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The Ten Commandments

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Process of apostasy.... Process of deification of the being....

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To have left My flow of love also means to have deprived yourselves of all strength and light, for My flow of love **is** light and strength which will fill you again and again if you voluntarily open yourselves to My illumination of love.... Thus, due to your former rejection of My strength of love you consciously surrendered your perfection, your being, which emerged from Me in all perfection, reversed itself and took on completely opposite characteristics, it lost its perfection and all characteristics of a divine being.... It turned into the opposite and therefore could no longer dwell close to Me either, for it took on the characteristics of the one who became My antipole, who first reversed his nature and fell away from Me. He became My antipole, i.e., he wanted to take possession of the created beings, even though they had emerged from **My strength** which his will had used to create countless spiritual beings.... And thus they were also My share.... but once they have to decide for **themselves** to whom they want to belong, to Me or to My adversary. When they were still close to Me they were permeated by light and love and thus possessed immense strength. Yet the one whose will caused them to arise by using My strength brought about their apostasy from Me.... He presented himself to these beings as god and creator, and he determined them to follow **him**, whom they thus could behold, who shone in all beauty.... But as long as they were permeated by My strength of love they also recognized Me as the being from Whom they had emerged.... And yet, they turned to the other and rejected My illumination of love.... And this meant the loss of strength and light, and My adversary now had an easy game.... They followed him voluntarily and the beings fell into the abyss, they were no longer blissful as before when they received unlimited love from Me but they fell into a state of torment, they lost their freedom and became lightless and powerless beings which no longer recognized themselves.... They lost self-awareness, for what was once emanated from Me as strength, which had misused its light and freedom, could not remain inactive in the long run, because strength has to become effective according to the law of eternity.... Thus I reshaped the strength once emanated from Me as a being and let creations of a different kind arise which were destined for a serving function through My will.... Thus I assigned such a serving function to every work of creation, and the emanated strength now fulfilled its purpose....

(9/26/1962) It became active but only ever according to My will. But I had once placed **free** beings outside which were to use their constantly flowing strength of love of their own **free** will without

being determined to do so by Me, yet in the **same** will as Me, because this guaranteed the love of those beings as long as this love was meant for Me. Hence these beings had failed (and) got into a completely wrong state, yet through an extremely agonising path of development they once again became able, as I-conscious beings, to make My will their own.... and now to prove that they can use the unlimited influx of love again for their intended purpose.... thus first of all to shape itself again into the original being it originated from Me, in order to then be able to create and work with Me and next to Me again in free will, which, however, has now completely aligned itself with Mine, because love determines this will and right love is never directed **against** Me but longs for Me and union with Me. Power once emanated by Me cannot remain inactive forever, yet if it is used to work against Me I Myself will prevent its effectiveness.... And therefore I dissolved the once emanated perfect beings into small and smallest sparks of strength again which now work according to My will. But I also make sure that all these tiny sparks come together again and become the once created beings again, for only these **beings** have their self-awareness and free will again, but which I want to win over completely for Myself but will never force it to surrender to Me. For free will is the sign of divine origin, it is the characteristic of a divine created being which first guarantees supreme beatitude but which could also strive towards the deepest darkness without being prevented by Me.... (9/26/1962) For I knew that these beings which had fallen into the abyss could also reach the highest goal again, that they, who came forth as My 'creations' and fell away from Me, would one day return as My 'children', for which free will was the very prerequisite, thus **My** will once had to be switched off, which is now the case during earthly life as a human being.... Then the human being can freely strive for and achieve deification of his own accord if he fulfils the law of eternal order without any coercion, if he lives in love, i.e. if he now shapes himself into love, i.e. if he accepts his original nature again in which (as which) I had created him and he has now given proof of his divinity, that his will is the same as Mine and that he has now attained the perfection which makes him My child, which he will remain for all eternity....

Amen

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Will of God and will of the adversary.... chaos....

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January 4th 1945

God's will is not respected by people but their own will comes to the fore and, if it does not subordinate itself to divine will, it is opposed to it. But a will which opposes God will also carry out deeds which are sinful before God because they lack all love, for only the human being whose will is turned towards God and who therefore only accepts God's will will work in love. God only wants what is good, and every human being who strives to be good also submits himself to God's will.... Yet God's opposing power always and constantly seeks to gain influence over the human being, it seeks to revolt his will against God, so that the human being's own will permeates and he refrains from good actions and instead carries out God-opposing actions. The more influence people give to God's adversary the less they will comply with divine will, and then the state of being distant from God will become very apparent, for people's actions will be without love. And where love is not there God cannot be either, where His will is not respected there is no love, and where love is not there is also no knowledge, no wisdom and no light. People must submit to God's will if they want to mature spiritually and come to the light of realization, for God's will is also the divine law which may not be contravened if the soul is not to suffer harm. For the transgression of any law entails detrimental consequences, just as the lawgiver has the power to punish a transgression. But people no longer recognize God's power and therefore act unquestioningly against His will. Since God's will is paired with wisdom, the God-opposing will lacks all wisdom, thus the consequences must be a chaotic state, disorder, decay and finally destruction. The divine will builds up, but the God-opposing will destroys, it is placed into the human being by God's adversary, who therefore uses the human being to destroy because he lacks the power to do so. And therefore his constant endeavour is to turn the human being's will away from God and to determine him to disregard divine will, so that the human being will then

carry out what violates divine order. And thus he has exerted the greatest influence on people so that they use every opportunity to destroy creations. The human being is in bondage to him, he has no will of his own but completely surrenders it to him, he only carries out what completely contradicts God's will, they are not deeds of love but of envy and hatred.... God's will will no longer be respected and the consequences will inevitably occur, God will let people act unhindered until they themselves have carried out the work of destruction to such an extent that it will rebound on people.... until the chaos has become so great that people themselves perish in it.... For the will of God signifies divine order, and a contravention has an inconceivably detrimental effect on earth and far more so in the spiritual kingdom....

Amen

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John 14, 21 'He that hath My commandments....'

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June 23rd 1959

If you keep My commandments you will love Me and I will reveal Myself to you. And I will always reveal Myself to those who want to hear Me, I will never stay silent or leave you, because I love you and wish for nothing more dearly but to speak to you, to communicate with you and thereby reveal Myself to you as a loving Father Who has longed for His child ever since it deserted Me and fell away. My love for what has fallen has not diminished; hence I will do anything in order to call it back to Me. As soon as it hears My voice, as soon as it recognises it as **My** voice and thus requests to be addressed by Me it will have already started on the path of return.... it is already close to the Father's heart, it only has to consciously try to establish contact with Me in order to definitely enter into union with Me and thereby regain the joys which it felt in the beginning.

Hence you, My beloved on earth, need only keep My commandments, that is, comply with My will, and you can at all times also be assured of hearing My Words, and then an abundance of grace will be at your disposal, for My speaking to you also signifies an influx of blessings which will help you to become perfect, to become blissfully happy, which will make it easy for you to travel the path of return to Me and reach the goal. But how few people believe that I would like to speak to them Myself, that they can hear Me if they wanted to, and that they only need to fulfil the conditions in order to hear My voice within themselves. And how few people recognise the voice of the Father Who speaks to them when My Word is conveyed to them through My messengers.... And yet, they all want to be My 'children' but the voice of the 'Father' cannot be recognised by them because they are still distant from Me, because they deem My commandments difficult to fulfil and thus they have not yet attained the ability to hear My gentle voice within their hearts....

Nevertheless, I speak to people, and everyone can hear Me if only he believes in Me, fulfils My commandments of love for God and his neighbour and then quietly and devoutly listens within to what I want to say to him. And he will be able to hear Me and feel blissfully happy when the Father speaks to His child....

Amen

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Ten commandments.... justification of the legislation....

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July 3rd 1940

The commandment to love God and one's neighbour comprises all the commandments that God made known to mankind through Moses, and thus man observes each of these ten commandments if he fulfils the great commandment to love God and one's neighbour. It is extremely important to be informed about the origin of these ten commandments, because there are so many speculations about them that can easily lead us to doubt divine love. At that time, conditions among fellow human beings were all too characteristic of their lack of love. And the one God was no longer

remembered; the inclination to the world, the love of mammon, of all earthly pleasures was indescribably great, and they respected neither their fellow man's property nor what they owed to their God and creator. They surrendered themselves willlessly to satan's power and paid homage to everything that was his share. And God brought terrible misery upon the people who had forgotten Him, forcing them to repent. They recognized their low spiritual state and therefore asked God for help from their physical and spiritual affliction. God then made His will known through Moses in a form that illuminated all the details in order to clearly show the people the wrongness of their way of life. The legislation at Sinai was so obvious that even the most hardened sinner recognized the power and greatness of God and now had to recognize God's will, which demanded a deep inner conversion from him. He gave His laws through Moses with an iron voice, through which He harshly illuminated people's way of life and reproached them for their sinful behaviour. For this did not correspond in the slightest to the divine requirements, and mankind was so blinded at that time that every commandment had to be given to them in order to make them realize their wrongdoing. What contributed to their physical well-being they took for themselves without a second thought, without considering the well-being of their fellow human beings, and thus they did not acknowledge the eternal deity through their behaviour.... they did nothing to please God, but everything to harm their neighbour and seek their own advantage. The spiritual law became so obvious that God took pity on them and sent them news of His power and omnipotence and of His love, which demanded the same from His creatures.... And Jesus Christ taught the same on earth, He placed love for God before everything else and added love for one's neighbour as confirmation of love for God to this greatest commandment, and thus anyone who respects these two commandments, which every person's purpose in life should be to fulfil, will fulfil the divine will....

Amen

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The first commandment

Ten Commandments.... First and second commandment....

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October 3rd 1950

You shall be given the guiding principles by which you should live on earth and fulfil My will: You always have to keep My Commandments of love in mind and then you will never be able to sin, because a life of love is at all times a life within My eternal order and then it is impossible to sin. My Commandment of love towards God and your neighbour incorporated the laws and the prophets, hence the Ten Commandments given to Moses were not eliminated by My Commandments of love but merely confirmed. The Ten Commandments were integrated at the same time in My Two Commandments, wherein I required love for Me and your neighbour.... You shall give all your love only to one God, thus only one Being should represent to you what you wholeheartedly aspire to, what you love and worship, what you strive to reach. Nothing shall exist to you that could replace or displace this most perfect Being, your God, because all else a person still deems desirable are gods which reduce the love for your God and therefore cannot be tolerated beside Me. Your love shall fully and completely relate to Me, your God, Creator and Father of eternity. Because as a result of this love your conduct in life, your will and your knowledge will be shaped. Anyone who loves Me more than anything else has gained everything, Me Myself, My love and eternal life close to Me.... This commandment is the first commandment, nevertheless it also includes the second commandment, love for your neighbour. Because the love for what I created is also an acknowledgment of love for Me, and therefore both commandments are not to be separated from each other. So that you will learn to believe firmly and steadfastly you shall sense My nearness and feel that I Myself Am speaking to you and take notice of all your thoughts and requests, even if they are not voiced. I will always share your inner life, I will know your questions and always will want to answer them just as soon as you give Me the opportunity, i.e. as soon as you mentally present the question to Me and patiently wait for the answer.... You will always receive the reply as soon as you attune yourselves to receive it, thus by listening within yourselves, from where the answer will emerge.

And thus hear the explanation of the commandment: Second Commandment. 'You shall not take the name of your Lord in vain....' I Am and remain the highest and most perfect Being for you, Whom you nevertheless can contact at any time. I want you to unite with Me, to strive for unity with Me; I want you to call for Me because by doing so you inform Me of your will; I want you never to exclude Me from your thoughts, I want to be the First and the Last to you, I want you to share with Me everything that moves you, I want you to come to Me for advice and completely confide in Me, and humbly submit to My will.... But I do not want you to take My name in vain without the involvement of your heart.... I do not want you to live a life of pretence, I do not want you to appear to the world as My children who are sincerely devoted to their Father and in reality are very distant from Me. I do not want you to speak My name before the world and make the connection with Me absolutely impossible due to your attitude, due to your conduct which does not correspond to My will but which remains hidden from other people because you are constantly using My name in order to deceive them. You are using My name in vain when your heart and mouth do not agree with each other, when your mouth speaks differently than you heart feels. Then it is truly better for you to openly turn away from Me, because then you would lack all knowledge, whereas by mentioning My name you are admitting to know Me although you still dislike Me in your heart. You don't mislead Me but you certainly mislead your fellow human beings, and thus you are playing a game of falsehood and deceit with Me. You should become conscious of the fact that the deceptive mentioning of your God's name will double your sin, that you are more or less using Me as a cover for your wrong way of life, that you want to cause confusion amongst those who still believe and to whom I Am the highest and most perfect

Being. I should punish you for every call to Me and every mentioning of My name from your mouth but I acknowledge your free will and put up with your sacrilege which, however, at times makes the believers wonder and doubt their faith. Therefore every mentioning of My name without sincerity is a temptation for the believer for which I will hold you to account one day. It is belittling Me, Whom you do not acknowledge and yet use to veil your true nature, Whom you thus try to turn into an accessory otherwise you would openly turn away from Me and not try to conceal your way of life. The deceptive mentioning of My name is a lie which will avenge itself badly when all sin will be revealed one day, it is a flagrant violation of the commandment of love for God and the next person....

Amen

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"You shall have no foreign gods beside Me.... "

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You shall have no gods beside Me.... These words are very meaningful because everything you strive for in earthly life can mean more to you than I, your God and father from eternity, as well as your heart is attached to earthly goods and therefore you seek no bond with Me.... Then what you desire with all your senses is your God.... And even if you still accept Me by acknowledging a power above you, Which created you, you still have foreign gods next to Me.... always according to the desire which arises from your heart. Be it earthly goods, the desire for honour and fame or even people who displace Me from your heart, it is always foreign gods which prevent your ascent upwards, for all these gods are transient, you have to sacrifice them, when your earthly life is over, and one day you will enter the kingdom of the beyond empty-handed if you don't put Me Myself first, Who, after all, wants to be your only goal in earthly life and Whom you must strive for with all your strength if you want to become blessed.... I am your God and creator, from Whom you once originated, and I want you to recognize and acknowledge Me.... And you shall give Me the evidence of this by being willing to give up everything if you exchange Me Myself and My love for it. Then I am truly the one God for you, to Whom you should feel that you belong and Who wants to be united with you as your father for time and eternity. But now consider your life on earth, which only seems worth living to you if you possess everything your heart desires.... So you have created many gods for yourselves which you place next to Me.... provided that you believe in Me as your creator. But this faith is worthless as long as you don't seriously strive towards Me.... but the world and your desire for it holds you back. Your love belongs to many things which, however, are My adversary's share, and you should overcome the desire for them so that I Myself will now be placed in the foreground of your thinking and you will drop all other gods.... But you also create gods for yourselves besides Me if you call upon beings in the spiritual kingdom in the belief that you will reach the goal, eternal bliss, through their intercession.... Even then your attitude towards **Me** is not yet right, because in earthly life it is a matter of establishing the bond with **Me** which you once voluntarily broke off.... And you have to accomplish this act of voluntary and conscious return to Me yourselves, and no intercessor would be able to achieve this through his intercession.... They will only ever mentally show you the path to Me Myself, which you irrevocably have to take in order to become blissfully happy. For you should know that the love of those beings of light is so great that they would like to bring you back to Me if My law of eternal order were not also anchored in them, that they themselves do not force a person to want and think on earth.... But according to the law of order I demand from eternity that every soul voluntarily takes the path to **Me**, and therefore I want to be and remain their God, for Whom they are willing to sacrifice everything. I want to completely possess your hearts because I want to fill them with My love.... But as long as a heart is not yet free from desires and cravings of all kinds, this heart therefore still has foreign gods within it, which prevent Me from entering and reigning in it alone.... Yet if **I** fully possess a soul this means that I can now also prepare the highest happiness for it, and truly, it will not regret having given up the other goods in order to exchange Me for them, but now I am the sole ruler in the human being's heart and nothing can undo the intimate bond between us. Therefore, seriously examine yourselves as to whether you are still filled with desire

for things which mean more to you than I Myself, be they material things or people, and seek to dethrone them so that the first place remains for Me.... seek to stifle all earthly desire within yourselves and free yourselves from all idolatry, which includes all love for the world, for then you will truly only serve My adversary, the prince of darkness, to whom this world belongs, and thus he is your god to whom all sacrifices you offer are meant. Mammon will then be your god, and this god will crush you, for he does not belong to My kingdom where I alone reign in love and wisdom.... And those who want to belong to Me shall worship Me alone, i.e. only carry Me in their heart, and I will not only be their God and creator but also their father to them....

Amen

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The adversary's works of deception.... Apparitions....

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If someone could take a look into the depth of hell, into the domain of the prince of hell, he would not be surprised by the actions these beings are capable of doing. For they are all subject to My adversary's aggression, and their own nature is so similar to his own that they always agree with him and thus are only too willingly his servants. The area of their dreadful activity is extensive.... It exists wherever there are people whom they try to influence into behaving and thinking as badly as themselves. But this area belongs to Me too, because everything emerged from My strength: humanity, as the once created original spirits, as well as the works of creation, which now serve as an abode for human beings and the spiritual substances which are not yet allowed to embody themselves as human beings. Thus My adversary and his vassals have no power over these works of creations, but they can influence the human being, and they do so most comprehensively. They try to influence his will into giving in to them.... Yet they cannot force the human will. Nevertheless, it is in great danger if it does not resist this corruptive influence.

It is in great danger and nevertheless not aware of it. For if he could grasp My adversary's and his followers' whole plan and their abysmal evilness he would be on his guard, he would stay awake and pray.... The adversary, however, knows how to deceive people by approaching them as a friend, although he is and remains their greatest enemy and only plans their ruin. Hence he seeks to offer a person whatever he desires for his human existence, first he entices him with earthly goods and pleasures, and few people are able to resist these temptations. And thus he succeeds in kindling material greed, and then they are usually already taken in by him, since they find it difficult to let go of it, they need help and do not approach the One, Who could help them.... But this is not enough for My adversary, because he wants to own people's souls completely again, he even wants to turn those who are almost set to return to Me into his servants again. Therefore he tempts them to commit evil deeds, which force them completely back into his power once more. And his accomplices support him, their poisonous breath weakens the resistance even where these beings' influences could not penetrate fully.

If these emissaries of hell and their prince would show their intention openly they could certainly be recognised and would also meet with resistance.... But they work in secret, they hide behind the mask of virtue.... indeed, they do not shy away from using a cloak which is supposed to pretend purity and integrity.... And thereby they also win people who are not willing to fall into the hands of their souls' enemy. But these lack watchfulness and fail to send the right prayer in spirit and in truth to Me.... They have already become too superficial themselves or they could not be taken in by these deceptions, or they could recognise the enemy in spite of his mask. Their will for good, their desire for Me, is not strong enough in those who allow themselves to be deceived. For I will truly protect anyone who does not want to be deceived, and I certainly will not let them be taken in by him if their will remains totally focussed on Me. My adversary works with cunning and trickery. This is well-known to all people, and therefore every person should be watchful and not let himself be surprised by artful trickery.... He should always come to Me and ask Me for clarification, he should at all times commend

himself to Me and My protection. Then the adversary will not be able to deceive him and the person's will itself would have warded off the danger, which cannot be forced by My adversary but which will always be strengthened by Me if he stays firmly focussed on Me. And this option is available to everyone, because everyone is informed of My Word, which expresses My will.... and which is the most effective protection and strongest weapon against the one, who wants to corrupt him....

Amen

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The adversary's works of deception.... Apparitions....

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A very special trick by My adversary is to entice people to displace Me from their thoughts such that he presents them with 'other gods', that he awakens the idea in them that these 'gods' should serve people as a bridge to Me.... that they thus owe it to the favour of these gods if I graciously draw close to them, and that people then would have to do everything to ensure the favour of these gods first. Because all those you place next to Me, whom you ask for 'intercession' with Me, are 'idols'.

You should take the direct path to Me, for that is the purpose and goal of your life.... When you know what your past sin was you will also know that this sin can only be put right by the opposite.... Your past sin was your conscious separation from Me, thus you have to establish the conscious relationship with Me and thereby recognise your past sin and also acknowledge it to Me. No other beings.... no matter how enlightened they are, can take this past sin away from you, and I can never accept their appeal on your behalf, because the change of will has to be your very own effort, and you have to approach Me Myself voluntarily, since only then can your voluntarily destroyed bond be re-established. Hence My adversary uses a cunning weapon to prevent this return to Me.... the conscious relationship with Me.... for as long as possible or to prevent it completely by making you believe that you can reach your goal in a round-about way. He uses this weapon on those who still have enough good will not to reject every religious doctrine.... and who can easily be deceived. For he wants to mislead people's thoughts, he wants to gain time, he wants to obstruct the path to Me. And for this reason he invented the misguided teaching about 'intercession from beyond' and found untold followers.

People can certainly help poor souls in the beyond through intercession, because such intercession is evidence of love for those souls, which is already sufficient for Me to give strength to these souls, since I value the love of a person very highly. However, 'intercession' by the beings of light is an entirely different matter.... All these beings love abundantly, and they truly also have the power to help all people.... But due to their abundance of love they also have abundant wisdom.... They all know of the original sin, they know of My plan of Salvation since eternity, they know the purpose and goal of earthly life.... They know by what means the fallen being will be able to return to Me, by what means it can regain its original state.... And this knowledge will never ever persuade them to liberate people from their sinful state without authority. On the other hand, their love for all unredeemed spirits is too great to deny help to a being. But their love for Me is far greater.... And therefore they would never take precedence in people's thoughts, they will only aim to direct their thoughts to Me in the knowledge that the person has to establish the bond with Me first if he is to be helped to achieve beatitude. Thus it will never be the light beings' will that you should take the path to them and waste precious time, which is intended for your return to Me.... And these beings of light will even less support misguided teachings by appearing to people themselves. But this deception is used by My adversary, and in order to increase the darkness he flashes deceptive lights.... He counts on the darkened spiritual state of people who do not remember My Words 'You shall have no other gods before Me.... you shall not make for yourself a graven image to pray to....'

The purest and most hallowed being, who was the childbearer of My earthly body, will never encourage people to petition her, because her love for Me is infinite, and she seeks to direct all once apostatised beings back to Me, because she, too, loves these beings and would like to support their

return to Me. And especially this supremely holy being has in Lucifer the harshest adversary, who does not shy away from using her image for his plans.... who will always let this image emerge as a satanic work of deception when there is a risk that his gamble might be recognised.... when misguided teachings are doubted and a small light wants to break through. Then My adversary steps into action again and uses means which instantly strengthen his power once more, because deepest darkness will be spread across those humans who become entrapped due to the fact that they exercise too little love in order to kindle a light in themselves, which would truly bring enlightenment and let them find the right path.... the direct path to Me....

(20.02.1958) If only people lived more within love, such spiritual confusion and mistakes could not arise because they would be recognised as such.... But especially people who allow themselves to be impressed by external occurrences are the least inwardly active. Their soul's life is more or less determined by worldly events even if they wear the cloak of religious activities.... people's senses are occupied and the soul will be dulled. And therefore My adversary has an easy game, people are taken in by his activity and yet they could see through him and notice it if their hearts were filled by love, because love is light too and illuminates the human being's spirit. This is the reason why the masses support My adversary's deception and present it as truth which 'originated' from Me. Just a small amount of knowledge would make people realise the futility of apparitions which can never be compatible with My divine plan of love and Salvation. My earthly mother will never want to be the centre of events which stop the masses from taking the direct path to Me.... she will never try to draw people's attention and thoughts to herself.... because it would be the same as slighting Me, to Whom she gives all her love and devotion.

As a result of My adversary's influence people have adopted a completely wrong attitude.... They themselves created gods next to Me, and they dance around these gods but do not remember the one God, from Whom they once apostatised and to Whom they have to return of their own free will. They direct their will wrongly because My adversary knows how to place deceptive lights before their eyes, because he himself hides behind the disguise and thus demands divine admiration of people.... He puts these apparitions into motion, he also tries to take advantage of genuine visions by truly devout people for his purposes by inciting the masses to believe that an exceedingly sacred and pure being had revealed itself, although it would never manifest itself in this manner.... But people want to believe it and cannot be prevented to do so. But a light shall also always be given to you who desire the pure truth. You should not let it baffle you because My adversary will yet cause other things to happen, and he will always aim to get the masses on his side. This should already be an indication to you who hides behind unusual activities and appearances, for I will always work away from the public eye, and even My messengers of light will never make themselves the centre of attraction. Yet only little attention is given to My activity, My adversary's activity, however, will always move the whole world, which already gives evidence of him and thereby he can also be recognised....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

"You shall have no foreign gods beside Me..."

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October 5th 1954

To whom you give your love, that is your God.... And now examine yourselves earnestly as to what your heart desires, and if your senses are earthly directed, then mammon is your God, then you serve an idol; then you are enslaved to him who is the lord of darkness.... But you do not know the God of love as long as you serve an idol.... And if your mouth says: "I believe in God", these are empty words. For if you believed in a God of love with conviction you would also desire Him; you would serve Him alone and detach yourselves from everything that belongs to the world.... you would then have no other God beside Me.... You would give your love to Me alone and now also be allowed to possess My love eternally.... You should not treat the word 'God' so lightly, you should be aware of the word's deepest meaning.... You should consider that God is the highest and most perfect being, to

whom all your love should belong.... You should not speak of faith in **Me** as long as another God is still desirable to you.... the earthly mammon, which you humans love above all else. Then openly profess your faith in him but do not speak My name.... For I, your God and father from eternity, want to possess **all** your love and not share it with the one you strive for in truth. I am the lord your God.... you shall have no foreign gods beside Me.... This was My commandment which you humans have completely erased from your memory, for you all have foreign gods beside Me; you all attach your heart to earthly goods, you all practice idolatry as long as you cannot detach yourselves from the world for My sake, as long as the desire for Me does not fill your whole heart.... I alone am the good, the true, the lovable, and whoever worships foreign gods besides Me, his faith in Me is not convinced, otherwise he would banish everything from his heart to receive Me alone, to serve Me alone.... and you can only serve **one** lord.... **Where your love is, there is your God....** Consider these words carefully and examine yourselves seriously to whom you want to give your love.... For this one will also take possession of you.... to make you blessed or to destroy you....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The second commandment

Ten Commandments.... First and second commandment....

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You shall be given the guiding principles by which you should live on earth and fulfil My will: You always have to keep My Commandments of love in mind and then you will never be able to sin, because a life of love is at all times a life within My eternal order and then it is impossible to sin. My Commandment of love towards God and your neighbour incorporated the laws and the prophets, hence the Ten Commandments given to Moses were not eliminated by My Commandments of love but merely confirmed. The Ten Commandments were integrated at the same time in My Two Commandments, wherein I required love for Me and your neighbour.... You shall give all your love only to one God, thus only one Being should represent to you what you wholeheartedly aspire to, what you love and worship, what you strive to reach. Nothing shall exist to you that could replace or displace this most perfect Being, your God, because all else a person still deems desirable are gods which reduce the love for your God and therefore cannot be tolerated beside Me. Your love shall fully and completely relate to Me, your God, Creator and Father of eternity. Because as a result of this love your conduct in life, your will and your knowledge will be shaped. Anyone who loves Me more than anything else has gained everything, Me Myself, My love and eternal life close to Me.... This commandment is the first commandment, nevertheless it also includes the second commandment, love for your neighbour. Because the love for what I created is also an acknowledgment of love for Me, and therefore both commandments are not to be separated from each other. So that you will learn to believe firmly and steadfastly you shall sense My nearness and feel that I Myself Am speaking to you and take notice of all your thoughts and requests, even if they are not voiced. I will always share your inner life, I will know your questions and always will want to answer them just as soon as you give Me the opportunity, i.e. as soon as you mentally present the question to Me and patiently wait for the answer.... You will always receive the reply as soon as you attune yourselves to receive it, thus by listening within yourselves, from where the answer will emerge.

And thus hear the explanation of the commandment: Second Commandment. 'You shall not take the name of your Lord in vain....' I Am and remain the highest and most perfect Being for you, Whom you nevertheless can contact at any time. I want you to unite with Me, to strive for unity with Me; I want you to call for Me because by doing so you inform Me of your will; I want you never to exclude Me from your thoughts, I want to be the First and the Last to you, I want you to share with Me everything that moves you, I want you to come to Me for advice and completely confide in Me, and humbly submit to My will.... But I do not want you to take My name in vain without the involvement of your heart.... I do not want you to live a life of pretence, I do not want you to appear to the world as My children who are sincerely devoted to their Father and in reality are very distant from Me. I do not want you to speak My name before the world and make the connection with Me absolutely impossible due to your attitude, due to your conduct which does not correspond to My will but which remains hidden from other people because you are constantly using My name in order to deceive them. You are using My name in vain when your heart and mouth do not agree with each other, when your mouth speaks differently than you heart feels. Then it is truly better for you to openly turn away from Me, because then you would lack all knowledge, whereas by mentioning My name you are admitting to know Me although you still dislike Me in your heart. You don't mislead Me but you certainly mislead your fellow human beings, and thus you are playing a game of falsehood and deceit with Me. You should become conscious of the fact that the deceptive mentioning of your God's name will double your sin, that you are more or less using Me as a cover for your wrong way of life, that you want to cause confusion amongst those who still believe and to whom I Am the highest and most perfect

Being. I should punish you for every call to Me and every mentioning of My name from your mouth but I acknowledge your free will and put up with your sacrilege which, however, at times makes the believers wonder and doubt their faith. Therefore every mentioning of My name without sincerity is a temptation for the believer for which I will hold you to account one day. It is belittling Me, Whom you do not acknowledge and yet use to veil your true nature, Whom you thus try to turn into an accessory otherwise you would openly turn away from Me and not try to conceal your way of life. The deceptive mentioning of My name is a lie which will avenge itself badly when all sin will be revealed one day, it is a flagrant violation of the commandment of love for God and the next person....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Keeping the name of Jesus sacred....

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With love and devotion you should pronounce the name of Jesus, it should be the holiest thing to you, you should carry it in your heart, it should be the star that shines in the dark night and the sun that shines brightly and gives you life. And you should not allow this most holy name to be mocked, but confront those who do so and admonish them to desist, so that they will not perish forever.... His name is to be kept holy, for it holds great power for those who speak it in faith and want to receive this power. You will receive what you ask for in His name, for He Himself has given you this promise; you will work miracles in His name who, as His disciples, want to prove the power of faith to people, you will be able to banish evil by invoking His name, for nothing can resist Him and the powers of darkness retreat from Him. They fear Him and His power. And if you make use of His name in order to work for Him, your work will also be a blessed one, for He Himself stands by your side and His grace floods you. His name will be your weapon in the battle against your enemies who want to denigrate His name, who do not acknowledge Him and declare open war on Him. And you will have to use this weapon if you get into serious trouble where no earthly help seems possible for you.... then call upon Him, faithfully pronounce His name, hand yourselves over to Him and He will save you, for He is everywhere where His help is requested and His power is truly greater than the power of His enemies.... The power of the divine name will also be experienced by those who lack all reverence for His holiness and who therefore unscrupulously destroy everything that has (takes?) reference to Jesus Christ and His teaching, who do not recognize the eternal deity in Him, who want to stamp His word as the work of men and therefore try to eradicate Him and His teaching without fearing the power of God. They will carry out actions that will horrify the believers.... they will mock His name and abuse it until God works through His servants, until they cast a spell over them by opposing the name of Jesus.... that they are unable to speak and blaspheme against Him, that they are deprived of all power and the power of God is physically perceptible to them. For His name is holy, and he who abuses it, who blasphemes His holy name, must atone for it.... Their sin is too great to remain unpunished, and if this still results in punishment on earth, the human being is still given a reprieve.... to recognize and repent, to ask for forgiveness of his grave guilt. For God does not allow Himself to be mocked.... His love is boundless, yet when people take action against Him themselves their hearts are hardened and they themselves fall prey to satan, who uses their will to fight Jesus Christ and take action against Him and His word. His power, however, is greater and it also shares itself with those who believingly pronounce His name when they are in need....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

God knows all.... truth and appearance.... mask of the adversary....

B.D. No. 6123

November 30th 1954

I truly do not judge according to outward appearances, and I am not deceived by what the mouth utters.... I see the thoughts, the human being's will, and this alone I evaluate, I work according to

this will and carry out My work of education on the human being. You can certainly deceive your fellow human beings but never Me, Who knows the most secret thoughts in your hearts. You must know that I am the eternal truth Myself and therefore every untruth, every hidden thought, is an abomination to Me and that I only have an open ear for your needs if you come to Me without falsehood, if you completely divest yourselves of the appearance which you want to let shine towards your fellow human beings.... I only listen to those who come to Me in truth and humility, but I do not respect the insincere.... For he does not believe in Me as a righteous and true being Which must be averse to all false appearances, otherwise It would be imperfect. But My adversary often hides behind a mask and you are his followers if you do not apply yourselves to the innermost truth, if you do not remove everything from your heart which you try to conceal.... My adversary is an enemy of truth.... but his cunning is to present himself as he is **not** but should be.... For the false man will always **borrow** a dress.... he knows well what he lacks, and so he pretends to possess it.... And thus he also betrays himself and can never say he does not know about My will.... But the pretence is of no use to him because he will be recognized by Me down to the bottom.... And he will only be regarded by Me when he goes into himself and reveals all his faults to Me, when he throws off all coverings which were meant to conceal his nature and thinking from Me.... when he comes to Me and speaks as he is and thinks.... Only then can he expect that I will listen to him and take care of his need.... For I want you humans to call to Me in spirit and in truth.... Only then can I be present to you, determined by your call to do so.... And only then will you be able to experience My love and mercy, which I bestow upon everyone who comes to Me humbly and in full trust.... who now, by revealing himself, also reveals that he wants to flee from My adversary and turn to Me.... and who can now also expect My help in his adversity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Name of Jesus shall not be led in vain....

B.D. No. 5074

February 26th 1951

My name shall not be taken in vain.... This has been given to you humans as a commandment, the observance of which demonstrates love for Me and its non-observance is counted to you as a sin against Me. For My name shall be holy to you, it shall be held in honour in heaven and on earth. Thus My name can be misused but always to the detriment of the soul of the one who tries to disparage Me. Hence My adversary can also allow himself to be abused and speak of Me in a derogatory way, that is, anyone who does not believe in Me, who denies Me, is My adversary and will also speak of Me in a way which hurts the believing person, and one day he will also have to answer for it, for this is an abuse of My name and testifies to opposition against Me. But I will not hinder him if he misuses My name or uses it as a cover for his piety. But as soon as he uses it as confirmation of a lie, as soon as My adversary tries to gain faith by mentioning My name, you yourselves must check extremely carefully whether you give him cause to resort to this means in order to win you over. You must check yourselves whether you yourselves are attracting the one who wants to ruin you for eternity through all kinds of desires and vices. Then his endeavour is to completely destroy your faith in Me, your faith in the deity in Jesus Christ, in His unlimited might and power and His greater than great love.....

(26.2.1951) My name is exceedingly holy and cannot be pronounced by a spirit of the underworld in its deepest meaning, i.e., it cannot be invoked as the name of God, the highest and most perfect being, because that dark being would then also acknowledge Me Myself as its God and father of eternity. But the name can be mentioned as 'only name', and this is a temptation which is often successful. Thus such a being can imagine people under this **name** but cannot deceive you as **God** as soon as you ask it to profess itself as God the father or God the son. It should be noted that every dark being will give way as soon as the name of Jesus is held up to it in living faith in Him as God's son and redeemer of the world.... Every evil spirit gives way to **Jesus' deity**, but the name, which is only lightly invoked as a name, is ineffective, just as, conversely, a being of the underworld can also adopt the **name** Jesus

without wanting to introduce itself as God's son. The word without the spirit is only a dead word, but you humans should pay attention to the spirit and not to the dead letter... Everything that is true must have life; a being which is in the night of death will never comprehend the full truth and thus also not the exceedingly great holiness of My name, thus it will also utter My name completely without realization, certainly in order to deceive people but unaware of where the deception lies, for it only utters a false name in order not to need to mention its own name, but it cannot grasp at all whose name it utters. Nevertheless, My name can be held up to such a being in profound faith in Me and it will flee the light and no longer oppress the human being. But you humans have to carry out the test yourselves.... you have to know whether you unite with Me so deeply and intimately that you allow Me Myself to be present in you. Then you will not have to fear any deception by dishonest spiritual beings.... And if you feel distressed or doubt Me, then call upon My name with faithful trust and deep devotion and I will chase every dark being away from you because you use the weapon I have recommended to you.... For no being will be able to withstand My name if it is not yet redeemed....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The third commandment

Third, fourth, fifth and sixth commandment....

B.D. No. 4979

October 4th 1950

‘You shall keep the Sabbath Day holy....’ This commandment is meant to make you conscious of the fact that you are indebted to Me, that earthly life was given to you for a specific purpose, that you should sincerely strive to make contact with Me.... that you should cross the bridge to Me, that you should leave the world behind and, through contemplation, heartfelt prayer and silent dialogue with Me, move yourselves into the spiritual kingdom:.... That you thus keep a true Sabbath Day, that you take a period of rest from the rushing and racing of the world, in which you certainly live but which should not turn you into slaves. In Me alone should you recognise your Lord, and it is Me Whom you should serve and thus you should frequently stop for an hour of rest, when your thoughts are with Me even when you perform your earthly duty and are constantly active. The more you can detach yourselves from the earthly world, the more often you connect with Me in thought, the more convincingly will you recognise Me as your God and Father of eternity and thus, by fulfilling this commandment of keeping the Sabbath Day holy, you once again simply fulfil the commandment of love for Me. But your love shall also apply to your neighbour. Who, however, is your neighbour? All people with whom you come into contact.... your love shall belong to all of them.... When I, through Moses, gave people the Ten Commandments it was necessary to make people particularly aware of their mistakes and bad habits, because their love had grown cold for all people in their surroundings. Even the children no longer practised love, it was a state of wickedness, depravity, and selfishness.... For this reason the commandment of love for your neighbour had to be presented to them in every detail. They ignored all divine order, and thus they had to be given several commandments which, indeed, are all included in the commandment of love for your neighbour but which also need to be observed by people today if they don't want to infringe against love.

You shall honour your parents, offer them the love of a child and always be obedient to them. You should always remember that they, with selfless love, are preparing you to become human beings and thus enable you to live earthly life for the purpose of higher development, that they were given this task by Me, that you should thus repay the innate love they give to you and which is motivating them to physically and psychologically take care of you. You owe them your life and thus should honour them and return their care for you until the end of their life. Then I, too, will look upon you with pleasure and give you My love because by loving your parents you show a warm and loving heart which will also love Me, once it has recognised Me as the eternal Father from Whom all living creations emerged, who He wants to shape into His rightful children. Only love will turn you into My children, and anyone who loves and honours His parents will also love the Heavenly Father and be blessed by Him....

Amen(04.10.1950) ‘You shall not kill....’ This commandment also fulfils itself if your neighbour is looked upon with love. Because love will never damage him and even less endeavour to take his life. It does not merely concern the human being's life on earth which the heartless person intends to take; it concerns the opportunity of development which can only successfully change the human being into a child of God on earth. You therefore burden yourselves with an irresponsibly severe guilt when you violate a human being's life, when you forcibly end it and by doing so unlawfully rob the soul of My gift of grace. You are committing a double sin, against your neighbour as well as against Me, as in fact every offence against the commandment of love for other people is an offence against your love for Me, because you also indirectly refuse to love Me, Who created your neighbour. To end an earthly life should never be endorsed even if honourable motives give cause to it. Because once again it is

decisive that the soul only received the body's life for the purpose of higher development. You should not consider earthly life, the life of the body, as the most important and consequently only take the body's life into account. But far less should you deem earthly life so unimportant that you think you may end it arbitrarily. The person who unlawfully takes another person's life will be pursued by an inconceivable vindictiveness on earth and even in the spiritual kingdom and, furthermore, due to such acts of hatred and heartlessness he will lapse into deepest darkness himself for he will have devoted himself to Satan who, in order to prevent all higher development, endeavours to destroy the life that I awakened. He has transferred his willingness to sin to the person and thus has used him to commit an evil act which, however, the person could have refused to commit of his own free will. He was not forced to sin.... But when earthly rulers bring force to bear, when a human being acts in self-defence in order to protect his own life, when his inner being resists an act of most blatant heartlessness and yet is unable to oppose earthly law, the attitude of the person acting against this commandment will always be taken into account. However, if the person violates the commandment wholeheartedly he will be held fully responsible because he ignores My commandment of love and belongs to My adversary....

Amen

Third, fourth, fifth and sixth commandment....

'You shall not commit adultery....' This area is particularly significant because it incorporates everything in relation to carnal desires. It concerns the sensual orientation, the active expression on the sexual level. Indeed, I Myself gave the right for this with the Words 'Be fruitful and multiply....' I Myself created humanity such that the bodies of a man and a woman long to unite, nevertheless the final purpose of the latter is just procreation. And since the human being has free will it is up to him to control himself or to fully express himself without self-control. What on one hand is blessed by Me can, on the other hand, be a most welcome opportunity for the adversary to entice the person into sin, although he will always be conscious of it because every sexual activity, every fulfilment of carnal lust pulls the human being down and even places him below the animal, which only acts out its instinct in accordance with natural law. But the human being has his freedom of will because he should learn to control himself, because he should suppress his body in order to help the soul to ascend. The sensual instincts are the greatest obstacle for the spiritualisation of the soul. And yet I created the human being such that carnal desire can pester him greatly if he allows himself to be controlled by it.... if he has no will to resist the temptations which are always caused by My adversary. The commandment I gave to you, not to commit adultery, is a serious one.... And adultery is every impure way of life which in truth signifies an unlawful conduct against My law of order.... a misuse of the natural process of procreation for the purpose of awakening human life. Two people should find each with other pure, unselfish love, and a subsequent conception as a result of such love will never be a sin because it complies with My eternal law of order. However, all sensual passion without love is of utmost danger for the soul, which will lapse into spiritual darkness and only with utmost difficulty will be able to lift itself out of it. Carnal desire is selfish love to the highest degree which stifles all unselfish love for a fellow human being, because nothing is sacred to such a person, he does not honour and respect his fellow human being but merely takes advantage of him.... He takes what does not belong to him, and thus sins against the commandment of love for one's neighbour in many different ways. Anyone whose soul genuinely endeavours to ascend also knows that he should not enjoy life entirely uninhibited because he will feel that his soul is pulled down and that it will have to make an incredible effort in order to lift itself up again. A right kind of marriage will never find My disapproval or I would not have created humanity to reproduce itself, however, boundaries can easily be exceeded, and every excess is a breach of the marriage wanted by Me through natural law.... the coexistence of man and woman for the purpose of humanity's reproduction.... But I know people's nature, I know their weakness of will and My adversary's extremely powerful influence.... I do not condemn those who sin but I Am giving them the commandment for their own benefit, and anyone who follows it will also love Me and his neighbour, he will travel the path of ascent easier than those who give free reign to their bodily instincts at the expense of their soul....

Keeping the sabbath holy... commandments...

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July 6th 1942

I show mercy to all of humanity and want to give them My love.... yet who still respects Me? Only a few strive towards Me, they seek Me and want to live to please Me, they court My love and want to do everything I ask of them. And these are My children.... I am close to them, albeit in a different form for each one. Yet they will always recognize Me and want to serve Me. That is why I dwell among them and take pleasure in those whose thoughts seek Me and who unite with Me in prayer. And thus they shall have an obvious sign of My love so that they will abide in Me and recognize Me as the lord and creator of heaven and earth.... They shall hear My word in all purity and with the word also the certainty that I Myself am with them. This word is a pledge of My love, it testifies to you humans that I dwell on earth again and that I speak time and again to those people who want to hear Me and are devoted to Me in love. And this word is imperishable, just as everything that comes from Me is imperishable. Thus you will recognize by this whether you possess divine or human work, that it outlasts everything and withstands every will of destruction.... And if you now ask yourselves what I demand of you in return, then you can also give yourselves the answer.... nothing but that you give love to all those who cross your path. For with this love you fulfil the first commandment.... You respect Me and recognize Me, you believe in Me, who taught you love and laid down My life for you in love. But in the same way you are to give up what is dear to you, you are to see in Me alone the substitute.... "You shall have no gods beside Me...." You shall desire nothing but My presence, so that I may dwell among you and you may feel My nearness. This is again a commandment to which I do not force you, but which I give you freely, because only love should determine your actions, not My commandment.... The spirit of love should be in you, then you will always think and act in accordance with My commandments. And if love is in you, you will not need any commandments, for I gave them to people who were devoid of all love and disregarded everything that was supposed to earn them My love. Their love was only for the body, for the sake of which they disregarded every commandment. And in order to limit this physical desire, in order to put a stop to self-love, I gave a commandment that they should remember Me on one day, that they should sanctify one day, abstain from all physical labour and live according to My commandment. Working with love and constant thoughts of Me and putting aside one's own physical desires, that is true sabbath sanctification. A person who is filled with love for Me has also overcome matter and no longer strives for the increase of earthly possessions; consequently, he does not desecrate the sabbath through physical labour if he performs it for the benefit and piety of his fellow human being. And everyone who lives according to My will, who strives towards Me and loves Me so dearly that he does not want to contravene My commandments, is a member of My congregation, even if this is not outwardly recognizable. You humans are caught up in error and interpret My commandments in a wrong way.... you act according to the word, not according to the meaning of My words.... well with the best of intentions to serve Me with them; yet this results in misunderstandings and pitfalls which cause many a person to fail, and you do not serve Me as a result. Listen with a loving heart to the voice within, which will certainly guide you correctly if you are for Me and not against Me.... All My commandments shall only kindle love in you to its highest blossom, but if love is in you then you truly do not need My commandments, for then you will act in accordance with love, you will also show love towards your neighbour, you will not harm him in any way, you will subordinate all your thoughts and actions to My will and then you cannot sin, i.e. be unloving. Observe the commandment of love, then you will observe all My commandments.... And if you hand yourselves over to divine guidance, you truly need not fear to think or act wrongly. But whatever you do, it is always your will and your love that is valued, not the deed itself. If you also sanctify the sabbath outwardly, this will also please Me if you believe you are fulfilling My will.... But no one will ever be guilty of sin who does not keep the outward form but inwardly also strives to fulfil My will; he fulfils My commandments because he wants to be for Me and not against Me....

Bridge to God - prayer... narrowing the gap...

B.D. No. 4461

October 15th 1948

The bridge to Me can be entered at any time and no one will be denied to seek My presence. I Myself built it for you, I bridged the gulf between you and Me because I don't want to be separated from you forever, and I will also meet you halfway, only you must have the will yourselves to reach Me. And you will be unspeakably happy when you have reached the aim which you cannot behold in all its glory from across but which must be glorious for the very reason that it is My kingdom and because you have to leave all earthly things behind you when you enter My kingdom. The bridge to Me is prayer, the change of your thoughts from the earthly into the spiritual world; whether it is a silent call to Me, whether it is a dwelling of your thoughts in non-earthly spheres, then you always seek the kingdom which is not of this world, you seek to recognize Me, and your will is directed towards Me, you have entered the bridge on which you shall henceforth walk, always with Me as your aim in mind. And I recognize your will and come to meet you, because every soul delights Me which turns to Me of its own free will.... If you pray intimately and thereby become aware of My presence, you will already have come far towards Me, the gulf between you and Me will become ever smaller, My hand will reach out to you and guide and pull you. If you can now even hear My voice, you will soon have reached your aim.... I urgently call out to you: Use prayer, use the bridge I have built for you, often connect with Me in thought until you may never choose another path than this bridge which leads to Me, until only this aim seems desirable to you, until your soul has recognized its true home and all longing is directed towards it. Pray in spirit and in truth.... Admitting your weakness to Me and asking Me for grace and strength for the long path you have to travel until you reach the aim. And once you have called Me through your desire that I should come to meet you, then the path will no longer seem far or difficult to you, then the distance will diminish more and more, the bridge will soon be crossed and you will then walk in realms which seem lovely to you; then you will already be in My kingdom, even though your body is still on earth.... But your soul dwells above, it has reached its aim, it has found Me and now never leaves Me, it no longer gives Me up.... The child has found its way home to the father's house because it has used the bridge which My love has built for all My children on earth, so that they may become blessed....

Amen

Inner life... Withdrawing into seclusion....

B.D. No. 4343

June 20th 1948

Go into seclusion and allow Me to speak to you, and you will hear an abundance of wonderful things, a world of ideas will be revealed to you which otherwise would remain unknown to you, for I Myself will guide you into regions which are new to you and yet seem appealing to you once you have entered them. Spiritual instruction is extremely valuable because you will keep it forever; it is truly far more beneficial for you than any increase of earthly knowledge, for all this will fall away or be forgotten the moment you physically die, spiritual knowledge, however, shines like a bright light and casts a gentle gleam which attracts entirely uninformed souls because it affects them beneficially. Thus you may accept spiritual knowledge from My hand if you withdraw into seclusion, if you enter into silent communication with Me in your closet. You should seek seclusion, that is, leave the world behind you, live an inner life in frequent union with Me.... And I will always be a willing Teacher for you Who will convey the knowledge you need, which you are missing and which makes you happy. As long as you are attracted to the world, you will find it difficult to make spiritual contact with Me, for I stand outside the world, yet I Am at all times within reach for you if you turn away from the

world. I Am always available, but whether you have time for Me remains up to you, nevertheless, every minute you think of Me is a blessing for you.

Therefore gather spiritual wealth, it is extremely precious, and make good use of your time, be aware of the fact that it will never be wasted if you enter into contact with Me, if you withdraw from the world, and remember that you merely acquire illusive possessions with every service the world demands of you. Only love for other people has the same value, because it equally results in a connection with Me and enables My working in you.... So you should often talk to Me if you want to gather eternal treasures for yourselves. I will always assign the right task for you, I will guide you to where you can be lovingly active, I will send people to you whom you can inspire into discussions which direct their thoughts to Me again, as your Teacher I will provide you with the knowledge which you should pass on to them, and I will always be with you, because every connection from earth to Me is beneficial and will help you to ascend. For this is My promise to you 'I remain with you until the end....' Understand these Words and realise that you yourselves have to enable Me to be present with you through your will, that you must withdraw into solitude and lift your thoughts up to Me.... Then I will be and remain with you for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Lord's day.... commandment.... ?

B.D. No. 5833

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You shall celebrate the day of the lord.... This is what you have been commanded, so that you humans will not forget Him Who created you, Who is your father, to Whom you should return again after an infinitely long life.... This commandment should be unnecessary for you, for you should constantly remember the eternal God, because everything you experience and every work of creation around you reminds you of Him.... truly, no commandment should be necessary but you should turn your thoughts to Him of your own accord, and you should not let a day pass by without having entered into intimate contact with Him.... Every day should be a day of the lord for you where you commend yourselves to His love and grace in heartfelt prayer. But a commandment had to be given to you humans so that the time of lukewarmness would be bridged, so that you would be reminded of your actual task to make your God and creator the content of all your thoughts and striving. Therefore, as long as you have not yet recognized the purpose of your earthly life, as long as you are still distant from God, as long as He has not yet become your father, you must be urged to occupy yourselves on one day with such thoughts which are spiritually directed; you must hear or read about Him to Whom you owe your existence, you must learn about His will, and it must be presented to you what you should do in order to come close to Him, in order to become blissfully happy.... Therefore the commandment was given to you humans to keep the lord's day holy, to take a day of rest after the days of work and on this day of rest to seek contact with your God and creator.... This day should always return, it should become a regularity for you as long as you do not yet urge yourselves to make every day you are given a 'lord's day', so that even in the midst of your work you send your thoughts up to Him, that you commend all your thoughts and actions to Him, that you let Him be present to you at every hour, that you are in intimate contact with your heavenly father, that every separation between Him and you is abolished.... that you live and create on earth in and with God.... Then every day of your life will truly be a day of the lord, a true holiday for the soul which always dwells with Him even though the body is earthly active, and then you will truly not need a commandment, then only your heart, which is filled with love for the father, will command you, and then you will serve Him joyfully and eagerly without commandment, you will be active for Him because you are driven by love, because you have now found your way home to your father of eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The fourth commandment

Third, fourth, fifth and sixth commandment....

B.D. No. 4979

October 4th 1950

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Responsibility of parents and children....

B.D. No. 7149

June 20th 1958

You start your earthly existence as a human being in complete ignorance. The soul is still shrouded in spiritual darkness because it first has to reach a state of self-awareness before it can get started with dissolving its dense surrounding cover. It can already do this without having received particular knowledge, for it can express its good **feelings** at a very early age even though it does not act in relation to a certain amount of **realisation**. But the human being always has to be cognisant of himself otherwise his thoughts and actions could not be appraised. Such a child develops its spark of love early on; it is good, because it is motivated to do so from within.... whereas another child in the same state of self-awareness gives in to **bad** impulses within itself, even though it feels a slight sense of wrong doing inside itself. In both cases one cannot as yet speak of realisation, but the spark of love is placed into **every** human being, and children's initial behaviour is therefore only different because their souls react differently to inner urges, but every child is nevertheless conscious as to whether its behaviour is good or bad.... once it has reached the stage of self-awareness.

And now the child slowly receives knowledge too.... it gets acquainted with the laws of order, that is, it begins to understand increasingly more, and it will also experience the effects of good or bad on itself.... it is taught the concept of good and bad, and again people will react differently as they grow into adults, depending on whether they kindle the flame of love in themselves and allow themselves to be influenced from within. And accordingly their realisation will either grow or the soul's initial blindness will remain, for the knowledge given to the person from outside need by no means become realisation, rather, it only becomes it when the human being's love brings the knowledge to life.... Knowledge can certainly satisfy the intellect, yet it will always merely be a deceptive light without strength to illuminate the human being's soul, and therefore the soul continues to stay covered by layers. The human being, however, will be held accountable from the moment he is aware of himself, from the moment he is able to hear the voice of conscience.... thus, when his perception of good or bad has awakened within him, which can happen sooner in one and later in another child, but which is a prerequisite for its responsibility of its actions. Yet the weakness of a soul which has to give up its earthly life at an early stage is always taken into account. The degree of maturity as well as the knowledge the human being was given so far will always be considered. For complete realisation cannot be applied as a criterion, since this can only be gained through love.

The human being, however, is assessed according to his love, and this can be ignited into a flame in every person, but the spark of love can also be stifled, and that always also indicates adverse thinking and doing, which appear as soon as the person becomes conscious of himself as a being which can use its will and does so in line with its soul which is wicked and unwilling to love and which will also close itself to any given knowledge.... thus 'realisation' does not stifle this bad inner instinct. Only when a child can be influenced to do something good can this wicked compulsion disappear and the voice of conscience express itself more noticeably again, too.

For this reason parents carry an extra large responsibility, they should do everything to awaken love in the child, they should encourage it to carry out small helpful tasks and thus cultivate a sense of helpfulness in the children and stifle their excessive selfish instincts.... For as soon as the spark of love has been kindled it will also spread, and the soul will no longer be shrouded in darkness, the heart will become enlightened by itself, and then the child will already think and act consciously which will soon also result in the light of realisation, once it is given the appropriate information.... For love is everything.... and **every** human being is **capable** of love, because God Himself has placed into every human being a spark which is part of Himself in order to lead him from the state of death back into the state of life....

Amen

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

Pollution of air - water - food....

B.D. No. 6855

June 23rd 1957

Every human being may expect from you what you expect from him. You should give justice to everyone just as you demand the same from them. You should not apply different sets of standards and believe that you have **greater** rights than your fellow human being in those instances where you are beneficiaries of what has **freely** been bestowed upon you by **Me**.... what you have not acquired **yourselves** but what is at the disposal of all people equally.... meaning those spiritual and earthly riches which My love and My creative will always place at your disposal.

This includes all gifts which you receive from My hand.... which you cannot produce yourselves, which are present without your involvement and which contribute towards your continued existence.... which are necessary for your **natural** life and which may not be taken away from any human being if his life should not be endangered. These are the life preserving elements to which every human being is entitled and which may not be taken away from him by other people or the offence against My eternal order has far reaching consequences which not only affects the **guilty** people but also the creations and can even result in their termination.

You will understand this by merely asking yourselves what **elements of life** you require and imagine their **diversity**.... when you experience air and water and their composites and effect on yourselves, which give the human being complete health but which can also result in illness and destruction of the

body's organs when, due to human will, contamination of air and water occurs that causes incalculable damage.... And the sinfulness of people already shows itself in the fact that they are not afraid to pollute these particularly important life preserving elements such that it brings about life threatening damage to their fellow human beings.... And just as every human being holds his own life dear he sins when he reduces his fellow human being's most essential necessities of life, when he plays a part in jeopardizing the life of other people.... In addition, 'endangering life' also includes when the soil, which produces nourishment for human and animal life, becomes deprived of its natural quality; when, by the use of artificial agents, the designated land for cultivation takes on a different quality, the products of which now also contain substances that are by no means beneficial for the human body. Human beings are interfering with natural law, what's more, they want to improve, that is, they portray My creations as imperfect, they want to increase the soil's yield and are using the **wrong** methods for that.... since they need only ask for My blessing to achieve truly blessed harvests as well....

Another sin in this respect is the harvesting of fruit before it has ripened.... when, because of greed and materialistic thought, harvesting takes place **in advance** of the natural process of ripening and when, as a result, the human body is forced to fight against as yet immature substances.... which is not a merely physical but also a spiritual matter which is frequently unknown to you. But all this is integral to the disregard of My law of eternal order. The human being damages his fellow human, he does not treat him fairly and he contributes towards the steady increase of chaos on earth because only an earthly life lived within lawful order can have the right effect for body and soul.

Every human being has the right to have the order of nature upheld because I made creation for the **whole** of humanity and not just for **one** human being. Every person requires clean air, clean water and good food for his physical life and no human being is entitled to cause harm to another that he wouldn't want to be caused to himself.

But during the last period before the end there is no more consideration for the life of other people, all kinds of unscrupulous experiments take place, and always just because of ambition, greed or hunger for power, which endangers all healthy life. Thus he who wants to destroy all living creations to release the constrained spirit within in the mistaken assumption that it will then belong to him again, is triumphant.... All people who act in opposition to divine order have handed themselves over to him, they follow his suggestions and ignore My commandments which require love and justice....

Everyone just thinks of himself and his own advantage, and the fate of other people leaves him untouched. The life of his fellow human being is no longer sacred to him, otherwise it couldn't **come to** what is to be expected with certainty: that the life of all human beings will be gambled with because the divine laws of nature will be overthrown.... because one day the elements will forcefully break through. Human beings themselves will be the cause of this because they sin against divine order, against My commandment to love God and their fellow human beings....

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Destruction of works of creation and its consequences....

B.D. No. 3300

October 20th 1944

Everything visible to your eyes testifies to God's love, it was created to help the fallen substance, to elevate it from its sunken state again, and therefore every work of creation should be seen as an emanation of divine love and be respected and valued accordingly. None of God's creations may be wilfully destroyed, for then its function, its intended purpose, will be prevented. And neither may human work be destroyed which also has a function.... the function to be helpful. For every work of creation that originated from God's will was given this function, otherwise it could not result in higher development of the substance. And human creations are also assessed in relation to their function.... As long as they have the task of being useful, as long as they somehow serve other people or even other creations, they contribute towards the development of the substance and fulfil their purpose.

To destroy such creations results in the interruption of the spirit's progress of development and can never be justified before God.... as in fact all destruction of matter has to be motivated by love to be justifiable before God.... Consequently, if destruction takes place for the purpose of producing objects which are helpful to people, which serve a useful purpose, the destruction is justified for the love of other people. However, any other destruction is sacrilege.... sacrilege against other people and against God, Whose power created things which truly have another purpose than to fall victim to the human will of destruction.... And this sacrilege avenges itself badly....

When the driving force of hatred and unkindness between people destroys matter then people also have to pay for it.... materially, because they lose things that had fulfilled a useful purpose, as well as spiritually, and the latter in a particularly painful way.... Because spirit has been freed against its will and before its time, and this spirit disturbs all substances in its environment but especially the human being by permanently appearing before his soul's eyes, that is, by constantly occupying his thoughts with the lost objects. This is extremely harmful to the soul since it inhibits its development. It is held back from spiritual aspiration, its senses are constantly directed towards material things and therefore the creations can quietly torment a human being when they are unavailable to him, when they fall prey to the human will of destruction.

Every work of creation by God, or by a human being who just wants to work constructively, should be respected. The destructive principle denotes the actions of God's opponent.... And at this moment in time he is raging in the world.... He induces people to God-opposing behaviour against His creations, he has awakened the destructive urge in people because they lack love and no longer understand the meaning and purpose of creation. And this shall result in serious consequences. God will counteract the human work of destruction, which is the influence of the evil power, with a far greater work of destruction but which is entirely warranted in God's love....

He shall liberate the spirit which is willing to walk the way of service on earth from endless long captivity.... He shall release the solid matter so that the human destructive will is stopped and human beings learn to see earthly creations for what they are: means for development as long as they can exercise their useful function. This divine destructive action will affect people even far more seriously; however, this is necessary so that they return to the right way of thinking, that they respect and appreciate every work of creation, that they understand its function and once again occupy themselves constructively. Because this and only this is divine order: that everything in existence shall progress and that every human work of creation shall also be a guarantee for the development of spirit as long as it fulfils its useful purpose, as long as the human will to be of help has produced it....

The awareness of having accomplished a noble deed will always give the human being a feeling of inner satisfaction, because he recognizes his purpose and has thus fulfilled his task. And thus everything that is pleasing to God will make the human being free and happy, but what goes against divine will will depress him as long as he recognizes the injustice, that is, as long as he himself knows that he has done wrong. In the same way, a battle waged for justice and righteousness, waged for the sake of a good cause, will not go against the divine will, for it is always the good, the divine, which is to be promoted by it, as long as greed and injustice are not the cause of the battle. Fighting for a righteous cause will always meet with God's approval, because it is the human being who is supposed to stand up and take care of spreading what is right and good. And this will always be the case if injustice has resulted in grievances that need to be remedied. However, man must always allow the same rights to apply to his opponent.... He must also grant his opponent what he himself desires, he must not only claim the power and the right of the strongest, he must try to settle every dispute mildly and wisely like a father and only then fight with a weapon if his reproaches are not heeded for the good. Then justice is on his side. And so a person will be forced to distinguish whether a fight breaks out of a sense of right and justice or hatred and greed if he wants to fathom the justification for it. He will have to consider how far the measures of the person challenging him to fight correspond to divine commandments, for if God's blessing is demanded, the will of the person fighting must also be to fight for God and His commandments, His demands that He makes on people. God's blessing can only be asked for a cause that is God-willed, but never for a beginning that visibly bears the stamp of evil. Fighting for justice and righteousness will always be in accordance with God's will. How different is the concept of right and justice.... that is what needs to be clarified.... People's erroneous thinking has given rise to a view that threatens to suffocate any sense of justice. Right is what corresponds to the commandment of love.... Right is what God has made known to people through His commandments.... What is right is what does not violate divine order, and divine order is always the divine will.... Therefore, all righteous behaviour must correspond to the divine will. But God wants people to love Him and their neighbour as themselves. If all actions are based on this commandment, man will always be right and just. "Vengeance is Mine", says the lord.... So if a neighbour has sinned against a person, the latter should not take revenge but leave it to the lord, but in most cases the desire for revenge is the cause of a fight, combined with greed for possessions and a thirst for power. But this cannot be right before God. All divine commandments are then disregarded, the fight is not waged against an evildoer in a righteous manner, but the one fighting adds a far greater offence to the existing one, so that he in turn retaliates, often in the cruelest manner. And to call upon God to strengthen his power is presumptuous, for he expects God to approve an injustice and bless a beginning that is born out of bad thoughts that have their origin not in love but in hatred towards fellow human beings. You humans must therefore be discerning and always apply the standard of how far the commandment to love God and one's neighbour is observed by those who quarrel with one another.

Amen

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Arbitrarily taking one's own life....

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You humans are granted a certain length of time for your final deliverance from bondage.... for the ultimate release from the form.... Yet the duration of this time varies such as I had recognised to be good for your soul. Your earthly life is not finished by Me arbitrarily, yet I know the maturity of every person's soul and thus I also know the risk of a decline or the possibility of further progress on earth.

And My love and mercy also ends a human life prematurely in order to prevent the soul from regressing.... or I can see the possibility of a change in the last hour and therefore prolong the natural

life, always in wise counsel, for everything that serves the benefit of the soul is known to Me.... And now you will understand that your own ending of the body's life is a serious offence, that you commit a sin, that you act in advance of My love and mercy and don't utilise the opportunities which were offered to your soul to reach perfection....

You interfere with My plan of Salvation and cause such damage to your soul which one day will trigger immense remorse and self-reproaches in you, yet which no longer can be put right in the kingdom of the beyond, for the advantages you should and are able to utilise on earth can never be offered to you in the kingdom of the beyond again. You have irretrievably forfeited something, even if you still succeed in improving the state of your soul by then striving to ascend....

Yet there is a great danger that the soul will descend.... that it will rebel, just as arbitrarily taking its own life was a rebellion, and that it will continue to stay in opposition. Such souls require a lot of help as not to be lost for an infinitely long time, yet they, too, only get what they want.

I will truly help everyone, even in utmost adversity, which is instantly lessened when the person just thinks of **Me**, when he just calls upon Me for help.... And adversity is, after all, only a means of directing your thoughts towards Me, so that you then will also be able to gain success from your earthly life.... Adversity will not befall a person without reason, for his soul is in danger from which it shall escape by means of this adversity. And the more its stance hardens against Me the more it is at risk, in order to finally defy My will and throw away the life which it was granted by My love and grace for its final redemption. For the embodiment as a human being is a grace for the soul.... a gift of My love.... it is the last step towards ascent which it is allowed to take in order to become eternally free and blissfully happy.... The soul has almost reached its goal and is therefore responsible for its actions if it does not utilise this gift of grace but throws it away in blindness of thought.

Every movement of a human heart is known to Me and I truly judge righteously.... I take the weaknesses of My living creations into account yet it is not without their own fault, and the human being's free will incriminates him if it was wrongly orientated, thus was abused. The human being is unable to end his adversity by his intervention, he will have to continue suffering because of it, he will not be able to escape his distress, and that is why the soul will suffer inexpressibly in the kingdom of the beyond.... until it can master it in the same way as it should have done on earth.... until it takes refuge in the One Who is Lord over suffering and adversity, because He is the victor over sin and death....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

"Thou shalt not kill...."

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Those who are wise in the world are not always so when it comes to instructing other people in the divine-spiritual.... There is a difference between how worldly people judge and how God judges, and for the most part worldly prudence will judge in a way that is beneficial for worldly people.... But they do not consider whether this also corresponds to divine will. It can never be in the will of God that the powerful should rise above the powerless, that it should oppress the weak and deprive it of its freedom. God created all people with equal rights and never gave the strong the right to abuse his strength in such a way that he subjugates the weak.... But people's will is free, and the effect of a bad will can and will be directed by God in such a way that it is a blessing for the person concerned.... so that in the end even detestable deeds can have an educational effect and promote the maturing of the soul.... but they can also have a negative effect if the will of the weak person affected is also bad... Thou shalt not kill.... This commandment was given to you, and you should observe it at all times.... But every human being also has the duty.... to follow this same commandment.... to protect life.... thus also the right to defend oneself or the lives of others, because there will always be people who sin against God's commandments, who abuse their strength, who do not observe human rights and are obviously at the will of the one who is himself an enemy of God.... It is **not** God's will that an eye for

an eye, a tooth for a tooth should be repaid, that man should repay evil with evil.... For all hatred is to be fought, and man is also to forgive his enemy, if he himself demands forgiveness from God.... But the life of a human being is also a gift from God which should be defended by everyone who is able to do so, because life is given to him for the maturing of the soul and therefore may not be given away lightly.... He is allowed to protect his own life.... he is therefore **not** held responsible in the case of **self-defence**.... but he is held responsible if he did **not** protect the life of others that he **could protect**.... For then he is just as guilty of their deaths as if he had killed them himself, for the commandment "Thou shalt not kill...." also includes the care for the life of the neighbour, it is simply a commandment of neighbourly love which must be fulfilled.... always provided that man is capable of protecting the life of his neighbour.... However, in the world the terms have become confused.... Hunger for power, political interests, hostility and unkindness have created laws which overturn the divine order.... Divine commandments remain unheeded, people have been taught false concepts of honour, everything is outside the divine order, and the idea of mutual destruction or weakening can be found everywhere, but hides under the cloak of justice.... Laws enacted by people force them to disregard the divine command.... and no human being holds the life of his neighbour sacred.... They submit to unjust demands, partly forced, partly voluntary; they are careless both with their own lives and with the lives of their neighbour.... They recklessly put themselves in danger and gamble with the lives of others.... They do not know the **value of life** for the soul.... And that is why they are also prepared to take up arms against their fellow human beings and are **not only** concerned with **defending** human life but also with achieving **other** aims which are always earthly-material and therefore cannot be **divinely-willed**. The thought of defending valuable life is only found in very few people.... whereas the thought of earthly advantages or favourable effects is predominant.... And the commandment "Thou shalt not kill...." is unhesitatingly rejected or even invoked only for the purpose of achieving other aims.... But there remains this commandment as a divine word: Thou shalt not kill.... And whoever ends the life of a fellow human being in **free will, without danger to himself or others**, commits an offence against this commandment, and he will have to answer for it.... And God will judge according to law and justice....

Amen

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The sixth commandment

Third, fourth, fifth and sixth commandment....

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October 4th 1950

‘You shall keep the Sabbath Day holy....’ This commandment is meant to make you conscious of the fact that you are indebted to Me, that earthly life was given to you for a specific purpose, that you should sincerely strive to make contact with Me.... that you should cross the bridge to Me, that you should leave the world behind and, through contemplation, heartfelt prayer and silent dialogue with Me, move yourselves into the spiritual kingdom:.... That you thus keep a true Sabbath Day, that you take a period of rest from the rushing and racing of the world, in which you certainly live but which should not turn you into slaves. In Me alone should you recognise your Lord, and it is Me Whom you should serve and thus you should frequently stop for an hour of rest, when your thoughts are with Me even when you perform your earthly duty and are constantly active. The more you can detach yourselves from the earthly world, the more often you connect with Me in thought, the more convincingly will you recognise Me as your God and Father of eternity and thus, by fulfilling this commandment of keeping the Sabbath Day holy, you once again simply fulfil the commandment of love for Me. But your love shall also apply to your neighbour. Who, however, is your neighbour? All people with whom you come into contact.... your love shall belong to all of them.... When I, through Moses, gave people the Ten Commandments it was necessary to make people particularly aware of their mistakes and bad habits, because their love had grown cold for all people in their surroundings. Even the children no longer practised love, it was a state of wickedness, depravity, and selfishness.... For this reason the commandment of love for your neighbour had to be presented to them in every detail. They ignored all divine order, and thus they had to be given several commandments which, indeed, are all included in the commandment of love for your neighbour but which also need to be observed by people today if they don’t want to infringe against love.

You shall honour your parents, offer them the love of a child and always be obedient to them. You should always remember that they, with selfless love, are preparing you to become human beings and thus enable you to live earthly life for the purpose of higher development, that they were given this task by Me, that you should thus repay the innate love they give to you and which is motivating them to physically and psychologically take care of you. You owe them your life and thus should honour them and return their care for you until the end of their life. Then I, too, will look upon you with pleasure and give you My love because by loving your parents you show a warm and loving heart which will also love Me, once it has recognised Me as the eternal Father from Whom all living creations emerged, who He wants to shape into His rightful children. Only love will turn you into My children, and anyone who loves and honours His parents will also love the Heavenly Father and be blessed by Him....

Amen(04.10.1950) ‘You shall not kill....’ This commandment also fulfils itself if your neighbour is looked upon with love. Because love will never damage him and even less endeavour to take his life. It does not merely concern the human being’s life on earth which the heartless person intends to take; it concerns the opportunity of development which can only successfully change the human being into a child of God on earth. You therefore burden yourselves with an irresponsibly severe guilt when you violate a human being’s life, when you forcibly end it and by doing so unlawfully rob the soul of My gift of grace. You are committing a double sin, against your neighbour as well as against Me, as in fact every offence against the commandment of love for other people is an offence against your love for Me, because you also indirectly refuse to love Me, Who created your neighbour. To end an earthly life should never be endorsed even if honourable motives give cause to it. Because once again it is

decisive that the soul only received the body's life for the purpose of higher development. You should not consider earthly life, the life of the body, as the most important and consequently only take the body's life into account. But far less should you deem earthly life so unimportant that you think you may end it arbitrarily. The person who unlawfully takes another person's life will be pursued by an inconceivable vindictiveness on earth and even in the spiritual kingdom and, furthermore, due to such acts of hatred and heartlessness he will lapse into deepest darkness himself for he will have devoted himself to Satan who, in order to prevent all higher development, endeavours to destroy the life that I awakened. He has transferred his willingness to sin to the person and thus has used him to commit an evil act which, however, the person could have refused to commit of his own free will. He was not forced to sin.... But when earthly rulers bring force to bear, when a human being acts in self-defence in order to protect his own life, when his inner being resists an act of most blatant heartlessness and yet is unable to oppose earthly law, the attitude of the person acting against this commandment will always be taken into account. However, if the person violates the commandment wholeheartedly he will be held fully responsible because he ignores My commandment of love and belongs to My adversary....

Amen

Third, fourth, fifth and sixth commandment....

'You shall not commit adultery....' This area is particularly significant because it incorporates everything in relation to carnal desires. It concerns the sensual orientation, the active expression on the sexual level. Indeed, I Myself gave the right for this with the Words 'Be fruitful and multiply....' I Myself created humanity such that the bodies of a man and a woman long to unite, nevertheless the final purpose of the latter is just procreation. And since the human being has free will it is up to him to control himself or to fully express himself without self-control. What on one hand is blessed by Me can, on the other hand, be a most welcome opportunity for the adversary to entice the person into sin, although he will always be conscious of it because every sexual activity, every fulfilment of carnal lust pulls the human being down and even places him below the animal, which only acts out its instinct in accordance with natural law. But the human being has his freedom of will because he should learn to control himself, because he should suppress his body in order to help the soul to ascend. The sensual instincts are the greatest obstacle for the spiritualisation of the soul. And yet I created the human being such that carnal desire can pester him greatly if he allows himself to be controlled by it.... if he has no will to resist the temptations which are always caused by My adversary. The commandment I gave to you, not to commit adultery, is a serious one.... And adultery is every impure way of life which in truth signifies an unlawful conduct against My law of order.... a misuse of the natural process of procreation for the purpose of awakening human life. Two people should find each with other pure, unselfish love, and a subsequent conception as a result of such love will never be a sin because it complies with My eternal law of order. However, all sensual passion without love is of utmost danger for the soul, which will lapse into spiritual darkness and only with utmost difficulty will be able to lift itself out of it. Carnal desire is selfish love to the highest degree which stifles all unselfish love for a fellow human being, because nothing is sacred to such a person, he does not honour and respect his fellow human being but merely takes advantage of him.... He takes what does not belong to him, and thus sins against the commandment of love for one's neighbour in many different ways. Anyone whose soul genuinely endeavours to ascend also knows that he should not enjoy life entirely uninhibited because he will feel that his soul is pulled down and that it will have to make an incredible effort in order to lift itself up again. A right kind of marriage will never find My disapproval or I would not have created humanity to reproduce itself, however, boundaries can easily be exceeded, and every excess is a breach of the marriage wanted by Me through natural law.... the coexistence of man and woman for the purpose of humanity's reproduction.... But I know people's nature, I know their weakness of will and My adversary's extremely powerful influence.... I do not condemn those who sin but I Am giving them the commandment for their own benefit, and anyone who follows it will also love Me and his neighbour, he will travel the path of ascent easier than those who give free reign to their bodily instincts at the expense of their soul....

Amen

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Immorality... Unwritten laws...

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General immorality accompanies the time of people's unkindness and the fact that people no longer show any consideration towards their fellow human being's feelings and thus no longer exert any kind of self-restraint is also a sign of spiritual deterioration. And a generation without manners and without meaningful morality is heading for disaster.... Admittedly, people find this incomprehensible, since they consider decency a mere human addition and that the times justify giving full expression to all instincts. And their points of view are encouraged by the completely wrong opinion that moral laws merely prevent people from enjoying life and therefore must be abolished. No nation will ever survive if it does not want to accept any laws as a guiding principle which give people moral stability so that they will live their life within the framework of a certain social order.... These are unwritten laws which people have nevertheless accepted until now, because they have all recognised both the necessity as well as the blessings of such laws and, for the sake of human order, have submitted to them without argument.... These laws are increasingly more forgotten or they are knowingly discarded by people because they prevent them from living up to their sensuality. This clearly shows a decline of spiritual development, for the more sensual a person is, the less he strives towards God; he desires the world, that is, everything that gives pleasure to the body, and for the sake of the body disposes of all consideration towards his fellow human beings. As a result, the human being falls prey to spiritual forces which had lived a life of uninhibited pleasure on earth, which indulged their cravings and thus had led a sinful life. These spiritual forces exert tremendous influence on these people and use them such that the human being pays less and less attention to the unwritten laws, that he unreservedly indulges himself in an easy way of life and that no limits exist for him than the fulfilment of his lust. This attitude towards worldly pleasures will never be conducive to spiritual development, for anything the body demands will always disadvantage the soul. Besides, spiritual aspiration will be laughed at and ridiculed, and this without all inhibition, because people will have lost all sense of decency and good manners.... Hence, the individual person's point of view will not be respected either but will be deemed hostile and therefore be discarded, often in the most shameless fashion. For immorality and spiritual deterioration go hand in hand. People indeed speak about being enlightened and, yet, they are less enlightened than ever before.... They speak of spiritual advancement and, yet, they remain far behind, for they don't understand it as the progress of the soul, instead, they only mean a wrong way of thinking, which they nevertheless find worth striving for. They try to construct a new morality for themselves which aids and abets an easy way of life and intend to portray it as ideal. And thus new laws will come into being and old laws will be revoked, and humanity will change accordingly and lose every guideline for a virtuous, God-pleasing life which is intended to improve the human being's soul....

Amen

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Sensual frenzy.... begetting.... purpose....

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What people resist the most is the acceptance of the teachings of a civilized way of life, which means renouncing all bodily sensual intoxication that does not have the will to awaken a new life as a prerequisite. This urge is so strongly developed that it can test the greatest will to resist, but very few people fight against this desire of the flesh. They give in to the physical urge and strive for everlasting satisfaction and thereby cause so much damage to their soul, for they can no longer be purely spiritually active where the will to overcome this desire is so weakened. The entirely natural process of the human being's procreation is combined with physical comfort by the divine creator in

wisest insight in order to repeatedly induce him to procreate and thereby give the souls awaiting embodiment the opportunity to enter into existence on earth. This is the sole purpose of the union of man and woman and should be well considered and, through strict restraint and self-mortification, every sensual intoxication should be controlled as far as possible. Instead of this, one tries to avoid the greatest earthly task and gives oneself unrestrainedly to bodily desires, even to let these soon become the mainspring of life and thereby prepare an insurmountable obstacle for the soul, which does not let it find its way upwards. It is held to earth by this desire of the body and cannot swing upwards of its own strength, again and again it sinks back and has to struggle immeasurably due to the body's urge to fulfil its desire. The human being's organs do not absolutely need the desire to be satisfied but the human being can very well educate himself to abstinence and to overcome his desires, for the desire increases the more it is satisfied and can also be tamed to the same extent if the will is strong and the human being is aware of the damage he causes to the soul when the body is completely satisfied. But people don't want to accept such things, they don't want to impose any restrictions on themselves and therefore rage against their own soul in order not to let the body live in want.... And they completely disregard the actual purpose of their body, to beget human beings again, thereby not only harming themselves but at the same time denying the souls which want to embody themselves entry into the human body and thus preventing the new birth....

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The right, lawful marriage before God....

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Marital togetherness absolutely necessitates God's blessing otherwise the marriage may well be lawful on earth but not in heaven. Anyone joining together on earth without believing in the Creator and Provider of all things, in the God and Father of eternity, will not be able to claim God's blessing. He does not acknowledge God, and thus God will not acknowledge a bond either, even though it was legally joined on earth, i.e. all required formalities for a marriage ceremony were complied with. Only when both step before God with the plea to bless their bond, when both acknowledge God as their Lord, to Whom they will be striving in love, can they be assured of His blessing, for God is present where He is desired. He is effectively witness to a marriage which is based on love for one another.... And thus it is quite understandable that only few marriages are able to make the claim to be joined before God, since not even a ceremony in church will replace the fulfilment of God's required terms. Because a church ceremony can also be performed by people who marry without love for the sake of earthly advantages, which will not ever be blessed by God.

Marriage is a sacred institution which was set up by God for the procreation of the human race as well as for the mutual maturing of souls who are attracted to each other by love. However, marriage should not be seen as a businesslike union which is to be entered into only to indulge in sensuality or to attain earthly advantages. Marriage is not a state which can be arbitrarily finished or changed either. Anyone who is lawfully joined before God, i.e. who had begged for God's blessing with mutually agreeing will, remains eternally joined before God and can only be detached by death and experience a temporary separation. But for the most part such marriage partners also unite with each other in the spiritual kingdom and jointly strive towards ascent. The unification of spiritually like-minded souls on earth as well as in the beyond is the greatest joy and goal, and anyone having joined together through love will remain joined for all eternity. But there are only few such right, lawful marriages before God.... And for this reason profound happiness and spiritual agreement is rarely to be found on earth, because due to their sensuality people do not attach any importance to it but are content with purely physical sympathy which, however, can never be called deep love and will never last either. Only those who sincerely request God's blessing will enter into a right, lawful marriage before God, and they will live in harmony of souls until their physical death and also in eternity....

Amen

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The seventh commandment

Seventh and eighth commandment....

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For My child, who is serving Me with loyalty and steadfastness, another sign of My love and grace: You were also given the commandment: 'Your shall not steal.' If you take whatever belongs to him you are quite obviously disregarding the commandment of love for your neighbour. You should respect your neighbour's possession, indeed even protect it against his enemies, otherwise you do not feel the love for him that I require of you. You should love your neighbour as yourselves.... and you will be grateful to anyone who respects your possessions; hence you should do the same in order to gain your neighbour's love too. Whatever you acquire unlawfully will not result in any blessing to you, rather it will burden you and weigh your soul down which wants to ascend. You shall not steal.... This does not just concern earthly commodities, which you should not take from other people. You can also cause him spiritual damage by denying him that which benefits his soul and what My grace is giving to all people and what can be given to him by each one of his fellow human beings. Thus, anyone who owns spiritual wealth has received this from Me.... However, your fellow human beings also have the same right to partake in it.... and you should not diminish this right by withholding from him things which are also intended for him. In that case you are more than less taking what belongs to him too, even if he has not yet taken possession of it. Your behaviour will then reveal no love for your neighbour and even less love for Me, your God and Creator of eternity. Any reduction of spiritual or earthly wealth is therefore covered by this commandment, and any negligence of love for other people will reflect on yourselves, who shall receive as you give, and who shall lose what you take away from people. And thus, psychologically and earthly you shall receive the reward you deserve....

And in the same spirit you should understand the following commandment 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.' Your mouth should always speak the honest truth, you should never damage your neighbour's reputation, his standing amongst his fellow human beings, by telling lies. Any defamation is a sin against this commandment, with every lie the person is causing damage to other people and acting heartlessly and unfairly, to which he will have to be answerable. When you are asked to bear witness to your neighbour be truthful and full of love for him. Try to understand his faults and kind-heartedly point them out to him but do not take advantage of his weakness by trying to belittle him for your personal gain. You can damage the other person with a thoughtless word and awaken thoughts of retaliation in him which will stifle all love and make the person sinful. You should certainly remain truthful, thus not praise an undeserving person contrary to your better knowledge and conscience, but distance yourself from every act of unkindness, distance yourself from all belittling of other people for your own advantage. Any judgment of your neighbour that does not correspond to the truth is a flagrant violation of this commandment for it lacks all love and brings no honour to you humans. Every lie is to be condemned but when it is plainly intended to damage another person it becomes a double sin, a sin against the other person and a sin against Me, Who is the eternal truth Himself.... It is a violation against the commandment of love against Me and against your neighbour....

Amen

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Boundary stone.... spiritual possession.... spiritual wealth....

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The boundary stone will always be set where property ends and another property begins, for this boundary stone is intended to prevent quarrels and disputes, it is intended to bear witness to the

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rights of each possessor and prevent disputes arising for the sake of property, the settlement of which would be unmistakably difficult. In a certain sense, this marking of the boundary is a protection against encroachments on the property of others, and thus man erects a visible sign for himself that his fellow human beings respect his property.... Anyone who now wants to apply this example to the spiritual life of people on earth must imagine for the first time that only a person who endeavours to increase his spiritual knowledge can lay claim to property.... But he will never ever need to set a limit to this knowledge, and even less will his possessions be able to be disputed and thus be reduced by his fellow human being, for if the latter acquires spiritual wealth this will not diminish the former's possessions, for the human being's spiritual knowledge is indivisible and yet can be shared by all people.... everyone can enrich themselves from it without needing to take anything from the other.... it can still be coveted and appropriated and yet nothing will be taken from the giver.... And so it is not necessary to anxiously place a marker to prevent the diminishing of spiritual gifts, for what once exists in spiritual goods can never ever diminish. And thus one being will never be able to harm another in the spiritual kingdom either, instead it will only be a competition amongst each other to receive spiritual possessions in order to increase spiritual wealth, and the being will be able to do so without it having a harmful or detrimental effect on other beings. Thus the boundary stone can only be used as a measure to secure property in earthly life and is therefore a device which applies to the protection of earthly values, yet in a spiritual respect all wanting to limit would be invalid and the being will only ever want to give without divesting itself of its possessions, providing it has overcome all material cravings and its desire is only for spiritual wealth....

Amen

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Reason for the spiritual decline Addiction to matter....

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A major cause of people's spiritual decline is the ever-increasing addiction to matter. It is like a disease which has overtaken people, which leads to death, it is like an ever tightening shackle which threatens people's lives, for it is not earthly but spiritual life, the life of the soul, which is in danger. For the overwhelming desire for matter finds fulfillment, just as it is always the human being's own will, that determines the state of the soul. Hard matter will one day be its fate, which man so eagerly strives for. It cannot be made comprehensible to man that the desire for matter, for earthly possession, means a step backwards, for he strives for something which he had long since overcome, which meant a hard imprisonment for his soul, which was felt as lack of freedom and therefore as agony by the soul and every redemption from it, every progress in the bound state brought relief to the spiritual. And now, the human being strives for **that** from which his soul has fled, because it was a shackle. Everything earthly material only serves the body, but the soul, only then when it is overcome, when it stimulates the love of man to activity, to giving, to expressing oneself out of love for the neighbor. Then matter can also be useful for the life of the soul, but it must always be a **detachment** from it, not a desire for it in self-interest. As long as earthly goods are desired, the desire for spiritual goods does not exist or only to a very small extent, but the soul cannot take anything earthly with it into the spiritual kingdom, but certainly spiritual goods, which alone prepare a blissful state for it. If only people would consider that the next day can already end their earthly life, and that they would therefore make provisions for their stay in the spiritual kingdom.... if only they would consider that all earthly possessions are worthless to them and that what lives on in the spiritual kingdom passes over in utmost poverty, which is the human being's own fault on earth, and which he could easily have averted by collecting spiritual treasures on earth..... if he would consider that earthly life, even if it lasts a long time, is only a moment compared to eternity, but that the soul has to suffer from what the human being missed on earth.... Yet, he can only be reminded time and again of the idleness of his life, he can only be admonished time and again to think ahead and not to waste all his earthly energy on possessions, which are and remain completely worthless. He is in possession of free will and intellect, and can therefore only be instructed, but not forced to live his life in such a way that his soul will enter

the spiritual kingdom in a healthy and powerful way.... This is why people will time and again be deprived of what they so ardently desire on earth, the transience of earthly possessions will time and again be brought to their attention, and blessed are those who realize that their purpose of earthly life is different from striving for earthly possessions; blessed are those who reflect and gather spiritual treasures, blessed are those who create and work for the salvation of the soul, for they will be rich and happy in the spiritual kingdom, and will now be able to create and work, because their wealth is imperishable....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

The eighth commandment

Seventh and eighth commandment....

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October 15th 1950

For My child, who is serving Me with loyalty and steadfastness, another sign of My love and grace: You were also given the commandment: 'Your shall not steal.' If you take whatever belongs to him you are quite obviously disregarding the commandment of love for your neighbour. You should respect your neighbour's possession, indeed even protect it against his enemies, otherwise you do not feel the love for him that I require of you. You should love your neighbour as yourselves.... and you will be grateful to anyone who respects your possessions; hence you should do the same in order to gain your neighbour's love too. Whatever you acquire unlawfully will not result in any blessing to you, rather it will burden you and weigh your soul down which wants to ascend. You shall not steal.... This does not just concern earthly commodities, which you should not take from other people. You can also cause him spiritual damage by denying him that which benefits his soul and what My grace is giving to all people and what can be given to him by each one of his fellow human beings. Thus, anyone who owns spiritual wealth has received this from Me.... However, your fellow human beings also have the same right to partake in it.... and you should not diminish this right by withholding from him things which are also intended for him. In that case you are more than less taking what belongs to him too, even if he has not yet taken possession of it. Your behaviour will then reveal no love for your neighbour and even less love for Me, your God and Creator of eternity. Any reduction of spiritual or earthly wealth is therefore covered by this commandment, and any negligence of love for other people will reflect on yourselves, who shall receive as you give, and who shall lose what you take away from people. And thus, psychologically and earthly you shall receive the reward you deserve....

And in the same spirit you should understand the following commandment 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.' Your mouth should always speak the honest truth, you should never damage your neighbour's reputation, his standing amongst his fellow human beings, by telling lies. Any defamation is a sin against this commandment, with every lie the person is causing damage to other people and acting heartlessly and unfairly, to which he will have to be answerable. When you are asked to bear witness to your neighbour be truthful and full of love for him. Try to understand his faults and kind-heartedly point them out to him but do not take advantage of his weakness by trying to belittle him for your personal gain. You can damage the other person with a thoughtless word and awaken thoughts of retaliation in him which will stifle all love and make the person sinful. You should certainly remain truthful, thus not praise an undeserving person contrary to your better knowledge and conscience, but distance yourself from every act of unkindness, distance yourself from all belittling of other people for your own advantage. Any judgment of your neighbour that does not correspond to the truth is a flagrant violation of this commandment for it lacks all love and brings no honour to you humans. Every lie is to be condemned but when it is plainly intended to damage another person it becomes a double sin, a sin against the other person and a sin against Me, Who is the eternal truth Himself.... It is a violation against the commandment of love against Me and against your neighbour....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Lies and truth....

B.D. No. 0566

September 1st 1938

The greatest evil is lying.... If you recognize the truth and yet pay no attention to it, you allow the spirit of lies to gain power over you.... and its power is greater than you believe, for it poisons

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your whole thinking.... it robs you of all power of judgement and always has a myriad of vices and bad habits behind it, all of which have their origin in lies. If the light is to shine for you, you must remain in the truth, for where there is falsehood, there is also darkness. No soul likes such darkness, but it is inevitably pushed into it where the truth is not respected. All tribulation comes from lies.... The lie opens the door to evil passions and desires.... it is often so inconspicuous in itself and yet it destroys all good instincts in people. And so all corruption is rooted in the lie, for it is a product of darkness. And so listen up: as long as you do not endeavour to cultivate the purest truth within you.... as long as you take refuge in even the smallest paraphrases or untruths, the spirit of truth will never be able to enlighten you, for you can only unite with the eternal deity when you are completely pure of heart and detest lies with all your heart. And now you see the consequences of a lie swelling to enormous proportions.... You do not know how enormous the effects of the lie are.... how it creates evil and reproduces itself, always giving birth to new lies.... And that is why the lie is the death of the soul, just as the pure truth is the light from the heavens for it. But if you stand up for the truth, it will remain light and bright in you and you will defeat the lie.... For just as the lie is mighty in its power and constantly brings evil in its wake, the pure truth is nevertheless much stronger and can illuminate the night of lies with the brightest light by virtue of its power.... And if mankind only wanted to seek the truth, it would force the lie to its feet and bring infinite blessings to the earth. But as it is, too many opposing forces prevail and are fought little or not at all, and the lie spreads across the whole earth and brings about incredible destruction.... And this is one reason why so little credence is given to the possibility of a pure spiritual connection between the earth and the beyond. What is not so easy for people to understand, they immediately throw into the realm of lies.... They do not scrutinize, but immediately reject, because they know the lie and its accompanying phenomena only too well and know that its devastation extends over all areas.... Pure truth is a lie in their eyes.... they are much more likely to accept the lie unchecked.... If they were to turn to God for enlightenment, they would soon lose all doubt and their powers of judgement would be sharpened, and they would very soon know how to distinguish truth from lies. There would be light in their hearts and they would flee the lie as the most shameful work of evil.... But as long as mankind does not take refuge in prayer.... and plead for knowledge of the truth, it will remain subject to the lie, and that through its own fault.... For the lord imparts the pure truth to His children on earth and wants to offer it to all people.... But who accepts it?.... Only a small part, but the others grope in the blackest darkness and remain children of lies of their own will, and so they will hardly attain eternal life, for only the truth guarantees them this....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Satan's activity....

B.D. No. 5535

November 16th 1952

The demon from the underworld tries to slip in everywhere in order to spread hatred and instigate confusion, and he uses every available opportunity offered to him. He stirs up trouble between people, he sows discord and strife, he uses lies and thus deprives people of the peace they need in order to find God.... For he, who is God's **adversary**, wants to prevent this. And his influence may be powerful if people are not on their guard and instantly turn to God once they notice his approach. One thought upwards is already enough in order to offer him resistance, because his power will be broken where God's power is made use of. He detests it when a soul is at peace and tries to interfere with it because then all other attacks are easier and successful for him. You humans have no idea how hostile he is towards you, how he hates everything that strives towards God and that he will never tire in order to make you fall.... He is incapable of achieving anything as long as you live in love, this is why he tries to stifle the love in you first, he tries to inwardly agitate you and to spread poison, to awaken degrading thoughts about your fellow human beings and keeps stirring where his thought has been kindled in you.... He is dangerous in his heartlessness, his hatred causes immense harm, and you must always be on your guard and nip the first unkind feelings in the bud by calling upon Jesus Christ to

release you from his control. He fears this call and therefore tries to confuse every clear thought in you.... everything that makes you restless and nervous in the world is his influence in order to confound your thoughts, because then he will find good ground for his evil seed. You humans should always bear in mind that the battle between light and darkness happens all the time and that this battle is waged in order to gain you. If you therefore consciously take God's side, the adversary will lose.... yet on your own your strength you will fail, because he will be stronger than you if you don't make use of God's strength through your call for help. Don't allow yourselves to be disturbed by fellow human beings, by events, by thoughts or experiences.... Deal with every restless thought by sending an appeal to God and peace will return to you, for then you will be able to resist every temptation, because your peace in God is a weapon you can use in order to displace the adversary. Take refuge in the One Who is stronger than all tempters together. Offer God's adversary no reason to triumph over you.... but always remember that, on your own, you are too weak to offer resistance but that you can achieve anything with God, Who will let no call go unheeded....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Recognising the truth is a duty to advocate it....

B.D. No. 2247

March 1st 1942

In a world of scorners and blasphemers the truth will hardly be able to establish itself, for they negate everything of a divine nature and therefore also the truth which comes from God. But every person who knows the truth, who thus recognises it, is nevertheless duty bound to advocate it, even towards those who always want to fight against the truth. To deviate from the truth with them would be the same as complying with the adversary of truth. The truth will always be fought, for it comes from above.... however, materialistically minded people only want to acknowledge that which comes from below, from the world, and that will always contradict the truth. If the truth is to be spread on earth its advocate may by no means love the world, nor may he fear people who want to prevent him from spreading the truth, instead, by completely renouncing all earthly advantages, he must rather be willing to sacrifice his life than to withhold the truth or speak contrary to his conviction. This requirement is indeed not an easy one to comply with; after all, a person's physical life is still too valuable as to give it up for the sake of a truth which is not desired by fellow human beings and is more likely to be rejected. And yet it is expected by God as soon as He has deemed people worthy to receive the truth from Him. Recognising the pure truth is also a commitment to pass it on and to inform an uninformed person of God's activity. And if people treat this gift with hostility the human being must not become intimidated and speak fearfully or keep silent, instead, he should even fearlessly stand up for the truth where the ruling power demands silence. It is, after all, God Himself he advocates.... And the informed person should never deny God which, however, he would do were he to divert from the truth, that is, were he to say something against better knowledge which does not correspond to truth or unquestioningly allows untruth to be spread when he recognises it as such. As soon as the human being denies God he becomes weak, on the other hand, if he endorses the truth, the flow of strength to stand firm against every hostile argument will come to him. And he will remain victorious over the scorners and blasphemers who only favour lies and will therefore always fight the truth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The ninth and the tenth commandment

Ninth and tenth commandment....

B.D. No. 4983

October 15th 1950

People who still languish in matter also desire it in every sense. But the purpose of the human being's earthly life is to overcome matter, to detach from it, to eradicate everything the world can offer to people, because only by overcoming the latter will the soul achieve the necessary maturity in order to enter the spiritual kingdom. To desire worldly things need not be a sin, although it hampers the person's higher development, but it can easily result in sin because greed tries to acquire the object of its desire and this frequently by dishonest means. The greater and stronger the passion for things which give the body a sense of well-being, the more the person's mind will focus on it and can trigger bad instincts and characteristics in him which will result in harming other people.

For that reason I gave you the commandment 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, house, servant, or anything that belongs to him....' Everything that belongs to your fellow human beings should be sacred to you, you should not attempt to seize any possession from your neighbour and even the thought of taking it is a sin, because it betrays your will, your darkness of soul, which as yet does not know love. And although you try to hide your cold hearts from other people they are obvious to Me due to your longing, and as soon as you greedily think about your neighbour's possessions you do not see the other person as your brother whom you should love as yourselves. You should grant him the same right that you demand for yourselves, to respect your wealth; you should be pleased when your neighbour is successful and help him to increase his wealth; then you are winning the fight of overcoming matter, then you will acquire more riches than you could ever take away from other people, because your love for your neighbour will be rewarded by My love, and this will truly give you an everlasting treasure of grace which offsets all worldly possessions and joys.

Hence you should also respect and protect your neighbour's possessions and distance yourselves from greed if you don't want to infringe against the commandment of love for your neighbour, which I only gave you to make your ascent easier, because only through loving your neighbour can you gain My love and only through love can you become blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Earthly possessions and self-love.... spiritual possessions and charity....

B.D. No. 0688

November 28th 1938

A wide field of activity will always be working in love, you will be able to practice it constantly if only your will is inclined towards the eternal deity. You will also recognize from the abundance of unkindness amongst people how far the human being's spirit has distanced itself from God-consciousness.... how he only ever seeks to satisfy his 'ego' and all the love he is capable of is only for this ego. And only evil ever emanates from this self-love.... The addiction to possess everything imaginable for oneself is the cause of all the vices and bad habits that then adhere to such a self-loving person. You can already see this in the simple process of increasing goods. Man will only ever endeavour to acquire for himself everything that seems desirable to him and will not shy away from any means of obtaining it that violate God's commandments.... He will appropriate unlawfully or try to harm his fellow man through cunning and deceit.... he will not shy away from lying if it only brings him the slightest advantage. But he will never cultivate love for his fellow human being and will therefore lack everything that can bring him closer to the eternal deity. However, activity in true

neighbourly love will have the same beneficial effect. The human being will always endeavour to protect his fellow human being from everything that he himself deems detrimental, and he will always remain in the truth and act in accordance with God's commandments and thus also be able to enjoy God's presence at all times by engaging in works of neighbourly love. Whoever selflessly does good to his fellow human being, his spiritual possessions will increase and earn him an everlasting reward in the hereafter, and only the will of man is needed to be allowed to enjoy the highest delights after bodily death. The temptations of the world are the counterweight, and man in his delusion does not recognize the worthlessness of earthly pleasures but seeks to seize them by all means, and his fate in the beyond is therefore a meagre, joyless one, because he will be granted the same amount as he gave to his fellow human beings in earthly life. He who only loves himself too much can never attain divine grace, for the lord will never bless his actions and endeavours.... Only the exercise of love for one's neighbour assures him of such. He who willingly gives of his possessions will receive twice, and not only earthly, but to an even greater extent spiritually, for love is the highest, and only through love can man redeem himself already on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Fighting against oneself, desires and overcoming them....

B.D. No. 6127

December 6th 1954

Kill your body if you want to give life to your soul.... This is not to be understood that you should kill-treat your body, that you mortify yourselves or disfigure yourselves, for such only testifies to a defective intellect, an aberration of human thinking and a disregard of what I as creator have given you, it signifies a disregard of the work towards its creator.... What I ask of you is that you kill the desires of the body, that you overcome yourselves, that you don't fulfil the desires of the body, which only apply to its well-being, and thereby cause your soul excessive damage. This fight against bodily desires is truly difficult, it demands your entire will to renounce, it demands a voluntary renunciation, a denial of that which seems appealing to you. It is truly a struggle for which you need strength, yet this strength will come to you if only you are serious about your perfection.... if you truly intend to reach the aim on earth, to become perfect. For your perfection depends on the state of your soul but not on the state of your body. And the body and its passions were given to you for the testing of your will.... For the time on earth the body therefore comes to the fore, it wants to assert itself in its demands, and all its desires and cravings are suitable to displace the soul's desire, for again and again it comes forward and seeks to determine the human being's will, to grant it fulfilment. The soul, however, cannot express itself obviously, and if it makes itself known in the form of thoughts these thoughts are quickly suppressed again, and it requires great strength of will to listen to it and to neglect the body for its sake.... This requires strength of will, thus the human being must fight against the desires of the flesh, against everything that is beneficial to the body but detrimental to the soul. I call you to this fight against yourselves, against your desires.... I call upon you, for it is only the struggle of the soul against the body.... But the soul is imperishable, and one day it will have to accept its fate according to its state of maturity, which, however, is a very low one if the human being considers the body first and lets the soul starve.... Fight the battle against your desires, kill your body, only give it what it needs to sustain its life.... but turn everything else to your soul, which can only mature if it is thought of more in earthly life than the body.... I will bless such a battle, and it will certainly require all your willpower in the beginning but it will also always become easier the more you overcome yourselves, for I constantly provide you with the strength to overcome if only you seriously want to do so yourselves.... and then you will surely reach your aim....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Teaching of Christ... fulfilling the ten commandments... commandment of love...

B.D. No. 1805
February 9th 1941

Man can seldom be persuaded to accept a teaching which appears to him to be annoying, and therefore it must be offered to him in such a way that any discord is avoided. It must first be objectively justified and the human being must recognize that only God's love gives such a teaching for the sake of his ennoblement. Man is shown what he should do and how he should be in order to become perfect.... He must be instructed, commandments must be imparted to him and he must willingly submit to everything that is demanded. Then the teaching from above is successful, then it brings him what its purpose is.... the degree of maturity of the soul, which is a prerequisite for entering eternal life. The teaching of Christ now encompasses all the commandments, the fulfilment of which contributes to the shaping of the soul according to God's will. People are given guidelines to which they must adhere; they are taught by God what is right and what is wrong, what they should do and what they should not do. And if they now want to live in a way that is pleasing to God, if they want to serve Him and gain His love, they must adhere strictly to the fulfilment of these commandments, even if they do not particularly appeal to them. The fulfilment of God's commandments will always require self-control, it will demand renunciation or overcoming, and the human being will always have to give up something if he wants to fully comply with the divine commandments. Because fulfilling the commandments always means self-denial. God has issued these commandments because people strive for precisely the opposite of what God wants and expresses through His commandments. He must therefore impose a certain compulsion on people, they must, as it were, fight against a strong desire within them, which they would not do, however, if it were not demanded by God, and the consequence of this would be that they would give in to the inner desire and their state of maturity would be highly jeopardized. God has laid down in His commandments everything that is necessary for people to observe, and He has summarized these commandments in His commandment of love: to love God above all things and your neighbour as yourself. Whoever faithfully fulfils these two commandments will do everything that God tells people to do through the ten commandments. And so the divine teaching will only ever exhort us to love, and anyone who endeavours to live in love will also live entirely in accordance with the divine teaching. He will not need to be given any special commandments, for he will, out of himself, because he lives in love, also show his love to every person; he will shy away from everything that goes against the divine commandments, for since he has already moulded himself into love, he cannot do anything other than give love and will always live his life in accordance with the divine teaching....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Commandment to love God and neighbour...

B.D. No. 7234
December 20th 1958

Only the commandment of love for God and your neighbour was given to you humans by Me, for if you fulfil this commandment all other commandments become invalid which are only ever directed against the evidence of unkindness. Therefore it can certainly be rightly said that the commandments I gave Moses before are all contained in the two commandments of love for God and neighbour, only in Moses' time it was necessary that people's transgressions were listed in detail and therefore commandments were given in detail in order to lead people back into the state of righteousness where everyone should do for his fellow human being what he desired for himself. For every sin is an offence against love, and humanity lived in sin, both at the time of Moses as well as at the time of My life on earth.... Love had grown cold, man no longer respected his fellow human being, nothing was sacred to him, neither possessions nor the life of his neighbour.... He shrank from nothing, for he was under My adversary's control, and again and again the sinfulness of their actions had to be held up to them through prophets and they had to be urged to change their way of life. Again and again it is about the lack of love.... And again and again I will have the divine teaching of love proclaimed through My servants and prophets, as it happened in Moses' time and as I Myself did as

the man Jesus.... Prophets have always arisen, and prophets will arise again and again who announce an end with terror to people because they have strayed from the right path, because love has grown cold and a loveless life also entails the most dreadful consequences, both spiritually and earthly.... For a life without love violates My law of eternal order, and such a violation results in greatest earthly adversity and in the destruction of what I created to establish order. Love is the only thing divine order consists of, and a life without love cannot be other than contrary to My eternal order and therefore must also have the corresponding effect. And people are not left in the dark about what the commandments of love for God and neighbour mean.... Again and again it will be explained to them what the beings' imperfection consists of and how it is to be remedied, again and again love will be emphasized as the only healing power against everything unhealthy, as the only light which divides the darkness, as the only means to establish the final union with Me. Love is everything, and therefore you humans experience an end with terror through My messengers who announce it to you as soon as you disregard these commandments, as soon as you disregard the divine order which can only ever be established through a life of love. Without love everything remains in rigidity of death, which means darkness, lack of strength and bondage for all spiritual, which was once created in light, strength and freedom. Only love can restore this former state, and therefore My commandment of love for God and one's neighbour will always and forever be and remain the first and most important commandment, and again and again I will have prophets proclaim loudly that no-one can become blissfully happy without love, that only through love can the union with Me be established which grants the being eternal bliss and restores it to its original state.... And you should listen to these prophets, for their voice sounds especially loud and clear in the last days before the end, when love has grown cold amongst people and therefore an era is coming to an end because the lawful order has to be restored where **love** reigns and everything is blissfully happy in love....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Bids in coercion are not God's will

B.D. No. 8473

April 20th 1963

Also this is not My will, that the people are handicapped in their free decision, that they are given commandments, after which they are allowed to move only in the limits of what again people only have determined.... Free will is the decisive factor in human life, for it alone gets done the maturing of the soul, but it also can fail, **because** it is completely free.... If now the freedom of this will is cut, then people get guilty in doing it.... But the man himself has the gift, to be able to use his mind, and he could make himself free from this fetter of the coercion of will.... But most times he does not find the courage in the face of the human orders. But I ask the question: Why do you just now follow this order so eagerly, while otherwise you easily break the commandments.... It is much required from you humanely, and you don't consider it.... why are you obedient, when it is required from you to believe everything unconditionally, what is offered to you? Why don't you obtain yourselves a clear light, before you accept teachings as truth? For upon which indifference do you break the commandments, which **I Myself** have given to **you**, how do you behave without passion to the commandment of neighbourly love? But you follow the commandments eagerly adopted by people.... And how much light would you receive, if you fulfilled the **commandments of love**.... All veils would fall from your eyes too, which covered the truth until now. And you would ask one thing: Who gives you the guarantee, that **you** have been presented pure truth? And even the slightest doubt means, that you open yourselves to the light, that you desire truth, and then also this desire can be fulfilled. To put the people in a kind of compulsory state is a great offence against Me, Who I have given free will to all My creatures, for which they must also justify themselves one day. And this is especially significant, because it has to do with the upward development of the **soul**, that presupposes free will.... The spiritual maturation can only promote **that**, what is done in free will.... And you prevent this development of soul by putting your neighbours in a compulsory state through commandments, so that a free decision is made impossible for them.... Indeed everyone could break

free of this tutelage, if he is only doing for truth in best earnest.... But he likes shifting his own responsibility and does, what **people** demand from him, but not that, what **I** demand: that they **live in love**.... But always a life in love contributes to the clarity of mind, and then the person will also know, that I never could be the author of such commandments, that might cut man from his spiritual freedom. You shall not accept anything, before you may have thought about it, and you only shall ask for My help always, so that your thinking is right.... And believe it, you will have joy with the thoughts, that rise in you after a heartfelt prayer to Me, for it is My will, that you walk in truth, and therefore I will put you also the right feeling for truth in the heart, and you will be able to break away from all error slightly, as soon as you will accept Me Myself as the right teacher, if you come first to Me, to receive enlightenment from Me. This doesn't have to be an obvious process of literal interpretation, because I have many ways to bring the truth to you, and that you also recognize this as truth, I direct your thoughts, and you believe then, that it is your own thought, but you are also fully convinced, that it is right.... And know, that the fellow man has no right to blank out your own thinking, as he commands you indubitably to accept, what **he** teaches you.... I didn't give this right to any man, to curtail the freedom of the will, but the man himself is to decide, what he wants to accept and reject.... Because once he will have to answer for that, because it is about his spiritual maturation. But if he puts the fulfilling of commandments of love **before** anything else, so his maturation is also guaranteed, then he will come to the truth by himself more and more, and he has not got to give up so much of error, when he enters the spiritual kingdom.... For his light is strong and breaks through the darkness, which means any error for a soul.... Love alone is necessary to mature and to stand in truth.... But who doesn't have love, will hardly get out of darkness, because he is not helped by the alleged means of grace, to which **the** man relies too easily, who is not in the truth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Meaning of the love commandments.... Love became cold....

B.D. No. 8067

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It is the same adversity on earth as at the time when I descended to earth to bring people the light, to rescue them from deep night in which they would have hopelessly sunk without My love. And again I come to earth in the word, again I kindle a light for people which shall lead them out of the darkness of night into the light of day.... Again I Myself speak to people as I did when I walked across the earth. I bring them the gospel, the divine teaching of love, because I know that their lack of strength, their spiritual darkness, is only caused by the lack of love, which is light and strength for everyone who practices it, who lives a life of love for God and his neighbour. Humanity is in greatest spiritual adversity because it does not pay attention to what I announced to it.... it disregards My commandments of love and has completely fallen prey to the one who is devoid of all love. And this adversity cannot be remedied in any other way than through a way of life in love.... But love has grown cold among people and My adversary rules their hearts and drives them to ever greater lack of love.... For this reason I descended to people in the word and now walk the earth again and am present to everyone who wants to listen to Me and kindle love in his heart. And again and again I prove this presence of Mine to you by addressing you, by you writing down My word on My behalf and thus also making it accessible to your fellow human beings who want to hear it and who also believe in My address because the flame of love burns in their hearts and the heart recognizes Me as God and father from eternity Who speaks to His child. The great spiritual adversity prompts Me to address you as I did before when I Myself dwelled amongst people and addressed them in the same way. Few recognized Me then, and only a few recognize Me today, and yet it is the same God Who speaks to them, the God and creator from eternity, from Whose love and power you emerged and to Whom you will belong for all eternity. But you humans can only hear My voice directly when you live as I Myself exemplified life to you on earth, when you walk in love.... And thus I must proclaim to you today, as I did then, the commandments of love for God and your neighbour, I must tell you the cause of your spiritual darkness and your great adversity and show you the way to get out of it.... I must

explain to you the meaning of a life of love and constantly admonish you to live in My will.... For I want to help you, I want to be your saviour again from night and death, I want to awaken you to life where you can enjoy light and freedom. And therefore I descend to you in the word and once again bring you the divine teaching of love, the gospel, in its purest form. For you shall recognize Me Myself in the word which flows from above to earth and wants to enter your hearts.... For then I Myself can also take abode in you, I can be present in you and address you Myself.... And you will recognize the voice of the father Who speaks to His child.... And what I have to say to you will always be the same: Love Me above all else and your neighbour as yourself.... Therein lies your whole task of earthly life, that you recognize Me Myself through a life of love in unselfishness, thus believe in Me alive, and that you now also acknowledge Jesus Christ as redeemer of the world and son of God, in Whom I embodied Myself... and that you will be saved through this faith.... But **living** faith requires **love**, and therefore I will only ever proclaim My teaching of love to you, and it will be the content of the word which flows down to you directly from above, which resounds in you as the working of My spirit as soon as you live in love yourselves.... My word teaches love, and you can provide yourselves with the evidence of My presence in you if only you live a life of love, for then I will speak to you and you will be able to hear Me.... And the spiritual adversity will leave you, the night will give way to the light of day, you will be full of light yourselves, for then you will draw Me to yourselves, because love desires love.... And then you will fulfil your purpose of earthly life: you will become love again and return to Me from Whom you once originated....

Amen

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