

Word of God

What Is The Meaning And Purpose Of Life On Earth?

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To fathom the meaning and purpose of earth life should always occupy your thoughts until a clear answer would be given to you, which I also send to every man who earnestly desires an answer. But your thoughts are far more turned towards earthly matter; you strive for its possession and are excessively concerned about the well-being of the body, which after all is only the cover of that what is the epitome of your being as man.... the soul, which cannot pass away. But before you do not concern yourselves with such thoughts no information can be given to you, because such an answer also presupposes a question, which is proof for it that man seriously concerns himself with such thoughts. For truly I will answer you when I recognize this question in you, when you want to know what has preceded your existence as man and when you are prepared to draw consequences out of a knowledge, which I now supply to you. You do not know that countless beings of light are waiting for such questions to be sent out into infinity in order to now send you the answer.... you don't know that your spiritual guide constantly tries to induce you to occupy yourselves with spiritual questions, that you once detach yourselves from the world and all earthly things in order to take a look into the spiritual kingdom.... But who still believes in a kingdom, which is outside of earth, which is actually the kingdom, which you can call your true home.... who believes it that you only stay temporarily on earth, that you then enter that kingdom and you enter it in the state, which you create for yourselves? Who believes that the actual meaning and purpose of earth life is the reshaping to love, which man must practice in the midst of the earthly world? You all look at the world as an end in itself and do not consider that it is only the means to reach the actual end. That is why you also value the world too highly, and you only see all those things which serve you for bodily well-being. But if you would see the meaning and purpose of life and then ask yourselves how you do justice to it, you would ask yourselves to what extent you consider your soul, whether you supply it with the right nourishment, which it needs to mature, only then you would have grasped the right meaning, and then you would already be on the right way, which leads to perfection. Only then would you learn to despise matter; you would always only take care that the soul receives what it needs, and put back the body. You would ask spiritual questions, which would be answered for you, and your life would not be idle, then you could receive light and again radiate light on your fellowmen, who like you deal with spiritual thoughts. Just ask yourselves this **one** question, what is the purpose of your being on earth, and you will receive such an answer from your spiritual guardians that your spiritual questions will no longer come to an end, because it is I Myself, who gives you answer through the messengers of light, as soon as you earnestly desire it. For I only expect this one question from you, but it must be **seriously** asked by all, even if this only happens mentally.... Because through these questions you open yourselves to all those powers, which are active for Me, which are benevolent towards you and which are always helpful, which want to lead you on the right way and which seek to cause you to go the way of faith and love, which always leads towards Me, Who is love from eternity. But then also your desire for the earthly world will decrease until you finally can completely overcome matter, until your look is only directed upwards, where your true home is.... The material world was only given to you for testing, who overcomes it, he has passed the test and will now be able to safely enter the spiritual kingdom, but who lets himself be ruled by the earthly world, he remains in the power of My adversary, to whom the earthly world belongs. And a long time will still pass for him before he releases him, indeed, he is in danger to finally fall prey to him again and to become again himself what he had long since overcome.... to the hard matter he aspired to on earth as desirable and his lot is again banishment in the creation of the new earth.... (then his lot again is banishment in the creation of the new earth)....

Amen

Where do people come from?

Process of creation and apostasy of the beings....

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Believe Me, I will gladly instruct you when I recognise your longing for truthful knowledge, because I only emanate light and this light permeates the darkness.... However, you are still in an area of darkness where light has to be sent to you until you are so filled by it that you can also pass it on again yourselves.... But you will be receptive for My ray of light as soon as you desire clarification about regions which are still in darkness to you.... Then I can illuminate you, I can once again gradually return you to the state of enlightenment and introduce you to knowledge which will make you happy. And there shall be light in you, you shall know where you came from and your final goal on earth.... You can only receive this knowledge from Me Myself, Who created you for My pleasure....

You came forth from Me Myself.... My strength of love externalised living creations who were like Me Myself, who were independent beings.... created by Me as miniatures of Myself. I gave life to these creations, i.e. they were able to create and work like Me, they were also able to hear My voice and therefore knew of Me Myself as their God and Creator, and they were faithfully devoted to Me and tremendously happy.... But you humans know little or nothing about the kingdom of these once blissful spirits.... This kingdom was originally created when I wanted to recognise Myself in images of Myself, when I created vessels into which I could pour My love.... I created spiritual beings because My infinite love wanted to give itself, it wanted to flow into similar beings whose perfection gave Me unimaginable bliss.... I created a spiritual world with living inhabitants for My delight, I populated it with creations of the most magnificent kind and rejoiced in the beings' bliss, to whom I gave such happiness because love, which was and remains My fundamental nature, motivated Me to do so....

This spiritual world existed for an infinitely long time in harmony and most intimate unity of all beings with Me, their Creator and Provider.... For an infinitely long time these beings' will and love concurred with Mine.... Because the first created being, which I Myself had externalised in complete perfection, loved Me deeply and devotedly. It found unlimited bliss by constantly creating new beings brought to life through his will and the use of My strength.... which corresponded to My will, because the love this being felt for Me resulted in the same will. Consequently, there was no discord in the spiritual world, nothing contradicted My will, it was a world of unlimited happiness because all spiritual beings were teeming with light and strength and were able to create by using their own will.... which was also My will as long as the strength of My love permeated all My living creations.... But this perfect state did not last.... For I did not constrain the spiritual beings by My will, I gave free will to every single being as a sign of its divinity....

The first created being.... Lucifer.... also had this free will.... and he misused it.... However, Lucifer could have voluntarily wanted the same as I Myself and he would have been infinitely happy and remained so forever.... But he misused his freedom of will and directed it wrongly, which resulted in a spiritual rebellion the consequences of which you humans cannot possibly understand. Nevertheless, you humans are the products of this past spiritual rebellion.... Lucifer, the first created being, with whom I was in constant contact through the Word, was able to think, as were all created beings, and therefore he was also able to infer a wrong meaning to My Word.... He had free will and could therefore also change the direction of his mind. He was able to leave the law of eternal order and set up completely wrong concepts and, by doing so, caused mental confusion in himself as well as in the beings who followed him, which resulted in momentous consequences.... He also transferred his wrong thoughts to the beings brought to life by his will and the use of My strength.... A general opposition to Me ensued, the beings resisted Me, they no longer accepted My illumination of love

unreservedly and thereby grew weaker and darker.... They revolted against the law of eternal order, their thoughts made their own way....

This resulted in an incredible chaos in the host of the first created spirits who then had to decide whom they should follow.... which resulted in the desertion of countless beings from Me. However, I did not put a stop to it, I only saw in it a means which would lead to even greater bliss than I could give the 'created' beings.... who certainly had emanated from Me in all perfection but who nevertheless were always just My 'work'.... Now, after the apostasy from Me, they had the opportunity to return again as 'children' which would heighten their bliss by far, because the return to Me as a 'child' has to be achieved entirely voluntarily but then the being will be completely independent from Me, My power and My will, yet it will exist totally within My will since, due to its perfection, it will have totally accepted My will.... You humans are on this way of return to Me while you live on this earth, and if you are of good will My eternal light of love can permeate you once again, and all the knowledge you once possessed but voluntarily surrendered can be regained by you.... And I know of no greater bliss than to give you this knowledge, than to offer you My immense love and to change your state of darkness and ignorance, so that you will become as you were in the beginning, so that you will achieve unlimited happiness again, so that you will reach your goal and return as true children to Me, your Father of eternity, Whose love is and eternally will be for you who once came forth from His love....

Amen

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The process of creation has taken eternities....

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The process of creation was not the work of a moment, even though it truly would have been within My power.... but then creation would have missed its purpose, since it was intended to ensure a gradual development from the abyss to the pinnacle and therefore continued for an infinitely long time. Hence you humans should understand that the description in the Scriptures, in the Book of the Fathers, only informs you of this act of creation in a pictorial manner, because people who still lack deeper awareness would be unable to understand the true process, and it is only intended to teach them that creation once came forth from My hand, that it was and is the work of My will and My might....

Anyone who wants to delve deeper will also come to a more profound understanding. At first it is only necessary to know of a Power Which brought everything into existence the human being can see around himself, as well as the creations he is unable to see. Before the far-reaching correlations can be explained to him he has to know about the original beginning of what My strength of love emanated as independent beings.... And he has to know about these beings' apostasy from Me and the immense original sin with which the beings were then burdened. Only then can the emergence of creation and the process of return through creation be explained to him. But anyone with an unenlightened spirit will hold on to the letter and will never clearly understand it since he is not open to instructions by spiritually enlightened people either.

Every work of creation required an infinitely long time of preliminary development which, however, always related to the spiritual substance which should progress within a work of creation.... It had fallen so low that it also needed an endless length of time in order to ascend again within the various kinds of creations.... from the most primitive to the most beautifully formed works brought into existence by My will in order to shelter the spiritual substance and enable its path of ascent.... And therefore the creation work Earth, too, was, in the beginning, a mere cluster of utterly immature spirits whose substances gradually condensed to form a mass which could not yet be described as hard matter but had to be understood as basic elements, without form but with tremendous effect of strength, for they contained totally uncontrolled spiritual substances. Yet My wisdom distributed everything in the right measure and used every element for My creative work, so that separate forms arose which had to

comply with their destined purpose; and thus began the slow construction of the visible works of creation which continued for an endless time until the earth started to show vegetation and increasingly more mature spiritual substances were able to occupy those creations to travel the path of higher development in this plant world. Then followed the first living beings.... creations, which could already perform a certain, albeit very small, task imposed on them by natural law.

And, again, an infinitely long time of development passed from these minute living beings to the world of animals which included ever larger and stronger forms, in which many spiritual substances had already come together and united in order to keep fulfilling the task of cultivating the earth for the final crowning work of divine creation.... for the human being.... who had to pass through all those preliminary stages and whose soul now is the composition of all those tiny particles which belonged to a once fallen original spirit and which, in a dissolved state, had to go through all works of creation in order to gradually evolve again in this way.

Consequently, the human being could not have been created at the time of 'creating the world'.... just as **all** works of creation have never been My instant work, precisely because the **slow** advancement had to proceed first or the whole of the creation work would have been meaningless and without purpose, for it did not come into being for My sake but for the sake of My fallen living creations and thus was also meant to fulfil the purpose of leading the fallen spirits back to Me again. And yet, every work of creation was My externalised thought which was always implemented when the spiritual substance had reached a certain degree of maturity and required a new form in order to continue its path of development. And thus different creations arose periodically. The plant world only became necessary when the world of rocks released the spiritual substance which then required a new and lighter form.... And likewise small and minute living creations arose after the creation of the plant world.... And only I knew when one was necessary for the other, and I also knew how much time the larger living creations, the animals up to the Pre-Adamites, would need to mature their embodied soul-substances. Hence I also knew when the time had come that the individual tiny particles of the spiritual being had merged again in order to embody itself as 'soul' in the last form. Then I externalised a work of creation again.... the human being, whose external shape is so skilfully created that a maturing to final perfection will be possible. And this creation of the human being also occurred an infinitely long time ago, which you humans cannot establish since your concept of time is still limited, but My work of return has already lasted for an eternity. And although eternities had passed before the appearance of the human being, before the earth with all its works of creation was ready for the human being to take possession of it for the purpose of his final maturing, this point in time is also very remote, because time and again periodical immense upheavals and changes occur on earth which make it impossible to calculate the duration of time since the beginning of earth and of the human being.

But this is certain, you humans will only be able to gain a real insight into My eternal plan of Salvation when you have attained the appropriate degree of enlightenment yourselves.... For until then you will be intellectually incapable to envision the length of time for which the concept of 'eternities' could be applied.... And for as long as your spirit is still unenlightened it has to be explained to you in an illustrative manner.... Only an awakened spirit will be able to gain deeper insight, yet ultimate wisdom will only become explicable when it enters the kingdom of light where everything can be revealed because everything will then also be comprehensible....

Amen

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God's plan of Salvation.... Original sin.... Adam's fall.... Work of redemption....

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The work of redemption began with the emergence of the creations in the universe.... it began with binding the hardened spiritual substance in the form, thus with the shaping of material forms which at first were spiritual in substance themselves and then also sheltered spiritual substances within

themselves which had already gone through a certain process of development. The spirits which once had deserted God had distanced themselves from Him to a point that God's strength was no longer able to touch them, therefore they became immobile and rigid, they became hardened in themselves. And during this time they belonged to God's adversary and would never have changed their situation. But it was God's plan to provide these hardened spirits with an opportunity to attain a state of splendour which surpassed their past beatitude by far.... God wanted to shape His 'living creations' into 'children'.... which, however, had to be achieved by the creature itself. Hence the created being, which had rebelled against God in free will and consequently fell abysmally low, had the opportunity to completely voluntarily ascend to maturity again in order to then be able to achieve the work of deification.... but it had to be **lifted** out of the abyss since it was no longer capable of ascending by itself due to its total lack of strength. And God provided this help for the fallen spirits by letting the creation arise, by shaping the hardened spiritual substance through His will into many different kinds of creations. And with these creations **began** the redemption or the return of the spirits to God.

Now the fallen spirits were guaranteed ascension up to a certain level, because **divine** will is the decisive factor in this plan of creation and the adversary has no influence whatsoever on the bound spiritual substances within the works of creation.

Even the continued ascent as a human being would have been guaranteed had the first human beings faithfully lived according to God's easy commandment and resisted the temptations by God's opponent.... for which the first human beings, Adam and Eve, certainly had the strength.... But since they were allowed to use their free will and let themselves be beguiled by the adversary, they failed and thereby made the work of redemption far more difficult for the whole of humanity than it should have been had they used their will **correctly**. Hence the people who followed were considerably weakened by this sin of the first human beings, they no longer had the strength which the former had at their disposal and to a certain extent carried the burden of this sin, so God's adversary had achieved a great deal:

He **endangered** the prospect of people.... the once fallen original spirits.... ever attaining the final goal of deification. And therefore God provided help for them again.... He sent His Son to earth, i.e., a supreme being of light started his process on earth in order to fulfil the conditions as a human being which the first people neglected to fulfil and which devastated them.... He thereby wanted to help them escape their state of weakness, He wanted to enable them again to reach the deification. It was the man Jesus in Whom the Divine Love Itself took abode.... the Father Who wanted to help His children liberate themselves from the adversary and to come back to Him.... He sent His Son to earth, a being Who likewise emerged from His creative strength and Who had to enter a human shell in order to first become a vessel for the eternal Spirit of God Who in this human form wanted to bring salvation to His living creations. But again the human being's free will remains decisive.... For now he first has to acknowledge the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ and accept His redeeming help if he wants to reach the goal of unification with God, of childship to God, which is a state of supreme perfection and beatitude. All fallen spirits are **able** to reach the highest pinnacle, because the act of Salvation by the man Jesus has demonstrated that a human being's will is **able** to offer resistance to his opponent and arch enemy, that **love** is the **strength** of resistance which everyone can kindle in himself.... and because every human being need only appeal to the divine Redeemer for help in order to then also emerge as a conqueror of death and attain the life which can only be found in unity with God.... and which also proves the release from God's adversary, who only ever endeavours to keep all created beings in the abyss, in the state of death. Hence 'redemption' means 'release' from the one who brought death into the world, redemption means accepting Jesus Christ's help, for without him the human being is weak as a result of the original sin and the sin of his ancestral parents, which were only atoned for by Jesus Christ's death on the cross....

Amen

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And the Word was made flesh and lived among us....' I Myself, the eternal Word, came to earth and became flesh.... It was an act of overwhelming love and mercy that had moved Me to make contact with the human beings who had distanced themselves from Me to a point that they were no longer able to hear My voice, that they could no longer hear My Word within themselves, and who did not have a relationship with the Word of eternity any more.... They had caused this vast distance from Me themselves, and they would never have been able to bridge this distance on their own, they would never have been able to hear My Word again such as it was in the beginning when I could communicate with all My living creations through the Word.... For this reason My love has bridged the vast distance Itself.... I Myself came to earth and became flesh and then tried to get in touch with My living creations in order to speak to them again and to build a bridge for them which would lead them back to Me into the kingdom of light and bliss....

I Am the eternal Word Myself but I could not have spoken directly to any human being **from above** without placing those who once had originated from Me as **free** living creations into a state of compulsion. They had to cross the bridge to Me voluntarily and I could only achieve that by means of My Word which, however, should not sound extraordinary but like the spoken word between human beings. And for this reason I became flesh.... I took abode in the human cover of Jesus and spoke to people through Him.... But it was **My** Word which now was spoken to them, and through this Word I was able to show people the way. I was able to instruct them and tell them My will, I was able to reveal the Gospel to them, the divine teaching of love, which should once again change their souls to a state which would enable every person to hear My Word within himself if this was his sincere will.... But first humanity had to be released from sin and death. The former guilt of sin, caused by the apostasy from Me, first had to be redeemed, so that the subsequent bond with Me could be crowned by the 'pouring out of My spirit'.... so that the human being himself could hear My voice within himself again as it was in the beginning....

'And the Word was made flesh and lived amongst us....' Only few people understand the meaning of these words; the eternal Word came to earth Itself because humanity was in greatest difficulty, it was not aware of its wretched condition, of its lack of light, of the spiritual darkness in which it lived.... It was completely separate from Me and did nothing to reduce its vast distance from Me. The only way to help people was by means of instructions which corresponded to the truth.... They had to be informed of their God and Creator's will, and this will had to be conveyed to them by Myself.... I had to speak to them Myself and could only do so through a human being.... Thus I embodied Myself in this human being, and only in this manner was it possible to instruct people truthfully, to draw their attention to their wrong way of life, to inform them of My will and exemplify the kind of life they should lead themselves in order to escape their spiritual darkness, in order to walk the path I showed them first so that they could attain eternal life again. For they were influenced by My adversary who continuously provoked them into leading a life without love which subsequently made and kept them weak and they were not able to contribute anything towards their ascent.

I Myself provided them with the evidence that love results in strength. I healed the sick and carried out other miracles which only the strength of love could accomplish.... I also informed them about the consequences of a heartless way of life.... for I first had to explain to people **why** they were experiencing physical and spiritual hardship.... I had to inform them that their state as human beings could not be considered a happy one and what they therefore should do to attain beatitude.... And they had to hear all of this from the mouth of God.... They had to be able to hear **My Word**, and thus **the Word Itself** came down to earth and became flesh.... In the original state the Word sounded within every being and was the cause of inconceivable bliss.... And the beings abandoned this blissfulness themselves by voluntarily distancing themselves from Me and thus could not hear My Word any longer, because this Word was a direct emanation of love on My part which they then rejected.

Humanity's excessive hardship on earth prompted My love and mercy to draw nearer to them and to confront them in **Word** despite their resistance.... And anyone who had ignited just a tiny spark of love within himself recognised Me and accepted My Word.... He also recognised the Deity in Me and followed Me.... But by and large people just saw the human being in Me and therefore valued My Word simply as that of a human being.... I was amongst them and they did not recognise Me.... Nevertheless, I was able to proclaim the Gospel of love, to repeatedly impart the divine teaching of love to people and to educate My apostles Myself and then send them into the world with the task of proclaiming My Gospel and bearing witness to Me.... The 'Word Itself' had come to earth, and It was made flesh for the benefit of humanity.... And every time My Word is spoken, My infinite love and mercy bows down towards humanity and emits Its love into those human hearts who willingly accept My Word, who listen to it and recognise it as their Father's voice and who are grateful for this great gift of grace.... For I Myself Am the eternal Word, and anyone who listens to Me enters into closest contact with Me, and he will indeed achieve his last goal on this earth, he will find complete unification with Me, his God and Father, to Whom he has finally returned to be eternally blessed....

Amen

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Why is our past memory taken from us....

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If you humans looked at your earthly life as a final chapter of an infinitely long process of development, you would eagerly cover this last short stretch and spare no effort during this brief lifetime on earth to bring your higher development to a successful conclusion. But since you lack the memory of your past life, since you only know for certain about this short life on earth, you do not generate any particular enthusiasm, in fact, you are rather indifferent to what is yet to come, you spend little thought on what awaits you after your earthly life. But you have to go through life without past memory so as not to be influenced in your will, thoughts and actions. If, however, you were able to take just a small glimpse into your past life you would be horrified and unable to continue living.... or, driven by extreme fear, you would do whatever is demanded of you only to avoid this appalling fate and be liberated from every physical form.

Thus, I would indeed have the power to prompt you into a way of life which corresponds to My will if I allowed you to take this retrospect. But My love for you is great and wants to prepare unlimited happiness for you which, however, excludes all coercion of will.... In order to be eternally, blissfully happy you have to live completely voluntarily in accordance with My will, i.e. in accordance with eternal order.... You should realise that it is an act of mercy and a labour of love on My part that I removed your past memory.... partly to spare you the knowledge of a surmounted earthly life, and partly to enable you to reach unlimited beatitude.... But I do not leave you without knowledge, even if this knowledge is not verifiable. Thus you will know of your previous state but it does not burden you unduly because you have overcome it. Yet the knowledge could encourage you to increased spiritual endeavour which, nevertheless, proceeds in total freedom of will and therefore results in utmost blessing for you....

And therefore I can only ever tell you: don't reject anything but take everything into consideration that informs you about the purpose and goal of your earthly life, and also take the information of your past embodiment into consideration. Think about it, and always live your earthly life such that you can justify it to yourselves and need not fear accountability before Me either. But believe that your earthly life is not pointless and that it has a different purpose than the mere preservation and satisfaction of your body, which is transient and whose lifespan you cannot determine yourselves. And if you are unwilling to accept additional information, if you don't want to accept what is 'not provable' then at least hold fast to the 'Word of God', for as soon as you listen to it with faithful sincerity it will also kindle a small light in you, and much will turn out to be comprehensible and believable to you which cannot be proven to you either. Just try to establish contact with the spiritual kingdom in some form or

other, be it in thought or through your will for your Creator, or through labours of love, which are an absolutely certain bond with Me....

And you will discover secrets which will unveil themselves to you in order to help you travel the last short path of your development successfully.... But don't just live indifferently, don't just let your corporal wishes dominate your every thought, for I created much around you which could stimulate you to think.... You are surrounded by all kinds of miracles which are the products of My love and My might, which should give you evidence of Me.... And then try to establish the relationship with the One Who reveals Himself to you in creation.... Then you will be saved from the appalling fate of having to go through all these creations again. And you will be liberated from the form and able to enter the blissful kingdom of spirits, where you will live in freedom and light, in beatitude....

Amen

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What is our life's purpose?

Is life on earth an end in itself or the means to an end....

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April 23rd 1958

The life of a human being on earth would have no real reason if it was merely an end in itself... With other words, you humans would find it difficult to find a real reason for it because you can clearly see the vast differences between human destinies and would constantly question the purpose of a hard, sorrowful, miserable life. Yet you could find an immediate answer if you looked at life not as an end in itself but as the means to an end. If every person's fate were the same, if every human being's life consisted of harmony, no problems, pleasures and worldly happiness, hardly differing from other people's lives, then you could certainly believe that there is no deeper purpose to earthly life than that of life itself. But as soon as you seriously think about it you will not be satisfied with this explanation.... you will search for a deeper reason and will certainly find it because it only requires a question on your part in order to give you an answer. And all human beings should ask themselves this question.... For it really does not show intelligence or intellectual activity if a person is satisfied to experience life merely as a whim of the Creator. Every person who claims to be intelligent would hardly use his time and effort making entirely useless things.... nor would he want to regard himself as an entirely useless creature with the sole purpose of supporting himself.... without being able to determine the length of his existence.... Is earthly life an end in itself or the means to an end?....

It could be very beneficial for someone lacking in faith to raise this question. You humans are by no means expected to have blind faith, for such blind faith is of no value. But you can use your intelligence, you can consider every aspect of what you are required to believe. Serious thought can lead you to an acceptable result, and you can rest assured that such mental effort will be blessed if it is applied to achieve greater insight.... to the knowledge of what is still hidden from you humans but which need not remain hidden from you. To discover the purpose of earthly life as a human being is one such insight, since it belongs to the region of the unprovable, but it can nevertheless be gratifying to a person if he genuinely wants it. Because as soon as he realises that human life is merely the means to an end, increasingly more questions will arise in him. He will try to discover the true purpose and then also become aware of his own task, he will no longer be satisfied with just worrying about earthly life, he will learn to look at everything as determined by purpose.... and then he will find and pursue a spiritual attitude which will completely satisfy him....

The conscious life of a human being only begins when he understands the purpose of earthly life. Because then his thoughts will aim towards a goal which he will try to achieve. Only then will he himself endeavour to start improving his soul; only then earthly activities will move into the background, although he also will be able to master his earthly life with God's help, Who will bless this approach to life and repeatedly make new aspects accessible to him which will make him think and lead him to an ascent. An earthly life in the awareness of purpose can never be lived in vain; it has to result in spiritual success, whereas a person looking at life as an end in itself will not acquire any spiritual advantage. As soon as he is willing to love, questions about the real purpose of life on earth will also arise and then his thinking will change too. However, if he is unwilling to love.... which is usually the case with those who have not yet recognised the purpose of life.... one cannot speak of higher development, the person's soul remains as it was at the beginning of his embodiment, life on earth will have been in vain and then the immense blessing, which could have resulted in the highest reward, will be lost.... But every human being can come to the realisation that he lives on earth for a purpose because every human being has the ability to think, because he can weigh one thought against another and is therefore able to form his own opinion.

And on serious reflection he would definitely come to that insight, because he can recognise a certain purpose of lawful order within the creation of nature which he would also have to apply to himself.... or he would have a very limited capacity of thought, an attitude which could hardly be called intelligent. The human being can come to the realisation that there is a purpose to earthly life or he could not be held responsible for how he has used this earthly life. People who do not want to recognise a purpose of earthly life in fact deny this accountability, but enough evidence in the creation of nature can be found that no natural law, no divine order, can be trespassed without consequences. Thus the human being also has to accept a certain order for himself; he too has to feel part of this law of order. Thus he cannot arbitrarily shape his life without any responsibility towards God, Who created everything, but he has to try to support the law of divine order. He has to acknowledge a Lawgiver, and then he will also feel responsible to this Lawgiver. If this Lawgiver is not acknowledged, then the human being will not feel responsible to a Lord; then he is clearly still subject to a God-opposing power, which always tries to influence a person such that his earthly life will be to no avail, that any belief in a purpose and aim of earthly existence fades away, so that this power can hold on to him again for an infinitely long time....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Earthly life is the path but not the goal....

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The world was given to you for the test of your will, i.e. you had to be placed into a sphere of activity which should stimulate you to use your will in one direction. This world cannot be avoided but has to be overcome by the person who wants to reach his goal. The final embodiment of the soul, the spiritual essence in you, as a human being on this earth is absolutely necessary because an opportunity had to be created for you to exercise your free will which, until then, had been constrained due to your past apostasy from Me. A soul trying to avoid this last embodiment will not be able to come into possession of free will, for its considerable opposition to Me would not allow for it. Only when it is willing to take the path of helpful love on earth will it receive the grace of embodiment, for this willingness testifies of its degree of maturity which is necessary for the last test of will. And every soul prior to its embodiment is indeed willing to take this final path because it can result in its total release from the form, and it has the will to become free.

But it loses all recollection, it enters earth completely without knowledge and then slowly starts to develop.... it learns to use its will, it gets educated and taught until its will begins to make its own decisions, and then it will be offered by Me every kind of assistance to recognise what is right and good and to voluntarily also do both. I on My part will do everything to promote a right decision of will.... And yet the human being maintains his freedom of will, and then the whole of earthly life will effectively affect him like an object which he can select or reject.... For the human being should experience everything in order to reach Me in My kingdom.... but he should not get drawn into it.... he should not get caught up in captivity again when his final freedom beckons. Earthly life is a path he has to take but not the goal itself.... And if he keeps his eyes on the pinnacle then he will follow his path determinedly and without fail, but if his eyes stay glued to the ground he will only see what happens around him and risk being held fast to the ground so that his flight of ascent cannot take place....

He has to muster the will and the strength to liberate himself from everything he finds desirable on earth, then he will be victorious, he will travel the earthly path as a necessary final phase of his higher development and pass his test of will. His will was and remains directed towards Me in spite of My adversary's artful temptations, who equally fights for his soul, for his will.... He became a conqueror of this world and an aspirant for My kingdom which is not of this world....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

You humans have to go through a process of revival or you will be unsuitable for the spiritual kingdom, for the spheres of light. This means that you humans, the way you are in earthly life, don't have the necessary maturity to reside in the kingdom of light. You need a completely different attitude in order to become an acceptable occupant of the spiritual kingdom, and you are meant to achieve this state on earth, which is indeed possible. Hence you have to go through a certain process of transformation, and you have to undertake it of your own accord.

Your character cannot be forcibly changed, thus your state at the end of your earthly life is determined by yourselves, and corresponding to your willingness to change your soul will leave your body.... either receptive to light or still surrounded by dense layers which cannot bear any emanation of light.... But who knows this, which person ponders this when he is informed of it and takes changing his character seriously?....

Every person has to refine himself, he has to discard faults, weaknesses and bad habits and teach himself humility, gentleness, peacefulness, patience, compassion; every person has to shape himself into love in order to combine all these virtues within himself, then he will have shaped himself such that he can be admitted into the kingdom of light, then his nature will be deified, then he will have adjusted himself to My fundamental nature and thereby will have enabled Me Myself to enter into union with him, for everything that had separated us will have been consciously removed. The transformation of his character is the path which leads to Me, he will have achieved his earthly goal and discarded the last heavy cover as soon as he leaves his body in order to then live eternally as a blissfully happy spiritual being. Only then will the real life begin.... Let these words come alive in you: Real life begins for you when you enter the kingdom of light.... Everything prior to this has only been the ladder, the preparation time for the actual life which, however, has to be acquired during this preparation time. You humans eagerly and undauntedly work for earthly life since you consider this alone important, and you regard it as an end in itself. Yet you do not consider the actual life because you do not believe in a continuation of life after the death of your body.

Oh, you are fools.... Your purpose of life is an entirely different one than just working for your body's well-being. You are informed of this time and again yet you don't believe it, and therefore you don't change your character either, and that is your downfall.... For if you are not suitable to enter the kingdom of light, but I neither can nor want to destroy you since you originated from Me, you will have to carry out your transformation elsewhere, and that can also mean a great fall and a gradual ascent corresponding to My eternal plan, if the opportunity of attaining maturity in the beyond is not available to you.... **Sooner or later** you will **have** to undertake this change of character in the stage of a human being, not even My love can release you from **this**. The stage of a human being is, however, the final stage in an incredibly long process of development through all creations on earth. As a human being you will have to accomplish a conscious change of will and character if this process of development is to reach a successful end with your physical death on earth.... Then your earthly course of life will irrevocably come to an end....

Nevertheless, progress can continue in the spiritual realm, the soul can still recognise its wretched state in the spiritual kingdom and try to improve itself, but this necessitates much help from the beings of light or through human intercession. But the being can also slide down again into the deepest abyss because it did not recognise and try to change itself.... Then it will have to accept an appalling fate in order to join the process of change after an infinitely long time again, when it has to prove itself once again....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

I will use whatever can help you to become blessed, for the spiritual adversity is great which is caused by your unbelief. Yet I want you to learn to believe, I want you to let go of all doubts, I want you to become enlightened, I want you to recognize Me, I want you to perceive My guidance, I want you to join Me, I want you to see in Me your father Who cares for you and wants to promote your spiritual well-being.... It is your task in life to attain the realization of your original nature, your aim and your destiny. But you can only gain this knowledge through faith, otherwise you will remain eternally lightless, thus ignorant. And true knowledge can only be gained through faith which comes alive through love, that is, if you believe in Me as a supremely perfect being then the love for Me will awaken in you and you will try to become like Me in My fundamental nature, thus you will strive for perfection. But only a person who strives to be good can become perfect. Therefore he must live in love.... Through this faith comes alive, i.e. becomes the innermost conviction.

Only a living faith strives for contact with Me, which means that the spiritual spark, which rests as My share in every person's soul, unites with the eternal father-spirit, thus the person's thoughts are meant for Me and he now speaks to Me in spirit and in truth, praying to Me. Then it becomes light in him, because he is lovingly active at the same time as the mental connection, driven from within by My spirit, which, because it is My share, tells the human being to do what I Myself do.... work in love.... And love is the key to wisdom, the light of knowledge which is kindled in him increases in brightness, the thoughts move in truth, from within he is now instructed by My spirit, which means that every thought in him becomes the innermost conviction, that he thinks logically and can and will also represent his now mentally gained knowledge to his fellow human being as truth.

You humans should come to this realization, to the truth from Me, during your earthly life, for this knowledge will determine your conduct of life which is good, thus pleasing to Me. Then you will have fulfilled your task in life, and you will have moved from the stage of ignorance at the beginning of your embodiment as a human being into the stage of realization, always in contact with Me, Who may never ever be excluded, thus I must work together with you if spiritual success is to be assured. You humans can reach this aim if only you seriously want to. And I help everyone because he alone is too weak-willed to strive for this aim. I guide people into his path who shall give him the impetus for inner self-examination so that the process can begin of its own free will which turns the still dead, powerless spiritual being into a creature striving for perfection which, in contact with Me, can reach the highest aim.... to become a child of God, as is its destiny....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Way of following Jesus....

B.D. No. 6053

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The path you walk should be the path of following Jesus; you should take Him as your example, you should live on earth as He has exemplified to you.... You should live a life of love and also humbly accept the suffering imposed on you so that you will mature in your soul. The man Jesus has preceded you on the path, which is why you can now follow Him and then you will also surely reach your aim: to return to the father from Whom you once came. And Jesus has shown you this way by giving you the commandments of love for God and neighbor, by following which you walk the path of following Jesus.... But this requires your will and overcoming yourselves, putting aside your own wishes and desires in order to help your neighbor if he needs help. Love should be ignited in you, because otherwise the aim cannot be reached.... the union with God, Who Himself is love and therefore can also only be won through love. The man Jesus was filled with love for His fellow human beings, and therefore He was also able to unite with God, He was able to receive the eternal deity into Himself, Who can only unite with a human being who has shaped himself into love.... And this alone is the purpose and aim of man in earthly life, that his whole being changes to love.... that he gives up

self-love, that he only ever wants to give and make happy and thus deifies himself, because love is divine and the man who shapes himself to love becomes a divine being. The less man thinks of himself and the more he gives out in love to his fellow men, the closer he is to his aim and the closer God Himself is to him, then he goes the right way to Him, and God Himself comes to meet him.... But then he will also bear suffering without grumbling, he will feel himself to be a cross-bearer and gladly take the cross on his shoulders, because he takes Jesus as his model, he follows Him.... he walks the path that Jesus preceded him.... that all must walk in order to attain eternal bliss....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

"He who abides in love.... "

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February 11th 1963

Whoever remains in love remains in Me and I in him.... "You should always remember these words of Mine in order to grasp the great significance of every activity of love which you carry out.... Since I am love Itself, you must also be in direct contact with Me when you practise love, for then you will also make use of the strength which originates from Me.... but you can only ever say this when one of your activities is based on love. For you can also utilize your vitality by working on earth for the sake of earthly goals, yet the bond with Me, Who is eternal love, is only guaranteed if love impels you to work. Then I will be present to you, I Myself will work in you, and My presence is the greatest success you can achieve.... Your love draws Me to you, or: love is My fundamental substance, and you are the same in your original being.... Thus, when you perform works of love you receive Me Myself into yourselves, your love unites with Me and your being slowly returns to the original state where it was completely permeated and stood in most intimate bond with Me.... Time and again you should remind yourselves of these words of Mine, that you cause Me to be constantly present if you constantly carry out works of love; and I will explain to you what it means to constantly be certain of My presence, so that you strive for this bond with Me with all your senses: I then direct all your thoughts, I determine your doings and intentions, I guide you on all your paths, I protect you from every danger of body and soul, I give you strength in abundance, spiritually as well as earthly.... I keep My adversary away from you, for he can never be where I am.... I enlighten your spirit and I also lead you safely to the goal.... All this is brought about by love within you, for as soon as you perform works of love your will also belongs to Me and you consciously take the path of return to Me, from Whose love you emerged. Being certain of My presence will make your earthly path easy for you, for then you will fear nothing because you feel safe and secure in My presence. "You remain in Me and I in you.... "As soon as you move in love, as soon as you work in My will and with My strength. And you should be aware of the fact that I only require love from you and that you will then completely fulfil your purpose of earthly life.... so that you will not walk this earthly path in vain but safely reach the goal. For you should only allow one thing on earth, that My strength of love can illuminate you again, and this happens when you accomplish works of love yourselves.... when you think of your neighbour with unselfish love, when you support him in every adversity and distress, be it spiritual or earthly.... when you take care of all those who are still distant from Me and try to lead them to Me and only ever let love impel you to work on earth. Every activity which is driven by love is blessed by Me, for you always open the door to your heart for Me Myself, into which I can radiate My love, into which I Myself can move and take abode, because I, as the eternal love, can only dwell where there is love. You will now also understand that people who do not perform any works of love are still very distant from Me, for only love allows My presence, but without love the distance remains, which you should reduce and completely remove during your earthly life if you don't want to have lived it in vain. In the last days, however, love has grown cold amongst people, therefore My presence with them is impossible, therefore no living faith in Me as God and creator can be found anymore, and earthly life is an idle run for many and will therefore end prematurely for them. For without love there is no spiritual progress, there is no bond with Me and no redemption from the form.... Without love there is no light, and the human being remains in the power of My adversary, the prince of darkness, for

without love the human being lives without God.... He remains distant from God and meets an agonising fate when the end has come....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Man's conscious work of improving his soul....

B.D. No. 7153

June 25th 1958

Nothing should prevent you from carrying out the work of improving your soul, for this alone determines your fate in eternity. And no-one can relieve you of this work; no-one can do it for you. And therefore every day your soul hasn't made any progress is lost, even if you just carry out a single deed of love.... it helps your soul to mature. Every day that has only satisfied your selfish love, that has only benefited your **body**, is a lost day, for as soon as the **soul** had to starve the day was lived in vain. And yet you could easily progress, for you are offered many opportunities where you can prove yourselves, where you can carry out this said psychological work.... opportunities, where you have to defeat yourselves, where you have to fight against longings or all kinds of bad habits, where you can please with kind deeds, friendly words or helpful acts, which always result in spiritual advantages for your soul....

Time and again opportunities will arise when you can enter into heartfelt communication with your God and Father in order to derive a blessing for your soul.... And time and again you can listen to the Word of God or read it and thereby provide your soul with very special help by providing it with nourishment which enables it to mature. And no matter how lucrative your days will be for you in regards to earthly profit, a **good deed**, no matter how small, is deemed far more valuable, for it results in profit for the **soul** which it can never lose again. But it cannot keep what the body receives; they are just borrowed goods which can be taken away again at any time. And therefore you can also cause daily damage to your soul if you burden it with sin.... if you lead a bad way of life and add many additional sins to the existing original sin, which only your **soul** will be answerable for one day, because **it** is immortal. Hence you should not spend your days thoughtlessly, you should thoroughly consider what you are doing, and you should try to take more care of your soul than of your body, for the **soul** is your **real Self** which has to travel the path across earth in order to mature **fully**, in order to attain perfection, which **it** can only achieve on earth. But this also necessitates your will with which you consciously have to fight against weaknesses and all kinds of faults....

Consequently, if the human being wants to become perfect he will also have to request the strength to live in accordance with God's will, that is, to accomplish deeds of love.... which then will surely be granted to him. He has to live life consciously, always aiming to perfect his still imperfect nature, and make every effort to do so. Then he will be impelled from within to act with love.... he can't help himself but do kind deeds, and thus he will also be able to progress spiritually every day.... And then he will not let himself be held back by worldly enticements either.... For once he is serious about accomplishing his goal of achieving perfection he will always put his work of improving his soul first, and then he will also always receive help from the spiritual beings guarding his earthly life.... who time and again try to influence his thoughts such that he thinks, speaks and acts in accordance with God's will.... For the only purpose of earthly life is the maturing of his soul which, however, is rarely recognised, and therefore the soul's fate is often an unfortunate one, albeit due to its own fault, for the human being is time and again informed why he lives on earth.... if he doesn't want to believe it, his soul will have to pay for it one day by taking the darkness across into the kingdom of the beyond, with which it had come to earth as a human being....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Anyone who loves the world still belongs to My adversary, for the earthly world is his kingdom where he rules and reigns. All desiring thoughts which apply to the world's goods are whispered into your ear by him, and therefore you will hardly accept the guidance of light beings' thoughts which try to direct you towards spiritual things and would like to induce you to turn away from this world's goods, to recognize them as transient and to strive for imperishable goods. But you have to go through this world in order to overcome matter, for you shall become free from it, you shall leave earth as spiritualised, for this is your goal. My help for you now consists of the fact that I repeatedly make you aware of the transience of earthly goods, that I often also take from you that to which your heart is particularly attached, not in order to inflict suffering on you as a result, but through such suffering you shall come to the right realisation: that everything passes away, that everything has no value for eternity.... Only when you learn to recognize the true value or unvalue of material goods will you detach your heart from them and strive for more valuable possessions which remain with you and which you can take over into the kingdom of the beyond. Yet you lack one thing and therefore only think purely earthly.... That is the belief in a continuation of life after the death of your body. Only your earthly body can die, precisely because it is matter, but what animates the body.... the soul.... cannot die, it can only leave your material shell, and then it can be poor or rich when it enters the kingdom of the beyond. And you yourselves prepare this lot for your soul during earthly life. Its purely earthly attitude puts the soul into an extremely miserable state which it will one day feel bitterly and ruefully remember the unused earthly time as soon as it has a small glimmer of realisation. But in earthly life you can also gather riches for the soul if you learn to overcome earthly matter and think of the soul spiritually, if you direct your thoughts into the spiritual kingdom, which is your true home. And believe it, you will easily and joyfully leave this earth when the hour of your departure has come; matter will not hold you back and you will gladly detach yourselves from everything that belongs to earth. And because a far more beautiful life then awaits you I am only ever concerned to make you overcomers of the earthly world and its goods, to help you recognize their worthlessness and to free you from things to which you chain your heart and which nevertheless can easily signify a danger for you, that you forget your spiritual striving over them, that you still pay the tribute to My adversary which he demands from you. Earthly life is short but the whole of eternity lies ahead of you, and you can easily forfeit a glorious life in eternity for the sake of this short earthly lifetime because you misjudge earthly goods, because you attach a value to them which they do not possess. And thus you have an explanation why fate sometimes hits you hard by taking what you love, be it people or earthly possessions, because I only want to direct your thoughts to spiritual things which will compensate you a thousand fold for earthly losses and for earthly suffering of all kinds. Everything is a blessing if it is able to detach your senses from worldly possessions, and I will truly reward you abundantly with spiritual possessions for every voluntary renunciation, and one day you will be very grateful to Me that I helped you to become free from material desires and cravings and that you were able to enter the spiritual kingdom unencumbered by such.... Everything that belongs to the world is still an obstacle on the path to Me, therefore you should overcome such obstacles and cast off all desire in order to be able to enter your true home freely and light-heartedly in order to be allowed to be eternally blissful there, as is your destiny....

Amen

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The divine promise: "Seek ye first the kingdom...."

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November 17th 1959

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all other things shall be given unto you....” I gave you this promise because I knew that the world with all its demands will push itself forward in your earthly life and that there is a great danger that you will forget My kingdom for the sake of the earthly world and not remember your actual purpose of earthly life.... I

knew that the world will exert greater influence on you and that you therefore have to be admonished again and again not to forget My kingdom, which is not of this world. And therefore I have given you the promise that everything you earthly need will be given to you if only you first seek My kingdom and its righteousness.... if you first strive to fulfil My will and thus place My kingdom **before** this earthly world.... Then you shall also be relieved of earthly worry, for then you will fulfil your purpose of earthly life, you will place your soul's salvation in the foreground and consciously live your existence as a human being, always with a view to Me and My kingdom, which is not of this world. And it is also very easy to understand that you can live carefree through your earthly life if your thoughts are always anchored to Me, if I am closer to you than the world, if you want to do everything and live in accordance with My will, as it is righteous before My eyes. Then you will recognize your father in Me, and then the right relationship will be established between you and Me, and then I will also be able to provide for you as a father provides for his children.... with everything you need for earthly life. And earthly life would truly be easy for you.... But who takes this promise of Mine seriously? Who seriously believes in a 'divine' provision, who believes that God also takes care of people in a purely earthly way who give **Him** priority over the world? Many daily worries would be unnecessary if this promise were respected, if people made it their business to strive for Me and My kingdom.... more spiritually than earthly, for then I will truly provide for all your physical and earthly needs, and no human being will need to suffer hardship who 'seeks My kingdom and its righteousness....' Therefore you should not worry about what you eat and what you drink and wherewith you clothe yourselves, but you should leave this to My care, Who truly knows what you need and what will not harm your spiritual well-being either. Leave everything to Me, your soul and your body, so that I will give them what serves them. For I love you and will truly not withhold anything from My children which they need in order to keep their soul and body in a state which does not become a torment for them but guarantees constant spiritual progress. All I ask in return is that you remember Me and strive to attain My kingdom, which is 'not of this world' and can therefore only be believed until it is entered by your soul after your death and becomes a reality. But as long as you stay on earth My kingdom cannot be proven to you. And yet you should seek it with all the strength of your heart.... For your soul feels that it has not yet found its true home on this earth, and therefore it should 'seek' its home, it should let its thoughts wander into the area where I am lord and father of the house, and the serious search for My kingdom will also earn it fulfilment, it will long for it spiritually and physically and know itself to be secure in the father's heart, Who has given it this promise: "Seek **My** kingdom and its righteousness, everything else will fall to you...." it will no longer worry about its daily needs if it only believes and trusts, for My word is eternal truth and every promise is fulfilled as well as the conditions I have attached to it are fulfilled.... But anyone who desires the world and does not think about My kingdom, or thinks about it only a little, will also have to worry himself about the preservation of the body, for the promise does not apply to him because he puts the world first and thus is also a slave to the one who is master of this world.... And his worries about the preservation of the body will not cease, they will chain him ever more to the world, and much time will pass until he has overcome the world, if he succeeds at all in separating himself from it during earthly life, that is, in overcoming matter and turning towards the spiritual kingdom. For until he seeks My kingdom with his righteousness he is still a slave to the world, and it will not release him so easily unless his will is exceedingly strong and turns away and the human being reveals that he can only attain beatitude if he seeks My kingdom, which is not of this world....

Amen

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Shaping earth life fatefully....

B.D. No. 6808

April 17th 1957

However your earthly life may turn out, you will be held by My love and always guided such that you will be able to successfully cover it for your soul. People's different destinies are also due to their different predispositions, everyone needs different aids, and the different situations in life

therefore offer enough of them. But since you humans are used to seeing with earthly eyes you pay far more attention to physical than to spiritual success, and a difficult earthly fate rather appears to you as a lack of love on My part where it nevertheless testifies to increased love from Me. For I know where an evenly carefree life free of strokes of fate can lead to: to a flattening of the soul, to indifference towards everything, thus to a standstill of spiritual development. But I have given you life as a human being on this earth so that you should reach the ultimate aim of becoming free from every cover which still burdens the soul.... And therefore I also give you the possibilities to reach this aim which, however, you don't recognize as such because your body often has to suffer or go without if the soul is to win. And in the last days before the end you will have to suffer particularly many harsh strokes of fate, for you will completely forget the purpose of your earthly life, you will only live for your body, for your earthly well-being, and you will completely ignore the soul. It has to live in want if I don't come to its aid. But as soon as you humans also see (long for) My will, My fatherly care in suffering and hardship, in hard strokes of fate or in difficult situations in life, you will not feel everything so difficult, for then you will already be on the right path: You turn to Me in every adversity of body and soul, and then your soul will also derive the right benefit from all events which painfully affect the body. For whatever comes upon you, you can always feel safe in My love, you can know that you are cared for by My love and also fully trustingly expect that I will lead you out of every adversity.... For I truly neither lack love nor power, I only want to see the aim achieved that you direct your thoughts and eyes spiritually and not just pay attention to the world alone. For you can recognize clearly enough that I try to kill worldly desires in you through all kinds of strokes of fate.... And I know every individual person's will, I know what he most longs for, and I also know what dangers threaten his soul if he is taken captive by the world, if he only lives for the world. And I know from eternity how every soul's will is directed, and its earthly existence is determined according to this will, but without forcing this will in this or that direction.... Again and again he can use it freely and thus, as it were, also shape his earthly life according to his will.... Nevertheless, I will always let every event take effect in such a way that the soul can derive its advantages from it. The human being can certainly shape his earthly life and believe that he is in control of his own destiny. But he will never be able to determine the effect of his actions, because I Myself have reserved the right to help where the soul is in danger of falling completely flat. Yet even My plans of salvation, My visible guidance or even fateful interventions will never force but only guide or help the human being to remember his actual purpose of earthly life and his associated task. Therefore all difficulties of earthly life should not frighten the person who has already entered into a bond with Me, for they only serve him towards perfection, and he always knows a master Who can straighten out everything that is crooked. And the others shall learn to turn to that master, and they will only then desire or accept My help when they recognize their own lack of strength in great adversity. As long as people's eyes and thoughts are not yet spiritually directed they often have to be touched harshly, it has to be proven to them that they themselves are not master of their life's fate, that it is rather determined by another, and to this other they now have to hand themselves over.... Then even the most difficult earthly life need not frighten them, after all, it is only imposed on them by Me because I want to win their soul for a life of beatitude, which will make everything.... even the most difficult earthly fate, and will last forever....

Amen

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Cross.... "My yoke is easy and My burden is light.... "

B.D. No. 4127

September 21st 1947

Take up your cross and follow Me.... And I will walk beside you and help you carry it, for My love will not let you suffer where it can take away your suffering without harming your soul. But if the cross weighs you down, then know that this is necessary for your soul's maturity.... And bear in mind that I know about your spiritual adversity and try to remedy it first, for the soul is in greater danger than the body when the hour of death has come. Consider that all adversity will end with the end of this earth and that this end is not far away. And therefore try to shape yourselves such that your stay in

spheres of light will be assured, that you will gladly give up your earthly body and exchange it for a life in the beyond in complete freedom, if you have passed the test of will on earth. And this life will compensate you for everything you have suffered on earth and you will never desire this earth again. And the more suffering weighs you down the sooner you will have to (be allowed to?) give up earthly life and yet be purified for the spiritual kingdom. And you will thank Me eternally that I let you suffer for your own sake. Nevertheless, I give you comfort that your suffering can be averted through heartfelt prayer to Me, that I will take it away from you if you trustingly come to the father like children. Then I will lovingly take care of you and carry the cross for you, i.e. I will find a solution which is equal to a reduction of the hardship.... I lighten your cross so that it no longer weighs so heavily on you, and you will be able to carry it because you draw the strength for it from Me. "My yoke is easy and My burden is light..." I Myself gave you this word. Do you want to doubt its truth? Therefore always believe that every cross is bearable for you if only you carry every burden with your eyes turned towards Me, and if it seems heavy to you, consider it a sign of My love for you, for I want to make My kingdom accessible to those I let suffer without guilt already on earth, because I know about their direction of will, about their activity of love on earth and about their state of soul, which I want to elevate. And therefore patiently accept all suffering, it is only imposed on you for your own good, and you will never reach your aim in the same time if you are spared suffering, if you are not burdened with a cross, if earthly life gives you fulfilment of all your wishes and much more. And if you know of My word that it is a sign of My great love for you, if you get into earthly adversity which almost makes you despair of life, then do not complain and grumble but surrender to your fate and think that your father in heaven truly does not burden His children with suffering if it would not bear far greater blessings for your soul, the maturing of which is the aim of every human being on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

The strength of prayer....

B.D. No. 8607

September 5th 1963

You should test the strength of prayer far more often in order to recognise your Father's love increasingly more, for I will always give you what you ask of Me in firm faith, and when you find out that I hear you and that My love gives you according to your faith, you will feel ever more closely connected to Me. You should always know that prayer is the bridge to reach Me, for in prayer you establish the bond with Me and My strength of love can take effect in you. By praying to Me you acknowledge Me as your God and Creator Who **can** grant your prayer because He has the power to do so and, as Father, also **wants** to grant your prayer because He loves you. However, it must be a prayer in spirit and in truth, for your lips can also voice words in the form of a prayer which cannot reach My ear because they do not arise to Me from the bottom of your heart. So many thoughts move you every day, you have so many wishes, some greater and some smaller ones, and you would only ever have to present them to Me, and truly, I would take care of even the smallest matter if you appeal to Me for it, then you would become progressively more aware of My presence and your life on earth would be much easier. Time and again **I** want to be in your thoughts, everything you do you should have something to do with Me and you should be in constant contact with Me through prayer.... Never cease praying.... This does not refer to the constant formal prayers which will only ever be voiced by your mouth but never come forth from your heart.... Yet you should seek My advice in everything you think and do, then you will lead a way of life according to My will, always being guided by Me and motivated into every action, which will then also be right. As Father I want your absolute trust in My love and power.... My love will never deny itself, yet you must desire it yourselves, which a true prayer in humility testifies to. And even if you start every undertaking with just a thought of Me, or a request you present to Me, I always want to prove My presence to you by getting involved with everything, for this heartfelt bond results in an abundance of strength and is also the successful test of will, because you are continuously urged towards Me, thus you seek unification with Me which you once broke off. You can achieve much with your prayer, for yourselves as well as for all those on

whose behalf you intercede. Your prayer is a source of strength for yourselves and for your fellow human beings which will never run dry, for you shall pray 'incessantly'.... Hence, there are no limitations for you, and since every contact with Me assures you an influx of strength, you need not fear a cessation of strength.... for you will join Me ever more closely until you can no longer imagine a life without Me. I want to be your beginning and your end, no day shall pass by when you will not come to Me in prayer and appeal for My blessing.... And truly, your earthly progress will lead you to the goal, to complete union with Me. Use the strength of prayer, enter the bridge to Me as often as possible for you, never keep Me out of your thoughts, present all your requests to Me, regardless of how small, for I want to prove to you that I know all your thoughts, problems and wishes by always intervening and guiding you out of all adversity, by being your constant companion, for even the slightest thought will draw Me to you and My love will flow to you, which will always help you to progress. And anyone who is in constant contact with Me will not be scared by what is happening in the world either, he is staying in My sphere, for although he still lives in the midst of the world, his soul has completely detached itself from the world, because it is always looking for Me, because My presence means more to it than all the possessions in the world....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

"Come all to Me..."

B.D. No. 7047

February 23rd 1958

In prayer you have an extremely effective remedy for every earthly and spiritual adversity, for a right prayer which is addressed to Me in spirit and in truth truly does not fail to have an effect. I cannot and will not close My ear to it, and I will use My power to help you even where earthly help seems impossible. But first you must enter into trust in Me, you must know that I am the father of all of you Who loves His children and does not want to leave them in hardship and suffering, even if these are necessary for your soul.... and you must know that there is nothing for Me which I cannot change, and that there is also no illness which is impossible for Me to heal.... entrust yourselves to Me, present all your needs to Me in all childlikeness, speak to Me as a child speaks to its father, and be not faithless but believing.... You all don't yet know how to appreciate the power of prayer, otherwise you would truly be spared much adversity and suffering, because I gladly listen to the pleas of a child which comes to Me in all confidentiality and hands over its small cross to Me so that I may carry it for it. I have borne all your sins and died for them on the cross, I have suffered for you the suffering which your guilt of sin had burdened you with.... You could go through your earthly life without suffering if you wanted to unite with Me so intimately that all your burden would rest on My shoulders and that you would walk freely and light-heartedly along the path to the height.... But you all still keep yourselves too far away from Me, you don't come closer to Me in confidentiality, and therefore you yourselves often still feel the burden of the cross which, however, should only urge you towards Me because you should live in intimate communion with Me. But you can prove this intimate fellowship to Me in right prayer, I always hear and listen to a right prayer which is spoken to Me in confidence, for I have promised you this with the words: "Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" and "Ask and it shall be given you..." My promises are truth, and you will always be allowed to experience the proof of this if only you turn to Me in right prayer. But as soon as you doubt, your prayer will lose its effect of strength. And only rarely is your faith of such strength that all doubt is excluded.... Only rarely do you have the certainty that you will be helped when you pray, which only proves an undoubted faith. But you should know that My word is truth and that when I Myself speak to you.... you have to ward off all doubt, for you should believe that no thing is impossible with God.... always remember that everything you see only came into being through the strength of My will, remember that I let new creations arise at any time, which cannot be denied by people. And therefore also remember that it is truly possible for Me to restore the old order which is disturbed due to illnesses or other earthly circumstances which cause you humans problems. I can put everything back into order, and I will do so as soon as you approach Me with faithful trust, as

soon as you come to the father like children and present your requests to Me. The grace of prayer is available to all of you, you can all make use of it, for I have said: "Come to Me, **all** of you...." but do not just speak words without spirit and life, call Me very close to you and then pour out your heart to Me and truly, you will be helped, I will not let your faith go to waste....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Only Jesus can strengthen the will....

B.D. No. 8468

April 14th 1963

The fact that I died for you humans on the cross was an act of grace of such profound significance that it cannot be held up to you often enough, so that you will also make use of the grace which the man Jesus acquired for you humans through this death. For as soon as you disregard Jesus Christ's act of salvation there will be no redemption for you, and you will remain bound in the power of the one who is and will remain your enemy, who never wants your beatitude but will only plunge you into ruin since he lacks all love. You yourselves are also devoid of all love due to your past apostasy from Me, for you rejected My illumination of love.... And as long as you are still in the power of the adversary who caused your apostasy from Me you will never be able to receive My strength of love either, for this requires your own voluntary willingness to let yourselves be illuminated, and you will never be able to muster this will, for your will is extremely weakened. Through My death on the cross I acquired for you the blessings of a strengthened will, thus it will no longer be impossible for you to release yourselves from the adversary's power if you seriously want to do so and turn to the divine redeemer Jesus Christ to release you, to redeem you from sin and death. Apart from Him there is no one who could help you in your adversity, for Jesus is your redeemer, He is your God and Father, it is He to Whom you owe your existence, for Jesus and I... your father from eternity.... are one. I Myself offered the act of salvation for you humans in the form of the man Jesus, so that the act of atonement visibly took place for you humans and you can now also consciously carry your guilt of sin to the cross, for you can only be redeemed from your original guilt if you want this yourselves.... when you realise that you have sinned against Me yourselves and you now ask Me Myself in Jesus to forgive your guilt.... What was impossible for you before My crucifixion, that you were able to muster the strength to fight the enemy of your souls, became possible for you after My crucifixion, because then you had an abundance of grace at your disposal which you only needed to use by turning to Jesus of your own free will and asking Him that He may also have died for you.... And truly, your guilt will be redeemed for the sake of Jesus' blood. Yet you can never be released from your past guilt if you pass by Jesus Christ, then you will irrevocably continue to carry your burden which presses you to the ground, and you will remain a slave to My adversary, you will continue to live in darkness and weakness, you will be wretched beings who walk the earth without any spiritual success, whom My adversary does not release and who alone cannot muster the strength to detach themselves from him.... If only you humans could grasp the significance of Jesus and His mission on earth, and if only you could muster the will to turn to Him for help in your adversity, for only if you acknowledge Him as the Son of God, in Whom I Myself became human and Who died on the cross for you and your sins.... will He strengthen your will, and then you will also have the strength to detach yourselves from the enemy of your souls. But because you don't know about the correlations, about the cause of your existence as a human being, about your actual relationship with Me, your God and Creator, you don't seriously think about what Jesus' earthly life and His suffering mission was based on, and you don't consciously make use of the blessings which, however, are at your unlimited disposal if only you want to accept and make use of them.... Just as once Lucifer... the first-fallen angel spirit.... plunged you into the abyss, so now Jesus, the Son of God, will help you up out of this abyss again.... but you were not forced to fall then, and so you are not forced to return now either.... Your free will has to prompt you to turn to Jesus, and then you will truly feel His strength and power, then you will be released from My adversary and become full of light and strength again yourselves, because the divine redeemer will give you light and strength as soon as you acknowledge Him and thus Me Myself in

Him.... He redeemed the great original sin of all fallen spiritual beings and has now opened the door for them again into My kingdom, which they would not have been able to enter in their state burdened by the original sin.... He paved the way for all beings to return home to their Father's house. Yet no being is forced to take this path, instead, he (the human being) has to follow Jesus voluntarily, he has to want to be redeemed through Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross and therefore also voluntarily renounce My adversary.... And what he cannot achieve on his own he will be able to do with the help of the divine redeemer, Who has paid the ransom for all souls, so that the adversary **must** release every soul which **wants** to be released from him.... And in order for it to want to do so, the man Jesus died the most bitter death on the cross, He offered Himself as a sacrifice and bought all souls free with His blood.... This work of mercy is so immeasurably significant and yet many people pass it by and do not avail themselves of the most delicious thing that can be offered to them on this earth.... They persist in sin and refuse to acknowledge Jesus, and thus they do not acknowledge Me Myself either, Who died for you in Jesus on the cross in order to redeem you....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

'No one comes to the Father....'

B.D. No. 6579

June 25th 1956

No one comes to the Father except through Me.... The extreme importance of these words also explains the necessity of leading those people who are not yet believers to faith in Jesus Christ, or of advocating a living faith where knowledge of Jesus Christ is already present. For no one can come to Me who does not recognise Me Myself in Jesus Christ.... Because there are people who indeed say that they believe in 'God', since He gives evidence of Himself in everything which surrounds the human being, but who do not want to accept Jesus Christ as Son of God and Saviour of the world although they do not consider themselves unbelievers. But these people are still very distant from their God and Creator, they have not yet come into closer contact with Me and hence their thoughts cannot become enlightened.

They are still burdened with the sin of the former apostasy from Me, and this sin ties them to My adversary, they will not get away from him without Jesus Christ. But not many people know about this sin of the past apostasy from Me, consequently they are not aware of the significance of Jesus and His act of Salvation either. Providing people know the teachings of the Gospel, providing they know the words spoken by Jesus on earth, they could also reflect on the words 'No one comes to the Father except through Me....' And if only they seriously wanted more information about this, they would certainly receive it, and the thought of these words would certainly never leave them again....

The only way to Me is through Jesus Christ, since the redemption of the guilt of sin has to come first in order to be accepted by Me.... No being who had voluntarily become sinful can approach Me before salvation through Jesus Christ. This is a law which even My infinite love cannot reverse. And no human being will really feel completely confident in his heart about God either, Whom he may well acknowledge with words or superficial thoughts, because on serious reflection he would know that he does not have the right relationship with his eternal God and Creator....

He will never confide in Me like a child to his Father, he will only believe that God exists but not establish a close connection with Me, which requires love.... Because love also enlightens his spirit, love would improve his spiritual vision.... Love would make him question but not make an erroneous statement. Every person will feel slightly uneasy when he contemplates spiritual thoughts and will not yet have made contact with Jesus Christ.... The course of suffering and crucifixion will not remain unknown to him, time and again he will enter into conversations with other people or be reminded by them of Jesus Christ because I constantly guide his thought to the human being Jesus, Who lived on earth and experienced a painful end.... Even if he does not yet acknowledge Him he does know of Jesus' earthly life, and I Myself will remind him of Me in Jesus Christ.

And corresponding to the human being's degree of love will be his acceptance or rejection.... Wherever there is love I take hold of the person Myself, and his resistance will steadily lessen, until he finally sees the human being Jesus in an entirely different light than at the beginning, when He was still defensively opposed to Him. However, if he does not want to learn, if his will is still hostile at the hour of his death, he cannot expect blissfulness in the spiritual kingdom, in spite of a right way of life he can only be accepted into the realm where all deniers of Christ dwell, because he refused to be redeemed on earth, and he will enter the spiritual kingdom in a constrained state.... But even there he can still find his divine Saviour and Redeemer....

And again, it is a great mercy on My part that I will meet all those in the spiritual kingdom who so far had rejected Me, that I will hear every appeal sent to Me as the Redeemer, and that I will then take hold of the caller's hand and lead him from that realm into My divine region.... Because I will still retrieve the souls from the abyss providing I Am acknowledged.... providing a soul has found the way to Jesus Christ, Whom it had rejected on earth but without Whom it cannot reach its goal. The kingdom of light is closed to every soul as long as Jesus Christ does not open the gate for it, but this necessitates that He is acknowledged as Son of God and Redeemer of the world. For this reason the human being Jesus said the words 'No one comes to the Father except through Me.'

Because I Myself spoke through the human being Jesus, I Myself wanted to be acknowledged in Him, Who merely served as a cover for Me during earthly life.... but which I kept even in the spiritual kingdom so that I could be a visible God to all My living creations, since I was an eternal Spirit after all.... and as such could not be seen by the created beings. I chose a form for Myself in order to become a visible God for you humans, and in this form I accomplished the act of Salvation. Consequently, you also have to acknowledge the form in which I had dwelled, and then you will already have taken the right path to Me, your Father of eternity.... However, without Jesus Christ you will not ever be able to come to Me, because without Jesus Christ My adversary will not release you, since you still belong to him as a result of your will....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Aim of earthly life: bonding with God....

B.D. No. 7513

February 3rd 1960

Again and again you have to be reminded of your aim in earthly life, of the union with Me, on which your salvation depends and which determines your state in the kingdom of the beyond. You once voluntarily separated yourselves from Me, and the voluntary return is the aim for which you stay on earth. Therefore, as soon as you turn your thoughts towards Me, as soon as you desire to enter into contact with Me again, to be accepted by Me again, you will recognize your aim and strive towards it.... and then live your earthly life consciously. But as long as you still lack this aspiration you will hardly think about Me and then live your earthly life aimlessly or only ever with your eyes turned towards the world, thus the world is also your aim but not the spiritual kingdom. Only the union with Me will return you to your original state, because then the transmission of strength of love can take place again as it did before.... But if you are still separated from Me then you also lack the strength of love, and then you are and remain imperfect as you were at the beginning of your embodiment as a human being. You can only be blissfully happy in unity with Me, you have to seek and enter into this unity yourselves, thus you create the state of bliss yourselves, just as you also created the wrong state yourselves. And therefore it is your earthly task to seek contact with Me, and I will certainly let you find Me because I long for this bond Myself. Thus, as long as you humans live on earth without intimate remembrance of Me you will still live apart from Me; yet you must live with Me, and therefore you must unite with Me, you must do this yourselves, because you once revoked this bond yourselves through your wrong will. I Myself never behave in a rejecting way towards you, I only wait for you to come and establish the bond with Me yourselves, and I am always willing to accept you because I want to illuminate you with My love which gives you light and strength and

bliss. But this bond has to be established by you of your own free will, because you once left Me of your own free will. But it can be established at any time if only your will is willing to do so. To seek contact with Me is every human being's free will, therefore you can only ever be encouraged and admonished but never compelled to do so. And this is why so many people walk through earthly life without becoming aware of their actual aim, because they strive for everything else rather than their God and creator, their father of eternity. The world still holds people captive, and you must first try to detach yourselves from the world, you must turn your back on the prince of the world and seek Me, Whose kingdom is not of this world.... But you will not regret it if you spend your earthly life in this direction.... For once you have entered into the bond with Me you will also recognize the worthlessness of the earthly world, and you will easily be able to resist its temptations and attractions, for the bond with Me is worth far more to you and you will no longer give it up. And so that you enter into the bond with Me you will be addressed by Me again and again, and your aim of earthly life will be placed before your eyes so that you will then live consciously and live this life with Me, Who is your father and also wants to be aspired to and loved as a father by My children. But then you will certainly reach your aim, for having found the bond with Me also ensures My guidance, My influx of grace and the transmission of strength of love which you all need in order to change your nature again, so that you become what you were in the beginning.... light-filled beings who can create and work with Me as it is their destiny....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Dwelling of God in the heart.... childhood of God....

B.D. No. 7336

April 15th 1959

Let Me enter your hearts and take abode therein, so that I will remain with you and never ever leave you, so that I will live in you and you will be intimately united with Me. I only long for this intimate bond, for then the relationship between child and father is established which ensures your union with Me, which is the purpose and aim of earthly life. If I can be in you then you will also have changed into love, your heart will have been purified and reshaped into love, and thus it will also have become a place of residence for Me, which I will take possession of above all others and never ever want to leave, because I, too, long for unity with My child and have now achieved the aim.... that you have become My **children** who, as living **creations**, approach your exit from Me. Purify your heart with all eagerness and then await Me with all devotion that I take abode with you.... And from now on you will no longer walk your earthly path alone, but you will now walk the path under My guidance and truly always in the shortest way into the father's house. But the fact that you still have to stay on earth is also part of your trial life on this earth, for you all still have to cast off dross, you all still have to perfect yourselves on this earth if you want to reach the degree of childship to God which makes you the most blissful creatures in the spiritual kingdom. And once I have been able to take abode in your hearts you will also still reach the aim of becoming true children of God, for you will succeed with My support, after all, I am present to you and you will now travel the last part of your path under My guidance, because you will completely submit yourselves to Me as soon as I can take abode in you. Just sincerely want this presence of Mine within you and then you will also sincerely work on yourselves so that your heart will be free from sin and can serve Me as a dwelling place. And if you **want My presence....** then I am already with you and will never ever leave you.... Then the child has found its way home to the father and He now leads it back into the father's house in order to prepare a blissful life for it in the spiritual kingdom, in its true home, where the child is now allowed to always stay close to the father in light and freedom, in strength and bliss and now creates with Him in love and wisdom and strength. Childship to God is the highest degree of bliss, and this possibility is open to you humans on earth to leave earth in this highest degree and enter a kingdom of unimagined light and unimagined bliss.... But on earth you already have to carry the desire for love for Me in your heart, and this desire for love will impel you to work diligently on your soul, and thereby you will attract Me to you, because I like to be where love causes Me to express My love.... where I can give

Myself to a person who loves Me.... Then I will take abode in you and never ever leave you. Then the union will have taken place which is the purpose and aim of your earthly life.... the child will have found its way home to its father's house....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

"Perfect you shall become, as your father in...."

B.D. No. 5727

July 19th 1953

You shall become perfect just as your father in heaven is perfect.... This is truly a statement which could leave you in doubt as to its origin from Me, for no matter what kind of people you are, no one would presume to attain My perfection, and therefore these words seem incomprehensible and unfeasible to you. And yet they are easy to explain: that you should only shape yourselves into love.... Love is My actual self.... and if you have shaped yourselves into love you have **also** become a **divine** being, and something divine can also be called perfect. Love is the divine because it is My fundamental being, and therefore whatever is full of love must also be full of God, i.e. it must have all divine characteristics within itself which make it a perfect being. As human beings you are still so imperfectly formed because you once deified yourselves through wrong will and rejection of the strength of love from Me, you renounced love yourselves and thus became imperfect creatures which could no longer be regarded as My children when they fell away from Me. And although you no longer languish in the utmost abyss, although you have already drawn very close to Me, you are still without love and therefore still so imperfect, and therefore you are constantly admonished to change your nature, to strive for perfection, which can only be achieved by shaping yourselves into love, for love is the alignment with Me, Who is the eternal love.... It is certainly very difficult for a person who still lives in perverse love, in self-love, to put it aside and to change perverse love into divine love which works without any self-interest.... And therefore it is also difficult for them to imagine reaching the perfection of the father in heaven.... Yet it can be achieved through the call of Jesus Christ, Who comes to the aid of all the weak who ask Him for help.... What I ask of people is to be fulfilled, only the human being's will can be too weak to seriously comply with My request, and for this weakened will there is strengthening through Jesus Christ. Thus I Myself help everyone who earnestly wants to attain perfection, for I draw him who desires the father.... I help him so that his heart becomes soft and willing to help, so that he himself feels an activity of love as silent happiness, and I always urge him to be active in love without, however, touching his free will.... The human being's will remains free but will become all the stronger the more intimately he attaches himself to the saviour and redeemer Jesus Christ, Whom he is now able to love, and thus he constantly draws closer to Me through love until he deifies his nature and perfects himself ever more and.... if he intimately unites with Me through love.... he is completely filled with My strength of love and thus perfect, just as the father in heaven is perfect.... The human being returns to his original state, for he came forth from Me in all perfection, he was created in My image, by which spiritual perfection is to be understood, and he can very well attain it again by fulfilling My will during his earthly life.... by fulfilling My commandments of love, which only show the human being the way to become perfect in order to eternally return to the father from Whose love he once took his origin....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Where do people get after death?

Man determines his own fate....

B.D. No. 7541

March 7th 1960

The kingdom you desire will become your abode.... Spirit or matter will be your cover, depending on your will, but this is free. The fate that awaits your soul after the body's apostasy is one you have created for yourselves through your will, which was meant for spirit or matter. Understand that you yourselves are the originators of what awaits you after your death. For you receive what you want: a stay in hard matter or in the spiritual realm.... The fate you have chosen for yourselves during your life on earth awaits you. But they are quite different lots.... They signify bliss or torment, and only those who strive for the spiritual kingdom in earthly life will be allowed to enjoy a beautiful state, they will be blissful, whereas hard matter will again become the shell of the spiritual, which only strived for matter on earth and which is in a state of hardship and torment.... yet through its own fault. You humans live on earth for the purpose of spiritualizing your ego.... of your soul, which is no longer far from its completion. But you must accomplish this spiritualization yourselves of your own free will, and therefore you cannot be hindered if you turn more towards matter again and your ego slowly hardens again.... when your soul sinks back into the depth from which it had already ascended so far that it should only still prove itself as a human being.... It certainly has the opportunity to completely spiritualize itself in the short time of earthly life, for it is granted assistance in every way. But it is also exposed to temptations by the world, it is constantly enticed by matter and seeks to take possession of it; thus it can, in free will, place the material world **before** the spiritual world, and then it irrevocably takes the path of return to the abyss, then its perfection is in question unless it still comes to its senses before the death of its body and strives towards the spiritual kingdom with a strong will.... which is also possible for it because this will is respected and supported at all times. This is why the material world is a great danger for the human being whose will is weakened.... For the will determines the soul's spiritual state and this can very easily develop regressively.... And then the soul's matter will stay when the body falls prey to death. But if the human being seeks to attain the spiritual kingdom, if his thoughts move more in this than in the earthly kingdom, if he seeks the bond with God, then he need not fear falling prey to matter and his fate in the beyond will be accordingly.... He is in the spiritual kingdom which he aspired to on earth, and only the soul's degree of maturity determines the degree of light and bliss which that spiritual kingdom offers him.... but it is the **spiritual** kingdom.... the soul has been able to completely detach itself from the material form, it has reached its original state again, since it was able to create and work in full freedom in light and strength.... It has reached its aim on earth and now no longer needs to pass through the material world, but this is the fate of the souls who only desired matter on earth. And it is the last time of grace, it is the time before the end, when unusual help will still be given to all people so that they can still accomplish their complete spiritualization on earth.... Unusual events provide unusual help where people themselves have become too irresponsible and indifferent.... God Himself comes to the aid of all souls because He loves them and wants to spare them the dreadful fate of a new banishment.... But all people have free will, and this determines the soul's fate in eternity, in the time after the death of the body, which can be extremely glorious but also equally agonizing, depending on this will and the way of life the person leads on earth. Anyone who strives towards the spiritual kingdom will also enter it; anyone who desires matter will have to take it as a cover again, for the kingdom of the beyond is closed to these souls as soon as the last day on this earth has come....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

I Am present with you Myself when you hear My Word, and My presence has to fill you with light and strength because I Am the primary source of light and strength Myself. The fact that you do not feel it in a purely physical way cannot be helped for your own sakes, since My permeation of light would destroy your weak body if I did not just impart it to the soul which is already able to tolerate a greater measure of light and strength and is happy in this state.

Hence you have to believe this, for I cannot provide you with any other evidence but for the fact that you hear My Word and that this Word also has to make your soul very happy, it demonstrates My direct contact after all, for My Word is strength and light and this is what you hold on to, it cannot vanish anymore, it is the obvious sign of My presence which continues to please you even if you detach yourselves from this heartfelt bond by complying with the world and its requirements again. But you have an abundance of light and strength and are able to resist all temptations by the world, you constantly look into My direction, and you will no longer leave Me, just as I will not let go of you, who have become My Own through your heartfelt bond with Me.

And time and again I want to delight you anew by initiating you into profound secrets, into knowledge which only I Am able to impart to you, because it touches on spiritual areas which are still locked to you as human beings as long as I Myself don't open them for you. And such knowledge will always please you and demonstrate My boundless love for you:

The transition from earthly existence into the spiritual realm entirely corresponds to a person's state of maturity and varies considerably.... A still imperfectly shaped soul possessing little love usually does not know that it is physically dead, it still moves within the same environment and just can't quite understand itself, for it keeps coming across obstacles arising from the fact that it still believes that it is alive and yet it is neither listened to nor able to do the things it used to do on earth. And such souls are also in darkness which, corresponding to their low degree of love, is impenetrable or occasionally changes into a faint state of twilight.... A soul like that is not blessed, it wanders about, it clings to similarly natured souls on earth, it tries to impose its thoughts on them and resists all beings wishing to improve its position, which can last, or even get worse, as long as it does not withdraw and reflect on its state....

If, however, a soul departs from earth which had not lived a bad way of life, which even had acquired small merits through deeds of love but had little will to believe and failed to find Me in Jesus on earth, it will also be frequently unaware that it is no longer physically alive on earth, it will walk through vast deserted regions, admittedly in a slight twilight yet unable to perceive anything, it will meet no other beings and be alone with its thoughts.... And it will still dwell on many worldly thoughts, hanker after many different things and grieve its lack of possessions, which it is unable to understand and thus believes that it was placed into barren stretches of land as a result of disasters or by people with ill-intentions, and will then keep looking for ways out....

And it is possible that it will wander through such areas for an infinitely long time until, due to the bleakness, it will gradually change its way of thinking and subsequently also meet similarly minded beings, which will then signify a small ascent. As soon as it is able to communicate with others it will be possible to instruct such souls, for they are usually approached by beings of light under the same cover in order to help them become aware of themselves. And then these souls will also gradually start their ascent....

And a soul which leaves its earthly body having recognised Me on earth, having lived a life of love, believing in Me in Jesus and is thus redeemed from its original sin, will enter the kingdom of light, that is, it will find itself in a delightful region where it will feel profoundly happy, where it will be met by beings which, like itself, are permeated by light.... it will meet its loved ones again, it will have discarded all earthly heaviness.... it will be able to move itself to wherever it desires to be, wherever it wants to stay, it will experience the kind of bliss it had no idea of on earth.... it will come aglow with

burning love for Me, Who prepares such splendours for you.... it will also recognise in a flash what it didn't know before, be it awareness of profound wisdom, be it the spiritual sphere which cannot even remotely be described to you on earth.... overflowing with love it will turn towards the beings requiring its help, be it on earth or also in the kingdom of the beyond.... It will want to serve Me in utter devotion and unite with equally mature beings for greatest activation of strength in order to tackle rescue missions which necessitate immense power. The transition from earth into the spiritual kingdom is but an awakening from a hitherto dead state into life for these souls.... For now that it has attained true life, it considers the state as a human being merely as a state of death, and with an abundance of merciful love it will devote itself to the 'still dead' in order to help them come alive as well. For 'eye has not seen, nor ear heard, the things which I have prepared for those who love Me....'

If only you humans on earth were able to get an idea of what fate might await you on the other side, you would truly strive to create this fate for yourselves; yet this knowledge cannot be given to you in advance, it can certainly be presented to you, but as long as you have no evidence of it the knowledge will mean too little to you as to make serious use of it.

Nevertheless, it is extremely wonderful for a soul if it is able to immediately exchange its life on earth after death with the spiritual kingdom, if it no longer has to go through the difficult process of maturing in the beyond, for this can often necessitate an infinitely long time if it does not receive loving intercession on part of people, and again, only those will experience this intercession if loving thoughts follow them, and this will only ever be gained by the person who has carried out labours of love himself. In that case his further development will proceed more easily, and the longing to meet his loved ones again can also be a great incentive.... just as every instructing spiritual friend will help him to reach maturity faster, if his instructions are accepted by the soul. But as long as you humans live on earth you will be unable to form an accurate concept, just as the various spheres in which the souls will be able to stay can only vaguely be described to you. And every human being should be grateful for all kinds of ailments and afflictions, which will guaranteed lead to a **better** fate for the soul, irrespective of its nature.... than if it would depart from earth without suffering.... providing its degree of love and faith do not assure the soul the kingdom of light....

Yet the majority of people are without love and faith in Jesus Christ.... And their transition from life to death will not be a pleasant one, for they will meet on the other side what they had pursued on earth. The longing for the earthly world will still be excessive in worldly people and yet no longer be fulfilled, in its illusive existence the soul will indeed create a world for itself, however, it will soon realise that it only created mental images, until it eventually loses interest and realises that it is in a miserable state and yearns to change its situation.... Then it will also receive help....

Yet even those who neither lived a good nor a bad life on earth cannot expect an enviably fate in the kingdom of the beyond.... Admittedly, they will not be depressed by most profound darkness yet their lack of knowledge will torment them, for they cannot understand why they are unable to see anything, unable to speak to anyone and yet exist.... They will have little strength, and only when they think of Me will it become a little lighter around themselves, and only then will My messengers of light be able to cross their path and help them to improve their situation.... providing they allow themselves to be taught and let go of their previous attitudes. But blessed are those who won't have all these difficult experiences in the kingdom of the beyond, for whom the kingdom of light is open and who may take possession of all glories which the Father offers to His children in abundance because I (He) love them and now they also respond to My (His) love....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

New banishment inevitable for the adversary's followers....

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My eyes rest full of pity on the degenerated human race which is controlled by My adversary and unwilling to pull itself away from him. It has willingly surrendered to him and thereby denies

Me the right to intervene effectively, for I will not proceed against My adversary's will, since you want to belong to him yourselves. Yet he keeps drawing you ever further down, he is preparing your downfall, for you will fall back to the depths from which you started your process of development across earth and had to pass through all creations in order to one day finally exist as a human being. And now the same fate will be granted to you, since this is what you want and you are doing nothing to escape from his power. And even though this information is presented to you, you don't want to believe it, and there is almost no other way left to change your thinking unless the tremendous affliction, which will befall the entire earth before the end, can still achieve it. As long as you are able to think there is still the possibility that you will spend some thought on yourselves, that you will consider the death of your body and wonder what will happen afterwards.... Yet by and large you will dismiss such thoughts, you don't believe in anything at all and assume that you will cease to exist when your body dies.

But you are hugely mistaken and will have to pay heavily for this mistake, however, you refuse to accept a truthful explanation and cannot be forcibly influenced either. And faced by a serious crisis you just revolt against the power which inflicts this on you, for as soon as you are in serious trouble you gladly blame someone else for it, even if you yourselves deny a God and Creator.... Yet you cannot stop misfortunes and have no option but to acknowledge a power which is stronger than you are.... Consequently, such strokes of fate and extraordinarily severe adversity are the only means left which could still change your way of thinking, and I have to use them in view of the end and considering the fate, which I would like to avert from you.... Don't feel sorry for people who suddenly have to depart from this life, for they will still be able to find some light in the beyond, if they are not already completely enslaved by My adversary and then also sink into the abyss in order to be banished into matter yet again.... But woe to those who will experience the end without having changed their conduct of life, their thinking and their unbelief.... They cannot be saved anymore, and even the greatest mercy on My part, My infinite love for all My living creations, will be unable to avert the fate of a new banishment for them, because it is the only option for the soul to attain perfection one day when, after an infinitely long time, it lives on earth as a human being again and consciously travels the path to Me in order to become liberated from every form.

And this new banishment amounts to a deed of love on My part, because I will seize this soul from My adversary's power and subordinate it to **My** will again. And as a human being it will only be able to release itself from him if it consciously calls upon Jesus Christ to be redeemed.... And since people on earth no longer believe in Him and appeal to Him for help, they cannot be released from the adversary's control either, and he invariably will pull them down into his domain.... Yet you humans have free will and thus are just as able to direct it towards the divine Redeemer as to him.... and you would be saved for eternity.... Since you don't do so you will consequently also have to accept the results of your opposing will towards Me.

But time and again I will impart the relevant information to you, I will speak to every one of you through the voice of conscience, and I will make him realise the fleeting nature of all worldly pleasures and commodities, I will let him personally experience suffering and adversity.... And finally I will speak to him through the elements of nature.... Yet I will not force his will, and therefore he only has to blame himself for the fate he is approaching.... I would like to bestow him with unlimited happiness.... He **himself**, however, chooses the state of wretchedness, the state of utter torment and of being constrained. And thus he will receive what he desires, for his inclination toward earthly matter will result in his own banishment into hardest matter again. For although I have every power at My disposal, I will not forcibly influence the will of a self-aware being or I would be in breach of My law of order, which will never be possible.... Yet I will speak to people until the end, and anyone who pays attention to My Words will be saved from the fate of a new banishment, and he will thank Me eternally that My love pursued him until he changed himself....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

No man's eye has ever seen and no man's ear ever heard what I have prepared for those who love Me.... But it is certain that I have unimagined glories in store for you, only you may not take a glimpse into My kingdom of glory during your earthly life because then you would no longer be able to live, because you would no longer be able to fulfil your earthly task in freedom of will. But you may always remember My promise and know that I love you and want to make you blissfully happy. You should know that your thinking is only ever limited, that you cannot even imagine the true heavenly kingdom, for nothing on earth would bear comparison with the glories which await you there when you can leave the earthly kingdom in a garment of light in order to enter your true home, with which earth could not bear the slightest comparison even if you imagined everything to a far more glorious extent. They are incomparable structures of the most glorious beauty, they are spiritual creations which make you exceedingly happy.... They are things which you have never seen before and which only appear to you spiritually as soon as you have attained the degree of maturity to be able to see spiritually. But one thing is certain, that you will now start to live more than ever.... that, looking back, you will not be able to comprehend that you once loved the world and found worldly things desirable, and you will be happy that the world did not keep you bound, otherwise you would never be able to behold this kingdom of glory. If you were able to anticipate something of the glories in earthly life or temporarily catch a glimpse of them then you would also strive for this kingdom with all your might, but you would only ever be determined by self-love and never by pure love for Me and your neighbour, and your earthly life would not be able to bring you perfection, which nevertheless has to be achieved and is also possible **without** the human being being able to form a clear picture of what beatitude will consist of one day.... But My word shall suffice you humans, My promise, which holds out the prospect of undreamed-of glories to you if you live according to My will. And such an unprovable promise does not force your will, for only **faith** gives it the right to truth, and for the believer it will also be fulfilled but only after the entrance into the kingdom of the beyond. For this reason it is also pointless to try to imagine images of the souls' stay in the spiritual kingdom, for all ideas are only ever based on earth and its possessions which, however, cannot be used as a comparison for that kingdom and lack all understanding for things in the spiritual kingdom of light. Therefore be satisfied with the words: "What no man's eye has ever seen and what no man's ear has ever heard, that I have prepared for those who love Me...." Unfathomable and unspeakably glorious things await you, for My love wants to make My children happy and prepare for them an exceedingly blessed fate.... And you should all strive for such a fate, but only love for Me or for your brothers should ever motivate you to live according to My will, never self-love, the desire for the glories of the world of the beyond, for then this fate will never be granted to you, because only pure, selfless love will earn you such a high degree of maturity that you will be able to occupy My kingdom in all its glory.... that your eye will behold and your ear will hear what you would never have dreamed of before, because all My promises will come true, because My word is eternal truth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Plan of salvation is explanation for everything....

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In My eternal plan of salvation you humans should seek the explanation for unusual events of all kinds.... You should always know that everything is based on My love, wisdom and might, that everything is arranged according to purpose, that nothing happens without My will or My permission, always adapted to the eternal plan of salvation.... that everything serves to lead the spiritual back to Me. Whether it is the creation around you, whether it is the individual's destiny.... everything is arranged in such a way that it serves the spiritual's further development, regardless of its degree of maturity. The spiritual substance, which is still bound in the creations, undergoes upward development according to **My** will, whereas the spiritual substance in the stage of free will, as a human being,

determines its degree of maturity itself and therefore its course of life unfolds according to destiny, again in accordance with My will, because I know how its development progresses best and what is necessary and appropriate for the individual human being. The human being therefore has free will and therefore determines the degree of his maturity himself. My plan of salvation, however, takes this free will into account and shapes his earthly life such that the will can freely decide again and again and also help the soul to mature. I know the human being's will from eternity and have also based My plan of salvation on it, but one day it will lead to the final result.... the return of all spiritual substances which once fell away from Me. I will not refrain from influencing the human being's will but never by force.... which understandably requires a long time. But before Me a thousand years are like a day.... what I don't succeed in one redemption period I will succeed in the next or the one after that.... but the freedom of will remains preserved in time, since the spiritual is embodied as a human being on earth. Nevertheless, the individual's course of life is determined by Me, and even all events which affect him from outside are permitted by My love, wisdom and might such that they can somehow have a blessing effect on the soul if the human being's will is good, that is, if he no longer offers Me open resistance.... Yet all this knowledge is hidden from the human being as long as he has not sought or established a bond with Me. Until then nothing is known to him about a plan of salvation, he knows nothing about the creature's correlation with its creator, he knows nothing about a return of the spiritual, about an apostasy of the spirits from God.... He is completely ignorant when he begins his earthly life as a human being.... And this knowledge must first be imparted to him.... he must be willing to accept it and seriously concern himself with his God and creator. Only then will it become clear in him, he will grasp the correlations, he will now find the explanation in My eternal plan of salvation for everything that mentally moves him. And then there is also the possibility that his free will will now decide correctly, that he will direct it correctly and that his fate in life will determine him to want and act correctly, that his soul will mature and he will start on the path of return to Me and he will now also reach his aim.... Only when the human being knows why he is on earth does he begin to live consciously with a spiritual aim.... For this reason I will then also present My eternal plan of salvation to him when I see that he desires this knowledge, and then he will also realize that My plan of salvation is only based on love, wisdom and power, that I will not depart from it, even if eternities still pass by; for I will not eternally leave in the abyss that which once fell away from Me, but My aim will always and forever remain to lead all fallen things upwards, back to Me, from Whom all created things once originated.... And My aim will always and forever remain to form children for Me out of My creations, which, however, has to be achieved by the creature's own free will.... Yet I will also reach My aim, and one day everything created by Me will be close to Me and inexpressibly happy, one day My work of return will be finished, even if the process of development will extend over eternities....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Responsibility in earthly life....

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As soon as you take the path across earth you will exist in undreamt of heights, compared to the Abyss you found yourselves in after your apostasy, after your fall into deepest darkness. Truly, only a few more steps have to be taken by you, compared to the infinitely long path you have covered already.... You only need to take a short stretch of path ahead of you in order to reach the goal that was given to you an eternity ago: to be permitted to stay in close proximity to Me as a child of God, to be able to blissfully enjoy the glories of heaven, to be intimately united with Me as it was in the beginning. You are close to your perfection when you may enjoy the grace of the final embodiment as a human being.... and after a short time of testing your will can enter this very kingdom of glory which I promised you when I said 'Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him....' You can reach your last goal in this very short earthly life, compared to the time which lies behind you.... But you can also fall

abysmally low again.... you can return to the places you left an eternity ago with My help in order to travel the path of ascent. If you consider that the long path of your preliminary development might have been futile, that you will have to take the same, infinitely long lasting path again.... if you consider that you will be forfeiting My kingdom and its magnificence for the sake of short physical pleasures by allowing your soul to starve in favour of your body.... then a great sense of responsibility should make you strive twice as hard in order to reach your goal while you are still on earth. You should do whatever it takes in order to attain My kingdom and its glory, in order to escape the fate of a renewed banishment and to conclude your process of development, so that you will be released from the form and able to enter the kingdom of the beyond.... Only a few more steps need to be taken and you will have succeeded.

Gather all your strength once more and don't regret the difficult ascent.... comply with My Words, do whatever I say to you, try to fulfil My will, and you will thank Me forever that time and again I convey this serious admonition to you in order to protect you from a repeated fall into the abyss. I incessantly appeal to you and try to awaken your sense of responsibility; strength will continually flow to you through My Word, My love is constantly striving to help you to progress, so that you will cover the last short path with My support, so that you will not become too weak in order to complete your pilgrimage.... Time and again I will guide you to a source from which you will be able to draw from My water of life to gain strength and vigour on your pilgrim's journey.... Time and again I will make you aware of the agonising state of a renewed banishment, only to encourage you to follow your goal, to establish the bond with Me and to venture the last short rise at My side, which will surely not be in vain but will truly lead to the goal as long as you make a serious effort to reach this goal. It is not My will that your earthly path should have been futile, it is My will that you should soon be able to enjoy total freedom in light and strength.... I want you to return to Me as My children, to desire with all your heart to escape the abyss and to belong to Me, Whose children you will have become once you have overcome the abyss. I want to know you as blissfully happy, I want you to work in light and strength and freedom, so that you fulfil the purpose that was designated to you from the very start but which presupposes your change from a 'living creation' into a 'child' of God, which you should thus accomplish in earthly life. This is why I constantly speak to you and exhort you to heed My voice. And I will pursue you with My Words until the end. For I don't want My living creations to be wretched. I want them to become and remain blissfully happy forever....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Loving father words....

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Receive what My love offers you and strengthen yourselves with it at all times. And if you are burdened by earthly worries, consider them imposed on you by Me and bear them submissively, and if they seem unbearable to you, come to Me and I will help you bear them or take them away from you completely, i.e. give you strength or send help so that the hardship which has burdened you will be remedied. And thus you will never come away empty-handed if you turn to Me, for a father does not deny Himself to children who love Him and want to gain His love by fulfilling His commandments. And therefore you will always find Me willing to make you happy with gifts of grace, you will always hear words of love from Me if you have inner contemplation. You will never need to go hungry and never lose My love either, because I am always willing to give and want to distribute My goods in spiritual as well as earthly regard to those who need them. I do not leave anyone empty-handed, however, I distribute My goods differently according to the individual's will of utilisation. And thus you should not be anxious in giving and always bear in mind that I am the One Who can bless and increase all your goods, whether earthly or spiritual, that I can give back to you what you give away and that I will also do so, only distributing them in a different measure if you give to your neighbour out of love. You will lack for nothing if you do not leave your neighbour in need, for My possessions are not limited and My love even less so, and thus you will be allowed to receive

without measure if only you use your gifts right and thus use them to work in unselfish neighbourly love. And then do you need to worry about your needs if I give you the assurance that they will be covered? Do you need to fear that you could become weary in the battle of life if I stand by your side and you never need to believe that you are abandoned by Me? Just believe in My love and every worry will leave you, believe in My omnipotence and you will no longer doubt that I can help you in every adversity and also want to help you because I love you. Believe in My wisdom which only shapes your life in a way that is good for your soul. And thus you can constantly receive gifts from Me, I will provide for you in earthly regard and not leave you spiritually destitute, as soon as you receive My word and draw all the strength you need from it for your earthly path of life in order to be able to cover it according to My will....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Voluntary return to God in love....

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I want to accept all of you, if only you come to Me of your own accord. I truly do not want to reject you, for I await you full of love, and My aim is that you unite with Me eternally.... Therefore I Myself will also come to meet you as soon as I only recognize the will in you that you also want to come to Me. You have been distant from Me for an endlessly long time already.... and you will remain so for as long as you yourselves do not desire My closeness, for the desire to approach Me must come from you.... I Myself am **always** ready to accept you, yet **My** will, **My love** for you is **not** decisive for the bond between us, but **your** love must push you towards Me, for you once surrendered love, you renounced love, while My love for you remained the same unchanged. So I did not push you away from me, but you yourselves strove away from Me.... And so you must strive towards Me again of your own accord, and you will find no resistance from Me but only ever greater support.... precisely because I love you and long for your return to Me. If you now know that I pay attention to every impulse in you which is meant for Me, then you can also confidently raise your hands to Me, for you only need to **want** Me to accept you, and you can already feel seized by My loving father's hand which now guides you on the right path.... Only your will must be directed towards Me, then you can also believe with conviction that you will reach the aim.... the connection with Me. For I only need this will of yours in order to direct everything in such a way that it is conducive to your beatification.... But this will must be serious, not only expressed through words.... because I see into your heart.... Do not forget that your purpose of earthly life is only the connection with Me striven for in free will.... Do not forget that I am always ready to draw you to me, that you only have to declare your readiness to Me likewise.... But then you can be unconcerned.... you will reach the aim, you will fulfill the purpose of your earthly life.... For then you will have taken the path that leads to the father's house, to the eternal home, which you once left voluntarily and therefore must now voluntarily return to, in order to now be eternally blessed in My vicinity....

Amen

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