to Me with all their worries and needs, trustingly present everything to Me and ask Me to arrange everything for them.... and wonderfully they will be helped.... But how few believe this and entrust themselves to Me with complete faith.... And My arm cannot intervene to save where the adversity has not yet fulfilled its purpose, and **I** have to watch how heavily people carry their cross and can only ever offer Myself to them as a cross-bearer.... but not take the burden from them against their will.... otherwise it will have been completely pointless and people will remain in the same **spiritual** hardship even if they have been relieved of their earthly adversity. Believe My words that I am only waiting for your call, that everything is possible for Me and that I love you.... And if you believe this, take refuge in Me in every adversity of body or soul, Who alone can and will remedy it because I love you.... Bury every doubt, for it only prevents My love from becoming effective in you. Believe.... and you will attain everything from Me.... but then also maintain the connection with Me, for this alone is the purpose of every adversity, so that you will find Me and want to stay with Me, so that you will take the path to the father and never depart from Him.... For earthly adversity comes upon you for the sake of your spiritual hardship, and spiritual adversity consists of distance from Me, of dead faith, otherwise you would go to the one Who alone **can** and **wants** to help you. Let faith come alive in you and don't doubt My love and My might for a moment.... and you will be guided through every adversity, I Myself will deliver you from it....

Amen

Heartfelt contact with God.... Inner voice....

B.D. No. 6421

December 10th 1955

You should listen to your inner voice after a heartfelt prayer to Me, then you can also be certain that you are on the right path, for then it is My voice which will be speaking to you, advising and guiding you as is right for you. Someone who contacts Me more frequently, who won't do anything without having commended himself to Me, who always enters into dialogue with Me and asks for My blessing, will also do what is right, because I then will guide him Myself and always convey the right thoughts to him, so that his way of life consequently complies with My will too.

Yet this is questionable when you exclude Me from your thoughts, when you deem yourselves able to do everything yourselves, when you live your life without God.... then I often have to let you fail, so that you will take the path to Me again because you realise your weakness.... Irrespective of how powerful you seem to be, how abundantly you are endowed with earthly abilities, it will not influence your earthly life, instead it will take place according to My wise judgment, and therefore you will often find yourselves in situations where your own abilities will not get you anywhere, where you have to take refuge with Me in order to overcome them.... Although even then you can still refuse but you would do well to take the path to Me.... For I Myself thereby entice you to contact Me, Whom you would otherwise forget....

And thus there will still be many difficulties in store for you, and you all should ask yourselves why your God and Creator allows this to happen to people.... You should not believe that only people's actions alone create conditions which appear almost unbearable.... You should also think of the One Who is Lord over heaven and earth.... and Who allows this to happen. And you should ask yourselves why I allow such things to come over you.... I could divert at any time what is caused by human will, or by virtue of My might reverse its effect.... I could and also will do so where I Am called upon with sincere faith for help in this adversity.... But I nevertheless allow people to experience great hardship because they should take the path to Me, which they haven't walked for a long time already.... Without Me they will lapse into utter weakness, but with Me they will be able to overcome even the most difficult situation, and this is what people should experience.... My Own as well as those who make the attempt to appeal to Me in utmost distress. For they will be helped, often miraculously....

But the former, too, will realise that they are completely without strength because they rely on themselves and don't believe they need Me.... I want to reveal Myself to people, for their benefit but also for their downfall.... For anyone who even then doesn't want to recognise Me will be lost for an infinite time.... Don't rely on your own strength, it will not suffice for what will come your way; turn to Me beforehand already and appeal to Me to give you strength.... I will not deny it to anyone who thinks of Me in the hour of need. But blessed are those who always carry Me in their heart.... They will not need to fear the approaching time of hardship, for I will protectively keep My hands over them, and no matter where they go, they will be escorted by guides guarding them and smoothing their every path....

But there will be a storm.... which will devastate everything, it will awaken many sleepers and fearfully make them wonder whether they will be able to escape it. Yet whatever happens.... it is My will or My permission in order to give those on the wrong path a last opportunity of return.... They all can still turn to Me in the last hour, and they will truly never need to regret it.... For I accept everyone who tries to approach Me. I will extend My hands to him which he only needs to grasp for Me to be able to draw him to My Fatherly heart.... For you cannot become blessed without Me.... That is why you should take the path to Me, Who wants to provide you with everlasting beatitude....

Amen

No other help can be sent to you from above than My word which warns and admonishes you and points you to the right path and to the one from Whom salvation originates, Who wants to set you free from adversity and suffering but requires your will to do so.... I can only ever **call** you to come to Me, to Jesus Christ, your saviour and redeemer from every adversity.... I will always listen to your call if you pray to Me in Jesus Christ, for My promise is: Whatever you ask the father in My name He will give you.... And therefore I send you My word so that you will come to realization through the word, so that it will become easy for you to believe in Me as the redeemer of the world, Who embodied Himself in Jesus Christ, in order to be able to enter into visible contact with you to accomplish the act of salvation on earth for you. I cannot help you other than through My word.... and you establish the voluntary connection with Me when you receive or listen to My word, and then I can also help you in earthly adversity.... as I have promised you.... But as long as people are completely detached from Me, as long as they don't believe and only have earthly interests, I cannot approach them in the word, and as long as they don't request My help I have to refuse them My help either.... And therefore there is much hardship and misery on earth, for it is obvious that the world is dominated by the adversary.... It is obvious that people can no longer be made to think other than through adversity, and thus they cannot be spared it until they unite with Me, until they accept My word and thereby come to realize why they have to suffer on earth.... I can and always want to help, yet you must approach Me for this and prove to Me through your call to Me that you believe in Me and acknowledge Me as your lord. Then I will also always be ready to help, then the earthly and spiritual adversity will be remedied, for the **latter** is the **cause** of the earthly adversity which you feel painfully, whereas you cannot measure the spiritual adversity humanity is experiencing in the last days before the end.... Therefore don't be surprised if you still have to endure much suffering.... don't be surprised but try to remedy it by sincerely joining Me and requesting strength and help in Jesus' name, which will then also be given to you as I have promised you....

Amen

Conscious acceptance of the Divine Word

God is the word.... address of God....

B.D. No. 5829

December 17th 1953

I, your God and father of eternity, approach you humans in My word.... For I Myself am the word, and thus when you listen to My word you have let Me Myself speak to you; you have entered into direct contact with Me, and now you can speak of My presence, of a proof of My love and care for you.... yet only ever when you let My word resound in your heart, when you listen to it or read it in thoughts of the one by Whom you are addressed.... when you let the words penetrate deep into your heart and they don't just fall on your ears.... Whether I am livingly close to you is for you to decide, but My love is always ready to speak to you, to give you proof in the form of My word that I am real and true and seek contact with you. Thus you yourselves determine Me to reveal Myself when you desire to hear My word. Yet I also come to My earthly children without being called in order to remind them that they should establish contact with Me.... I also speak to those who do not yet consciously request My address by directing their eyes to My representatives in the midst of the human world's hustle and bustle, who proclaim My word even in the midst of the world.... I win over some people, yet for the most part they pay no attention to the words which sound to them and which originate from Me Myself. Some, however, sense that I Myself speak to them and they let My words penetrate their hearts, and they also respond to My words, they take the words to heart and make an effort to live in accordance with them, they also want to feel My presence themselves, they unite with Me in thought and I will never let them go. People don't know how easy it is to make contact with their God and father of eternity.... they don't know that they need only open themselves for the time being when I speak to them, and that they can always persuade Me to speak to them through conscious will.... that I show them the path through My word on which they will safely reach the aim of earthly life under My guidance, yet I don't stop calling them or letting callers step into their path so that they become aware of My love and My care and pay attention when I speak to them Myself....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The Word of God ought to be listened to....

B.D. No. 8544

June 30th 1963

You should listen to God's Word.... For His Word grants you the strength you need for the maturing of your souls.... You should only **want** to be addressed by Him.... And truly, He will speak to you, regardless of how and in which way you hear His Word.... Only your serious wish to be addressed by Him is the decisive factor, for then His spirit will penetrate you when you hear His Word, and then you will no longer hear the speech of a person but the voice of God Who speaks to all those of His children who want to hear Him. You can then, in solitude, attentively listen within and enter into a dialogue with your Father of eternity, then all subsequent thoughts will originate from Him directly, and thus you will hear the Father's voice too, only in the form of thoughts.... You can also read His Word in the Scriptures, and again, it depends on your attitude towards Him, your God and Father, as to whether and how you will be affected by the Word you are reading.... Then He is also talking to you through these, providing you sincerely desire the Father's communication.... His Words can also be imparted to you through a human mouth if, in religious places, you listen to a sermon with the desire to hear Him, your Father of eternity.... if your thoughts are so closely united with Him that you consider every Word to be addressed to yourselves, then you can also truly say that you have been addressed by God Himself.... Additionally, you can accept the Word of God from servants sent to you

on His instructions in order to convey God's direct communication to you, which informs you that He Himself speaks through the spirit when He has a suitable vessel at His disposal which receives His flow of love that wants to pour into such a vessel.... And if you are touched by these Words you will also feel yourselves addressed by Him and you will not have anymore doubts that God Himself speaks to you indirectly.... But you can receive His Words from Him directly, too, if you unite yourselves with Him in profound love and believably listen within.... Then you will hear His direct communication and be extremely happy.... And an abundance of strength will flow into you which will truly enable you to still achieve your perfection on earth, for the direct communication is the greatest gift of grace which all of you can acquire if it is your sincere will. You need to hear the Word of God because you require a light from above which illuminates the path which will lead you to perfection.... You require a small pointer in the right direction; you simply need help in order to be able to reach your goal on earth.... You are weak and blind in spirit.... you must receive strength and regain your ability to see. And both occur through the imparting of the divine Word, which you therefore need to hear in some form or another.... As soon as your heart desires to be addressed by God Himself, the divine Word will not fail to be effective and give you what you require in order to enable you to fulfil your task on earth....

The one and only point is that you humans should establish the connection with your God and Creator of eternity, that you should enter into the relationship of a child with its Father and desire to be addressed by Him, then your earthly life will truly not be futile. The connection with God had once been voluntarily severed and in so doing the being, which He created out of His love, became wretched and of darkened spirit.... The connection must consciously and voluntarily be restored again in order to come out of this unhappy state, and therefore the human being must also want for God to speak to him, for this proves that he strives towards a connection with God once more, and then his higher development can proceed in his earthly life, for then the person will receive strength through accepting His divine Word and he will become inwardly bright and clear.... Then his spiritual blindness will have been overcome too, he will know about the meaning and purpose of his earthly life as well as about his imperfection and guilt and how he can be released from them.... The divine Word first imparts to a person the knowledge about the divine commandments of love.... And if they are already being lived in accordance with then the person will gain further knowledge, he will become enlightened because the eternal Light will shine into him since the connection has been re-established, which is the meaning and purpose of earthly life by itself.... And for this reason you need the proclamation of the divine Word, of the Gospel of love.... And new disciples have been chosen again to proclaim God, Who is the Word of eternity.... And they will bring the truth to people again, because God's Word is truth and will affect every person as truth.... if he seriously desires it. How else should you accept it if not from Himself.... which is purely determined by your desire.... Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.... For an inexhaustible measure of grace will still be poured out before the end, because it is God's will that all people shall become blissfully happy and therefore He will also address all people who desire to hear Him.... And they can all still become blessed through His Word....

Amen

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Prerequisite for hearing God's voice: Detachment from the world....

B.D. No. 7258

January 17th 1959

You must listen deeply within yourselves if you want to hear My voice. And that requires you to completely withdraw from the material world and engross yourselves in spiritual thoughts.... it requires you to completely empty your heart from earthly thoughts so that it can then be filled by thought currents of a purely spiritual nature. People will always find it difficult to completely detach themselves from the world, but My voice can be heard more distinctly the less the heart is burdened by mental impressions of worldly origin. Once the heart is completely empty the flow of My spirit can pour into it unimpeded, and then you will experience this as an uninterrupted talking to you, as a

flowing-over of My spirit into you, as My direct Word which you can hear as clearly as a spoken word. The more you resist earthly thoughts, the more clearly will you hear My voice. And this requires a constant battle with the external world which, impelled by My adversary, wants to intrude time and again in order to disturb the intimate conversation between Father and child. You can prevent this by not yielding to it, by rejecting all thoughts pertaining to the world... by instantly addressing Me in thought asking Me to prevent this interference.... And your will shall be taken into account, because it is solely directed towards Me.

Only those who are able to detach themselves from the world are therefore entitled to hear My voice, for whom I have become a Concept Which no longer can be replaced by the world.... who have recognised Me as their eternal Father Who wants to turn you into his children and will not let go of you again until He has accomplished His goal. Once this separation from the world has taken place, the world will no longer succeed in winning the human being back, because My direct Word will have granted enlightenment to him and he will not want to miss this light again. However, he will nevertheless constantly have to struggle with the world, since he still lives in the midst of the world and it will try to influence him in every way, because it is precisely this intimate dialogue which My adversary wants to disturb as and wherever possible. This is why it always requires a strong will to establish such an intimate bond with Me that My voice can come through, drowning out the voice of the world. The human being's will can accomplish that, and then he will only ever sing My praises and give thanks to the One Who speaks to him and thereby bestows an invaluable gift upon him....

For My Word is the visible or audible sign of My infinite love for you, My living creations. It demonstrates that it is in your own hands to establish such close contact with the highest and most perfect Being that you will be able to hear His voice.... and that you have the evidence of this communication when you write His sacred Word down just as you receive it.... This supremely perfect Being speaks to you.... Contemplate the meaning of these Words.... I speak to you from above, you hear My voice, you comprehend what I tell you, and thereby you can recognise your Father's voice Who loves you and wants to possess you forever... I speak to you because I want you to come to Me of your own free will, so that you will start your return to Me into your Father's house, which I want to achieve by addressing you. But in order to hear My Words your will must be firm and strong, time and again it must look for the heartfelt bond with Me, Who cannot be found on the surface of the world but far away from it.... Consequently, all worldly thoughts must be suppressed and you must listen into the stillness of your heart, and then you will truly hear My Word in all clarity, because My love especially applies to all those who try to reach Me, who desire to hear Me and to whom I therefore reveal Myself according to My promise 'that I will come to My Own in spirit and remain with them until the end of the world....'

Amen

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"Where two or three are gathered in My name...."

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Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them.... You draw My presence yourselves if you call upon Me in your heart, if you come together for My sake, if you make Me the subject of your conversations. I am in your midst and intervene in your conversations Myself, for I fill you with strength and guide your thoughts correctly. Therefore you can always be certain of My presence and also that I will dispel everything that would like to oppress you from the dark side, for where My light shines the dark spiritual element which wants to harm you will flee. Then you will be inaccessible to its evil influence and open to the light radiation from the spiritual kingdom. Then you will also hear My word as it emanates from Me and feel its strength and effect. I Myself dwell in your midst and distribute My gifts of grace, considering each one according to need, and your soul shall rejoice because I Myself give it nourishment.... then you all dine at the lord's table.... I distribute and you receive, bread and wine.... My flesh and My blood.... you are My

guests whom I have invited to the lord's supper and who have willingly accepted My invitation and are therefore abundantly provided by Me with gifts from heaven, with My word, which is delicious refreshment for your soul. If I am present to you, you will never need to go hungry, for your father truly provides abundantly for His children who love Him and want to be obedient to Him. If you now gather in My name, then you press towards Me, your father, like children, and My heart rejoices in your love and comes to you in order to also announce My love for you. I fulfil every call of a loving heart, every desire for Me,

(7.2.1951) for I want to speak to you and I want you to listen to Me. I am always with you if you grant Me entrance into the circle where you live. Where My name falls, spoken with the mouth or also in the heart, there is the place where I like to stay, even though you are not able to see Me with bodily eyes. Every thought of yours attracts Me, thus you need not doubt My presence. And where people gather to converse about My kingdom there is also the opportunity to express Myself, for their hearts are completely unresisting towards My divine strength and this strength loosens their tongues.... they speak, driven by My spirit.... their thoughts will be rightly directed because they **can** never ever be in error where I Myself am working. My working is certain if a person is devoted to Me with love. My blessing will always rest on spiritual conversations, after all, they are proof to Me that My children desire to know the truth, that they love Me and that their thoughts apply to Me.... Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them.... You should take these words of Mine seriously, for they are a promise from Me which can give you comfort and strength at any time.... that you will never stand alone if you remember Me. And then you can confidently expect all kinds of help from Me, for if I am with you I also see and hear your suffering, I know about your heart's every request and fulfil it according to your faith. I dwell in the midst of you.... The stronger this faith in My presence is, the stronger your faith in My help will be when you are in need. But I also want you to ask Me and thus prove your faith in My presence. And therefore I bless those who open themselves and listen for My answer.... who are willing to hear My voice if I want to speak to you. For I always speak through the mouth of your fellow human beings, be it in speech and counter-speech or also in direct address to the one who listens inwardly for My voice. I want to reveal Myself to you humans and am always willing to do so, but I do not always find people who are also willing to listen to Me. I will give them words of love and wisdom in abundance, words of advice and comfort, as I have promised, for if I am in your midst I will not keep Myself hidden, and since you are unable to see Me you shall hear Me. And blessed are those who believe and gather together in My name, for I will bless them and they will feel My blessing as strength which expresses itself in the desire for above, for Me and for eternal life....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Evaluating the divine word means receiving power....

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You evaluate My word far too little.... You only calmly accept what could give you strength without measure without seizing the strength which flows to you from it if you would listen to or read with your whole soul what I want to say to you. You forget that I speak to you Myself, that when you hear My word you hear Me **Myself**, your God and creator of eternity, Who wants to be your father and therefore also addresses you as 'father'. And therefore it is not the same whether you hear the speech of your God or the father's speech to His child.... For when the father speaks to His child it is evidence of His love for it, and words of love must always have an effect by being a source of immense strength for the child. But words of love must be grasped with the heart in order to take effect as strength of love.... Not only the ear may hear them but the heart must be impressed by them, only then will My word become a source of strength from which the child can refresh and strengthen itself at all times. I do not rebuke you because I know how My adversary constantly influences you and tries to intrude as soon as you listen to Me, as soon as you read My word.... I know how he inserts himself into your thinking and how weak you are to resist him.... But I also know how easy earthly

life would be for you if only you would immerse yourselves in My word more often, if only you would regard it as a constant source of strength and let Me speak to you more often. You would be able to do so if only you would ask for the strengthening of your will and then always obey your inner voice, which would now impel you to immerse yourselves in My word more often and it would then also affect you in the right spirit.... instructing, comforting and strengthening you where you lack strength. My word is such a sure means to gain possession of strength; My word is a sure guarantee that you will receive what you lack, and My word is a direct supply of strength at all times. But the divine redeemer Jesus Christ imparts the strengthening of will to you, thus you will always first have to unite with **Me** in Jesus Christ if you also want to derive the right success from My word, so that you experience My illumination of love which will certainly prevent you from still feeling powerless. Try it out, immerse yourselves in My word as soon as you are in earthly or spiritual distress, intimately unite with Me and then just let Me take care of it.... And soon an inner calm will take hold of you, soon you will feel Me Myself close to you, and every weakness or anxiety will fall away from you.... My power will become mighty in you weak ones.... and the power of My word will only be truly clear to you, which overcomes all and endures all.... You have such a reliable source of help in My word because you can constantly draw strength from it if only you seriously delve into it and don't just hear or read it superficially. But this requires your will, which I will never force.... The will **to hear Me** calls Me to you, and then I will also inevitably speak to you and My word will touch you like a ray of love which penetrates deep into your heart and ignites therein.... And **love is strength....** And thus every weakness must depart from you as soon as love is ignited in you through My word.... Divine strength must come over you as soon as you only sincerely unite with Me, so that I can address you, so that I can speak words of love to you which will never fail to have an effect....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Blessing from the connection with God....

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You will achieve great spiritual gain if you often unite with Me in thought, if you commune with Me and thus turn away or withdraw from the earthly material world which will only ever satisfy the body but not the soul. But the soul receives strength from Me, from every bond, because such a bond always means an opening of the heart for the illumination from Me. Understand that contact only ever has to be established in order to guarantee an overflow of strength.... and that every mental turning towards Me creates such a contact which is of greatest blessing for the soul. I cannot have a determining effect on your will because it is free; therefore you must seek the bond with Me of your own accord. But you will never regret it, for you will never go empty-handed, you will always receive strength and grace from Me because I can now illuminate you with My strength of love. The clearest form of this illumination is My word directly conveyed to you.... But your soul can also receive an unusual impetus for loving activity, for spiritual activity.... And this is always proof of My illumination of love, which you make possible yourselves through a conscious bond with Me.... But if you receive My word then the blessing is inconceivable, because not you alone but countless spiritual beings are co-recipients who can draw strength from the word and mature.... Every bond with Me is a source of inexhaustible strength for you.... Physically you don't feel anything of it, and that sometimes makes you indifferent. But your soul will thank you if you repeatedly switch Me on in your thoughts.... it matures itself, and it will not remain powerless but spiritual strength will be at its disposal as often as it needs it.... You only ever need to turn to Me in thought, be it questions or requests which move you.... only ever come to Me with them and thereby allow Me to illuminate your open hearts, which results in every voluntary bond with Me.... And then you can also assume with certainty that you will be able to make spiritual progress.... because it cannot be otherwise when you receive strength from Me than that it helps you to ascend. And thus every work of love will also establish a direct bond with Me, because I Myself am love, because.... "whoever remains in love remains in Me and I in him...." In your earthly life alone it is a matter of restoring the bond with Me

which you once voluntarily broke off.... You turned away **from** Me of your own free will, and you must turn to Me again of your own free will. Then you will have passed your test of will on earth for the purpose of which your existence as a human being was given to you.... The distance from Me still exists when you enter embodiment as a human being.... And only when you live a conscious life will you be able to reduce this distance, and blessed is he who kindles love within himself and thereby re-establishes the intimate bond with Me.... blessed is he who often raises his thoughts to Me and converses with Me.... Now I Myself can influence him again as before, I can illuminate him with My love, and his earthly life will now not be an idle one either, he will bring the soul to its aim, for it is no longer powerless as it was at the beginning of its human existence but it can constantly receive strength from Me through the bond with Me, and it will be able to mature and perfect itself while still on earth. The human being needs My strength.... Although vitality is at his disposal he needs spiritual strength to mature his soul, which he can only receive from Me if he opens his heart, i.e. if he consciously turns to Me in thought, in prayer and through loving activity.... And I will truly provide you abundantly with strength, for I want you to return to Me.... I want you to become perfect, and I long for you who once came forth from My love and who shall find their way home again into their father's house.

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The strength of Jesus' name

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You need only voice My name with profound faith and you will experience its strength, you will be aware of My presence and find help when you are in trouble. But how often does the world still stand between you and Me, how often is its influence still so strong that you are barely able to detach yourselves from it in order to turn to Me with all your heart, to take the leap from the earthly into the spiritual kingdom, so to speak I Am not realistic to you as yet, but nevertheless I can only manifestly help you if you wholeheartedly give yourselves to Me, if you take refuge in My heart and voice My name as being utterly present to Me. You can feel this presence of Mine in your heart, but then you will never ask in vain, your request will have been granted and the strength of My name will have taken effect there and then, and you will know what it means to call upon Me with complete faith You will understand what unquestionable faith means. And regardless of how much the world besieges you, you will always be able to make such heartfelt contact with Me that it will isolate you from the world, that My strength can flow to you. You need not be afraid that I will leave you without help as long as you always turn your eyes to Me, as long as you simply want to belong to Me. This innermost wish is the decisive factor in order for Me to draw you up and never let go of you again. But you also need to struggle, for you shall grow and develop, you shall not come to a halt and get tired and half- hearted in your striving, and therefore you shall call like children to the Father time and again, and the more heartfelt your call is, the sooner it will be granted, and you will experience the strength of My name I want to possess you completely but you must come to Me of your own free will, because I only possess the child's love when it hands itself over to Me and faithfully voices My name as that of its God and Father of eternity.

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

"Behold, I stand at the door...."

B.D. No. 7589

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Open wide the door of your heart when I desire entrance.... I knock at your door again and again, for I want to offer you a delicious gift; but I want to enter, you shall receive Me joyfully, you shall rejoice in My coming and desire with all your heart that I remain with you.... You shall recognize your father in Me, Who loves you and therefore wants to bring you good gifts.... You should not deny

Me access to you.... This is all I ask of you, that you open the door of your heart wide to let Me enter. For this tells Me that you also show Me love, it tells Me that you have prepared the dwelling for Me in order to receive Me therein.... And now I can rule and reign in My house, and truly, it will only be for your blessing. For what I now offer you daily is food and drink for your soul, which now no longer needs to live in want, which unites with the spirit within itself and which will soon have found union with Me, because it will no longer let Me be displaced from its heart, because it is devoted to Me with all its senses and only ever wants the father to stay with His child in order to make it happy for as long as the soul lives on earth and also for eternity. Anyone who voluntarily accepts Me into his heart when I knock and desire entrance has achieved the greatest gain on earth, for he cannot be offered anything more delicious than My daily nourishment which I administer to the soul and which lets it mature already on earth. And thus I knock at all doors and seek admittance, and blessed is he who hears Me and opens his heart and prepares himself for My reception.... blessed is he who cleans and decorates the dwelling of his heart and at any time the lord can enter His house.... blessed is he who joyfully receives Me and no longer lets Me go away.... For I will never ever leave him, I will remain with him and bestow My love upon him, I will constantly speak to him and introduce him to the truth, because he has to know about it in order to attain the right knowledge, the light, without which he cannot be blissfully happy. And whose heart I was once able to take possession of belongs to Me, and I want to provide for him earthly and spiritually, for I will bring everything to him as soon as he lets Me enter his heart. For I do not come empty-handed, I have a rich cornucopia, and My gifts which I distribute will never end because I love you.... And My most delicious gift is My word.... for it is food and drink for the soul, it is My love's pledge, it is spiritual wealth with which you will one day be able to work in the kingdom of the beyond. And everyone will have such wealth at his disposal who opens the door of his heart to Me when I desire entrance, because I never come without gifts of grace and because I always know what the soul needs most. And I knock on many a door of the heart.... but not all of them open for Me, and then I have to move on and could not bring the soul any strengthening; I could not impart any gift of grace to it, and therefore the soul's nature remains miserable and it will also enter the kingdom of the beyond miserably when its hour has come. But it has forfeited the grace to accept Me into its heart, and one day it will bitterly regret it when it recognizes **Who** it was who knocked at its door without finding admittance. But I do not force My way in where the door is kept closed, I go further and only enter where I am joyfully received, where love opens the door wide for Me, where I can take abode and remain there, where the soul recognizes its God and father from Whom it never wants to leave....

Amen

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